

idea, and contributions were accepted from the different departments. The testimonial will consist of a silver ice pitcher of elegant design, which was manufactured in New York and will be accompanied by an address signed by some one hundred and fifty civil servants. The members of the Craft throughout Canada will be glad to learn that M. W. Bro. Harrington, Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Canada, is so highly esteemed by those he has been so long brought in daily contact with.

OBITUARY.—Bro. CHARLES SIMONS died at his residence, Parry Harbor, on the 30th ult., aged 49 years. In his death his wife and children have lost a loving husband and a kind and affectionate father, and Granite Lodge will miss one of its truest and kindest brothers. He was buried with Masonic honors, his funeral being the largest ever witnessed in Parry Sound, notwithstanding the inclemency of the weather. The pallbearers were Bros. John McClelland, Geo. McLean, Adam Paxton, William Wilcox, James Forsyth and Thos. Wilcox. The impressive funeral services of the Order were conducted by W. Bro. Frank A. Foley, W. M. of Granite Lodge, No. 352, and Bro. Johnson, D. of C. Rev. Mr. MacKay, Presbyterian Minister, delivered an able and eloquent funeral sermon on Sunday evening, the 5th inst., which was largely attended and highly appreciated by the brethren and the numerous friends of the deceased.

"**HISTORY OF THE MOTHER LODGE KILWINNING**, from the earliest period to the present time, with Notes on the Abbey. By Robert Wylie, Secy. of the Mother Lodge, and P. G. S. for Ayrshire. Glasgow: John Tweed. This book, although intended by the author principally to furnish information as to the history of the Mother Lodge, Kilwinning, is interesting to all who take pleasure in antiquarian research, since it contains valuable notes on the Ancient Abbey of that name. To the Masonic reader, the most interesting part of the book is that devoted to reports of public duties discharged by Mother Kilwinning Lodge, since 1806, when the foundation stone of the harbour of Ardrossan was laid. The Brethren have officiated on twenty-eight public occasions,—such as laying the foundation stones of churches, schools, monuments, harbours, and bridges, unveiling of statutes to distinguished citizens, and the Burns' Festival on the banks of the Doon. Another interesting part of the work is that in which copies of charters of Mother Kilwinning are printed in full. These old documents cover a period of over a century, and are full of curious and interesting reference. There are also *fac-simile* copies of charters, old minute books, and other documents, which will be studied with great interest by many Masons. The

fac-simile marks found on the walls of the Old Abbey are also very curious. The whole work shows evidence of careful research, and literary ability, and will no doubt, receive a wide circulation.

AURORA.—The members of the Rising Sun Lodge, No. 129, together with many members from the Lodges at Newmarket, Sharon, and Richmond Hill attended Divine service in Trinity Church, Aurora, on the evening of St. John's Day, when an appropriate sermon was preached by R. W. Bro. Rev. C. W. Paterson, Grand Chaplain, a report of which will be found on another page. On the return of the Brethren to the Lodge Room a motion conveying thanks to R. W. Bro. Paterson for his eloquent and appropriate sermon was carried unanimously.

COUNCIL OF ROYAL AND SELECT MASTERS.—A council of the above order of Cryptic Masonry was instituted in the Masonic Hall, Guelph, recently called Wellington Council of Royal and Select Masters, No. 15, G. R. O. The ceremonies were very ably performed by R. Ill. Comp. Richard Brierly, of Hamilton, Grand Inspector-General, assisted by R. Ill. Comp. J. B. Nixon, of Toronto, Grand Recorder. The officers elect are:—Ex-Comp. H. K. Maitland, Th. Ill. Master; John Inglis, Deputy Master; John Scoen, P. C. of the Work; James Innes, Treasurer; James Philp, Recorder; William Watson, Chaplain; A. Bruce, Master of Ceremonies; S. R. Moffat, Capt. of the Guard; John Mackenzie, Conductor; W. J. Little, Steward; E. Galloway, Sentinel. After the ceremonies the Companions adjourned to the City Hotel, where a repast was provided. After justice had been done to it, R. Ill. Comp. Brierly congratulated Wellington Council on its auspicious beginning.

We are pleased to learn that R. W. Bro. Henry Robertson, Chairman of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, of the Grand Lodge of Canada, has the manuscript of his forthcoming work on "Masonic Jurisprudence" nearly completed, and it will be published in a short time. From the ability of R. W. Bro. Robertson and his familiarity with Masonic law and procedure, we are sure the work will be one of great value, and we hope it will have a large sale.

A LARGE quantity of interesting matter is unavoidably crowded out of this issue.

We give up a considerable portion of our space to the installations recently held. Secretaries who have not yet furnished us with a list of the officers of their lodges, will confer a great favor by sending them at the earliest moment. Scribe E's. and Secretaries of other Masonic bodies will also confer a favor by sending a list of their officers recently installed.