

E. W. Bro. O'Halloran then moved seconded by R. W. Bro. Nye, Grand Chaplain.

That the thanks of this Grand Lodge are due and are hereby tendered to Bro. Penton, Chief of Police of this City, and to the officers and men under his command who were on duty at the funeral of the late M. W. Bro. Bernard, for their exemplary conduct.

The motion was carried.

The M. W. the Grand Master addressed Grand Lodge as follows:

*Officers and Brethren:*—It is peculiarly due to you that I should commend you for the alacrity with which you have obeyed the summons to attend this emergent communication of the Grand Lodge, to attend the funeral of our late M. W. Bro. Bernard whose mortal remains you have just now accompanied to their last resting place, with masonic honors befitting his exalted rank in the Craft.

Our late M. W. Brother was devotedly attached to our Order; and more especially in connection with the organization and upbuilding of the Grand Lodge of Canada of which he was elected Deputy Grand Master, his zeal was most remarkable and his labors most abundant, for all which he was most suitably rewarded by having conferred upon him by that Grand Body, the honorary rank of Past Grand Master.

It was our fortune to differ from him very considerably, in regard to the formation of the Grand Lodge of Quebec, but as he, with others who shared his opinions, had fully accepted and recognised our Grand Body as an accomplished fact,—it had long since become our duty and our privilege to overlook and treat as by-gones, all past differences; and when death summoned him hence, "to cast around his foibles whatever they may" have been, the broad mantle of a mason's charity and cheerfully to "render to his memory the praise to which his virtues" and his unusual abilities displayed in so many departments of a long and active public life, "have entitled him." "His meritorious actions, it is our duty to imitate, and from his "weakness we ought to derive instruction."

I am sure that you all will heartily join with me in expressing our deep sympathy for the bereaved wife and children in their sad affliction, and unite in the prayer that an All-wise Providence may sanctify it to their present and everlasting welfare.

My Brethren, I need hardly, in closing, admonish you that by the death of our late Brother, we are all forcibly reminded of our own inevitable destiny, and that it behoves us all to improve our brief remaining period of our existence here, that we may be duly and truly prepared when summoned hence, to be welcome into the Grand Lodge above, where the Great Architect of the Universe for ever presides. So mote it be.

The address was listened to with the utmost attention, and ordered to be entered upon the minutes.

The Grand Secretary read the minutes, and the Grand Chaplain having offered a closing prayer, Grand Lodge was closed in ample form at about 6 p.m., and the brethren departed in peace and harmony.

JOHN H. ISAACSON,

Grand Secretary