

ance by the brother must be made, still the unauthorized excuse of any brother for the delinquent is taken, and action postponed. It would be better if the provisions of the by-law were changed than not be adhered to strictly. The amount on the books at date of visit was \$800. The assets are about \$5,000, of which about \$3,000 is invested. The liabilities are only nominal. St. John's is a well conducted lodge. The W. M. is an earnest and zealous Mason, one who has the respect of the craft, and his energy in dealing with lodge matters is appreciated. The W. M. and officers elected in June are brethren, who, I am satisfied, will give the work in an accurate and satisfactory manner. This lodge supports a cot in The Lakeside Home for Little Children on Toronto Island.

#### Wilson Lodge, No. 86, Toronto.

This lodge has 116 members on its register; the average attendance is 40. The W. M. exemplifies all the degrees, and is above an average worker. His Wardens' work is fair, that of his Deacons not accurate. The secretary's and treasurer's books are well kept. The cash is paid over promptly and deposited in a chartered bank. The hall is leased from the Masonic Hall Trust, is suitable and in good order. The share of the lodge in the furniture is \$650. It is insured. The arrears of dues at date of last visit were \$27.20 and the longest period any one member is in arrear is over two years. The assets are \$1,526, of which \$500 is invested. The liabilities \$60. The lodge is doing good work.

#### Mevenson Lodge, No. 218, Toronto.

This lodge has 112 members, with an average attendance of 47. The W. M. has exemplified all the degrees and is a very fair worker. His wardens and deacons give good average work. The books of the secretary and treasurer are well kept; the cash is paid over promptly to the treasurer and deposited in a chartered bank. The secretary elected last year failed to account for about \$280 of lodge funds, and appropriated them to his own use. He has been disciplined and recommended for expulsion. This is another case where failure to pay over lodge monies has led to peculation by officers. The hall is leased from the Masonic Hall Trust. The lodge share of furniture is \$650, and is insured by the Trust. There are no members in arrear of dues. The invested funds are \$900, and the assets about \$1,800; liabilities nil. The lodge is well conducted, and is making good progress.

#### Ashlar Lodge, No. 247, Toronto.

This lodge has 125 members on its register, the average attendance being 30. The W. M. is one of the closest workers in the district, and with his Wardens, gives the exemplification with fidelity and accuracy

of detail. The Deacons' work is very fair. This lodge is noted for its good work. The books of both secretary and treasurer are in first rate order; the cash is deposited in a chartered institution. The hall is leased, is in good condition, is suitable, is well furnished, but ante-room accommodation is very poor. The furniture is valued at \$920, is insured for \$750, and an inventory is kept inside the lodge building, and not as it should be, outside. The invested funds are \$457, the assets \$1,541, liabilities nil. The arrears of dues at date of visit were \$260, and the longest period any one member is in arrears is over two years. The lodge has a benevolent fund of about \$1,500. This lodge stands pre-eminently in the front rank with about four other city lodges. Its success is assured; the utmost harmony prevails. The W. M. and officers have weekly rehearsals for work, and it is indeed "a model" lodge.

#### Doric Lodge, No. 316 Toronto.

This lodge has 108 members, with an average attendance of 28. The W. M. opens and closes just fairly well, and exemplifies the E. A. with tolerable correctness, but not the F. C. or M. M. He has, however, never given any work in the lodge. P. M.'s have exemplified the three degrees. The S. W.'s work is excellent, and that of the deacons fair. The J. W. has not been in the lodge since the night of installation. The books of the secretary are kept in a thoroughly business-like manner, and those of the treasurer are satisfactory. The hall is leased from the Masonic Hall Trust, and is suitable. The lodge share of the furniture is \$650, and is insured by the Trust. The dues are collected closely, only one member being in arrear over two years. The amount on the books at date of visit was \$355. The invested funds are \$542, and the assets about \$1,600. The prospects of the lodge would be better if the W. M. would rehearse the work with the officers. Dull exemplification by a W. M. ten is to weaken the interest of not only officers but members. This lodge suffered last year by the illness of the I. P. M., an excellent officer, whose continued ill health compelled him to give up lodge work.

#### Zetland Lodge, No. 326, Toronto.

This lodge has 114 members on its register; the average attendance is 24. The W. M. exemplifies all the degrees, and is one of the brightest workers in the district. Before his installation he could give not only his own work, but that of all his officers. His S. W. is just a passable worker, and his J. W. a very fair one. The work of his Deacons is above the average. The secretary's books are well kept, but returns might be more promptly made. The cash is paid over to the treasurer and deposited in a char-