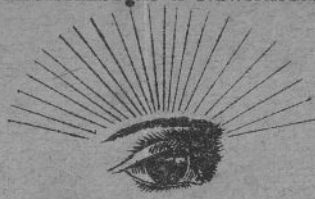


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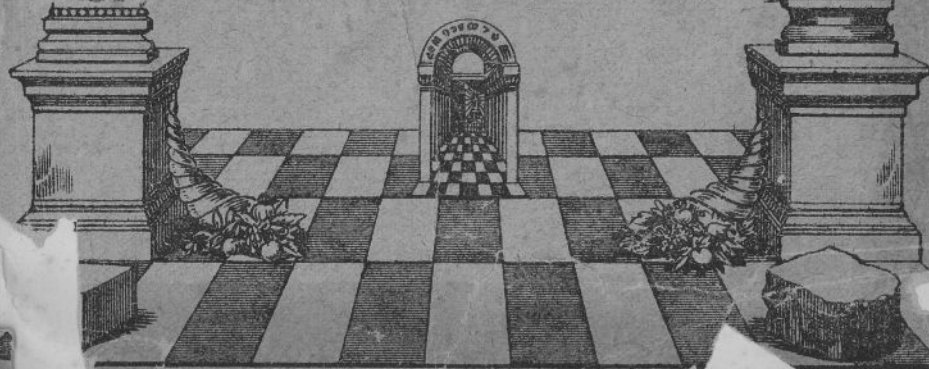
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HINTS FOR EVERYBODY.

In these times of depression, keep a watch. on Major Atkinson in order that time may not be wasted and the business of the colony delayed. Let that watch be a Waterbury, because it is ever reliable and trustworthy, as the Premier of an important colony ought to be.

Keep a watch on the Treasury, and let it be a Waterbury-, because it is worthy the confidence of its owner, and never borrows; speculates 4,.. in unproductive works, or loses caste or capital.

Keep a watch on the Minister for Mines, and let that watch be a Waterbury, because it is not dazzled by old, silver, or precious stones, but pursues the even tenor of its way in a thoroughly prompt and businesslike manner, uninfluenced by reefs, rushes, or drifts.

Keep a watch on the Minister for Education, and let it be a Waterbury, because it is purely secular in its make-up, and inculcates habits of punctuality with due regard to the value of time, without the slightest deviation for the fads of any sect or party.

Keep a watch on the Works department, and let that watch be a Waterbury, in order that trains may run to time, and the travelling public may have an exact idea of when they are likely to reach their destination.

Keep a watch on the Minister for Justice, and of course it should -be a Waterbury, in order that its unswerving accuracy may set an example to the administrators of the law to let their decisions be prompt and reliable, and unvarying under any circumstances

Keep a watch on the the people, and let it be a Waterbury because it is too strong to succumb to any reasonable wear and tear, too simple to get out of order, too cheap to be beyond the reach of the poorest, and too useful to be without. There is no better New Year's 14; souvenir procurable than the Waterbury, and every man, woman, and child should own one.

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ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS.

BRO. M. COTTLE, P.M. 705.—We have received our figures from the Secretary of the Masonic Union, Auckland, with whom we are in constant communication.

Owing to the press of matter we have been obliged to omit our leader as well as other communications.

The installation of Bro. James Gore as D.G.M. of the Grand Lodge of the South Island, S.C. , will take place next month.

A meeting of the Executive Committee of the Auckland district appointed by lodges favourable to the formation of a United Grand Lodge of New Zealand was held lately, when a sub-committee was appointed to carry out the work of organisation.

The first Masonic lodge under the United Grand Lodge of Victoria was constituted in the Masonic hall, Melbourne, May 6th. The constituting ceremony was performed by R.W. Bro. John James, P.M.P.D.G.M. The lodge was called the Davies Lodge, after the hon. the Speaker ; and that gentleman was installed into the Master's chair by M. W. Bro. Geo. Baker, D.G.M., P.G.M.

The V.W. , Comp. C. de L. Graham, T.J. Master of the Zealandia Council of the Allied Masonic; degrees, has received intelligence of the death of the Rev. Canon Portal, the Most Illustrious Grand Master of the Order, which took place at Winchester on the 9th April ; the late Canon Portal was installed as Grand Master of the Cryptic Order in England and Wales in 1871, and continued to hold office up to his decease. As a Mason of over 40 years' standing, he occupied a most prominent place in the Grand Lodge and Chapter of England ; he was a Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Mark Masons, and for many years filled the position of President of the Board of General Purposes. Orders have been received that members of the Allied degrees wear Masonic mourning for three months.

UNITED GRAND LODGE FOR NEW ZEALAND.

A very great deal of interest is being felt in Masonic circles in the Australian colonies, in reference to the movement which is now in progress for the establishment of a united Grand Lodge in New Zealand. We extract the following from the last issue of the Sydney Freemason :-

The agitation now being vigorously worked in New Zealand for the establishment of a Grand Lodge, is " a sign of the times." The example of the three great colonies of Australia has awakened our brethren in the South to vigorous action, and although there is a stubborn minority opposed to the movement on selfish grounds, with a streak of sentiment leavening their opposition, we are confident that ere 1889 closes, the establishment of an independent sovereign Grand Lodge will be an accomplished fact. The advocates of the change are amongst the leaders of the Craft, and have the successful examples of the colonies of this island continent to guide them. No solid arguments have been adduced by the opposition, who seem to be in a great minority. With the advent of so experienced a brother as Earl Onslow, we venture to predict that there will be a speedy change of front by many who have hitherto opposed the movement. He has, we know, discussed the matter with H.R. H. the Grand Master of England, whose prompt and generous recognition of the United Grand Lodge of this colony, goes strongly to prove that the Masonic autonomy of the colonies under the Southern Cross, is really desired by the English Masonic rulers. The same may be said of the Scotch and Irish rulers. In the face of this evident desire for a peaceful separation from the Mother Grand Lodges, we cannot congratulate the opponents of this wide-spread movement in New Zealand for local self-government, on their wisdom and foresight. They may delay its advent for a short period, but so sure as the Moa existed in the land of the Maori, or that their earthquakes do occasionally alter the face of Nature, so surely will Masonic self-government speedily become at.

established fact, and then when its many solid benefits manifest themselves, the wonder will be that anybody, even old time brethren, ever opposed it. When the change does come we hope to learn that Brother Lord Onslow has been unanimously elected the first M. W. Grand Master.

When in Sydney the Earl of Onslow, accompanied by Lord Carrington, the G. M. of N. S. Wales, paid a visit to the new Masonic Hall, and he expressed his great pleasure at the splendid manner in which the "housing" of the lodges was provided for. He never expected to enjoy such a pleasant surprise. His subsequent remarks were significant.

After a tour of the various rooms, the party adjured to the Club Room, where the M. W. Grand Master, in his own happy way, proposed the health of Earl Onslow, who, as a Past Grand Warden of England would, he was sure, be welcomed by the United Grand Lodge of New South Wales. He hoped to see a United Grand Lodge in New Zealand soon. The toast was enthusiastically received. Earl Onslow, responding, expressed the pleasure the visit gave him. He was delighted with all he had seen. The luxurious "housing" of the lodges was a surprise to him, and was in every way a credit to the Craft. He was pleased to find that there was now a "United" Grand Lodge in this colony, and though he could not just then say anything in reference to the movement in New Zealand in favour of a United Grand Lodge, his sympathies were with unity—solid and harmonious—in Masonry. He had received great kindness and attention from the craft since he arrived in the colony, for which he gratefully thanked the brethren, and hoped that prosperity would ever attend their now great Grand Lodge.

Lodge Canterbury, 1048, E. C., carried a motion in favour of a united grand lodge for the colony by a substantial majority.

The Feilding Masonic Lodge have decided to join the Grand Lodge.

Victoria Lodge, 1,577, I.C. (Napier), have passed a resolution affirming the desirability of establishing a Grand Lodge.

The Ulster Lodge, Petone, I.C., has passed a resolution in favour of the United Grand Lodge movement.

"The Advance Lodge, Brunnerton, No. 2,215, E.C., Foxton Kilwinning, No. 727, S.C., and Lodge Montrose, No. 726, S. C., have all joined the United Grand Lodge movement.

At the monthly meeting of St. John's Lodge, Timaru, 1137, S. C., a resolution was carried to oppose the formation of a United Grand Lodge at the present time.

The mark degree, United Lodge of England, has decided in favour of the colonies assuming the title of a District Grand Lodge, with power to regulate their own fees.

The members of Mount Ida Lodge, E.C., have passed a resolution against joining the movement in favour of a United Grand Lodge for New Zealand.

At the regular meeting of Lodge Peninsula Kilwinning, No. 696, S.C., held on the 13th ult., a resolution was carried by a very large majority—"That in the opinion of this lodge it is not desirable to join the present movement to establish a Grand Lodge for New Zealand."

At a committee meeting of members of Lodge Celtic, No. 477, S.C., held on the 15th ult. it was decided, by a very substantial majority, not to join the proposed grand lodge movement. Somerset Lodge, Ashburton, has resolved against joining the movement to form a Grand Lodge.

