

Goodwood Lodge, No. 159, Richmond, has taken a new lease of life under its present set of officers. The old W.M. had held on to the chair for so long that matters were almost at a standstill for want of new blood.

In response to an invitation from Washington Lodge, of Buffalo, about twenty members of Merritt and Copestone Lodges left Welland for Buffalo to witness the working of the third degree and were highly pleased.

Civil Service Lodge, No. 148, Ottawa, has a regularly constituted choir which holds meetings for practise at stated intervals. The lodge work is well and impressively rendered by W. Bro. Roper and his excellent staff of officers.

The dark cloud that hovered over two of our city lodges has dissolved, and reputable candidates now pass the ballot. The one lodge, however, where the minority—an excessively small one—assert their rights, still hold the floor, and candidates are rejected.

The Ottawa lodges have paid the last instalment on the beautiful monument erected on the Masonic burial plot in Beechwood cemetery. Both the plot and the monument are therefore entirely free from debt and are a credit to the craftsmen of the capital.

Bro. Joseph Butterworth, of London, recently presented Kilwinning Lodge, 65, with an apron over 100 years old, which was the property of his uncle, who was initiated in Manchester, Eng., in 1770. The apron is of white silk, and the emblems on it were hand printed. Bro. Butterworth is 81 years of age.

The brethren in the capital do not seem to be manifesting much interest in the coming D.D.G.M. for Ottawa district, the general impression being that it is the turn of a country brother to fill the office. Several brethren, however, manifest a preference for V. W. Bro. Bothwell, of Evergreen Lodge, Lanark.

Grand Z. Hungerford has granted a dispensation for the resuscitation of St. Mark's Chapter at Trenton. The outlook of Royal Arch Masonry is brighter at present than at any time for some years past. Encouraging reports are received from enthusiastic companions in the West, with the exception of two places, viz., Strathroy and Woodstock.

About a dozen Shriners from Toronto visited Buffalo last week, and were hospitably entertained by Shriners there. Shoe-horns were in great demand in Buffalo next day, as it was with much difficulty the boys got their heads inside their hats. They came through in bond, and did not require the services of the ambulances which had been sent to the station to meet them.

A meeting was held in Ottawa last month for the purpose of organizing a lodge of Perfection to work the Scottish rite. R. W. Bro. E. B. Butterworth, 32°, was the converse, and as a result of the gathering, seventeen Master Masons put their names down as charter members. The application for a dispensation has been forwarded to Hamilton, and the new lodge is expected to be in working order in a few weeks.

D. D. G. M. Anderson officially visited Lorne Lodge, Glencoe, recently, and expressed himself as highly pleased with the working of the lodge. A number of visiting brethren were present on the occasion, among whom were T. O. Currie, A. McIntyre, L. Carpenter, L. McIntyre, J. M. Corneil and other prominent Masons. After the close of the lodge the brethren repaired to the McAlpine House, where a sumptuous repast awaited them, and a very pleasant evening was spent.

The April communication of St. John's Lodge, 209 a, promises to be of more than ordinary significance, from the fact that the officers of the different lodges in the city and District No 3, (London) are to be invited to spend an evening with the brethren of St. John's