

deacons' poor. The books of the secretary and treasurer are in good condition, the cash promptly paid over, but not deposited in any bank. The hall is leased and not suitable. The lodge has leased rooms in a new building, which cannot be considered comfortable. The furniture is valued at \$800; insured for \$500, and an inventory is kept. There are no members in arrear over one year. The amount on the books, at date of visit, was \$39 50. The assets about \$800, liabilities *nil*. The prospects of the lodge are favourable.

York Lodge, No. 156, Eglington.

There are 83 members on the register; the average attendance is 15. The W. M. works the E. A. fairly well and initiated one candidate at my second visit, and as there was no candidate for advancement he exemplified selected portions of the F. C. and M. M. The work was above the average. The W. M. and Wardens evince a strong interest in the work; that of the Wardens was average work. The secretary's books are all exceedingly well kept. The treasurer's books are all in good condition. The funds are deposited in a chartered bank. The hall is leased, is suitable, in first rate condition; the furniture is valued at \$750 and is insured for \$500 in the Western Insurance company. The longest period any brother is in arrears is five years. The assets are \$883, and the liabilities are \$190. As to the future of the lodge, it should be stated that the lodge has overcome almost insurmountable difficulties, caused by a total loss by fire, and by many of the old members leaving for other parts of the country. Care and economy have been exercised, and the lodge expenses have been reduced to a minimum. This lodge is situated two and a half miles from Toronto. I have had to call the attention of the W. M. to the fact that his jurisdiction on the south and west extended only half way to the nearest lodge room, viz., Ashlar and Occident. My attention had been called to the fact that candidates were being ballotted for in York who reside within the jurisdiction of Occident and Ashlar, hence my action.

Brougham Union Lodge, No. 322, Brougham.

This lodge cannot be called a progressive one. There are 41 members on its register, and the average attendance is only 10. The W. M. can only exemplify the E. A., and the opening and closing in the degrees by himself and wardens was far from passable work. His deacons know nothing of their work. The secretary's books are in excellent condition, well kept and a credit to the lodge. The treasurer's book consisted of a small pass book with entries of cash for secretary. The hall is leased, is suitable, and in good condition. The furniture is valued at \$250, and is insured

in the City of London Company for \$200. The longest period any brother is in arrear is two years. The assets are \$400, including \$100 in cash, which I was surprised to hear was invested in a promissory note, endorsed by the treasurer. I have doubts as to the future of this lodge. The brethren live at long distances from Brougham, and many seem desirous of moving the lodge to Claremont, on the C. P. R. A number of brethren live at Pickering, six miles south of Brougham, and an effort has been made to establish a lodge at that place, but with Brougham lodge located as it is, I could not see my way clear to recommend a dispensation for a new lodge at Pickering. The W. M. of Brougham is a willing craftsman, but has no encouragement in his work. New energy will have to be created by the officers or some change made in order to revive the interest in the lodge. Under the present circumstances the prospects of improvement are dim.

Brock Lodge, No. 354, Cannington.

This lodge has 36 members on its register; the average attendance is 15. The W. M., a P. M., is an average worker, opens and closes with tolerable correctness in the three degrees, and exemplified for me selected portions of all. He has given all the work. The Wardens are not accurate, and the Deacons not posted. The secretary's and treasurer's books are in good order; the former does not follow the formula. The hall is leased, is a new one, very conveniently and comfortably furnished. The furniture is worth \$300, and is insured for \$200, but no inventory is kept. The funds are deposited in a chartered bank. The arrears at date of last visit in May were \$119. Many brethren in arrear four or five years were read out, and suspended in June. The assets are \$450, liabilities *nil*. The outlook is fair. The W. M. is a busy man, with lots of energy, and possesses all the qualifications, and with the I. P. M. takes an interest in Craft work. This lodge has suffered like others by a former secretary handling lodge funds for private business, collecting dues and forgetting to pay them over to the treasurer. It is decidedly inconvenient for a lodge to have a secretary with a short memory.

Suggestions and Instructions to Officers.

The statements given in this report indicate the work done in the lodges, its quality, with the condition of lodge records. In every lodge at my request the W. M. and officers opened and closed in the three degrees. If they had candidates they exemplified the work; if they had not they exemplified selected portions. Where the W. M. stated that he was unable to open and close his lodge in the three degrees, or exemplify any, I have not asked the work to