The Grand Lodge of Victoria, which was constituted on the 2nd March last, has been fully recognised by the United Grand Lodge of England, and H.R.H. the Prince of Wales has consented to be Patron. We hear that since the union of Constitutions the Craft in Victoria has made very great progress. A large number of brethren, who were dissatisfied under the old regime and who had withdrawn from active membership, have now joined the Masonic ranks again, and

general satisfaction is expressed at the prosperous state of affairs. We trust it will not be long before the Unite I Grand Lodge of New Zealand is an accomplished fact, so that the Craft may show signs of greater activity, and with satisfactory results.

As a majority of the lodges under the Three Constitutions have now decided in favour of a United Grand Lodge for New Zealand, it will not be long before further steps are taken to constitute the same in a proper Masonic manner. Our sympathies are entirely with the movement for Masonic self-government in this Colony, and we shall therefore anxiously await further developments. We would urge those lodges which have, as yet, not discussed the question, to do so without further delay.— *N.Z. Mail* (Masonic).

A meeting of members of Lodge Otago Kilwinning, No. 417, the oldest Masonic Lodge of the Scottish Constitution in the colony, was held on the 30th May, when the following resolution was passed by a large majority—" That it is not expedient to join the present movement for the formation of 1, Grand Lodge for New Zealand."

At the last regular meeting of the Somerset Lodge, 1811, E.C., held at Ashburton on Friday, the 14th inst, the question of the proposed United Grand Lodge for New Zealand was again fully discussed. A resolution was unanimously passed to the effect that at present it would not be advisable to form a United Grand Lodge. A similar resolution was passed in the Thistle Lodge on the 20th inst by a substantial majority. The St. Johns Lodge also passed a resolution against the movement, so that at present a United Grand Lodge for New Zealand meets with but very little favour amongst the Ashburton masons.

HOME AND FOREIGN.

The smallest Grand Chapter in the world is the Grand Chapter of South Australia, which has only one chapter under it. At the time the Grand Lodge of South Australia was formed there were only two chapters in the colony, one E.C. and one I.O The Arch regulation of England renders it necessary thit their chapters must be attached to lodges of the English Constitution, consequ'ently when all the E.C. lodges joined the new Grand Lodge, the chapter charter was withdrawn. The chapter then declared itself a Grand Chapter, and has just received recognition as such from the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of England. The Irish Chapter maintains its connection with the Leinster Lodge I.C., the only lodge which did not ally itself with the Grand Lodge of South Australia. Both chapters are on the most amicable terms.

It is an open secret that the M.W. Grand Master of South Australia, His Honor Chief Justice Way, will at the quarterly communication of Grand Lodge in July resign the position of Grand Master, which he has occupied so creditably for four years, and that he will propose as his successor, Bro. His Excellency the Earl of Kintore, Governor of the Colony. It is understood that the services of Bro. His Honour Chief Justice Way will not be lost to the Craft, hut that as Pro. Grand Master, he will still be the working head of the order.

The Grand Lodge of South Australia has inserted a new article in its Book of Constitutions, providing that when a lodge excludes a brother for non-payment of dues, the exclusion shall take effect also in every other lodge of which such brother may be a member.

Heartily do we congratulate the sister Grand Lodge of New' South Wales upon the successful outcome of its labours to raise a Widows' and Orphans' Fund. Over A-1,000 have been placed to the credit of this fund as the result of the Bazaar, and our sister colony of N.S.W. can boast not only of having erected the First Grand Lodge, the first Masonic Temple worthy of the name, but also being the first to practically testify that Masonry is capable of acting as well as talking in the matter of charity. With such an excellent example before them, surely the younger Grand Lodges must follow suit.

The late bazaar in aid of the Widasis' and Orphans' Fund, in N.S.W.C., returned the nett amount of 41,062. The fund now amounts to £1,600.— *Victorian Freemason*.

RECEPTION OF LORD ONSLOW AT AUCKLAND ON APRIL 22ND.

The brethren of the Craft assembled at the Masonic Hall, Princes-street, at nine o'clock this morning for the purpose of proceeding to Government House to welcome His Excellency. At 9.30 o'clock the brethren formed into procession outside the hall. The lodges marched in the order of seniority, Lodge Ara leading, the officers of this lodge being—D. F. Evans, Acting W.P.M. ; A. Kidd, P.M. ; S.D. Hanna, S.W. ; T. Robson, J.W. ; W. L. Mitchell, Treasurer ; G. Powley, Secretary ; Rev. R. Kidd, Chaplain ; A. Hanna, Organist ; M. Chapman, S.D. ; E. Butler, J.D. ; James Boskill, J.G. ; and E. Tonge, Tyler.

Lodge Waitemata.—C. Grey, W.M. ; Capt. Olive, I.P.M. ; Charles Crozier, S.W. ; Wm. Dunn, J.W. ; W. Hatswell, Treasurer ; H. G. Wade, Secretary ; W. Grey, S.D. ; W. Stewart, J.D. ; James Gerrard, J.G. ; E. Tonge, Tyler. St. Andrew's Lodge.—J. Page, W.M. ; F. Macrae, P.M. ; Symons, D.M. ; Anderson, S.M. ; • Beverge, S.W. ; Thomas, J.W. ; Rev. Gould, Chaplain ; Ellison, Treasurer ; Tewsley, Secretary ; R. Robertson, S.D. ; T. Finlay, J.D. ; Dr. Walker, Organist ; J. Strathern, J.G. ; and E. Tonge, Tyler.

The United Service Lodge came next.—W. Craig, W.M. ; G. Leaning, J.W. ; A. Brock, Secretary ; H. A. Ellison, S.D. ; F. Reid, Organist ; John Hartley, Steward ; M. Keesing, J.G. ; E. Tonge, Tyler.

Lodge Eden.—F. Warren, W.M. ; T. Jones, P.M. ; J. Warren, P.M. ; W. Cox, Treasurer ; and W.S. Williams, Secretary.

Prince of Wales.—M. Windsor, W.M. ; J. B. Clark, P.M. ; E. Davis, S.W. The representatives of other lodges from the suburbs and country, marched according to seniority. All were in full regalia, a special dispensation having been granted to wear it. The members of the Provisional Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons brought up the rear. Upon arrival at the door of Government House the Masons ranged upon either side, thus allowing the Grand Lodge of Mark Masters to ascend the verandah, forming a double line to the hall door. Here were also assembled G. S. Graham, D.G.M., E.C. ; G. P. Pierce, P.G.M., I.C. ; Sir Frederick Whitaker, P.G.M., S.C. ; Messrs W. P. Moat, M.H.R. ; W. Lodder, Revs. Tebbs and Nelson, and other Mark Master Masons. Mr George Powley acted as marshal. After waiting about a quarter of an hour the sudden increase of the crowd showed that the Governor was approaching. Presently Mr W. Crowther rode on horseback down the line, followed in a few minutes by the band and guard of honour.

Then the carriage containing Lord Onslow and Mr Devore arrived. The Mayor formally handed over Lord Onslow to his brethren of the Craft, and returned to the Grand Hotel with the Countess of Onslow and Mrs Devore. As the Governor stepped on to the platform all gentlemen present uncovered their heads, while loud cheers were given. Lord Onslow was received by the heads of the English, Irish, and Scotch Constitutions, Messrs G. S. Graham, G. P. Pierce, and Sir F. Whitaker.

Mr Graham stepped forward and said :—" Your Excellency, on behalf of the Freemasons of Auckland, I have been entrusted with the duty and pleasure of presenting you with this address :—

" To the Right Worshipful Brother, the Right Hon. Earl of Onslow, P.G.S.W., of England. Right Worshipful Sir and Brother,—On behalf of the Freemasons of Auckland, we beg to offer you a cordial and fraternal welcome to New Zealand. We hail with great pleasure the advent of so distinguished a brother in Freemasonry as yourself, and we cannot but feel that your residence amongst us will tend to promote the welfare and prosperity of the Craft throughout the colony. With hearty good wishes for the health and happiness of yourself, Lady Onslow and family, and trusting that your sojourn amongst us may be in every way agreeable and enjoyable, we have the honour to subscribe ourselves Right Worshipful Sir, yours truly and fraternally —Geo. S. Graham, D.G.M., E.C. ; Geo. P. Pierce, P.G.M., I.C. ; Frederick Whitaker, P.G.M., S.C."

The Rev. C. M. Nelson, D.P.G.M., then addressed His Excellency. He said " On behalf of the P.G.M., Dr. Dawson, who is absent on duty at the Easter encampment of volunteers, the duty has devolved upon me, on behalf of the Mark Master Masons, to present you with the following address :-

" To the R. W. Bro. the Hon. the Earl of Onslow, K.C.M.G. , P.G.S.W. Right Worshipful Sir and Brother,—It affords us great pleasure, on behalf of the Mark Master Masons of Auckland, E.C., to welcome you in New Zealand. The great interest you have always taken in Mark Masonry, and the exalted position you occupy in connection with the degree, is already well-known to and highly appreciated by us. You come amongst us, worshipful sir, not as a stranger, but as a brother, who has made such a mark in our order as can never be effaced, and while we honour you as the representative of our Gracious Majesty the Queen, we would beg you to accept our most sincere and fraternal regards as a representative of that Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons, of which we have the honour to be humble but most loyal members.—(Sd). F. W. E. Dawson, P.G.M.: C. M. Nelson, D.P.G.M. ; W. P. Moat, P.G.D. ; P. G. Treasurer, T. W. Kitt, P.G. Standard Br. P.G. Secretary."

