

to that undiscovered country, from whose bourne no traveller returns.

Tho' in the Grand Lodge above,
We remember thee in love;
Yet our lodge has lost thee here—
'Tis for this we shed a tear.

In the earth we lay thee low,
Yet upon thy grave shall grow
Evergreens, like these we bring
As our last sad offering.

This lodge feels deeply the loss of a faithful Brother and zealous officer, one who discharged his duties as a Mason with credit to himself and pleasure to the fraternity.

Let us all hope that, having been removed from the cares and troubles of this life, he has entered the Grand Lodge above, where the Great Architect of the Universe, rules supreme.

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EDITORIAL ITEMS.

THE *Masonic Chronicle*, of Columbus, Ohio, quotes our recent editorial on "A Lodge Safe," and makes some valuable comments thereon.

How is THIS?—The racket in Ohio, and at present particularly at Cincinnati, occasioned by forcing Scottish Rite troubles into York Rite bodies, still continues, to the great detriment of Templar Masonry in that jurisdiction. It will still go on, and grow in intensity, so long as Commanderies, as bodies, are forced to do what a large majority of the members, in many instances, believe to be wrong. The result is that numerous *Cerneau* Scottish Rite bodies are being established in that State, and that organization is having a growth that it could not otherwise have gained. All of which goes to prove that it is the part of wisdom for each branch of Masonry to attend strictly to its own business.—*Masonic Advocate*.

THERE are 777 lodges in the jurisdiction of Illinois.

DISTINGUISHED FREEMASONS.—The London *Freemason* says:—"We feel a national pride in the fact that half a dozen members of Mr. Gladstone's Cabinet were, and some four or five members of Lord Salisbury's Cabinet are, members of the great Masonic fraternity. We do not concern ourselves about their politics; but we are proud that men of such intellectual calibre are among us."

THE *Masonic Token*, Portland, Me., says:—"THE CANADIAN CRAFTSMAN says the Grand Priory is arranging to form Provincial Priorities in each Canadian Province where three preceptories exist. That will probably heat the New Brunswick difficulty, as we suggested two years ago." "THE CANADIAN CRAFTSMAN suggests that when the Grand Master of Canada says the Templar Order is not military, he forgets its title, 'United Religious and Military Order,' and overlooks its seal, 'two Knights on horseback.'"

Our eminent brother, R. F. Gould, the Masonic historian, has published in the London *Freemason's Chronicle*, an admirably written and deservedly eulogistic "In Memoriam" of Bro. A. F. A. Woodford, M. A., late editor of the London *Freemason*. He has also published in both these journals some scathing articles under the headings, "English Authors and American Pirates," and "Under the Black Flag," re Bro. Yorston's proposed United States edition of his great history, to be supplemented by M. W. Bros. Drummond, Carson and Parvin.