

place in June, an appeal against the election being now before Grand Lodge.

Patterson Lodge, No. 265, Thornhill.

This lodge has 40 members on register; attendance averages 10. The W. M. is unable to work any of the degrees, and cannot open or close in the F. C. or M. M., in fact he knows nothing whatever of the work, and was conveniently absent on the occasion of both my official visits. The degrees have been worked by P. M.'s whose power of memorization do not keep pace with their zeal, consequently the work is disjointed and indifferent, remarkable for its inaccuracy. The wardens' work is very poor, the deacons' still worse. The secretary, a P. M., keeps the books just reasonably well, failing to enter the names of officers, members or visitors in the minute book, relying on the register book for records. The formula in the model minutes is not followed. The hall is leased, is suitable, in good condition, with poor entrance. The furniture is valued at \$500, is insured for \$200, and no inventory is kept. The longest period any member is in arrears is 18 months. Dues in arrear at time of visit \$35. The fact is that dues have been allowed to accumulate, and many dollars have been lost to the lodge from want of prompt collection. Members will not attend. The assets are \$500, the liabilities nil. It is difficult to form an opinion as to the future of this lodge. The work is so poor that those who do exemplify, so emasculate it of all its beauty, that the language falls like "a dull thud" on the ear of the listener, and relief to the nerves only comes when silence or some other order of business follows. The lodge is at a stand-still, and unless new life is instilled into it, there can be little hope of progress.

Robertson Lodge, No. 272, Nobleton.

This lodge has 20 members on its register. The average attendance is 14. The W. M. opens and closes and exemplifies all. He gave me the E. A. and F. C. and selected portions of the M. M. It was very creditable work. The secretary's and treasurer's books are in good condition, cash is promptly handed over, but is not deposited in a bank or P.O. savings bank. The hall is leased; is very unsuitable. The lodge has resolved to build a new hall, ground has been bought, and tenders let for same. It will be ready for occupation in November. The furniture owned by the lodge is worth \$75; uninsured. Of those in arrear there are seven over one year, three over two, one over three. The invested funds are \$256, and the amount on the books at date of visit \$72. The assets are \$323, the liabilities nil. The lodge was not represented at last meeting of Grand Lodge. The W. M. is

active and energetic, with his heart thoroughly in the work. The prospects for the lodge are fair.

Humber Lodge, No. 305, Weston.

This lodge has 36 members on its register; the average attendance is 9. The W. M. opens and closes in all the degrees, and exemplifies the E. A. and F. C. fairly. His S. W. and Deacons were conveniently absent on the occasion of my second visit, his J. W. is only an average worker. None of the others can do the work. The secretary's books would be all right if the formula was followed. The treasurer's books are only passable. The cash is promptly paid over. The hall is a leased one, suitable, in excellent condition, comfortably furnished, and is used by an Oddfellows' Lodge, who are owners of the hall. The furniture of the lodge is valued at \$100; is uninsured. The total arrears of dues at date of visit were \$75, one member being in arrear for over four and two over two years. The assets are \$250, liabilities nil. The outlook for this lodge is poor. It seems to have outlived its usefulness. The W. M. is anxious and willing, but nearly all the officers are careless. The attendance is poor, and I do not think it will improve. As the suburban villages and towns become more populous, the interest may revive, but it will be in the distant future.

Blackwood Lodge, No. 311, Woodbridge.

There are 40 members on the register; the average attendance 8. The W. M. opens and closes in the three degrees, and works E. A. fairly well, and the F. C. passably. He does not work the M. M. The Wardens' work is under the average. The secretary does not follow the formula, and the entries are irregular, still the books are fairly kept, and the secretary promises to make the necessary improvements. The hall is leased, is not suitable, and in poor condition. The furniture is worth \$150, is insured for \$100, but no inventory is kept. At my first visit in May there were six brethren in arrear of dues, one over three years, and two over four. The assets are \$200, the liabilities nil. The prospects of the lodge are brightening. By the removal of a manufacturing concern from Woodbridge to Toronto, four years ago, the attendance fell off very considerably, and for a time all efforts to revive the interest in the Craft seemed futile, but of late the W. M. has striven to create new life, and negotiations are in progress for the purchase of a new hall, a building that cost \$2,000 having been offered to the lodge for \$800, and it is to be hoped that headway will be made this coming year.

Georgia Lodge, No. 343, Sutton.

This lodge has 49 members on its register, with an average attendance of 13.