"Worshipful Brethren, I have received your friendly fraternal address with feelings of no small gratitude. To be welcomed, not as a stranger but as a brother, in a land where I am not personally known, adds another proof of the value to all men of being included in our degree. Cemented by this common bond I am led to hope. that my brethren of the

Craft, who are so numerous, so influential, and so widely spread throughout the colony, will be favourably predisposed towards my humble efforts worthily to represent -Her Gracious -Majesty the Queen, that they will not readily mark whatever may be done amiss, but will rather seek to interpret all actions in the spirit suggested by the principles inculcated by our order."

His Excellency replied :—" Worshipful Brothers,—It has afforded me sincere pleasure to receive in your name, representing as you do the important District Grand Lodge of Auckland so cordial and fraternal a welcome on landing on the shores of New Zealand. It shows, if proof were wanting, that brotherly love—the first principle of Freemasonry, is as strong in this important province of the Empire as in the heart of the Grand Lodge of England itself. As a Past Grand Warden of that Lodge it will be a pleasure to me to explain to His Royal Highness the satisfaction which I feel in learning that Freemasonry in New Zealand does not yield in vigour, in prosperity, or in loyalty to any of her sister colonies in the Australasian Colonies.

His Excellency, gracefully bowed to the assemblage and passed inside the Government House amidst prolonged cheering.

The Brethren-then responded and marched back to the Masonic Hall, where they were relieved of their regalia. About 150 Free Masons were present in regalia. Others were necessitated by duty to be amongst the City Councillors and also in the guard of honour.

The two addresses presented by the Freemasons to His Excellency were tastefully illuminated by Mr Gulliver. On the top of the left border is the shield of England, on the right that of Scotland, on the left bottom corner is that of Ireland, and on the right bottom corner is that of New Zealand. In the centre of the top is the level, the Masonic emblem which indicates the rank of the distinguished brother as P.G.S.W. of England. Beneath is Lord Onslow's heraldic coat of arms, while at the bottom centre is a shield, bearing the Masonic emblems, the square and compass. The Mark Masters' address is handsomely illuminated, and the border is formed of the various Masonic emblems.

PRESENTATION TO BRO. J. JAMES, P.D.G.M.

A number of Masons met at the Freemasons' Hall, Collins-street, on March 27th—Bro. George Baker, D.G.M., in the chair—to consider the best means of showing their appreciation of the services of Bro. John James for his usefulness to Masonry during the past quarter of a century, and more especially as Chairman of the Executive Committee for the formation of a United Grand Lodge of Victoria. After several brethren had spoken of the very valuable services rendered to the craft by Bro. James, it was decided that the best means of perpetuating his services would be an oil painting of him, similar to that of the M.W.G.M. of England, H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, in Lodge-room No. 3; and an illuminated address in album form. A committee, consisting of the chairman Bro. Geo. Baker, and Bros. T. Main, A. Ellis, Ed. Edwards, jun. , Col. Trythall, and W. B. Edwards were appointed to issue circulars to lodges inviting donations. The chairman expressed a hope that on the occasion of the presentation the brethren would accept his invitation to refreshment.

IN MEMORIAM.

The " Southern Star " Lodge, No. 735, E.C., Nelson, has again been called upon to give up one of her oldest and most hard-working members, in the person of Bro. P.M. John Cann, whose death took place on Thursday evening, the 9th of May, 1889. Few of the brethren were aware of his illness ; hence the account of his death came as a sudden blow to all. The lodge has lost one of its firmest supporters, whose place will not be easily filled.

On Sunday, 12th, according to advertisement, a lodge was called at 1.30 p.m., and some sixty brethren assembled, and no less than eight other lodges were represented. The " Southern Star " had 27 brethren present ; the " Victory," 5927, 20 and about 14 or 15 from the following lodges : The " Forest " Lodge, 1481; the " Shakespear " Lodge, 2248 E.C. of Victoria ; the " Jersey," 2163 ; " St. John's," 175 ; " Greymouth," 1233 ; and " Unanimity " Lodge, 1236 ; and brethren and companions of the R.A. Chapter, 157, Nelson.

The W.M. Bro. Henry Baigent having opened the lodge, which was heavily draped in mourning, the brethren also appearing in full Masonic regalia, stated that the Lodge of Sorrow was called together to testify its regard for the memory of a much beloved brother, by celebrating his obsequies according to the ancient custom -of the Craft.

The Versicles were repeated and responded to very feelingly by all present, organist and choir assisting with the solemn So mote it be."

The W.M. of the " Victory " Lodge, Bro. B.W. Buttle, acting as chaplain, after whose prayer the hymn was sung, " Brief life is here our portion," Bro. P.M. Button in a very feeling manner then pronounced an oration on the merits of the deceased brother, whose remains had been brought from his late residence and placed in the centre of the lodge. Bro. Button said he had known Bro. Cann many years past, and had worked with him in the lodge from his entrance into it. He was initiated in 1873, and in 1875 took office as I.G. He then the following year held office as J.D., and after that as S.W., and in 1879 and 1880 filled the chair of K.S., and again became W.M. in 1883. A more warm-hearted and thorough Mason could not be found, and the " Southern Star " has lost indeed a friend and real brother by the decease of him whose obsequies we are met to celebrate. He could enumerate many other things in relation to his deceased brother, but his present feelings were too much for him, and he must refrain.

While the procession round the Cenotaph went on, the 12th of Ecclesiastes was recited, and Bro. Somerville gave the Dead March in Saul on the organ. At the close of this first part of the ceremony, the procession was formed under the guidance of P.M. W. Lightfoot, and at 2.30 left the hall and marched in front of the hearse to the new cemetery, some of the older brethren having to leave the ranks and take to the coaches, many of which accompanied them.

At the cemetery the Rev. J. P. Kempthorne read the Church of England funeral service in a very impressive manner, and before pronouncing the benediction the W.M. of the " Southern Star," and Bro. Buttle, W.M. of the " Victory," went through the remaining portion of the service appointed by our Craft ritual. Again Bro. Somerville with his organ pealed forth, and the brethren surrounding the grave sang the beautiful hymn, " There is a land of pure delight." The brethren gave the G. Honours, and deposited their sprigs of acacia with the lamb skin on the coffin, and consigned his body to the earth. Retiring to the lodge, the W.M. made a few appropriate remarks, and asked if any brother had anything to say for the good of P.M. in general, or the lodge in particular, when Bro. Buttle, W.M. of the " Victory," rose and said :— W.M.— I desire to convey to you on behalf of the brethren of the " Victory " Lodge, 1927, their hearty and sincere sympathy and condolence in the severe loss you have sustained by the death of Bro. P. M. Cann. He was such an active and useful member that his loss must of necessity be severely felt. But while deploring his loss most sincerely, we hope and trust that his mantle may fall on a worthy brother, who will sustain the honour and credit of the Southern Star" Lodge and Craft generally. Bro. J.G. Harkness, M.H.R., W.M. of " Forest " Lodge, No. 1481, then followed in a similar strain. Bro. C.M. Igglesden, P.M., also spoke very feelingly, and on behalf of Wellington " Pacific " Lodge, No. 517, said he tendered the condolence and sympathy of that lodge to the brethren of the S.S. in their loss of so able and willing a worker for the Craft, as our late Bro. Cann. Bro. G. Girling Butcher, of " Jersey " Lodge 2163, also sympathised with the lodge in its affliction, and the lodge was then closed.

THE GRAND LODGE OF SOUTH AUSTRALIA.

How South Australia is to be recognised by the Grand Lodge of England is thus disclosed in the local paper at Silverton, where a lodge under the E.C. is in process of incubation. It seems that a communication has been received from the Grand Secretary of England to the effect " that upon the receipt of satisfactory evidence as to the number of members who have joined the Grand Lodge of S.A., *and the assurance that any Lodge at present working under the English Constitution, should it wish to do so, may be recognised as a regular lodge*, the M.W. the Grand Master will be prepared to lay the petition for recognition before the Grand Lodge of England, with a recommendation that it be favourably considered." If the South Australian Grand ' Lodge is prepared to accept recognition on the terms as italicised, then their way is not the right way, or our way to Masonic independence.

