

AT REST.

THE funeral of the late John Wellington Reid, who died in Carson City, Nevada, on the 27th of April last, took place in the village of Tweed on the 6th May, the remains having been conveyed in a casket and deposited in an express car for Canada, by the Freemasons of Carson City Lodge, No. 1. A. F. and A. M., and arrived in Belleville on the night of the 4th. The body was laid out in a suit of black clothes, on each shoulder lay a white lily, and on the breast a white rose, in his shirt bosom was the Masonic emblem, the whole arrangements reflecting great credit on the members of Carson City Lodge. After the remains arrived in Belleville they were placed in a hearse and followed by some of his Belleville friends and relatives to the residence of his parents in Tweed. The hearse was met near Thomasburgh by a number of brethren and friends of the deceased. As a mark of respect every store and place of business was closed in the village and business suspended from the time of the arrival of the body in Belleville, until it was deposited in its final resting place. The next day he was buried with full Masonic honors in the new Methodist burying ground, west of the village. His remains were followed to the grave by the members of Tweed, Berlin and Madoc Lodges, who came to assist in the obsequies. It was one of the largest and most respectable funerals ever seen in Tweed or neighborhood.

It is our painful duty to record the demise of Right Worshipful Brother Dr. Robert M. Willson, Past District Deputy Grand Master of the Niagara District, which sad event occurred at Simcoe, Ont., on Monday, 31st May last.

Our R. W. Bro. had only left his home in Niagara a few weeks before his death, having gone to Simcoe for change of air, and also to evade the cold weather, which the floating ice coming down the river during the months of April and May causes that town to be visited with every year, and which very much affects those unfortunate victims to consumption, the complaint of which he died, after many years of suffering, which he endured with patience. In the death of Dr. Willson, the Grand Lodge of Canada has lost one of her earliest and most faithful members, although during late years he has been unable, through ill-health, to attend regularly its annual communication. He was present at the convention held at Hamilton, on 10th October, 1855, and took a prominent part in the formation of our Grand Lodge.

R. W. Bro. Willson was received into Freemasonry in Niagara Lodge, No. 2, on the 3rd November, 1851; passed to the degree of "Fellow Craft" 1st December following; and was raised to the sublime degree of a "Master Mason" on the 18th March, 1852, in the same lodge. About the year 1859 he was advanced and exalted to the supreme degree of the "Holy Royal Arch" in King Solomon's Chapter, No. 8, Toronto.

His remains were interred in Woodhouse Cemetery, Simcoe, on Wednesday, 2nd June, with Masonic ceremonies, and by request of Niagara Lodge, No. 2, Norfolk Lodge, No. 10, kindly superintended the management of the same, the Masonic burial service having been conducted by R. W. Bro. Bennett, D. D. G. M. of the Wilson District.

The following resolutions of condolence were adopted at the regular meeting of Niagara Lodge, No. 2, held 16th ult., similar resolutions having also been past at an especial convocation of Niagara Chapter, No. 55, held 8th June, of which he was one of its most esteemed charter members. He was also a charter member of Mount Moriah Chapter, No. 19, St. Catharines, with which he was affiliated at the time of his death:

Copy of resolution passed in Niagara Lodge, at its regular meeting, held 16th June, 1875.

Moved by V. W. Bro. John M. Clement, and seconded by W. Bro. Daniel Servos, and unanimously

Resolved, That whereas it has pleased the G. A. O. T. U. to remove from the scene of his earthly labors our Right Worshipful Brother, Dr. Robert M. Willson, Past District Deputy Grand Master of Niagara District, this Lodge desires to express its unfeigned sympathy with the afflicted widow and orphans of the deceased, in their hour of trial. Furthermore, they would commend those near and dear to their R. W. Brother to the tender care of Him who has promised to be a "Father to the fatherless, and a friend to the widow." May His merciful providence strengthen them to endure the sad loss they have sustained, whilst we his sorrowing brethren, will cherish his memory in our hearts, and his deserving worth as a man and a Mason. That this Lodge room, its furniture and jewels, be draped in deep mourning for the space of three months. That a copy of these resolutions be prepared and forwarded to the widow and family of our R. W. Brother.