

Kincardine on the 9th ult., and was buried with Masonic honors.

Prince Rupert's Lodge, No. 1, Winnipeg, made a most creditable turnout at the funeral of Bro. A. F. McNabb, on the 11th ult., the ceremony being performed by R. W. Bro. A. Pearson. The deceased brother was highly respected by all who knew him, and his loss is deeply regretted.

The Rev. E. Beatty being about to return to England, and B. Eden, Esq., in his home in Gaspé, a number of their Masonic friends of Clementi Lodge, Lakefield, invited them to a farewell supper, which took place in the Foresters' Hall, on the 25th ult. The W. M., W. Bro. Geo. Cochrane, occupied the chair, and the S. W., Bro. F. Lillicrap, the vice chair. After justice had been done to the good things provided, the chairman gave the usual loyal and Masonic toasts, and a very pleasant and profitable evening was spent, the highest regard for both the brethren being expressed by all present.

At a recent communication of Victoria Lodge, No. 56, A. F. & A. M., Sarnia, a number of brethren from Strathroy, Camlachie and Mooretown, paid a visit to their brethren in that town, and received a hearty Masonic welcome. Among the visitors were R. W. Bro. Wm. Milner, D. D. G. M. of London District; W. Bros. Richardson and Oldham, of Beaver Lodge, Strathroy; W. Bro. McFarlane, of Huron Lodge, Camlachie; W. Bro. Abernethy, of Mooretown Lodge; and Bro. Watson, of Sombra. At the conclusion of the regular business of the lodge, R. W. Bro. Milner addressed the brethren at some length, and complimented the members of Victoria Lodge on their possessing such a handsome hall, which he stated was one of the finest in Western Ontario. At the close of the meeting, refreshments, consisting of coffee, sandwiches, &c., were served in the ante-room. The visitors expressed themselves highly delighted with their reception, and extended a strong invitation to their entertainers to return the visit at an early date.

Masonic Gems.

G. M. W. W. Traylor, of California, says:—"We can look with admiration and satisfaction upon the progress of our tenets. While political convulsions shake the earth, while rule or misrule calls forth the approval or disapproval of nations, that one ineffaceable word

and grand sentiment emblazoned on our banner and device, lives and shines—"charity." Sweet word and link which binds us to the Order, and makes ours the family, governed, not by the autocratic will of the individual or the arrogated power of the few, but by that counsel of all, which, under the direction of the Grand Architect, is cemented through a love divine, in the absence of all selfishness, and in the presence of a sacrificing spirit binding man to man and brother to brother. It has always been a matter of surprise that the bonds of fraternal love which should and which do exist in Masonry have withstood all the assaults caused by divergence in religious, economical and political ideas, and why not? Is there, or has there ever been a grander structure in ethics than that which inculcates the doctrine that where we are placed to suffer and fail, we are also placed to aid, encourage, lift up and help? This it is which gives undying existence to and adorns with grandeur our institution; this it is which has enabled Masonry to withstand and overcome the aggressions and attacks of religious bigotry, vulgar envy and political suspicion. We may well say that as Masons we are placed upon a platform from which we may look down upon the worldly strifes and pursuits of the profane, following that higher and better aim which calls upon us to cherish brotherly love and charity. Not only the charity which prompts succor to those who are oppressed or laid low by want, misfortune, or malignity, but also that which prompts us to counsel tenderly, to judge leniently, to forgive readily, to encourage the weary, and to raise up the brother who falters or falls by the wayside in the wearying struggles for life. That charity which impels us to impart of our strength to our weaker brethren, not through the hope of reward, but through that sense of duty which the exalted tenets of our Order creates and perfects."