The following extract from a communication from the Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of England contains the gist of the reply to application for recognition by the Grand Lodge of South, Australia :—

In reply, I am directed by the Grand Master to say that Grand Lodge of England has no selfish desire to retain the allegiance of large bodies of Masons and lodges and brethren in any great district or colony where the feeling amongst the lodges and brethren themselves is virtually unanimous in favor of separation, and where a number of brethren do not remain in each lodge sufficient to continue its existence and work. You may therefore be assured that the Grand Master and the Craft in England view this request from no jealous or selfish aspect. But you are of course aware that the Grand Lodge of England has declined to recognise independent bodies in New South Wales and Victoria, the movements for their formation having been in each instance confined to but few brethren, and being in total opposition to an overwhelming majority of Lodges and Masons, who did not desire separation from their Mother Grand Lodges. The feeling amongst the brethren of South Australia, however, seems to be of a different character ; but before a final decision is come to, it is desirable that the Grand Master should be informed as to the numbers, so far as they can be given, in each lodge, in favour of or against the movement.

As the Grand Lodge of England has always, in similar cases, carefully guarded the rights of the minority, and as one lodge has not joined in the movement, it must of course be expressly stipulated that such lodge should, so long as it may desire it, be permitted to continue to work under this Grand Lodge, and be recognised as a regular Lodge.

Grand Lodge recognitions are received almost every oversea mail by our enthusiastic Grand Secretary, who when thus favoured, dilates with energetic volubility on the good time coming, and the glorious progress our Constitution is making throughout the world. Our policy of " Onward, and heed not," is bearing good fruit, and proves that the " founders " of our Grand Lodge were as wise and discreet as they were courageous and learned.— *Victorian Freemason*.

THE GRAND LODGE OF CANADA AND THE GRAND LODGE OF VICTORIA.

From the printed report of proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Canada just to hand, we extract the following :—

The Grand Master.(Bro. D. Spry), speaking of the formation of the Grand Lodge of Victoria, said :—

"Our brother colonists have not been rash or precipitate in the formation of a Grand Lodge, as it appears from the reports which have been sent to me that they have had the subject under consideration since 1863, and only decided on the formation of a Grand Lodge after fully satisfying themselves that it was for the best interest of Freemasonry in the colony of Victoria, that they should have some supreme governing power to rule and direct their affairs. My sympathies are wholly with our brethren, as I feel assured the new Grand Lodge will have a career of usefulness, and with the sister Grand Lodges of New South Wales and South Australia—quite recently formed—will wield a powerful influence for the good of Freemasonry and for the benefit of our fellow-countrymen in that distant land. As I am satisfied that this Grand Lodge has been legally and carefully formed in accordance with the ancient charges, constitutions and established customs of Freemasonry, I heartily recommend its recognition by Grand Lodge.' Let us send to them a hearty God-speed, - and trust that Canada may be among the first to wish our brethren in Australia every prosperity in founding Grand Lodges based upon the right of self-government in all matters pertaining to Freemasonry, a right which we have enjoyed in Canada with such beneficial results."

The Board appointed to report. on the Grand Master's address - expressed itself thus :—

"The Board concur in the recommendation made respecting the recognition of the Grand Lodge of Victoria. The principle on -which it has been formed is identical with that on which the existence of our own Grand Lodge was based, and we cannot deny to our brethren in Australia the rights which we ourselves successfully asserted."— *Victorian Freemason*.

OUR EXCHANGES.

We beg to acknowledge the receipt of the following Masonic exchanges :

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Freemason's journal, The, New York.
Liberal Freemason, Boston, Mass.
La Acacia, Buenosayres.
La Revista Masónica del Peru, Lima, Peru.
Masonic Chronicle, The, Ohio.
Masonic Home Journal, Louisville.
Masonic Review, Cincinnati.
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Masonic Token, Portland, Me.
Masonic Record of Western India, Allahabad.
New Zealand Mail, Wellington.
New York Dispatch, New York, U.S.A.
Phoenix Gazette, Invercargill.
South Australian Freemason, Adelaide.

Southland Times, Invercargill.
Taieri Advocate.
Thistle Board, The, San Francisco.
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Masonic Star, London.

We ask our "Exchanges " kindly to direct " DUNEDIN." We have had several every month directed to " Christchurch, Dunedin," and consequently delay and deficient postage to pay.—ED. N. Z. M. J.

MASONIC HISTORY. OF NEW ZEALAND, WELLINGTON DISTRICT.

HISTORY OF THE NEW ZEALAND PACIFIC LODGE. (Continued.)

As there were no funds available to carry out the necessary work, the Trustees, who were anxious that matters should be put on a better-footing, recommended to the lodge " That the whole of the Masonic lodges of Wellington be offered partnership with the New Zealand Pacific Lodge in the property held in Boulcott-street and Lambton. Quay, on each lodge agreeing to pay its share of the present value of the property. Should the lodges agree to this a valuator is to be appointed to represent the New Zealand Pacific Lodge, and one to represent the other lodges, to value the property."

This proposal did not meet with the approval of the city lodges, consequently nothing further was done. In October, 1884, the financial position of the lodge had become so serious that a special meeting of members was convened to consider its affairs. The heavy liabilities were stated, and the W.M. mentioned that the city valuer had valued the section on Lambton. Quay at £4,000, that it had been offered repeatedly for sale, but that no purchaser could be found for it. It was also suggested that the Government might be induced to buy it. It must here be mentioned that the Government had offered, in March, to take over the section on the reclaimed land in exchange for two sections near. St. George's Hall, on Lambton Quay, to be held by Trustees for all Masonic bodies, but the offer was not entertained.

No decision was come to during 1884 as to what steps were to be taken to remedy matters, therefore things remained in a very unsettled and unsatisfactory condition until March, 1885, when the lodge was obliged, owing to increasing liabilities, insufficient revenue, and pressure from sundry creditors, to dispose of the section on Lamb-ton Quay for a paltry £2,000 and as the discontent of the city lodges had resulted in the formation of " The Wellington Freemasons' Hall Company, Limited," it was deemed advisable to offer the Hall and land in Boulcott-street to the newly formed Company for £1,100, and this offer was accepted.

Of the £2, 000 received for the land on Lambton Quay £1,800 went to pay off the mortgage on that property, and the balance came in at a very opportune moment to pay off sundry smaller liabilities. The Wellington Freemasons' Hall Company took over the mortgage of £700 on the Boulcott-street property, and gave the Lodge £400 in. paid up shares.

Thus the New Zealand Pacific Lodge parted with its valuable property for £3,100, which had had been valued by competent authorities in 1880 at £5,200.

It is not necessary to mention the names of those Brethren who were responsible for the discreditable state into which the lodge finances had got. The mere fact of there being at one time an overdraft with one of the city banks, of £1,100, clearly shows gross mismanagement, a want of ordinary business capacity, and an utter disregard of the lodge's interest. The sacrifice, however, had to be made, as there was no other way of "weathering the storm," and the lodge started on a fresh career as a tenant of the Wellington Freemasons' Hall Company, and unencumbered by debts.

In November, 1885, Bro. John Young was elected as W.M., and his installation took place on the 28th of December.

At the June meeting, 1886, the W.M. referred to the completion of all transactions in connection with the properties, and eulogised the efforts of the Trustees who had had neither a pleasant nor an easy task, in unravelling the financial difficulties of the lodge. He thought that they had done their best under the trying circumstances, and that they deserved well of the lodge. Bro. H. M. Lyon, P.M., endorsed the W.M.'s remarks, and said that he took the credit of having proposed the Trustees.

During the same month, the Brethren attended the funeral of Bro.. Edward Stafford, a highly esteemed member of the lodge, and in September they were called upon to follow the remains of Bro. W. J. Scott to their last resting-place.

In November, the thanks of the lodge were tendered to Bro. J. H. Wallace, for having presented the library with a copy of his "History of New Zealand." At the same meeting Bro. Young was re-elected to fill the Chair, and it may be mentioned that the lodge now numbered 80 members.

During 1887 the lodge progressed greatly, the membership was considerably increased, and charity was generously dispensed.

At the July meeting the lodge was notified that Bro. C. J. Toxward, District Grand Master, had tendered his resignation to H.R.H. the M.W. the Grand Master. A communication from the District Grand Secretary was also read, stating that the District Grand Lodge had considered the question of a successor to Bro. Toxward, and were of opinion that Bro. the Hon. Major Atkinson was a fit and proper person to hold the high office of D.G.M., and requesting the lodge to state its approval of Bro. Atkinson's name being recommended to the M.W. the Grand Master.

On the motion of the S.D., it was unanimously resolved " That the nomination of Bro. the Hon. Major Atkinson, as successor to Bro. C. J. Toxward, be affirmed."

In November, Bro. W. D. Lyon was elected as W.M., and during his term of office the lodge continued to prosper.

In January, 1888, information was received that the M.W. the Grand Master had been pleased to appoint Bro. the Hon. Sir. H. A. Atkinson, K.C.M.G., as District Grand Master *vice* Bro. Toxward, resigned.

In February, the W.M. referred in feeling terms to the somewhat sudden death of Bro. N. J. Isaacs, an old and respected member of the lodge.

The May meeting was a most important one, and was held at the Provincial Buildings, Custom. House Quay, for the purpose of assisting at the installation of Bro. Sir H. A. Atkinson, K.C.M.G., as District Grand Master for Wellington, North Island of New Zealand. The ceremony was of a most imposing character, over 300 members of the Craft were present, and the proceedings were carried out in a perfect manner, reflecting great credit on all those brethren who had undertaken the direction of affairs.

