

special vocation, but there still remains a class which will require Masonic Benevolence, and it is in behalf of these cases that I now ask your attention.

It is true that the Grand Chapter of Canada has a Reserve Fund, but it is questionable, to my mind, if this Fund will be sufficient to honor the necessary drafts which will be made upon it in the near future. It is not my intention to lay before you any particular scheme for raising money for the Benevolent Fund of Grand Chapter, but merely to direct your attention to the fact, that we may be called upon, in the near future, to make a fairly substantial addition to this Fund. I hope that it will not be necessary to do so, but if the necessity arises, I entertain no doubt, but that the emergency will be met with that promptitude which has characterized our actions as Royal Arch Masons in the past.

THE DEPARTED.

Among the Companions who have died during the past year are :

M. Ex. Comp. John Ross Robertson, Grand Z., in 1893-4, died, May 31st, 1918. Up to the time of his death our late Companion took an active interest in the welfare of Royal Arch Masonry. As a Masonic authority, he was recognized the world over, and his presence at our Annual Convocations will be sadly missed. He has departed to his eternal reward, but his memory will be long cherished by those who knew him in life.

R. Ex. Comp. Isaac Huber, Grand Superintendent, Georgian District, No. 9, in 1896-7 ; died, July 20th, 1918. Comp. Huber took a keen interest in all branches of Masonry up to the day of his death, and his loss will long be felt by the Companions of the District.

R. Ex. Comp. John B. Brennan, Grand Registrar, in 1916-7, died, January 26th, 1919. He was a keen Ritualist and a devoted Mason, and those who knew him will long hold his memory in honor and esteem.

V. Ex. Comp. Sydney A. Luke, Past Grand Director of Ceremonies, in 1896-7, died November 23rd, 1918. He was a Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of