

DECEASED BRETHREN.

Death, the great leveller of all human distinctions, has not been idle during the past year. Some of our beloved Brethren who were active laborers with us at our last Communication have been called to their Eternal rest; they have gone from labor to reward, and will no more appear in our assemblages.

Death ever takes us by surprise,—the workman falls, but the work still goes on. Our Brethren were true and faithful men, and filled places of honor and trust in various departments of life. Let us, therefore, pause a moment before we commence our active business, that some mention of their lives may be inscribed on our pages, in order to pay a fitting tribute of respect to their memories.

R. W. Bro. Andrew Sword died at his residence, in Quebec City, on the 5th of April, 1889, after a brief illness, deeply regretted by all who knew him. He was a faithful man and zealous Mason, a P. M. of Albion Lodge, and at the time of his decease he held the important position of D. D. G. M. for Quebec and Three Rivers District. He was buried with Masonic honors by Albion Lodge. His memory will long be revered by his Brethren.

On the 7th of May last, we were called upon to mourn the loss by death of our esteemed Deputy Grand Master, R. W. Bro. S. J. Foss. Our deceased Brother was made a Mason in Victoria Lodge, Sherbrooke, on the 11th October, 1859; was elected W. M. in 1865; and was D. D. G. M. of St. Francis District 1870-71. He was again elected W. M. of Victoria Lodge in 1887, and at the meeting of Grand Lodge, in January of last year, was elected to the office of Deputy Grand Master. R. W. Bro. Foss was a resident of the City of Sherbrooke for many years, and was one of its most influential and highly respected citizens, holding from time to time many offices of public trust. He was ever devoted to the cause of Masonry, and took a very active part in the formation of this Grand Lodge.

In testimony of the universal esteem in which our departed Brother was held, I instructed the Grand Secretary to require the Lodges in this jurisdiction to be draped in mourning in the customary form for a period of three months.