

Death's Doings.

R. W. BRO. D. C. MACDONALD.

This worthy brother died at his residence, Peterboro', on July 29th, in the fifty-fourth year of his age. He was initiated into Masonry in Ancient St. John's Lodge, Kingston, and was subsequently connected with the Chapter and Preceptory in that city, and filled all the important offices in lodge and chapter. On his arrival in Peterboro' he actively identified himself with the work of the Order. He was at one time D.D.G.M. of Ontario District, and at the time of his death he was the oldest surviving Past Grand of the Grand Chapter. In Templar Masonry Bro. Macdonald was Past Prior of the Grand Preceptory of Canada, and Past Grand Sub-Prior of England and Wales. A few years ago he had a high distinction conferred on him by the Prince of Wales, the credentials accompanying it bearing the autograph of His Royal Highness. He attained the 33° in the Ancient Scottish Rite and held various high offices in the gift of the Grand body in the Dominion of Canada. He was a member of Benich Rose Croix Chapter 18°, No. 9, Peterboro', and was elected an Honorary Past Grand Master General of the Sovereign Sanctuary of Royal and Oriental Freemasonry, 30°, 96°, 90°. He was also an honorary member of Peterboro', and Corinthian lodges and Corinthian Chapter, a distinction enjoyed only as a recognition of lengthened Masonic services and intelligent zeal on behalf of the interest of the Craft. By his death the representations of the Grand Lodge of Oregon and the Grand Chapter of South Carolina near the respective Grand bodies in Canada became vacant. The deceased was on the Board of General Purposes of Grand Lodge for several years, and rendered the Craft good service. At the time of his death he was Clerk and Treasurer of the town of Peterboro', and held in high esteem as a worthy official. His funeral was largely attended by his brethren not only in his own town but from the surrounding district.

M. BRO. DR. ROBERT MORRIS.

Bro. Dr. Robert Morris died from paralysis on July 31st, at his residence, La Grange, Ky. Dr. Morris was born in Massachusetts in 1817. He began life as a minister, but soon left the ministry

and went into the insurance business in Mississippi. He had already done some literary work, and gradually drifted away from business into writing. In 1856 he became president of Oldham College, at La Grange, Ky. His fondness for travel however again led him to leave a position which confined him to one place. He made several long journeys through England and the continent, lecturing on Freemasonry, and repeatedly went through all the States of his own country, visiting every corner of the country where there was any interest felt in freemasonry. During his travels he was a constant contributor to all Masonic magazines of note. He himself founded two publications: *The Voice of Masonry*, and *The American Freemason*. In 1868 he visited the Holy Land in search of relics of Freemasonry. While there he established a Masonic lodge at Jerusalem. On his return to America he published his "Travels in the Holy Land," which at once became popular among Freemasons. Dr. Morris has contributed almost an endless mass of writing to Masonic literature. Possessed of a keen and somewhat sarcastic wit, and being an exceedingly graceful and fluent speaker, Dr. Morris achieved much success as a lecturer on Freemasonry. During late years he devoted himself almost wholly to lecturing, but two years ago he began an annotated work on the life and poems of Burns, of whom he was a great admirer. For this purpose he visited the birthplace of Burns several times and collected numerous works on his life and writings, besides old volumes of his works. His work in this direction was comprehensive, and at the time of his death was unfinished. His wife and several children survive him.

British Columbia.

ECHOES FROM GRAND LODGE.

The increase of membership in this jurisdiction during the year was 103. Two new lodges were formed and two sought dispensations.

Bro. Neufelver, who was about removing to Seattle, W.T., received the rank of Past Grand Senior Warden, and Bro. Benjamin Douglas, of Past Grand Treasurer.

The following brethren were appointed Grand Stewards:—G. S. Russell, Mun-