

## OBITUARY.

By the decree of an all-wise Providence we have been called upon to mourn the loss of two valued Knights. The circulars issued by me at the time are herewith made part of this report :

## GRAND LODGE KNIGHTS OF PYTHIAS OF ONTARIO.

OFFICE OF GRAND CHANCELLOR,

TORONTO, November 15th, 1890.

*To the Chancellor Commander of—Lodge, No.—K. of P.*

Dear Sir and Bro.,—We are called upon to mourn the loss of another great Pythian Chief, who has been a leader, law-giver and adviser of our Order. I refer to the death of Hon. Jno. Van Valkenburg, P.S.C., who in his life-time filled all the highest offices with honor to himself and credit to our Order.

The Order in the Grand Jurisdiction of Ontario can mourn over him, not only as a high-souled Pythian Knight, cut off in the flow of his manhood, but also as a native Canadian who won his way to the front in a foreign land by his pluck, native talent, and unflinching integrity. Out of respect for the memory of our deceased brother, you are hereby requested to drape your Charter for thirty days.

Yours in F. C. and B.,

R. H. JARVIS, G. C.

## GRAND LODGE KNIGHTS OF PYTHIAS OF ONTARIO.

OFFICE OF GRAND CHANCELLOR,

TORONTO, December 9th, 1890.

*To the Knights of the Grand Jurisdiction of Ontario.*

Brethren,—The mysterious messenger of death has removed from our midst our beloved brother, P. G. C. Jas. Smith, late G. M. of E. His loyal, valuable and zealous efforts in the interests of Pythianism in this jurisdiction have been such that perhaps no other break in the ranks would cause more genuine regret and heartfelt sorrow than in the loss we are now called on to mourn. Bro. Smith, while not blessed with robust health, was confined to his bed for a short time only, and at 4 p.m. on the 26th of November, 1890, he joined the ranks in the Supreme Lodge above. The last sad rites were performed by the Knights of Pythias and I.O.O.F., the Knights at his request having precedence. He was buried with the honors and ceremonies of Pythianism, thus at the very last furnishing unmistakable evidence of his preference for the Order he loved so well and served so faithfully. As an evidence of our love and respect, and in memory of our deceased brother, you are hereby requested to drape your charter for thirty days. The position of G. M. of E., left vacant by the death of Bro. Smith, has been filled by the appointment of P. G. C. D. J. Peace, of Red Cross Lodge, No. 3, of Hamilton, to be held by him until the next session of the Grand Lodge, which will be held at London, Ont., during the month of June. Yours in F. C. and B.,

R. H. JARVIS, G. C.