

grave, each depositing in it a sprig of evergreen as he passes the head. The Secretary then drops his roll upon the coffin, and public grand honors are given thrice, all repeating at each time :—

The will of God is accomplished ! So mote it be ! Amen !

The ceremony is then continued by the Master, as follows :—

From time immemorial it has been the custom among the Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons, at the request of a brother, to accompany his remains to the place of interment, and there to deposit them with the usual formalities of the Order.

In conformity to this usage, and in accordance with the duty which we owe to our departed brother, whose loss we now most deeply do deplore, we have assembled in the character of Masons to offer up to his memory, before the world, the last and tribute of our affection ; thereby demonstrating the sincerity of our past esteem for him, and our steady attachment to the principles of our beloved Order.

The Great Creator having been pleased, out of His infinite mercy, to remove our brother from the cares and troubles of this transitory life, thus severing another link in the fraternal chain by which we are bound together—let us, who survive him, be yet more strongly cemented by the ties of union,