

OBITUARY.

BRO. ROBERT A. SINCLAIR.

All that was mortal of a talented young artist, Bro. Robert A. Sinclair, was interred on the 11th ult., in the Necropolis, Toronto. The funeral was attended by a large body of Masons, among whom were the members of Doric Lodge, to which he belonged, in regalia. Rev. Doctor Parsons, chaplain of the lodge, conducted the service at the house, and Dr. Wild read the last rites. Bro. Sinclair was only 30 years of age at the time of his death, and was looked upon by his co-laborers in the field of art as a man of great promise. He breathed his last at the residence of his father in Grosvenor street, on Tuesday morning, after a lingering illness.

P. G. M. BRO. JED. P. C. COTTRILL.

P. G. M. Bro. Jed. P. C. Cottrill, of Wisconsin, died on February 8th ult., at the age of 56 years, after four years of suffering. Bro. Cottrill was an accomplished Mason. Five Past Grand Masters were present at his funeral, to testify their fraternal regard for his character and his achievements for the Craft.

BRO. R. W. BENJAMIN CURREN.

R. W. Bro. Benjamin Curren, Past Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia, died early in April, after a long illness, aged 83. He was one of the most active Masons in all the bodies in that province.

SISTER LUCINDA BUSBY.

We have to record the death of Mrs. Lucinda H. Busby, which occurred at her home in Lebanon, on March 2, after a short illness. Her remains were tenderly laid away by the members of Lebanon Chapter with the funeral ceremonies of the order.

Sister Busby was first a member of the Grand Chapter of Indiana at its meeting in Greencastle in 1876, when she was proxy for the worthy Matron of Lebanon Chapter U.D. She was elected Grand Treasurer in 1879 and

continued an active worker for the order. She will be sorely missed both in the Grand and Subordinate Chapters.

A MODEL SECRETARY.

A prompt, intelligent, energetic, and obliging Secretary of a lodge can do much to secure its prosperity. He should be a brother of large and varied information, and of considerable experience, so that all the Officers, from the Worshipful Master to the Tyler, may draw upon his fund of knowledge and find ample supplies. Not only should he be thoroughly posted as to the ritual and the conduct of the work, the business affairs of the lodge, etc., but he should also have such good knowledge of the members—their individualities and idiosyncrasies—as to know just how to approach them in any matter respecting the collection of dues or other related subject. Of course he should be accurate and discreet in performing the duties of his office, ready to answer all proper questions, and never in a perverse temper. Blessed is the lodge that has such a Secretary

ADOPTIVE MASONRY.

In France, where the plan was at first originated, "Adoptive" Masonry was, for a time, much in vogue. The Empress Josephine in 1805 presided over the Lodge Imperiale d'adoption des Francs Chevaliers, at Strasburg, and the assemblies of the brethren and sisters at Paris are said to have been equally elegant, splendid and agreeable. Of their agreeability, I entertain no matter of doubt. But I have my own opinion of pass-words whispered by rosy lips, and grasps interchanged with soft hands—and indeed we are credibly informed the mystical part of the business was mere pretence, and the rites always ended in—a ball and supper, as might be reasonably expected.—*Bro. John Fitzhenry Townsend, LL.D., D.G. M. of Ireland.*