

threatened—and still threatens—"this Canada of ours." The deceased was for nearly twenty years a member of the Order, the "Manchester Unity," but some six years ago he became connected with the Baltimore Unity, and was one of the Charter members of Avon Lodge. In his family relations our deceased Brother enjoyed an enviable position, being blessed with a most amiable partner and an affectionate and well-doing family, with whom the members of this Grand Lodge in common deplore their sad bereavement. A kind husband and a loving father, he strove to walk in the paths of duty, and he has descended to the tomb with his character unstained by sin, unspotted by vice.

The late Bro. Sewell, who honorably filled the office of Deputy District Grand Master of this Grand Lodge, died on the eleventh day of January, 1866.

Yours, &c.,

WM. MOWATT,
Rep. Avon Lodge No. 41.

Brantford, August 2, 1866.

On motion of Rep. Patridge, it was

Resolved,—That this Grand Lodge go into secret Session.

When R. W. Grand Rep. Smith rehearsed the secret work, and gave a synopsis of the proposed change in the Ritual.

On motion of D. Grand Master McAfee,

The Grand Lodge closed in the Grand Lodge Degree and opened in the Scarlet Degree.

Rep. Dolson, from the Committee on the state of the Order, submitted the following Report, which was adopted.

Your Committee have much pleasure in presenting this report as the result of their labors upon the different subjects referred to them by the Distribution Committee:

It is highly gratifying to find the manner in which the good and welfare of this Grand Lodge has been attended to during the past year. The very able reports presented show conclusively that our officers have not neglected any of the duties devolving upon them.

GRAND MASTER'S VISITS.

We are pleased to see the manner in which the visits of the M. W. Grand Master have been received by those Lodges he has been enabled to visit, and the good order and harmony which seems to prevail, and we are of opinion that the annual visits of Grand Officers upon Lodges in their jurisdiction are highly desirable, and conducive to the interest of the Order.

DEFUNCT LODGES.

We deeply regret that some of our Lodges have seen proper to close up their affairs during the past year, but it is a source of great satisfaction to see the honorable and upright manner in which this has been done, and reflects credit upon those who have been instrumental in its accomplishment; and we recommend that the action taken by the Grand Officers in closing up

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