

—that "it is appointed unto all men once to die," and if she holds up before him the terrors of death—it is to inspire him to walk honestly and uprightly before God and among men. She warns him that death has no sting equal to the stain of falsehood and dishonor. Finally, brethren, with the closing year, let me remind you of the close of life, that we are another year nearer the end of our days, another year nearer to death, another year nearer to the grave and to the last great trial. Yes, brethren, these busy hands of ours, now so ready and prompt to execute the designs before us, will soon be cold and powerless by our sides; these warm and pulsing hearts of ours, now full of conceiving plans for adorning our temples of clay, will soon cease to beat with vital motion, and these anxious and fevered heads of ours, now intent upon devising work for the craft, will soon be bowed down in death. Yes, brethren, our working tools must soon be laid aside and our labors must soon end. We have been brothers in life, may we be brothers in death; we have met upon the level, may we part upon the square; we have journeyed together hand in hand, and we would lie side by side in the last low bed and be brothers in the grave. And, dear brethren, when we have all been laid in our graves, and are waiting for the last sound of the gavel from the Great and Supreme Master, may we hear it calling us from the labors of earth to the refreshments above—from the sleep of the grave, to the rest of heaven.

At the close of the sermon a collection was taken up in aid of the Masonic burial plot fund, and a handsome amount was received. After the singing of the hymn "A'hide with me," the service was closed with prayer and benediction.

The procession then re-formed on Gloucester street, and returned to the hall by way of Gloucester, O'Connor, Sparks and Rideau streets, halt-

ing with open ranks at the corner of Rideau and Sussex, while the principal officers, who had brought up the rear, passed through and received the respects of their brethren.

The fine turnout made by the Masonic body was the subject of much favorable comment. It was the largest seen in Ottawa for some years.

MIXED FUNERALS.

From the following from the *Kingston News*, it will be seen that the members of the craft everywhere do not carry out the ruling that a Masonic lodge shall not take part in a funeral where any other society is a participant:—

"The members of Kingston Lodge, No. 59, I.O.O.F., and the brethren of Ancient St. John's Lodge, No. 3, A.F. & A.M., did not work together harmoniously yesterday afternoon, previous to the funeral of Sergeant Hammond, who was a member of both organizations, and the result was, that it did not take place until an hour and a half after the advertised time. The question was:—"Which society was entitled to bury the deceased?" The Masons contended that it was their duty, and the Oddfellows opposed their contention, and argued that they should bury him. It appears that on the evening of the day on which deceased died, the Oddfellows assembled; the death was announced to the lodge, and a committee appointed to wait upon Mrs. Hammond to ascertain whether it was his wish that the Oddfellows should take charge of the funeral, or whether he preferred that the Masons should bury him. The Oddfellows on this committee state that Mrs. Hammond said it had been deceased's and her wish that he should be buried by the Oddfellows. The Oddfellows then again called an emergent meeting. Before the interview with Mrs. Hammond by the Oddfellows, the Masons had been in-