

On the 28th May death claimed a well-known Craftsman of Toronto, in the person of R. W. Bro. Joshua G. Burns, who for many years had taken an active interest in the fraternity. He succumbed to heart disease, and leaves a widow and four young daughters to mourn the loss of a kind husband and indulgent parent. His death will leave a gap in Masonic circles not easily filled, and the sad tidings will not only bring with it a feeling of regret to the District where his zealous working is so well remembered, but in Grand Lodge, where his familiar face will be now missed for the first time in many years. Bro. Burns was initiated in Wilson Lodge, No. 86, Toronto, in 1867, and a couple of years later was, on the formation of Stevenson Lodge, elected its first Junior Warden, and in due time became Worshipful Master. He was selected by the brethren who organized Zetland Lodge subsequently, to be their first Master, and he has since identified himself actively with those Lodges as well as with Orient and Mimico Lodges. At the annual communication of Grand Lodge in 1875 he was elected to the office of Grand Registrar, and in 1883 his brethren of the Toronto, now the 11th District, elected him their District Deputy Grand Master. Last year at the Grand Lodge at Windsor he was elected a member of the Board of General Purposes. Bro. Burns' keen devotion to the craft in its various branches was similarly rewarded. In Royal Arch Masonry he was Past Grand Registrar of the Grand Chapter and Past Grand Superintendent of the Toronto District. In the Grand Council R. & S. M. he was Past Grand Master, and in the Sovereign Great Priory Knights Templar he was Past Grand Vice Chancellor. He was also Past Grand Master of the Royal Ark Mariners and Past Grand Sovereign of the Order of Rome and Constantine. He was the appointed Grand Representative of the Grand Lodge of

Dakota near the Grand Lodge of Canada, of the Grand R. A. Chapter of Maryland and of the Grand Council of Connecticut. Bro. Burns was also a member of the Toronto Rose Croix Chapter, A. & A. Scottish Rite, 18°.

The proposed name, according to the new Constitution, of our Grand Lodge, would be a misleading mouthful. "The Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Canada, in the Province of Ontario,"—has nothing to commend it, being neither truthful, euphonious nor brief. Our Grand Lodge will no more be the Grand Lodge of Canada with the addition of the words italicized than it is at present. If it is an absolute necessity to sail under false colors, and claim a name that we are not entitled to, owing to the existence of an illegitimate Grand Lodge of Ontario, by all means retain the present title, which has the charm of brevity. If, however, we live in a country that is comparatively unknown, excepting our own Province, then we might be justified in informing the people that Ontario is one of the component parts of Canada. But to do this would be following the example of a school boy who was asked to locate the position of the United States. With pardonable pride the youngster replied, "It is built all around the City of Washington." Doubtless equally amusing answers will be given in reply to any questions in Grand Lodge, but the fact will still remain that our title, even as amended, would be extremely ridiculous.

Any one sending to this office a copy of the Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Canada for the years 1858, '59 and '60, will confer a great favor, or a reasonable price will be paid for them.