

them ; but let their faults and errors be forgiven and forgotten ; for to say that they had them is but to say that they were human.

The Orator, or a Brother selected for the occasion, will now be introduced by the Wor. Master, and will deliver an

Oration.

At the conclusion of the Oration, by permission of the Wor. Master, any Brother present may deliver a short address, touching the character of any of the deceased brethren for whom the Lodge of Sorrow is held.

Voluntary on Organ.

When the Music ceases the Wor. Master will read as follows :

Wor. Master.—My Brethren, the duty we owed the dead is performed. It remains, that we who are alive should so live, and by our actions attend the coming of the day of Fate, that we neither be surprised, nor leave our duties imperfect, nor our sins uncanceled, nor our persons unreconciled, nor God unappeased ; but that, when our bodies in their turn descend to their graves, our souls may ascend to the regions of Eternal light, wherein is the Holy House of the Heavenly Temple of the Lord. Amen !

Response.—Amen ! So mote it be.

The Wor. Master raps o, all rise and the Chaplain will then pronounce this

Benediction.

Chaplain.—May the blessings of our Father who is in Heaven rest upon us all, now and forevermore ! May Brotherly Love increase among us, and the remembrance of our Brethren who have gone away from us, make more dear unto us those who remain ! And may all those virtues which Masonry inculcates be continually and faithfully practiced by all of us, and cement us and all good Masons closely together ! The peace and blessing of Almighty God descend upon us and abide forever ! Amen !

Response.—Amen ! So mote it be.

The Wor. Master will rap o, the Brethren taking their seats, and all but Master Masons will retire while a voluntary is being played on the organ, and the Lodge will be closed.

Voluntary on Organ.