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BROOKLYN, N. Y. Nov. 27 1896

My dear Patriarch.

I am unable to see any indications in your sprightly letter of the venerable age which you claim, nor can I realize that you are an octogenarian. When the telegram was sent at Burlington to me honoring father as the "oldest honor-ary member", I did not have any idea that you were so close on his heels. He was 85 in June last, & although in full possession of his mental & nearly all the rest of his faculties, there are some physical indications, I fear, of an early collapse.

It is a delight to hear from
you. You slipped away so
quietly, I lost sight of you
for some time and indeed
you were reported as having
"crossed the river." The other
day, I determined to collect
& properly enter the addresses
of the honorary members - &
to let them enter as far
as practicable into our en-
joyments. And next year,
I hope you will meet with
us at Troy. You will be
notified of the date.

Today, I mailed you the
Reports of New London & Con-
cord and next week, on
my return from Bath where
I go tonight, I will look
up other back numbers
for you. -

I am still at the bar - hard
at work - doing very well &
enjoying my work; but I
shall not be sorry when
stern necessity will re-
lay her demands & permit
me to take a rest. I am
59 - & I hope by the time I am
65, I can knock off any
"play marbles."

I will be happy to hear
from you again & to meet
you too. The memory of an
association will always be
warmly cherished by

Your sincere friend

Horatio C. King

Hon. Luther R. Wash

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