

IN place of our usual full-page engraving we present this month some very interesting wood-cuts of rare Masonic Medals. We do so, however, without any purpose of discontinuing the practice commenced with the present volume of furnishing large and carefully executed illustrations of subjects of general interest to the Craft, and intend next month to give the portrait of an eminent brother well known to all the Craft in Canada, accompanied by such a record of biography as will supply an exposition of his gradation in masonic honours, from his Entered Apprenticeship to his elevation to the superior offices, which have made his name a household word in the lodges of the Dominion.

A MASONIC ENTERTAINMENT was given at Woodstock, Ont., on the 23rd Feb'y, in aid of the funds of the Ladies' Benevolent Society, and yielded a handsome sum for the relief of the poor of the Town. Among those who took part in the performances are mentioned Mr. Stark, Mr. McCausland, Mr. Broadwood, Miss Nellie White and the Misses Bradley. The *Times* remarks: "The significant symbols and fine illustrations of the Ancient Order, together with the presence of a large number of the brotherhood in full regalia, presented an attractive appearance, and to one unaccustomed to such, somewhat imposing. We scarcely need say that the lecture was eloquent, instructive and well delivered.

### **At Rest.**

DIED.—At Myrtleford, near Beechworth, Victoria, Australia, W. Bro. Richard Henry Murton, formerly of Hamilton, Ont., aged 39 years.

On the 12th inst., the friends of our deceased brother received a letter from the W. M. of Beechworth Lodge of St. John, W. Bro. John B. Bowman, from which we are permitted to make the following extract:—

"His body was removed to the Masonic Hall, Beechworth, and on Sunday, the 26th ult., he was buried in the Beechworth Cemetery by me, in accordance with his expressed wish, according to the ancient forms of our Order, the services of the Church of England being also read. Accept my assurance that every respect and tenderness were shown to the remains of your and our departed brother that true and loving brethren could shew. \* \* \* It is the intention of the sorrowing brethren to have his grave properly secured, and a stone erected to his memory. \* \* \* His loss is a great and abiding sorrow; but we are taught to hope that the Lord and Giver of Light and Life will enable us to pass through the valley of the shadow of death, and be once more united with our brethren in toil in the Grand Lodge above, in which, ruled by the Great Master, order, peace and harmony abide for ever."

Thus, even at the furthest ends of the earth, Masonry affords to its suffering disciples recognition and consolation, and, where the help of man can no longer avail, supplies the last sad honors of the grave to him from whom home and kindred are removed by the whole interval of the globe; and not only this, but finds comforting words for the far-off friends who mourn, and whose grief is thus tempered by a knowledge that the kindly offices of fraternal affection had smoothed the dying pillow, to gather round which was forbidden for any closer kin.

Died at Simcoe on the 18th, February, Bro. GEORGE JACKSON, at the advanced age, of 83 years.

Our deceased brother was buried with Masonic Ceremonies on the 21st, and the large number of brethren who followed his remains to mains testified to the very high esteem in which he was held.

Bro. Barton Farr, of Canboro, one of the oldest settlers on the Grand River, died on the 11th February, at the age of 69 years, and was buried with Masonic ceremonies. Bro. Farr resided on the Grand River for upwards of forty years, and was several times elected Reeve of Canboro, which office he held at the time of his decease.