

monument had been crystallized into a hard and solid fact, but because he thought that the interests of the association could not be confided to worthier or abler hands. Governor Seymour at this time also spoke to me in substance as follows:

"Mr. Stone, the election of Mr. Starin, descended as he is from an old Revolutionary family in the Mohawk Valley, nearly all of whom suffered for their patriotism in their persons and fortunes during St. Leger's raid — would be eminently fitting, being a worthy tribute to a most patriotic man."

"Hence, Governor Seymour being one whose memory Mr. Starin 'delighteth to honor,' has had this classic bust, now before you, made by one of America's well-known and best sculptors, Mr. George E. Bissell — the same who fashioned the heroic statue of General Gates, which now stands above the portals of the monument.

"I, therefore, have now the high honor to present the Saratoga Monument Association, on behalf of President Starin, with the bust of our late revered president, Horatio Seymour, which, as you will perceive, is a most life-like likeness. Alas! how often have we all of us seen its original seated in this very room and at the very table where now stands his simulacrum:

"Sure the last end  
Of the good man is peace — how calm his exit!  
Night dews fall not more gently to the ground;  
Nor weary, worn out winds expire so soft!  
*Behold* him in the evening tide of life!  
A life well spent, whose early care it was —  
His riper years should not upbraid his green;  
By unperceived degrees he wears away —  
Yet, like the sun, seems larger at his setting."

This gift, so long as bronze endures, shall perpetuate the generosity and high patriotic spirit of two noble men; and, as future visitors to the monument shall read the name on this bronze tribute, so shall they, perchance, recall the words of Cicero, uttered on a somewhat similar occasion

*"His ipsis legendis, redeo in memoriam mortuorum."* "On reading this I bring myself back to the memory of the dead."

This beautiful and classic gift was accepted, in behalf of the trustees of the SARATOGA MONUMENT