

### A SAD BEREAVEMENT.

The hearts of our readers will go out in sympathy to our esteemed friend, M. W. Bro. Daniel Spry, Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Canada, in the hour of his deep affliction. The sudden and unexpected death of his eldest son, a noble, manly young fellow of great promise, must have been a terrible blow to M. W. Bro. Spry and his estimable wife, both of whom were very proud of him, and naturally looked forward to a brilliant career for him. We extend our deepest sympathy, and know that we echo the sentiments of the entire craft of Ontario, in which our M. W. Brother is widely known. The following extract we take from the *Barrie Advance*, of the 24th February, which gives full details:—

CHARLES SAMUEL FORTIER SPRY.

*Born 23rd May, 1868.—Died 16th February, 1887.*

The sudden death of Charles S. F. Spry son of post office Inspector Spry, last Wednesday evening, caused a general feeling of sympathy for the bereaved family. An attack of typhoid fever terminated his life in one week after his confinement to bed. The funeral which was one of the largest ever seen in Barrie took place from the family residence on Friday afternoon. Among the mourners and friends from a distance we noticed Mr. and Mrs. C. G. Fortier, of Hamilton, grandfather and grandmother of deceased, also Mr. H. C. Fortier and wife and W. H. Fortier, of Toronto, and Herbert S. D. Fortier, Hamilton, uncles. Mr. J. Ross Robertson, of the Toronto Telegram, and Mr. James Greenfield, Toronto.

The streets along the line of the procession were thronged with people. He was buried with military honors as an officer of the 35th Battalion, Simcoe Foresters. Shortly after three o'clock the solemn cortege took its way towards the Parochial School, Collier Street, in the following order, No. 1 Co., 35th Battalion, with reversed arms—Band—the hearse mourners—principal citizens on foot—and between forty and fifty vehicles. During the march to Collier Street the band played the following: Come ye disconsolate, Flee as a Bird, Dead march in Sool. The coffin which was covered with beautiful floral

designs was carried into the Trinity Church school room where the service of the church was read by Rev. Wm. Reimer. The choir of Trinity Church sang that beautiful hymn, Rock of Ages Cleft for Me, as part of the service in the school room. The pallbearers were, Major Rogers, Major Ward, Captain J. Smith, Captain Leadley, Lieutenant McKee and Lieutenant O'Brien, of Toronto.

After the service at Collier Street, the procession went to the cemetery in the same order, the band playing the Dead March, through town, the Portuguese hymn and Dead March again as they neared the cemetery. The remainder of the funeral service was read by the rector of Trinity Church. The firing party at the grave consisted of No. 1 Company, of which Co. deceased was Captain, under the command of Captain Powell and Lieut. Crese. On the return the band played in succession Onward Christian Soldier, Ring the Bells of Heaven, The Prodigal Child. The whole ceremony and its attendant circumstances were of a deeply solemn character, strongly and emphatically reminding one of the uncertainty of life.

The deceased, Charles Samuel Fortier Spry, was born at Toronto on the 23rd of May, 1868. He attended the Model School of that city until his removal to Barrie, when he attended the Collegiate Institute. In 1881, he joined the 35th Battalion, Simcoe Foresters under Lieut.-Col. O'Brien. He was made Staff Sergeant and accompanied the Battalion to the annual camp at Niagara the same year, and while there filled the position of Orderly Room Clerk. He was gazetted 2nd Lieutenant of No. 1 Co. provisionally, and after taking a course of instruction at the School of Infantry at Toronto and obtaining a first-class certificate he was confirmed in his rank on 7th July, 1884, and was promoted first Lieutenant on the 3rd of October, the same year. On the breaking out of the North-West rebellion in the winter of 1885, he accompanied the York Simcoe Battalion under the command of Lieut.-Col. W. E. O'Brien as Lieutenant of No. 3 Co., and was with his regiment during the whole of the campaign, having endured the fatigue of the long and terrible march round the North shore of Lake Superior with all the patience and endurance of an old veteran. While in the North West he was one of the staff of correspondents of this journal, by which our readers were made acquainted so promptly with the course of events. On the return of the regiment he entered the law office of Messrs. Lount, Strathy & Lount, with the intention of becoming a lawyer. He received a medal for his services in the North-West. On the 8th January, 1886, he received his commission as Captain of No. 1 Co., and was with his