

trust that the infusion of new and young blood will increase materially her membership during the term of my successor.

Ivanhoe, No. 4.—Is also increasing somewhat and will I trust be able to avoid the necessity of the recommendation made some two years ago to amalgamate with another lodge. She is somewhat weak in ritualistic work.

Toronto, No. 30.—Has enlisted a good number of new members, while between all the members there exists an honest and friendly rivalry in the rendition of the ritualistic work. The lodge has paid special attention to the working of the first rank which I think now has attained a state of as near perfection as was ever attained, at least during my experience, in this jurisdiction. Smoking concerts and refreshments are the features of each of their meetings, and this not only increases the volume of their members and visitors but incites an enthusiasm most desirable and essential to every lodge.

Ontario, No. 25.—Has already been referred to herein, and by way of supplement, I can say that I think in taking all the ranks into consideration no better set of officers were installed by me in this district. Their membership has been steadily increasing and that out of the most desirable classes.

Queen City, No. 18.—Has as usual been forging steadily ahead both by way of applications for membership, and attention to finances. Her members zeal and enthusiasm in the interest of the Order is too well known to necessitate further comment from me.

Amicus, No. 20.—Has been steadily increasing in membership and its officers all seem desirous of and anxious to deliver the secret work without the assistance of rituals. Its meetings are all well attended both by old and new members and by visitors, and what is especially commendable the lodge is opened on time on nearly every one of their meeting nights.

Syracuse, No. 39.—Seems to have overridden the difficulties which threatened to swamp her, and with the addition of new members and the experience of old members a more active interest is being taken in its affairs. I feel that this is a section (West Toronto Junction), where Pythianism should be represented, and would be very sorry to see the lodge go under as was threatened at one time in her history.

Philos, No. 41.—Unless some improvement be made for the better in the matter of attendance or increase in membership, I should strongly recommend that this lodge be amalgamated with some one of the city lodges. In her present crippled state her influence cannot be otherwise than pernicious in affecting the interest of her members and doing the order an injury by their apathy manifested to outside members. The personnel of the lodge is strong but the whole interest in her affairs devolves on some five or six members who constitute her usual attendance. If the Provincial Deputy could be spared to