At the September meeting, Bro. G. Robertson, the compiler of this history, referred to Bro. R. F. Gould's " History of Freemasonry," and drew the attention of the brethren to the following remarks on page 393 of that work. Speaking of New Zealand, Bro. Gould says :—

" The first lodge in the Colony—*Française Primitive Antipodienne*— was founded at Akaroa by the Supreme Council of France, August 29th, 1843 ; the second *Ara*, at Auckland—by the Grand Lodge of Ireland in 1844 ; and the third New Zealand Pacific—by the Grand Lodge of England in 1845,"

As it was evident from this that Bro. Gould was unaware of the warrant issued by the Provincial Grand Master at Sydney in 1842, Bro. Robertson stated that, in order to finally settle the question as to which Lodge (New Zealand Pacific or *Ara*), had the honour of being the oldest lodge in the Colony, he had taken upon himself to write to Bro. Gould on the subject and had received the following reply :—

" Junior Army and Navy Club,
St. James' St., London, S.W.

July 11, 1888.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,

I beg to thank you for yours of 27th April last. The case of the New Zealand Pacific Lodge is, I regret to say, far from being an uncommon one. See Vol. III. of my History of Freemasonry, pp. 330-335.

Lodges only rank, now-a-days as with others, from the date of their Warrant from the Grand Lodge of England.

Had I, however, known of the Sydney " dispensation " of 1842, I would have stated the actual fact, and have noted the date of the " dispensation," under which the lodge started, on the margin of p. 393 of my last volume (History of F.)

The inconvenience is slight in your case, there being no English lodge warranted in New Zealand between 1842 and 1845. If there had been, the question of local seniority might have arisen.

As it is, however, and with regard to lodges under other jurisdictions, it is my opinion that the N. Z. Pacific Lodge is entitled to rank from the date of its foundation, *i.e.*, September 1842.

Yours Fraternally,
K. F. GOULD."

The fact that no record appears in the archives of the Grand Lodge of England with reference to the Dispensation issued by the Prov. Grand Master at Sydney clearly proves that matters were not being properly conducted by the Masonic authorities in New South Wales. The following letter filed among the papers of the N. Z. Pacific Lodge will, however, explain how the neglect arose.

" Freemasons' Hall, London.
30th November, 1846.

W. MASTER,

I have to acquaint you that in consequence of various complaints Made against the W. Bro. George Robert Nichols, heretofore acting Deputy Provincial Grand Master for New South Wales, for withholding Returns and Petitions placed in his hands for the purpose of being transmitted to the M.W. Grand Master or Grand Lodge of England ; and also in consequence of his total neglect to make any communications, the M.W. Grand Master has felt it to be his duty to remove the said Brother G. R. Nichols from his said office and to declare that all power and authority heretofore vested in him has ceased and are at an end.

Your communications of every description are therefore to be made direct to London. I have to request that you will make this known to all members of your lodge and also to other Brethren whom it may concern.

By command of the M.W. Grand Master.
WILLIAM H. WHITE, G. S.'

Bro. W. D. Lyon's successful mastership terminated in December 1888, and Bro. J. J. M. Hamilton was elected in his stead. There are now 75 members on the Roll and the lodge is in a sound financial position. The balance-sheet at 31st December, 1888, shows the assets to be £606 18s 10d, and the liabilities £67 16s, leaving a credit balance of £539 2s 10d.

It is to be sincerely hoped that, as matters are now on such a satisfactory footing, the lodge will be able to show at its Jubilee in 1892, a record worthy of the " oldest lodge in New Zealand."

Geo. Robertson
W.M., 1521 Es°.

INSTALLATIONS

ZEALANDIA LODGE7 No 2072 E.C.

The installation of Master and investiture of officers of this lodge took place in the Masonic Hall, Whangaroa, on Wednesday evening, the 15th ult. A dispensation having been obtained for the purpose of advancing the night of meeting, thereby enabling visitors to return by steamer. The visitors were—Bro. W. Swift, P.M. 1878, E.C.,-Kawakawa ; Bro. M. McLeod, 418, S.C. ; Bro. W. Farquhar, 348, I.C. ; Bro. W. Handcock, 418, S.C. ; Bro. C. Gribble, 655, E.C. ; Bro. H. C. McCready, 788 ; Bro. J. Low, 1647, E.C. ; and Bro. E. Richards, P.M., 1711, E.C. ; there was also a very good muster of the members of the lodge. Bro. Anderson, I.P.M., took the chair, and with the assistance of Bro. Richards, P.M., Bro. C. Gothard, P.M. Bro. C. L. White, P.M., and Bro. W. Swift, P.M., installed Bro. H. W. Bishop W.M. for the ensuing year, and appointed the following officers, who were duly invested :— Bro. J. G. Shepherd, S.W. ; Bro. F. J. Hagger, J.W. ; Bro. R. Shepherd (N.Z.C.) 6th year, Secretary ; Bro. D. N. G. D. Molesworth, S.D. ; Bro. J. R. Reed, J.D. ; Bro. J. Christie who was re-elected Treasurer ; and Bro. J. Wotherspoon, re-elected Tyler, were invested with their badges of office. The newly-installed Master received the congratulations and hearty good wishes of the brethren. The Secretary read a letter from the District Grand Secretary congratulating the lodge on their regularity and good order in conducting their business. After the lodge was closed there was a ball held under the management of a committee composed of Bros. C. Gothard, H. D. Stewart, and J. R. Rhodes, when everyone thoroughly enjoyed themselves until the wee hours warned them that it was time to go home. The whole affair reflects great credit upon all concerned, as it passed off without a hitch.

LODGE WAIRAU, 663, S.C.

The annual installation of officers of the above lodge took place on June 11th. There was a large attendance of members and visiting brethren, three Constitutions being well represented, and P.M. Bro. Hustwick performed the impressive ceremony, assisted by P.M.'s Bros. Falconer (D.G.S.), White, and Rayner. The following officers were installed :— R.W.M., Bro. De Castro ; I.P.M., Bro. Salmon ; D.M., Bro. Rayner, P.M. ; S.M. Bro. White, P.M. ; S.W., Bro. Fraser ; J.W. Bro. Prichard ; Treasurer, Bro. Hustwick, P.M. ; Secretary, Bro. Gillespie, P.M. ; S.D., Bro. Goold ; J.D., Bro. Pattie ; I.G. Bro. Healy ; Tyler, Bro. Simmons. After the ceremony the lodge adjourned to the dining room of the Club Hotel, where Bro. Brace (host) had provided, as usual, a sumptuous banquet. The following was the toast list (interspersed with music) :—Loyal and patriotic toasts ; District Grand. Masters of the three Constitutions ; the District Grand Lodge (S.C.) ; the R.W.M.-elect (Bro. De Castro), with a highly eulogistic and congratulatory speech ; the Installing Master ; the Masters of Lodges Unanimity, Waitohi, and Killarney ; Brethren ; Host ; Tyler.

DISTRICT GRAND LODGE OF OTAGO AND SOUTHLAND, E.C.

The annual meeting of the above lodge was held in the Freemasons' Hall, and was largely attended.

The Auditor (Bro. J. E. McKelvey) called attention to a lengthy report by the Grand Secretary upon the various lodges in the district, but consideration was deferred.

The following brethren were appointed the Board of Benevolence :—Bros. T. A. Peterkin, Rev. W. Ronaldson, T. -G, DeRenzy, D. Leech, and Sydney James. The same brethren were appointed the Board of General Purposes.

The following brethren were then installed by D.D.G.M. Bro. Sir Robert Stout into their respective offices for the ensuing year :—D.G.S.W., Bro. J. E. McKelvey ; D.G.J.W., Bro. D. Leech ; D.G. Treasurer, Bro. T. G. DeRenzy ; 1).G. Secretary, P.D.D.G.M., Bro. Sydney James ; President of the Board of General Purposes, Bro. T. A. Peterkin ; Registrar, Bro. J. McRae Gallaway ; D.G.S.D., Bro. M. R. Bree ; D.G.J.D., Bro. H. W. Wait ; D.G.D.C., Bro. J. Horsburgh, Sw.B., Bro. T. Smith ; Pursuivant, Bro. H. A. Reynolds ; Tyler, Bro. H. Meyer ; Stewards, Bros. J. A. Kirby, J. Stone, W. McAdam, C. Crump, T. A. Green, and W. Hopkins. The office of Chaplain had not been allotted.

After the installation of Bro. James as D.G. Secretary, the D.G.M., Bro. Thomas Sherlock Graham, presented him, on behalf of Grand Lodge officers, with a handsome silver mug, to be given to his first grandson. The mug bore the following inscription :—" To Arthur Harry Aylmer Vivian, by the D.M. and officers of the Grand Lodge of Otago and Southland, E.C., May 23, 1889." Bro. James replied, thanking the lodge for the gift, and also for the honour they had conferred upon him by the D.G.M. and confirmed by the G.L. of England, in granting him the degree of P.D.D.G.M.

