

during the night. The sad news spread through the ship, and as in all such cases awe and curiosity were aroused. It was arranged to prepare the body for that saddest of all ceremonies, burial at sea. The arrangements were made and the hour fixed. The chaplain had his service ready and his surplice on. The stricken passengers, for what heart so callous that would not be moved at such a scene, were gathering upon the deck. The sun sinking in the West seemed to hide his burning rays in a mist of tears that rose like a cloud from the boundless sea. All was ready when some one found among the effects of the strange dead man, a Masonic apron. And further search revealed a certificate of membership in Sherburne Lodge, 702, of England. Bro. Charles W. Collier, of Putnam Lodge, this city, was also a passenger on the ship, and at once recognizing the apron and certificate as belonging to a brother Mason, succeeded in stopping the sad ceremonies, and in raising funds among his fellow passengers to enbalm the body and return it to England. The body reached New York in a good state of preservation and was shipped at once to his Lodge. In acknowledgment of his brotherly action the lodge sent Bro. Collier the following letter :

"6 Rowcraft, Stroud,

"Glas., 12 May, 1896.

"Dear Sir and Brother—The members of the Sherburne Lodge, were much shocked on receipt of the news of the sudden and unexpected death of our late Brother, Jas. A. Roberts, on board the S. S. Lucania, and at the same time greatly touched by the brotherly kindness on board after the sad event.

"I am directed by the Lodge to forward you a copy of a resolution passed at a meeting held this week as follows, viz. :

"That the Sherburne Lodge desires to express its most grateful and sincere acknowledgment of the very kind feeling which prompted the action of Bro. Charles W. Collier, of Putnam Lodge, 338, New York city, U. S. A., Bro.

William Wilson, of Winfield Yorks, Bro. William Field, of Liverpool, and other unknown brethren on board the S. S. Lucania, upon the sudden death of our lamented and esteemed Brother, James Albin Roberts, an action alike honorable to themselves and to the whole body of the craft; and to record of the reality of the brotherhood of Masonry.

"I beg you as you may have opportunity to convey to the Putnam Lodge the fraternal and hearty greeting of the Sherburne Lodge.

"Believe me,

"Dear Sir and Brother,

"Yours fraternally,

"W. H. C. FISHER,

"Hon. Sec. 702."

This touching incident adds another to the many evidences that Masonry has a language of its own, which is a heart language, unknown to those who have never felt the touch of fraternal love.

Let us practice the lessons we are taught and so convince the world of the good effects of the institution.—*N. Y. Dispatch.*

## NEW BRUNSWICK.

### CRYPTIC MASONRY.

A Council of Royal, Select and Super-Excellent Masters of Cryptic Rite Free Masons was inaugurated at Kensington on Wednesday evening, 13th May instant. The council well be known as Kensington council, No. 11, and holds its charter from the Grand Council of New Brunswick. The officers elect are.

Comp. Dr. R. Macneil, Thrice Illus. Master.

Comp. Neil MacKelvie, Right Illus. Master.

Comp. Dr. D. Darrach, Illus. Master.

Comp. Prescott Macnutt, Recorder.

Comp. W. A. Brennan, Treasurer.

Comp. R. E. Sobey, Captain of the Guards.

Comp. James Tuplin, Steward.

Comp. Norman Nicholson, Sentinel.

After the inaugural ceremonies had been gone through with, the visiting