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October last, and while he had not attained prominent rank would certainly, ere many years had passed, have become a member of this body. I refer to Sir Kt. George C. Davis, of London, Ontario.

OFFICIAL VISITS.

For the reasons I have already given, I was unable to make as many visits as I intended, or to accept many invitations received. Besides attending my mother Preceptory, Mount Calvary No. 12, at most of its meetings during the year, I have visited the Preceptories at Hamilton, Brantford, Chatham, Windsor, Sarnia, London, St. Thomas, St. Catharines and Geoffrey de St. Aldemar, Toronto.

I do not intend to criticize the work I saw performed on these occasions. It is the duty of the Provincial Priors to do this which no doubt they have attended to. I met the officers and members of the several Preceptories and talked over the work of the Order generally. My visits were not for inspection, that is for the Provincial Priors.

On the occasion of my visit to Godfrey de Bouillon in January last, I not only had the pleasure of witnessing the work of the Red Cross degree and the installation of officers, but I had also the pleasant duty to perform of presenting R. E. Frater O. S. Hillman, our able Grand Treasurer, with the Past Deputy Grand Master's jewel authorized by last Assembly to be conferred upon him.-This honor was well deserved, as for years he has acted as Grand Treasurer in a very efficient manner.

I need hardly say that wherever I visited I was received with that enthusiasm and hospitality which are such prominent features of the regard our Fratres show to the Supreme Grand Master.

In Brantford the work is progressing favorably and I again witnessed the Red Cross degree. I have no desire to make invidious distinctions, but in this case it is only justice to say that the efficient Registrar, Frater J. J. Inglis, deserves credit for the enthusiastic manner in which he performs his duties and looks after the interests of the Preceptory in general.

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