

PREFATORY NOTE.

In placing before the Craft of the Dominion the following Ritual and Service for a Lodge of Sorrow, it is not in the vain desire to become an author, but as an honest endeavor to produce an acceptable work on a subject not hitherto attempted in Canada. The material for it has been taken from sources not accessible to the great majority of reading members of the Masonic fraternity, and in its preparation such distinguished Masonic Authors as Pike, McClenachan, Mackey, Simons, Speed, Yarker, Ragon and others have been consulted and largely drawn upon, and to suppose that the work is perfect is to expect too much from human fallibility. It is hoped it may prove advantageous, and enable those requiring its use to conduct the solemn exercises of such occasions with dignity and propriety.