

## FAREWELL.

HARDLY a week passes over our heads but we have to deplore the loss of some well-known brother of our fraternity. It may be, that the last time we saw him in lodge he seemed as strong and as genial as ever. No one could be more hearty in the cause of Freemasonry, no one could more contribute to the social happiness of the evening. And yet here is the inevitable obituary, and he is not! He has passed away from home and friends, and kith and kin, from the office he filled so well, from the duties he discharged so faithfully, from the society he graced so much. And sometimes the pain of the intelligence is augmented by the suddenness of the event. Some unexpected illness, some dreadful accident, some unforeseen calamity, hurries away from us all, from time, from friends, from duty, from the lodge, some most worthy confrere, some faithful and zealous member of many years. At that time memory asserts its power, and it rushes with us on its pinions of magic swiftness, to other days and other scenes, to ancient meetings and good Masonic work. Then we, who are now old and gray and gouty, were full of zeal and energy. Pleasant were our meetings then, "*O socii et so dates,*" and flourishing was that good old lodge of which we were the indigenous or the affiliated members. And he whom we mourn to-day, perhaps, was then in our very midst, most active with the active, earnest with his work, and foremost in all Masonic labors. Peace to him. He has passed away from earthly toil and weakness and suffering and imperfection, to that "rest which remaineth," one day to be admitted, let us hope, by his Grand Master's goodness, into that everlasting lodge, where the world's Great Architect lives and reigns forever. We shall all feel how true is this simple description of the hebdomadal thoughts of many of us, who see recorded in the pages of the *Freemason* the names of old friends and fellow workers, as they pass away from us, from time and home, and lodge; and though as Masons we fully believe that

"We shall watch for the gleam of the flapping sail,  
We shall hear the boat as it gains the strand,  
We shall hail the approach of the boatman pale,  
To bear us o'er to the better land,"

yet, still human-like, and mortal-like, we often deplore that we can no more have  
"The touch of a vanished hand,  
And the sound of a voice that's still."

In Freemasonry it often happens that we meet most worthy men and good Masons, not of high social position, not of a great name or greater wealth, yet with them we consort on terms of Masonic equality in the lodge, and to us Freemasons it matters not whether they be high or humble, rich or poor; they are our brethren, and warmly do we regret their loss, and sincerely do we respect their memories.—*London Freemason.*

## MASONIC RECORD.

## AT HOME.

A NEW Masonic Lodge called "The Corinthian," has been organized in London East.

ON Friday night, May 14th, R. W. Bro. D. E. Broderick, installed the officers of a new Masonic Lodge, in the village of Jarvis, after which Bro. Wm. Dochstader entertained the brethren and friends to a sumptuous repast, to which all did ample justice. After the cloth was removed toast and song was the order of the night, and the company separated in the "wee sma' hours" after spending one of the most enjoyable times possible, "Happy to meet, sorry to part, happy to meet again."

ONTARIO R. A. CHAPTER, W. D., was instituted on the evening of the 12th ult., in the Town Hall, Yorkville. Among the brethren present who assisted in the installation ceremonies were R. E. Comps, R. P. Stephens, Grand Scribe E.; Thomas Sargeant, P. G. Supt., Toronto District; J. B. Nixon, Grand Scribe N.; James Norris, F. P., King Solomon's Chap.; A. L. Wilson, F. P. York Chap; J. Erskine, F. P., and E. Comp. C. W. Brown, St. Andrew's and St. John's R. A. Chap. The following are the names of the officers of the new Chapter:—T. F. Blackwood, Z.; F. J. Menet, J. P. Z.; C. W. Brown, H.; S. Le N. Neave, J.; S. H. Henderson, S. E.; B. Saunders, S. N.; R. H. Oates, Treas.; H. Macquorcodale, P. C.; W. H. S. Coen, S. S.; George Cole, J. S.; W. H. Archer, M. V.; J. L. Dickson, J. About twelve candidates were initiated.

At an emergency meeting of Peterborough Lodge, No. 155, A. F. & A. M., held on the 4th ult., V. W. Bro. James Millar, P. M., was presented with a magnificent gold P. M.'s jewel, elegantly chased and properly inscribed. At the close of the business