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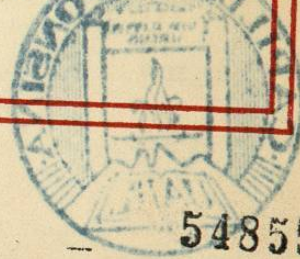
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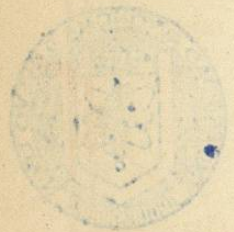
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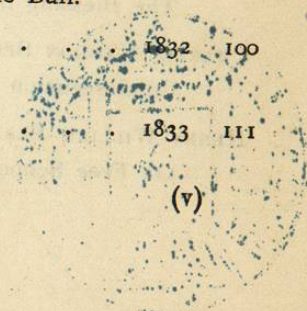


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PRESIDENT GARFIELD

JAMES ABRAM GARFIELD, American statesman and educator and twentieth President of the United States, was born at Orange, O., Nov. 19, 1831, and died at Elberon, N. J., Sept. 19, 1881. In early youth he had few educational advantages, and as he grew to manhood he worked on a farm, and learned the carpenter's trade. After obtaining an education at Hiram College, O., and at Williams College, he became president in 1857 of the former, studied law, and having become well known in northwestern Ohio as a public speaker, he was returned two years later to the Ohio senate. He entered the Federal army as lieutenant-colonel of an Ohio regiment in 1861, and after serving with distinction in many engagements received a major-general's commission in 1863. In the latter year he was elected to Congress as representative from his native State, and served on a number of important congressional committees and was an acknowledged leader of the Republicans in the House. In 1880, he was elected to the Senate and receiving the Republican nomination for the Presidency was elected in the autumn of that year. On July 2, 1881, while waiting for a train in a railway station at Washington, the President was shot by a disappointed office-seeker, named Guiteau. He lingered for eleven weeks after receiving the fatal wound and died amid the grief and sorrow of the nation. His remains were buried at Cleveland, O. In addition to a memorable address, made to an excited throng in New York on the receipt of the news of Lincoln's assassination, among Garfield's most noted public speeches, besides his inaugural address, here appended, are: "On Enrolling the National Forces" (1864); "Currency and the Public Faith" (1874); "The Democratic Party and the South" (1876); and "Treason at the Polls" (1879). His "Collected Works" in two volumes, edited by B. A. Hinsdale, were issued in 1883. See "Life," by J. R. Gillmore.

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