

since he was a century old, a disrespectful remark applied to his beloved Queen.

His wife, Margaret, died April 1st, 1867, aged ninety-nine years. She had been quite blind for a number of years, but still continued to conduct the affairs of her own household, until shortly before her death. They have left a large family of children, grandchildren, and great grandchildren, a number of whom followed the remains of their aged ancestor to the grave.

Bro. Charles McCue was initiated, passed and raised, to the sublime degree of a Master Mason, in Ballanderry Lodge, No. 404, County Antrim, Ireland, in the year 1775, at the age of eighteen years, his father having been a Freemason. He affiliated with St. John's Lodge, No. 68, Ingersoll, on the 7th August, 1862, the last time he visited the Lodge being on the 30th July, 1863. He was made an honorary member, with full privileges, in 1866. His expressed object in taking this step, many times expressed to different brethren, was in order to ensure to himself the right and privilege of Masonic burial. Before his affiliation, the W. M. of St. John's communicated with the Grand Lodge of Ireland, and procured a copy of his Grand Lodge certificate, giving his age and the date of his initiation, passing and raising.

The remains of our venerable brother were, in accordance with his own earnest desire above alluded to, interred with full masonic honours, on the afternoon of the 7th current. The following Lodges were represented on the occasion :

St. John's, No. 20, London ; King Hiram, No. 37, Ingersoll ; St. George's, No. 42, London ; King Solomon, No. 43, Woodstock ; Oxford, No. 76, Woodstock ; King Hiram, No. 78, Tillsonburg ; Ridout, No. 95, Otterville ; St. John's, No. 68, Ingersoll, of which last the deceased was a member. There were present—R. W. Bro. Westlake, P. D. D. G. M. London District, and R. W. Bro. P. J. Brown, G. S. W. The funeral service, according to the ancient custom, was read by V. W. Bro. A. McLean, W. M. St. John's Lodge, the Rev. J. P. Hincks, incumbent of St. James' Church, Ingersoll, having previously performed the burial service of the Church of England, of which the deceased was a member.

We have devoted an unusual amount of space in thus chronicling the incidents of our late brother's remarkable career, from a consciousness that any authenticated particulars—and ours are given on the highest and most competent authority—relative to the life of *the oldest Mason in the world*, who, *after ninety-five years of masonic toil*, has but the other day been raised to his reward in the Supreme Grand Lodge above, cannot but be received with interest, not only by his brethren in Canada, but by the whole fraternity, of which, till ten days ago, he was the eldest representative.

#### NEW PUBLICATIONS.

"SWEDENBORG AND PHREMASONRY," Swedenborg Rite and the Great Masonic Leaders of the 18th Century. By Samuel Beswick : Masonic Publishing Company, N. Y.

This tastefully got up work contains over 200 pages, small octavo, of a carefully written History of the Initiation of Emanuel Swedenborg into the mysteries of Masonry (Scottish Rite) at Lund, and his subsequent influence upon his followers. The author has evidently expended much time and research in the production of this little work, and we cordially recommend it a place in the library of every masonic student.