

THE LAKE-SIDE HOME, TORONTO.

The Lakeside Home for Little Children, at Toronto, which was erected some two years ago through the exertions of R. W. Bro. John Ross Robertson and friends, is doing an extensive work of good, and the little invalids are happy and contented in the beneficial enjoyment of country air and sea breezes during the hot summer months. The Home was considerably enlarged this year through the liberality of Bro. Robertson, and is now capable of holding comfortably one hundred children. It is in connection with "The Hospital for Sick Children" located in Toronto, 245 Elizabeth St., the principal object being the transference of convalescents from the City Hospital, to the cool and delightful breezes of the Island. The promoters of the Home also desire to give an opportunity to the weak and ailing in other Children's Homes, as well as the poor little sick ones lying in small, stifling rooms in some of the back streets, lanes, alleys, etc., of Toronto, to drink in life and health from the strong, invigorating air of Lake Ontario.

Some of the Lodges in Toronto have cots in the Home and which are named after the Lodge donating money to aid the funds of the institution. Bro. Robertson was the promoter of the movement which resulted in the establishment of this Home and he has justly earned the praise of his fellow citizens for his benevolence.

The social element of Freemasonry is too often disregarded. The routine work, of course, should not and need not be neglected. But when that has been performed, there is always ample opportunity for the display of those friendly and social characteristics from which innocent pleasures flow, and which redound to the well-being of the membership.—*Grand Master Davidson, of Georgia.*

GRAND LODGE OF NEW MEXICO.

We have received the Proceedings of the last meeting of the Grand Lodge of New Mexico. Like all the Territories, this body has not as yet got its affairs into complete working order, still the pamphlet before us makes a good showing, and indicates that New Mexico means to have a perfect system.

The Grand Master makes this decision:—

"Is a Past Master, hailing as such from another jurisdiction and affiliated in this, eligible for election as Master of the Lodge with which he affiliates without first filling the position of Warden in this jurisdiction? This question was asked me by a brother of Denning Lodge, No. 12, and my reply was that he was eligible."

Regarding work, the Grand Master says:—

"I am aware that the Grand Lodge of New Mexico is said to have a work of its own, but I have been unable to find a repository of the work willing or able to communicate it to subordinate Lodges, and in this state of affairs officers of subordinate Lodges, were all at sea. Our Grand Lecturers have heretofore failed to instruct, authoritatively, subordinate Lodges and gave as an excuse for such failure that they did not themselves have the work. If the constituted custodians of the work are dumb, officers of subordinate Lodges might as well be told to appeal to the Sphinx. In the past four years, the number of subordinate Lodges has almost if not quite doubled, and most of the material in these new Lodges has come from the different jurisdictions in the various States of the Union. In addition to this the officers of many of the older Lodges have affiliated from other jurisdictions during the past four years. All