

Grand Scribe McLellan, of Hamilton, recently inspected the ambulance system of Toronto with the idea of agitating for the introduction of a similar system in Hamilton. Bro. Mc. is always prominent in some good movement.

Through the courtesy of the W. M. of St. John's Lodge, 209 a, London, a number of brethren belonging to Ashlar Lodge, Yorkville, will have an opportunity of witnessing an exemplification of the Irish work on the 8th inst. W. Bro. Ben. Allen, of Ashlar, is making arrangements for the official visitation, which include special railway accommodation.

On Oct. 17th R. W. Bro. Dr. Freeman, D.D.G.M., of Georgetown, paid his official visit to Burlington Lodge, No. 165, accompanied by W. Bro. John Hoodless and other Hamilton brethren. The work of the third degree was exemplified by W. M. Harvey Cotter and the officers of the lodge, and everything was found to be in a splendid condition.

Bro. Robert Noxon, who died in Montreal on the 8th ult., in his 94th year, was a member of the Craft for 67 years, not a bad record. He was a member of the Wellington Strict Observance Lodge, which was, with St. Paul Lodge, the only one in existence at that time in Montreal. The old gentleman has been ailing for the past ten years, and has been well cared for by the Masons of Montreal District.

Bro. Chas. F. Foster, a member of Zetland Lodge, Toronto, was buried on Oct. 12, from his residence Beverly street. His remains were interred at Mount Pleasant, a delegation from Hamilton taking part in the burial ceremonies, the deceased having been a member of Strict Observance Lodge in that city. During his residence in Hamilton Bro. Foster was a leading and progressive spirit in the lodge over which he at one time presided, and some years since was elevated to a Grand Lodge dignity. He was equally active in Chapter and Preceptory and had attained the 32° in the A. & A. Scottish Rite of which he was a devoted member. His death at the early age of 40 is much deplored and to his widow and orphans the members of the Craft generally extend their cordial sympathy.

The brethren of New Dominion Lodge, No. 205, New Hamburg, W. Bro. J. D. Allin, W.M., attended divine service recently at St. George's Church, on which occasion there was a large attendance of

local brethren and a respectable contingent from Stratford, consisting of W. Bro. Mowat of Stratford Lodge, Worshipful Bro. Denne of Tecumseth, R. W. Bro. Moran, P.M., Bro. Thos. Henderson, Bro. I. Becker and Bro. E. Harkman. After the usual exercises came the great event of the day, namely the sermon by Right Worshipful and Rev. Bro. R. Ker, the present assistant rector of St. James' church, Stratford. Bro. Ker's reputation as an able exponent of the principles of Free Masonry was made under the Sister Grand Lodge of Quebec, but those who have heard him since he came to Ontario know that half was not told. Being thoroughly familiar with the whole system and having held high office in the Craft, he spoke with confidence both as to its principles and secret work. The sermon was listened to with the deepest attention and was the subject of general commendation afterwards.

R. Ex. Comp. C. W. Postlethwaite, Grand Superintendent of the Toronto District, paid the first official visit of his term to Tuscan R. A. Chapter, No. 95 Brampton, at its last regular convocation, and was greeted with a fraternal cordiality that augurs well for visits to come. There was a large number of Companions present to do honour to the visitor, who had come to present the warrant which had been granted with congratulatory encomiums at the last meeting of the Grand Chapter. The R. Ex. Companion was received with becoming honours, and on assuming the sceptre expressed his gratification at the apparent strength and prosperity of Tuscan Chapter, which from a germ has grown, in less than twelve months under dispensation, to the size and importance of the leading Chapters of the Jurisdiction, and with most hopeful and encouraging prospects. After the usual business an adjournment was made to the refreshment room where the Ex. Z. again welcomed their guest, and where the latter replied in felicitous terms. Toasts and speeches followed, and an enjoyable evening was brought to a close in time to permit the Toronto Companions to catch their train.

UNITED STATES.

In Arkansas last year 100 lodges failed to make returns.

The Grand Lodge of Tennessee has laid a tax of \$2 upon the non-affiliates for the benefit of the New Masonic Home.