It was resolved that a letter of welcome be sent to His Excellency Lord Onslow, P.G.S.W. of the Grand Lodge of England.

It was also agreed to send a letter of condolence to the District Grand Lodge of Canterbury, E.C., on the loss it has sustained in the death of P.D.G.M. Bro. Dr. Deamer.

The D.G.M. (Bro. T. S. Graham) mentioned that, owing to the lateness of the hour, he would defer his address until the next quarterly communication. After some routine business the lodge adjourned.

The following appointments have since been made by the R.W.D.G.M. :— D.G. Chaplain, Bro. Rev. Wm. Ronaldson.

Members of the Board of General Purposes nominated by the R.W.D.G.M. in accordance with Bye-law 21 :-Bro. McKelvey to represent Southern Cross Lodge ; -Bro. Gibbs to represent Palmerston ; Bro. Dowries to represent St. John's, Mosgrel ; Bro. Ross, P.M., to represent Mount Ida. -

VICTORY LODGE, No. 1927, E.C. (NELSON.)

The above lodge held their annual Installation Service on May 21st, 1889, in. the Masonic Hall, when there was a very large attendance. Bro. H. Baigent, W.M., officers and brethren of the Southern Star Lodge, 735, E.C. Bro. Joseph G. Harkness, W.M., officers and brethren of the Forest Lodge, 1481, E.C., Bro. Thomas Sinclair, W.M., of the Golden Bay Lodge, 2194, E.C., and also many other Past Masters were present. After the lodge had been formally opened Bro. Dr. Boor assumed the office of Installing Officer, and duly installed Bro. Thos. Scott as, Worshipful Master for the ensuing twelve months, the following being invested as his. officers :—I.P.M., Bro. B. W. Buttle, P.M. ; S.W., Bro. J. C. Mercer ; J.W., Bro. A. W. Bain ; Organist, Bro. A. F. T. Somerville; Secretary, Bro. R. Allan, P M. Treasurer, Bro. L. G. Boor, P.M. ; S.D., Bro. W. Moyes, junr. ; J.D., Bro. G. White ; I.G., Bro. S. J. Reeves ; Tyler, Bro. C. J. Bartlett ; Bro. Boor being assisted in his duties by several of the other Past Masters. During the evening several hymns and anthems were nicely sung by the choir, and Bros. Somerville, Graham, and House also rendered some instrumental music in a very pleasing manner, which added very materially to the impressiveness of the whole ceremony, at the close of which many of the visiting brethren expressed their fraternal greetings to the newly installed Master and wished him a prosperous year of office. Bro. Scott suitably replied, and in felicitous terms expressed a hope that he would be able to carry out the duties of his office in a faithful manner. Bro. Boor announced that the Bishop of Nelson 'intended to present the lodge with a piece of the good ship " Victory." The intimation was received with many expressions of gratitude. The formal proceedings being over, the brethren then adjourned to the Provincial Hall, where, in conjunction with a large number of ladies, a very pleasant time was spent in social intercourse. A capital programme of music and singing, together with dancing and refreshments, made the time pass all too quickly, and when at length the company dispersed, many were heard to testify to the pleasant evening that had been spent, and the excellence of the arrangements. The onerous duties of M.C. were ably carried out by Bros. Gilbert and Bain ; to Bro. A. E. Cresswell, P.M., also, much of the success is

attributable from his indefatigable exertions as Secretary of Committee for carrying out the whole of the arrangements, together with the Committee,, in seeing that everything was done to make the evening pass enjoyably, and they are to be congratulated on the success they achieved.

NOTES FROM AUCKLAND.

BY BRO. T. W. KITT, P.M., 1530, E.C.

" Truth is simple, requiring neither study nor att."—AMMIAN.

At no previous period in the history of Freemasonry in this colony has the Craft been, so to speak, stirred to its utmost depths, and so. much real interest in its welfare manifested as at the present time. In Auckland particularly the proposal to constitute a United Grand Lodge of New Zealand has alike evoked very energetic co-operation, both on the part of the advocates of the scheme and of its opponents. At a very early stage in the movement, the District Grand Lodge, S.C., acting altogether beyond its functions, took such measures to preserve its own imperilled existence as were calculated not only to prevent the unfettered discussion of the subject upon its merits, but also to bias the vote of the lodges under its jurisdiction. Among English Masons in the Auckland district there has been for many years past just cause for dissatisfaction in the conduct and *personnel* of the District Grand Lodge, of which probably no officer is less known by the brethren generally than the present R.W.D.G.M., Bro. G. S. Graham, who, by reason of residing out of his district and fulfilling in person the duties of his station but once or occasionally twice a year during flying visits, has consequently failed to command that universal confidence and esteem which should be regarded as the best reward by one occupying so exalted a position. Under these circumstances English Masonry in Auckland is practically without a head, more or less of the control has passed into the hands of subordinates, little result of past labour can be shewn but an increasing Fund of Benevolence, which, hedged around with restrictions, does not expend in charity the annual interest derived therefrom ; and, can it be wondered at, the consequence is that a large number of brethren have ceased to take any active participation in the general affairs of the district. When at such a juncture a proposal is made which, if happily carried into effect, would at once remedy all the irregularities referred to, it may be readily imagined that if left free and unbiassed, English Masons would certainly not withhold their support. The District Grand Lodge—or rather a section of it—having, however, determined upon a certain course, it was persisted in, but what were the measures adopted ? The District Grand Master entered at once as an active partisan in opposition to Masonic union, the D.G. Secretary having been instructed to lay before the lodges all information bearing upon so important a subject, issued a circular embodying only reprints of certain documents issued by the D.G.M. and other District Grand Lodges, *all antagonistic to the movement*, and, in taking the votes of the lodges on the question, the object appears to have been not so much to ascertain the opinion of the majority of members of a lodge as of the few brethren who might be actually present at the voting. To bear out these remarks it may be stated that to such an extent has the action of the District Grand Lodge alienated many brethren from feeling any interest in the matter, that the so-called " majorities " against the establishment of a United Grand Lodge were ridiculously small when compared to the number of actual members of some of the lodges interested.. For instance, the Prince of Wales Lodge, No. 1338, one of the oldest and numerically strongest English lodges in Auckland, having been dominated for years by an old P.M., very strongly opposed to Masonic Union, was from the first expected to pass an adverse vote, which it did by a majority of 13 against 3 ; Remuera Lodge, No. 171 o, with a roll of seventy members, and numbering within its ranks several officers of the District Grand Lodge, 13 against 4. ; Lodge of Harmony, No. 2180, with a roll of forty, 12 against 3 ; Star of the North Lodge, No. 1647, 7 against 6 While these have been quoted as instances of the much vaunted "expression of opinion of *the majority of a lodge*" on a question of the utmost importance to the welfare of Freemasonry in this colony, it may be stated that the *unanimous* votes adverse to the movement were recorded at meetings with similarly small attendances. The unanimous " vote passed by the Te Awamutu Lodge, No. 2221, could only be obtained by calling in the Tyler to form a quorum. Finding that in spite of these and other equally unscrupulous methods of frustrating the objects of the Masonic Union, many lodges in the district, including some English, had given in their adherence to the movement, Masonic decency was next outraged by the public press being made the vehicle for an attempt to decry the proposal and bring discredit upon the local supporters of it. The letters of "M," "N," "O," and "P" (written by a brother whose identity is hardly concealed), created some interest at the time of their appearance, but there was a wide-spread feeling of astonishment and disgust that such a course should have been adopted to carry on a controversy with which the general public had nothing whatever to do. While in the letters referred to, the advocates of Masonic autonomy were repeatedly spoken of as " brethren of no standing or experience," the English Constitution greatly belauded at the expense of the Scotch, and the wish being doubtless father to the thought, it was affirmed that the warrant of no English lodge would be allowed to lapse ; there were fulminated many threats of pains and penalties against seceders, but no arguments adduced in favour of the *effete* system which it is proposed to supersede. Notwithstanding the opposition which has been offered in certain quarters, the general feeling in favour of a United Grand Lodge is decidedly on the increase. Fifteen lodges in the district have already-passed an affirmative vote, and, although the District Grand Secretaryship has been offered to several brethren with the object of detaching their allegiance from the Masonic Union, the Auckland Executive continues to work steadily, zealously, and harmoniously for the furtherance of the cause.

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We shall be obliged if secretaries of lodges will kindly furnish us with reports of meetings, etc.

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To June, 1889 :—Bro. John Mackie, Oamaru. To September, 1889 :—Bro. L. E. Haines, Lawrence. To January, 1890 :—Bro. W. H. Blackmore, Kaitangata ; Bro. F. W. Crowe, Kaitangata ; Bro. Peter Stewart, Milton. To February, 1890 :—Bro. J. Murphy, Abbotsford. To March, 1890 :—Bro. S. Forsyth, East Gore. To April, 1890 :—Bro. W. T. Masefield, Gough's Bay, Akaroa. To May 1891 :—Bro. Thos. A. Murphy, Greymouth.

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Correspondence.

