

the meeting of the Board of General Purposes, the late Grand Secretary performed a great deal of labor, but made no complaint; and even after his return home he went as actively to work in his office as ever. It was the 21st or 22nd of the month when he first showed symptoms of the approaching illness, and we have a note dictated by him some days later, in which he spoke playfully of being prostrated with rheumatism; but, alas! it was something more, it was a disease that could not be eradicated. His illness gradually grew upon him, and, with rare intervals, he was borne down with consequent weakness, until the bodily frame at length gave way, and he yielded up his soul to Him who gave it.

The publication in the CRAFTSMAN for April, 1871, of a very full account of the late Grand Secretary's various services to the Craft, which was accompanied by a portrait, spares us the recital of his Masonic career. Brother Harris was born at Bristol, England, in July, 1819, and was, therefore, in his 56th year. Having entered St. Andrew's Lodge, Toronto, in 1848, he had been a Mason for upwards of a quarter of a century; and in that time had done much to increase the growth and usefulness of Masonry. No man labored more to advance its interests, and he was mainly instrumental in establishing the present Grand Lodge, of which he became Secretary, an office he held continuously up to the time of his death, a period of nearly twenty years. He held other important positions in Masonry, and had arduous duties to perform in connection with them. He was frequently the recipient of substantial tokens of good will and esteem from the brethren, and was ever popular with them all.

As a member of this community, our late brother stood high in public esteem, for he was always ready to aid in anything to further the general good. Those who knew him best will remember with what hearty zeal he entered into any undertaking in which he could be useful. In the matter of charity he was long a valuable member of St. George's Society, and did much to relieve the necessities of his destitute countrymen reaching these shores. The Mechanics' Institute found in him one of its most zealous supporters, and he was at one time a Director in it. His loyalty was shown in his readiness to serve his Queen and country in time of need, and Her Majesty had no more enthusiastic subject on each return of her natal day. Whenever occasion needed his services, in whatever capacity as a good citizen and one who cared for the welfare of the locality, they were ready. Thus combined we had the zealous Mason and the worthy citizen in one who was an honor to his race, and of whom it may well be said

"He was a man, take him for all in all,
We shall not look upon his like again."

THE FUNERAL.

The last tribute of respect paid to the mortal remains of our deceased brother Harris, on the afternoon of the 20th ult., evinced the deep feeling of reverence pervading the entire fraternity, and the esteem in which he was held as a man, a Mason, a wise counsellor, and director of the affairs of the Craft. The interval between his death and burial was necessarily limited, yet, in that short time, the melancholy tidings had spread far and wide, and the gathering at the funeral probably exceeded