

The Grand Lodge of Vermont has sustained a serious loss during the past year in the death of its Grand Secretary, R. W. Bro. William H. Root, who died in the city of Burlington, on the 11th March last. In the memorial notice of his death, it says: "Bro. Root was an upright citizen, a man of unswerving integrity, and of earnest devotion to the cause of Freemasonry."

M. W. James Hamilton, Marquis of Hamilton, and Duke of Abercorn, Grand Master of Masons in Ireland, died on the 31st October, 1885. He had been many years Grand Master, and had gained the confidence and affection of the brethren over whom he presided.

R. W. Orelia Almeida, Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Colon and Cuba, died at Havana, June 25th, 1885. He was an enthusiastic Mason.

M. W. Benjamin A. Botts, Grand Master of Texas, died in the City of Houston on the 24th September, 1886. He was most assiduous in his devotion to Masonry, and his death was a severe affliction to the brethren over whom he presided.

R. W. Florencio Suzarte, Junior Grand Warden of the Grand Lodge of Colon and Cuba, died at Ciudad, April 21st, 1886.

To the brethren of these sister jurisdictions we tender our fraternal condolence.

In March last, R. W. Brother Deputy Grand Master Crabbe, accompanied by R. W. Past Deputy Grand Master Wakeford and other Brethren, paid an official visit to several of the Lodges in the western section of the Province. I had the pleasure of being present with them in their visit to Alexandra Lodge, Port Hill, Mount Zion Lodge, Kensington, and at Prince Edward Lodge,

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