Letters intended for insertion must be accompanied in all cases by the real name and address of the writer, as well as by the name and number of the lodge to which he belongs, not necessarily for publication, but as a guarantee of good faith. We do not hold ourselves responsible for opinions -expressed by out correspondents.

A CORRECTION.

(To the Editor of the NEW ZEALAND MASONIC JOURNAL).

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I should like to call your attention to error in your JOURNAL for this month (May), made by your correspondent in notes by 'Canterbury Fire,' *re* the death of the late Bro. Dr. Deamer. He states that, although the Robert Burns Lodge passed no vote of condolence, the brethren did not indulge in any harmony at the refreshment table, and that several of the brethren wore mourning out of respect for the deceased brother. Sir, 'Canterbury Fire' could not have been at the meeting, or he would not have made such a statement. If you turn up the report of March meeting you will find that a vote of condolence was passed, and the lodge go into mournings for three months, which has been carried out. I have been requested to ask you to correct the above error in justice to Robert Burns Lodge, as the late deceased Bro. Dr. Deamer was held in the highest respect by the whole of the members of the Robert Burns Lodge.

Copy of resolution passed March 19th—Treasurer Bro. H. Tuck proposed, and -Secretary Bro. H. A. Bruce seconded—*" That a letter of condolence be sent to the widow and family of the late W.D.D.G.M Bro. Dr. Deamer, E.C., to mark the sympathy felt by all the members of this lodge in their late bereavement, and that this lodge go into mourning for three months, the same to be recorded on the minutes ;"* which was carried unanimously.

Kindly insert the above statements and you will oblige,

Yours fraternally,,

HENRY A. BRUCE,

Hon. Secretary, Lodge Robert Burns, 604, S.C., Christchurch.

May 27th, 1889.

KINDLY GREETINGS.

(To the Editor of the MASONIC JOURNAL).

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,— The receipt of your kind letter of 17th inst. gave me great pleasure. I feel once more in touch with the many dear and valued friendships which I was privileged to enjoy while living and working with the brethren in Dunedin. I have earnestly noted the growth of the Craft, and sincerely trust wise counsels will prevail to accept the inevitable, viz., a G. L. for New Zealand. The outcome in Australia evidences the wisdom of adopting this course, and gives, I think, solid ground for faith. I esteem the stand our dear M. W.D.CT.M. Bro. Graham has taken, to conserve the old association. His loyalty is highly commendable, but on mature and deliberate weighing the issues, I have no doubt he may be able to reconcile the new departure as the only prudent course.

In South Australia we have been most favoured by an excellent G.M. in Justice Way, and now our new Governor Lord Kintore, an excellent man and exalted Mason is to take the position of G.M. of South Australia.

I enclose report of reception given last week by the G.L. to Bro. Kintore. From the speeches there reported, you have an epitome of the good feeling existing, and the promise of future good work.

I wish you every success in the conduct of the JOURNAL.

When you meet our W.D.G.M: Bro. Graham, also Bro. Court, kindly tender my sincere best wishes, and with respectful and fraternal good wishes to yourself and the brethren of your lodge.—I am etc.,

GEORGE HARPER.

March 30th, 1889.

[We thank Bro. Harper for his kindly greetings. Want of space obliges the omission of this report.—ED].

UNITED GRAND LODGE OF FREMA.SONS FOR NEW ZEALAND.

(TO THE EDITOR.)

Sir,—In face of the large and enthusiastft meeting of Masons held in Auckland so short a time since in favour of this movement, comprising as it did many of the oldest and most experienced Past Masters of the district, and the fact that so far, of the votes of the lodges taken, two-thirds at least have voted in favour of the formation of a United Grand Lodge, and very few of the others a direct negative, but rather a wish to postpone the matter to a later period, it is absurd for your correspondent " M " to say that the promotion of this lodge is not receiving the support of Masons of " standing and experience," nor can he expect the Craft to attach any importance, or even credence, to his statement that the three Grand Masters of Auckland are opposed to it. W. Bro. Graham is, we all know, working. hard to prevent its being formed (hence the opposition of certain officers of the English District Grand Lodge), but W. Brothers Whitaker and Pierce have kept a commendable silence on the subject, and so followed the example of the Grand Masters in other districts of New Zealand, who, although strongly in favour of the union, leave the Craft lodges to record their votes without any bias. " M." should not make personal allegations like these without signing his name, so that the brethren may see if he is a brother of " standing and experience," whose opinion is worthy of any consideration. With regard to the threat that the warrant of no English Lodge shall be allowed to lapse, even although the lodge may decide in favour of the new Grand Lodge, no brother of " standing and experience " would be a party to any unworthy or factious opposition to any vote or resolution duly passed by a majority of the brethren, nor will New Zealand be different to the other colonies, who have formed Grand Lodges, where, although some of the Craft lodges have not given in their allegiance at first, yet ultimately they have found it to their benefit and more Masonic to cast in their lot with the others. As the brethren who are promoting the formation of the United. Grand Lodge of New Zealand feel that they are bound to be successful in the end, " M's "letter will only make them increase their exertions for the early consummation of their object.—I am etc.,

W. H. COOPER, P. M., P. Z., etc.

Auckland, May 3.

(To the Editor of the NEW ZEALAND MASONIC JOURNAL).

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—When I asked permission to insert a few letters in your Journal, I did not expect that my opinions were to be allowed to go unchallenged, at the same time I thought that you would at least extend to me the courtesy which all contributors have a right to expect, whether their views are in accord with yours or not. I cannot therefore help expressing my surprise that you should have seen fit to append editorial notes to my letters, and to violate what is generally understood to be editorial usage and courtesy, by handing over a letter to an opponent* to be reviewed before its publication. I suppose I must have dreamed that communications are generally held to be privileged until they

are published. I do not by any means feel annoyed at your notes, but I do certainly claim the right not to have my letters reviewed until after they have been inserted in your. Journal.

* The Editor wishes to remark that the so-called "opponent" is the Secretary of the Dunedin branch of the Masonic Union. This practice is perfectly in keeping with all journals, especially when, as in this case, the paper is a monthly one.

I regret your latter action especially as it has led Bro. De Renzy to make statements, no doubt in the hurry of explaining, which had he had time to fully consider, he would not have made. I have therefore to give Bro. De Renzy's statement, which he has been good enough to insert in inverted commas as language of my own, that I would "bring down figures which would crush the movement," a most distinct denial. I neither directly or indirectly used such terms. Let me remind Bro. De Renzy that the only time I promised to bring down figures of any kind for him, was on the occasion on which he asked me to sign the requisition calling the meeting in March to discuss the question, when I refused on the grounds that I did not think we were in a position financially to support a Grand Lodge creditably ; that there was a serious misunderstanding existing about the amounts annually remitted to the Grand Lodges, hazarding at the same time the opinion that it would be from £300 to £350. I promised on that occasion to try and get the average amounts remitted home by each district, but it did not occur to me then, nor until afterwards, to ask for any other information regarding other districts, and I may here remark that I have had quite enough to do to look after my own business and our own district, without troubling myself about the affairs of other districts.

Bro. De Renzy is again in error in saying that I stated that our district remitted only £30 per annum to Grand Lodge. Our remittances have never been as low as that ; indeed it was from my knowledge of what we were remitting that I was able to hazard an opinion on the subject as to the probable amount. The first time I made any statement in Dunedin was at the public meeting on the 29th March, when I placed the amount at about £70, which., Bro. De Renzy will find in the reporter's notes if he will turn them up. The only difference I made was given in my last letter, and is the average for three years, Had I taken it at what our remittances were in 1886-7 and 1887-8, it would have been under £70 instead of over it, and had I included 1888-9 it would have been still further reduced. The three years I have averaged give £78, £69 and £63, leaving off odd shillings and pence. Had I given the average for the last seven years it would have shown an average of £86, bearing but the statment I made that the depression has been detrimental to the order.

Regarding the cost of administering our district I shall not supply any other figures at present, as Bro. De Renzy desires accuracy, until I lay our balance-sheet before the district Grand Lodge, which will be shortly. I would remind Bro. De Renzy, however, of some differences which will naturally lower our expenses over his district. In the first place there is a difference of £25 in salary, and in the next there are no travelling expenses allowed, each officer having to pay his own, and I think I am safe in affirming that our district has been as frequently visited as anyone in New Zealand. I have no doubt that some years the expenses were greater, but in others I am very certain I am not far out.

As to Bro. De Renzy's statement that I had affirmed that the average number of subscribing members for each lodge was 23, I have again to contradict him. Let me remind him of the circumstances under which I first gave him the probable number of subscribing members, and how I had arrived at it. It was in the presence of his own District Grand Master, and the deputation who had waited on Bro. Graham, on the occasion of their having obtained his consent to withdraw the circulars from his lodges, prohibiting their discussing the question of the establishment of a Grand Lodge. When asked what I thought would be the probable number of subscribing members in the whole of New Zealand I stated it would probably be about 5000. Bro. De Renzy, if my memory serves me right, questioned the figures, and asked how I arrived at that conclusion. Perhaps he may recollect that I was not certain of the number of the lodges in New Zealand, but taking the MASONIC JOURNAL tables of lodges, I made out that there would be about 130 lodges, and giving them an average of 40 subscribing members, at the same time expressing the opinion that such an average was not probable, an opinion with which his own District Grand Master coincided. Further scrutiny of this point, I think I can safely say, has made both Bro. De Renzy and myself alter our figures very materially, but I think arriving both at the same conclusion that my first estimate was at least excessive, and showed no desire on my part either to avoid any questions or twist them in any way to suit any particular purpose. I may therefore leave my weak figures still to stand, apologising to Bro. De Renzy if I made any errors in dealing with his. I think the question of finance resolves itself simply into this, that we have about 4000 actual subscribing members, and I leave the brethren to consider the cost of Grand Lodge with four or five districts, to say what it will cost per head.

