

may arise, has a damaging influence on the future well-being of the Craft. On a future occasion I may probably recur to the question, if you will allow me.

It gives me real pleasure to find that Builders' Lodge, from which so many members withdrew to found the Prince of Wales Lodge, has thoroughly bestirred itself and is now in a much more satisfactory condition, financially and otherwise. There is a good deal of "bottom" in this Lodge, and, if I mistake not, it will successfully surmount its troubles and assume a great amount of its old prestige.

Other Lodges, too, are looking up, notably that hive of industry the Chaudiere; initiations are the order of the day with it, and the material is unimpeachable. The officers and brethren work together with a will, each emulating the other in interest for the general weal of the whole. It is undoubtedly one of the strongest and best worked Lodges in the city.

I am also glad to hear that the Carleton Royal Arch Chapter is again assuming its wonted degree of prosperity. These reports rejoice ones heart after the gloomy forebodings of the past two or three years.

Dalhousie, Fidelity, and Builders Lodges elect their officers at their June communication. I am able to furnish the result of the two former which are as follows, but the meeting of the latter has not, at the time of writing, taken place:—

Dalhousie Lodge—W. Bro. E. D. Parlow, W. M.; Bros. W. Renolds, S. W.; H. W. Bennett, J. W.; W. Anderson, Treasurer; G. B. Green, Secretary; (all re-elected); M. P. Pike, Chaplain; John Sweetman, Tyler re-elected.

Fidelity Lodge—W. Bro. E. Plant, W. M.; Bros. W. Rice, S. W.; F. W. Leggatt, J. W.; — Campbell, Treasurer; A. Chatfield, Secretary (re-elected); John McCarthy, Tyler (re-elected.)

The Burial Plot Committee which has, perforce, been quiescent for some time, announces two evening excursions down the Ottawa river per

*Peerless*, the first on St. John's day, 24th inst., and the second on July 24th. If successful, more will be announced. This Committee has strong claims on the fraternity, for the benefits accrue to the members of the Craft alone. It is therefore hoped that brethren will demonstrate their interest herein, and with the aid of the general public, make the Committee's endeavor successful. As a proof of the need of such an institution as a burial plot, it may be mentioned that on Saturday last (7th inst.) all that was mortal of the late Bro. H. G. Tiepke found a suitable resting place within its borders. Dying somewhat suddenly, at the age of 57 years, he left a widow unfortunately in almost actual want—a native of Switzerland and entirely friendless. Much to her relief, her late husband's body was laid in its earthly rest by brotherly hands, with tears of gratitude flowing from her sorrow stricken heart. Brethren, this is a noble work—one of the noblest falling to the lot of men—one that your vows call upon you to succor manfully and bring it to a successful consummation. Thus Freemasonry becomes the handmaid of Mercy, aiding the widow and fatherless, the poverty stricken, and holds out its helping hand when sorrow strikes its deepest wounds.

I feel, however, that no special pleading is necessary to enable the Committee to raise the requisite funds for having an appropriate railing placed round their handsome lot, and a suitable monument raised thereon, which is the object in view, and for which they hope to realize a sufficient sum from these excursions, and, I believe, from other promised and shortly forthcoming grants, I have great faith in the backbone of Ottawa Masons enabling the Committee to accomplish this and even more if required, more especially as the Committee have the confidence and good will of every brother. I am