

tered bank. Last December returns were not ready until May. The books of the treasurer are all that could be desired. The hall is leased from the Masonic Hall Trust; the lodge's share of the furniture is \$650, and it is fully insured. There are only three members in arrears over two years. The assets are \$900, liabilities *nil*. Arrears of dues at date of visit \$109 80. The prospects of the lodge are excellent. This lodge will group in the front rank with the best in the district. This lodge supports a cot in The Lakeside Home for Little Children on Toronto Island. At one meeting, at the refreshment table over \$200 was collected for this purpose in the charity box.

Occident Lodge, No. 346, Toronto.

This lodge has 154 members on its register; the average attendance is 30. The W. M. opens and closes in all, and exemplifies the E. A. very fairly, but only a part of the F. C., and none of the M. M. P. M.'s have given the F. C. and M. M. The wardens' work is a good average, that of the deacons' weak, and that of the I. G. good. The books of the secretary and treasurer are in excellent condition, those of the former especially. He is very painstaking and careful. The funds are paid to the treasurer promptly, and deposited in a chartered bank. The hall is leased; is suitable, and is in good condition. The furniture is valued at \$750—insured for \$500. There are 20 members in arrears over one year; 3 over two, and 1 over four. The assets are \$1,000, the liabilities *nil*. This lodge is prosperous, well attended by P. M.'s, and has a good membership.

St. George's Lodge, No. 367, Toronto.

This lodge has 116 members on its register, and has an average attendance of 35. The W. M. can exemplify fairly well the E. A. and F. C., but not the M. M. He opens and closes in all the degrees. His S. W.'s work is excellent; his J. W.'s good, but not close; his deacons' weak, his I. G.'s very good. The books of both secretary and treasurer are well kept, and the cash is paid over promptly to the treasurer. The hall is leased; is suitable, and is in good condition. The furniture is valued at \$600; is insured for \$500. An inventory is kept. Longest period any member's in arrear is three years—total arrears, at date of visit, being \$160. Invested funds amount to \$350, assets \$1,087, liabilities *nil*. The prospects of this lodge are good. The W. M. and officers are all earnest craftsmen.

Orient Lodge, No. 329, Toronto.

There are 120 members on the register. The average attendance is 35. The W. M. has exemplified all the degrees, and is a good average worker, lacking only a little attention to detail. The Warden's work is not accurate, but is better than average

I tested the W. M. in different sections of all the degrees, and was favourably disappointed. He has his heart in the work. The cash is promptly handed over to the treasurer by the secretary, and deposited in a chartered bank. The books of both secretary and treasurer are business-like, and in good condition. The hall is leased, is suitable and in good condition, being a new building. The furniture is valued at \$1,400 and insured for \$800. The longest period any member is in arrear is eighteen months. The lodge has no invested funds. Its assets are \$1,400, and liabilities \$200. The future of the lodge ought to be good. During the past six months it is alleged that outside matters have been dragged into lodge business, and quite a number of candidates have been black-balled, but I have hopes that harmony has now been restored.

Alpha Lodge, No. 384, Parkdale.

There are 107 on the register; the average attendance is 30. The W. M. has worked the E. A. and a small portion of the F. C., but not the M. M. The F. C. and M. M. have during the year been exemplified by P. M.'s. The W. M.'s work is only tolerable; that of the Wardens is above the average. The Wardens are anxious to meet for rehearsal of work, but are not able to influence the W. M. in the same direction. The examination of candidates for advancement is very lax, for on the occasion of my third visit I found candidates for the F. C. not at all prepared, so that their progress for that evening was barred. If I had not been present they would have been put through irrespective of examination. I believe that the posting of candidates in this lodge has been unsatisfactory in the past, and that the W. M.'s have not insisted rigidly enough on preparation before advancement. The secretary's books are models for any lodge in the jurisdiction, and are the best in the district. The cash is promptly handed over by the secretary, and is deposited in a chartered bank by the treasurer, whose books are well kept. The hall is leased, is suitable, in good condition; it is one of the most commodious and best furnished in the jurisdiction; complete in every respect. The hall is owned by a company, in which members of the lodge are interested. It is worth \$12,250, and is insured for \$8,000. The furniture is worth \$1,400, and is insured for \$1,200. An inventory of the furniture is kept outside the lodge room. The assets of the lodge are \$1,800, the liabilities \$1,039. As to the future prosperity of the lodge the outlook is fair. I think the work could be vastly improved upon and the harmony of the lodge promoted if the W. M. would meet with his officers and rehearse the exemplification.