

THE funeral of Bro. Geo. Bates took place on Sunday afternoon, and was attended by the Masonic Order of the town as a body in full regalia. The procession was formed at the Masonic Chambers, and proceeded to the residence of Mr. W. S. G. Knowles, father-in-law of the deceased. The funeral procession was then formed with members of the blue lodges at the head; members of the Royal Arch Chapter the Past Masters and Masters followed. Next came the hearse containing the body, followed by mourners and a large number of friends in vehicles. The cortege was marshalled by P. D. D. G. M. Petrie. From the house the procession proceeded to the Norfolk street Methodist Church. The body was carried in and placed on the altar, and a very impressive funeral service was conducted by the Rev. B. B. Keeler. A portion of the Masonic service was also read by the reverend gentleman, as he considered it a very appropriate lesson to the brethren. After the conclusion of the service the body was conveyed to the grave, the procession reforming in the same order as it had been before. The usual very solemn Masonic services were conducted at the house and grave by W. Bro. Inglis. After the members had all deposited a sprig of evergreen in the grave of the late brother, as a symbol of the immortality of the soul, the procession marched in the same order to the lodge-room, and the brethren were dismissed. Deceased was a member of the Harrison Lodge, A. F. & A. M. — *Guelph Mercury*.

#### ABROAD.

THE Grand Lodge of Missouri, with a total membership of 23,836, and 490 chartered Lodges, pays her Grand Secretary a salary of \$3,000, and a Grand Lecturer \$1,000.

THE *Birmingham Post* announces that the Freemasons of Warwickshire have erected an alabaster rearedos at St. Martin's, Birmingham, representing the Lord's Supper, and that it is intended to uncover it "with Masonic ceremony."

AN interesting trial to the Masonic Fraternity came off in an Illinois court. A Bro. named Robinson was expelled from Yates City Lodge, No. 446, for unmasonic conduct, and the Grand Lodge refused to reinstate him. He then sued the Lodge for \$25, the amount of his initiation fees. Judge Smith decided that Robinson had no ground for a suit, and threw the case out of Court.

THE Grand Lodge of Scotland met in Quarterly Communication at Freemason's Hall, Edinburgh, on November 6th, Grand Master Bro. Sir Michael Shaw-Stewart, Bart., on the Throne. There was a large attendance of Deputies and Brethren, including Bro. J. H. Neilson, of Dublin, Pro-Provincial Grand Master of Venezuela. The death of Past Grand Master, the Marquis of Tweedale, was regretfully announced. Grand Master Sir Shaw-Stewart was re-elected, with the Rt. Hon. Lord Rosehill, Senior Grand Warden, Rt. Hon. Lord Ramsay, Junior Grand Warden. Other officers elected were a Grand Jeweller, and Grand Bard. The following Grand Lodges were fraternally recognized: the Grand Lodges of Egypt, West Virginia, Louisiana, Missouri, and South Carolina. Brother D. Lyon, the author of "Freemasonry in Scotland," was nominated as Representative of the Grand Lodge of West Virginia near the Grand Lodge of Scotland.

ACCORDING to Findel, Freemasons were first organized as a Craft in England, in the year 1202, at the building of Winchester Cathedral; but according to Fort, the English Craft was organized nearly a century earlier, in A. D. 1136, at the building of Melrose Abbey, by John Moreau. Forty years later, William of Sens reconstructed Canterbury Cathedral in A. D. 1176. From the inscribed tablets on Melrose Abbey, it appears that John Moreau, or Morow, was the Master, perhaps the Grand Master, of all the Masonic Work or Lodges, at St. Andrew's around the Cathedral of Glasgow, and at the Churches of Paisley, Niddisdale and Galway.—*Fort's Early History and Antiquities of Freemasonry*.

FREDERICK THE GREAT has the honor of introducing Freemasonry into Prussia. He organized a Lodge at Reimsburg. In 1740, June 20th, on his assuming the reins of government, he conducted the work at Charlottesburg. On the 13th September, 1740, he organized a Lodge at Berlin, which occupied the protectorate of all Lodges in the kingdom, and was styled the Royal Grand Lodge. Frederick was Grand Master of this Lodge. In 1747, he appointed as Vice Master the Duke of Holstenback. In 1765, Zinzendorf was elected Grand Master. In 1770, Zinzendorf organized the National Grand Lodge of Germany. In 1798, an edict was issued restraining the assemblage of any Lodge but the three Grand Lodges and those under their jurisdiction.—*Rowe*.