

mandery of Knights Templar, and it is said that during his official connection with these Grand Bodies, he never missed a session thereof. Bro. Dove was the author of "The Masonic Text Book," an excellent monitor for the first three degrees; also, of "The Virginia Text Book of Royal Arch Masonry," prepared in obedience to an order of the Grand Chapter of Virginia, and adopted to the peculiarities of its work. He was a faithful workman in the Mystic Temple. For scores of years our Brethren of Virginia had regarded him as a fixture indispensable for the working of each of their Grand Bodies. He served officially many years before a majority of the members present were born, and we believe longer than any other Mason on this side of the Atlantic."

We have also to lament the death of R. W. Bro. the Rev. A. H. Washburne, for many years our representative near the Grand Lodge of Ohio—a faithful servant of his Master. He exemplified in his daily walk the great truths which he was commissioned to preach to his fellow men, so that when the terrible railroad catastrophe at Ashtabula hurled him and many others into eternity, without a moment's warning, he was not unprepared for the summons and was ready to meet his Lord.

In the death of George Frank Gouley, Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Missouri, we have lost an able, tried and valued friend. All will remember the shock received by the startling intelligence of the destruction by fire of the Southern Hotel at St. Louis in April last, but the circumstances attending the death of Bro. Gouley were harrowing in the extreme. They must be too fresh in your mind, to require any repetition at this time, and they are of so painful a nature that I prefer not to dwell upon them. The news of his death carried sorrow wide-spread, for throughout every State in the Union, and in every Province of our Dominion, Bro. Gouley had friends who will never cease to mourn his sad, his sudden end. Bro. Gouley was no ordinary man, and, as a Freemason, he occupied a distinguished position. He was Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Missouri from 1866, since which year he devoted the whole of his time to Masonic duties. During these years he prepared all the reports on Correspondence in all the Masonic bodies of Missouri. He edited and published the *St. Louis Freemason* for many years, and was foremost in every undertaking of the Masonic fraternity of the South and West. He was for many years the valued representative of this Grand Lodge, and no man outside of Canada, perhaps few within it, have done so much to maintain the rights and promote the interests of this Grand Lodge. It was my good fortune to meet Bro. Gouley some years ago when he passed through Canada, and a friendship then was formed

which on subsequent intimacy and correspondence, ripened into personal acquaintance of the most valued character.

At the time Bro. Gouley was thus suddenly cut off, I was engaged in a correspondence with him concerning the arrangements, which had been made at his request, respecting the interment of a brother from St. Louis, who had died suddenly in Toronto, and I was the recipient of one of the last letters which he wrote on the day previous to his death.

As a Masonic journalist, he was among the most efficient of his day. His knowledge of Masonic jurisprudence was varied, and erudite his interpretation of its laws; on this point his opinion everywhere was sought and respected. The high position with which he was honored by his Grand Lodge, and which by his long continuance in it he alike honored, was the best evidence of his Masonic ability, integrity and efficiency.

Whilst we have been free from any calamity within our own borders, we have heard the cry of distress from our brethren of St. John, in the sister Province of New Brunswick, on the occasion of the terrific conflagration which swept over that beautiful city on the 20th day of June last, leaving little more than ashes to mark the place where the largest and most valuable portion of the city formerly stood, rendering homeless a large majority of the inhabitants and reducing to circumstances of poverty and distress many who had occupied positions of honorable independence, if not of rank and affluence. Amidst such a scene of desolation it was not hard to find a large number of sufferers who had claims upon the Masonic fraternity, whilst the Lodge Rooms used by the Grand Lodge of New Brunswick, and by all the Masonic bodies in St. John, with the Grand Lodge Library and much of the property belonging to all the Masonic bodies were wholly consumed, and not a few of the brethren were to be found amongst the victims thus suddenly deprived of all their worldly substance.

As soon as the startling intelligence respecting the fire reached Toronto, I telegraphed enquiring whether assistance was needed for members of our Order, and upon receiving an answer from the Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of New Brunswick that great distress and absolute want was being experienced amongst the Brethren, I assumed the responsibility of authorizing a draft upon the funds of our Grand Lodge to the extent of \$1,000, and with the approval of the Deputy Grand Master, telegraphed to the Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of New Brunswick placing that amount at his immediate disposal for the relief of our suffering brethren.

I confidently submit for your consideration my action in this matter.

Aid from other quarters has been forward-