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Upon hearing of the death of Brother William Corry, lately resident in the State of Michigan, and a member of the charter members of the Lodge, we solved to present the afflicted family with the following address of condolence:—

We, the members of C. U. Lodge, with therefore to tender to the mother and family of our deceased brother, our sincere sympathy in their great affliction. While we as a Lodge have lost one of our noblest Charter members, we feel that we can stand but on the threshold of your grief. During our deceased brother's residence among us he proved a true friend of Temperance, and with us he earnestly worked for