

crease their members by solicitation, but wait for the proper material to offer, which will assuredly come in time.

Since my visit to them the Registrar, R. E. Sir Knight C. A. Humber, reports that they have had to mourn the loss by death of one who had endeared himself to them by his courteous and Knightly actions, in the person of Judge Toms. This is the second death since the last returns were made, Sir Knight Craig having received the call, laid down his arms at the foot of the cross, having faith in that symbol on which his redemption was wrought, and received the crown, his reward for faithful service.

WINDSOR, NO. 26, WINDSOR.—On the 6th of January I paid this Preceptory a visit and installed the officers for the ensuing year. The attendance was small. Some of the retiring officers were not at their posts and the work done was not up to their usual standard. V. E. Sir Knight D. L. Carley, the Presiding-Preceptor, apologized for the hurried manner in which the business was transacted by pleading of serious illness in the family at home. They had a large amount of work on hand for which a special meeting was called for the following week. I was courteously invited to attend, but owing to the inclemency of the weather and the long distance I would have to travel prevented me from accepting. I do not doubt but what I lost a treat, for the intention was to turn out in full force and work the degrees in their usual elaborate style. Invitations were sent to the Templars on the other side of the river to be present and witness the Canadian work. This Preceptory is favorably situated, being in close proximity to two of the most famous Commanderies across the river (Detroit and Damascus). Their frequent interchange of courtesies is of great value to them. The excellency of their work is a proof that they avail themselves of the advantages that such well-trained bodies furnish them.

This district, on the whole, is fairly progressive, though not increasing in some parts so rapidly as in others. The lowering of the Chapter fees must in time have a beneficial effect and tend to increase our number.