

commonwealth" delighted with Canadian Masonry. He has promised to visit us again next year. Before leaving Toronto he was created an Hon. Past Grand Master General of the Sovereign Sanctuary of Canada, by the executive committee. He is also our representative in the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters.

BRO. REV. W. J. CHAPLIN, of whose condition mention was made in our July number, died at Pierceton, Ind., on the 14th of September. His funeral took place on the 17th following, under the direction of Pierceton Lodge No. 377. There was a large attendance of Masons, including lodges from Warsaw, Leesburg, Larwill and Columbia City. We have at this time no further information concerning his death and burial than is here given.—*Masonic Advocate*.

M. ILL. COMP. J. Ross Robertson, P. G. M., is publishing a history of the Cryptic Rite. There is no Brother in Canada could handle the subject as well, and although it must of necessity be to a certain extent a compilation, yet our distinguished Frater has so intertwined history with general remarks on the symbolism of the Rite, that it will prove one of the most interesting works ever published on the subject.

IN the traditions of Masonry is presented an instance of virtue and integrity seldom equalled and never excelled in the history of man. Those who put no faith in traditions may be pleased to know that an instance of this sort in the present day has just been discovered. But strange as it may appear there seems to be only one point of similarity in the two cases. A key to this point has been devised in cypher so that it may be preserved to future generations.

BRO. WILSON, the Grand Master of the Sovereign Sanctuary of the United States, seems, according to the Den-

ver, (Col.,) *Daily Times*, to be having "a high old time" lecturing through that State. Our cotem says, under date of Sept. 17th:—

"On Monday night he visited, by invitation, Kansas City Lodge at Kansas City, and delivered a lecture on "The Origin and Symbolism of Masonry" to a large audience, the mayor of the city and the Grand Master of Masons of the State being present. He arrived in Denver yesterday morning and leaves for Silverton to-night, where he is engaged to lecture to San Juan Lodge, No. 33, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons on Tuesday next. On Wednesday, he is invited to speak to the members of Durango Lodge, No. 46, at Durango.

LAST Sunday we visited with Bro. J. Ross Robertson and Bro. Croninger, of Kentucky, the Island Home for sick children, built by the generosity of the former brother. The matron informed us that since June 10th this year, one hundred and four children had found shelter there, the highest number at one time being sixty-two. The children there looked bright and happy in their little cots and running about on the spacious verandahs. They all seemed pleased to chat with their generous benefactor, who runs over every Sunday to look after his numerous progeny. Every Lodge that can spare the money, should vote twenty-five dollars (\$25) to support a cot. Charity is the brightest gem in the glittering coronet of Freemasonry.

THE *Freemason's Repository* suggests that as Brother Rob Morris is now suffering "from the limitation of age and failing health, able to move about and use his pen somewhat, but not privileged to be active in Masonry as heretofore, a good way to show sympathy is to purchase his volume of *Masonic Poems*." Good! Send your orders to him at LaGrange, Kentucky.—*Er.* Yes, Bro. Rob Morris is not only the Poet Laureate of Freemasonry, but an Hon. Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Canada. He helped us with his voice and pen in our infancy and now let