

cord an expression of their sorrow in parting for the last time with 'one who, by his consistent life and integrity of character, was a valuable member of the Craft; and to tender their deep sympathy to his sorrowing widow and family on the great affliction they have sustained."

The death of our late brother has left a blank in the village which will not be easily filled.

Masonic Correspondence.

We do not hold ourselves responsible for the opinions of our Correspondents.

Divine Service and Grand Lodge.

To the Editor of THE CRAFTSMAN.

DEAR SIR AND R. W. BRO.—When I gave notice of the Resolution which I moved at the last Annual Communication of Grand Lodge, that the attendance of Grand Lodge at Divine Service should form part of the proceedings at its Annual Communications, I did so with the best intention, and prompted by a sincere desire to promote the interests of the Order. I believed, and am still of the opinion, that the assembling together of the brethren for the worship of the G. A. O. T. U., whom we acknowledge, and in whom we profess to believe, with an address on those points of Masonry which apply more directly to the inner life and spiritual part of man, would tend very materially to draw its members together and bind them in closer bonds of fellowship and love, and would give them more correct ideas of the objects of our Society; and would, at the same time, prove to the world that Freemasonry is not the Godless and irreligious institution which its enemies assert.

I was, therefore, much grieved and not a little surprised at the tone of the brief discussion which followed upon the moving of that resolution; for it was characterized by a flippancy and irreverence which was unbecoming in a body of men who never meet together in their little communi-

ties without an open bible before them, and a sacred symbol in the centre which conveys its lesson. One member of Grand Lodge (a P. D. D. G. M.) stated that he usually went to church once on Sunday, and sometimes twice, if the weather was not too warm, and he didn't see why he should be compelled to go on a week day. If he think that his religious duties begin and end in that of which he boasts, he has formed a very wrong conception of the obligations laid upon him as a Christian and a Mason. His Mohammedan brother would put him to shame; and a more serious contemplation of the volume of the sacred law, recommended to him as a neophyte, as well as the more faithful application of the 24 inch gauge, would probably make him a better Mason.

From Bro. Klotz I expected opposition, as his views, as expressed in his articles in the CRAFTSMAN, are opposed to the religious element in Freemasonry; his excited speech against Roman Catholicism was, however, uncalled for and unnecessary. Bro. Spry argued that the Grand Lodge met for business—that its members wanted to get through that business as soon as possible and go home. But every member of Grand Lodge who has any faith in his religion will believe that work is not less well done when sanctified by prayer. And as for the time—one hour of the many wasted would suffice. No objection was raised on that ground, when, at the last Annual Communication, Grand Lodge was called off in response to the cry, "go to the circus;" consequently no evening session was held, and several hours of the time in which business might have been done were lost. If Grand Lodge had attended Divine Service that evening beneficial results might have followed, and the citizens of Guelph would not have been kept awake until long after midnight by the riot and revelry of those who do not believe in going to church on a week day.