And now, Bro. Editor, I wish before closing to say a few words about the charity our district has disbursed. The Masonic Union has been good enough to credit our district with the munificent sum of 15s 6d. I may state our disbursements for the last six years shows that we have paid away for benevolence £178 2s 6d, showing an average of £29 15s 2d, and taking the last three years an average of £30 6s 2d. I think, were the sums disbursed by the District Grand Lodge of Otago and Southland E.C., added to our own, we should be able to show as good a return as the Grand Lodge, which has been held up as a pattern in this respect. The whole of the figures given by the Wellington Masonic Union pertaining to our district are fallacious throughout, and it would, I deem, have been more judicious on their part where the figures were not supplied to have left them blank.

There are many other points I intended to have taken up in this letter, such as the relations between the districts and their lodges and between their Grand Lodges; their powers of administration, and where they might be improved, our district and lodge benevolent funds, and the Grand Lodges benevolence as applied to the colonies ; but as neither your space nor my time will permit, I shall leave these to a future letter.

I should like in conclusion to point out some of the grounds more definitely why so many of our brethren are not in favour of the present movement. The lodges have been asked by the Masonic Union to commit themselves to a given course, from which there will be no drawing back should they give their assent, without knowing whether that course be the best or not. Had the Union simply contented itself by asking the lodges to send delegates to any given centre to discuss certain questions which ought to have been discussed before they were asked to have decided in favour of a Grand Lodge, there could have been no harm done, and would probably have resulted in unanimity of action in whatever way the delegates deemed advisable. Had such questions been discussed as to whether a change were necessary in our administration, our finance, or mode of working ? If such changes were necessary, what form should they take ? Whether by amalgamation of the districts in the various centres ? or by Federal Grand Lodges ? or by one or more Independent Grand Lodges ? These are questions, I maintain, that should have been first settled. Such a radical change as throwing over our present Grand Lodges without knowing what we are going to get as a substitute, I could scarcely conceive would have been sustained in any lodge without these preliminary questions being answered. These are not questions of detail, but questions if not answered first may result in disaster to the Craft.

Thanking you most heartily, Bro. Editor, thus far for your indulgence. —I am,
Yours fraternally,

HENRY NEILL, P.M., 417 S.C.

(To the Editor of the NEW ZEALAND MASONIC JOURNAL).

BRO. EDITOR,—The letter and figures supplied by Bro. P.M. Cooper in your June number, are at first sight rather humiliating to us New Zealand Masons, but in reality I do not think there is any reason for looking at them in that light, as there is little doubt that, the aggregate good done by the various lodges and members in the way of charity, which no one outside of the lodges hears about, would represent a very large some of money. At the same time I think there is something to be learnt from the figures published, and I don't think the opportunity should be allowed to slip by without being taken advantage of. I have often been struck with the number of men, charitably disposed, and otherwise fitted to become worthy members of the Craft, who have spoke disparagingly of it, and besides other charges, have said— "Where are your charities ? I have never known any good done by you." Now, Mr. Editor, I think the Masons in the old country are wise in their generation, because they support public institutions, such as hospitals, &c. It is the very commonest thing to see the names of quite a number of Masonic Lodges figuring in their public subscription lists, and this no doubt does good, for it prevents men talking as above stated ; and if you can show men that the Order is a real power for good, it will always be supported by the good and true members of humanity. Nothing is likely to do the Craft more good than the establishment of a school for Masons' children, supported solely by members of the Craft, and I sincerely trust, that that will be one of the outcomes of the Grand Lodge of New Zealand, and that it will not be long in following the establishment of the Grand Lodge. In the meantime, however, there are I believe, plenty of public charitable objects around us, which the lodges need not travel far to find, and the aiding of which would be a pleasant work to look back to for every master on his retirement from the chair of K.S. I will only add those beautiful lines on charity written by Rowe :-

' Think not, the good,
The gentle deeds of mercy thou past done
Shall die, forgotten all ; the poor, the prisoner,
The fatherless, the friendless and the widow,
Who daily own the bounty of thy hand,
Shall cry to Heaven and pull a blessing on thee !"

One who looks back with pleasure to his first year of office as,

R.W.M.

To the Editor of the NEW ZEALAND MASONIC JOURNAL.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,— From the proceedings of the quaterly communication of the District Grand Lodge of Wellington, E.C., held on the 11th April, I take the following:—

The Board of General Purposes have to report that in consequence of the movement that has been going on in the direction of establishing a Grand Lodge of New Zealand, they deemed it advisable to issue a circular, a copy of which is attached, to the Lodges and Brethren in the District, calling attention to various points in connection with the scheme,

and warning Masons that they should not give their adherence to it until they are fully satisfied of the nature and reality of the benefits to be derived therefrom.

W. Bro. Hamerton, P.D.G.W., asked the ruling of R.W. the District Grand Master as to whether the Board of General Purposes had not exceeded their powers in issuing the circular referred to in the Report, to the Masters of the Lodges in the District with a request for its distribution.

The R.W. the District Grand Master ruled that the Board had full power.

For the benefit of your readers who are interested in the Grand Lodge movement, will you be good enough to answer the following questions :-

- (1) Have the Wellington Board of General Purposes exceeded their powers in issuing the circular ?
- (2) Had the Board a right to invade other districts by sending their opinions to lodges outside their jurisdiction ?
- (3) Is the ruling of the D.G. Master at variance with his address given in Lodge 670 E.C., of which the following is an extract:—

Sir Harry Atkinson, as D.G.M. of the Wellington District. E.C., is utilising his present tour to fulfil the promise he gave on his installation, of shortly visiting all the Masonic Lodges under his jurisdiction. The Taranaki Herald of the 28th. contains a long account of his visit on Saturday evening last to his mother Lodge, Mount Egmont, No. 670. E.C. In the course of his address, the D.G.M. said—" A matter which was occupying the minds of many active brethren in the colony was the question of the amalgamation of all the lodges in New Zealand under a New Zealand Constitution, and although this was a movement in which he, as the representative of the Grand Lodge of England, could take no part, he commended it to the earnest consideration of all Masons who desired to see the resources of the Craft utilised to the greatest advantage for carrying out the true objects and higher work of Masonry. Any action in this direction would, however, have to receive the sanction of the Grand Lodges concerned ; he, for one, would be no party to irregular agitation. In any case he thought that the amalgamation of local lodges was highly desirable, a rby uniting their energies and reducing expenses of working they would have more money available for benevolent purposes."—I am, &c.,

T. G. DE RENZY,

W.M. Lodge of Otago, 447, E.C., District Grand Treasurer.

DISTRICT GRAND LODGE AMENITIES.

(TO THE EDITOR).

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—The " inner circle " of the D.G. Lodge of Wellington, E.C., has just hatched something new, and the veto has gone forth that, in future, when the D.G.M. or his Deputy visit a lodge, the D.G. Wardens *only* are to be called upon to accompany them. The old plan was to summon all the D.G.L. officers in the city, consequently the D.G. Lodge was always well represented. The new plan, however, has caused a good deal of comment, and the first attempt has been a most decided fiasco.

It was notified to the D.G. Wardens that the D.D.G.M. would attend the installation of the W.M. of Lodge Ulster, 475, I.C., at Phone on the 19th instant. The D.G.L. regalia was therefore sent out by train ; but only one of the Wardens, who by the way was representing his lodge, went out in accordance with the summons. The D.D.G.M. didn't turn up, as he "missed the train;" consequently the solitary Warden went in with his lodge, the regalia was not used, and the D.G. Lodge was not officially represented.

I believe it has always been understood that as a set-off against the "arduous " duties of D.G.L. officers (sitting for half an hour in the D.G. Lodge four times a year, furthering the great works of benevolence and charity), they lived in hopes of being asked to attend the D.G.M. or his Deputy, when an official visit was to be made. But under the new plan even this glimpse of elysium is to be denied them. The D. G. Lodge of Wellington, E.C., has never been a popular concern, and it seems to be drifting from bad to worse. Thanks to the advice of those whose knowledge of Freemasonry is skin deep, and whose experience is limited to the Empire City. I am, etc.,

KILWINNING.

Wellington, 24th June, 1889.

Lodge Meetings

EDEN LODGE, No. 1530, E.C., (Auckland).—The regular meeting, falling on the same evening as the banquet to Bro. Lord Onslow, P.G.S.W., was by consent postponed until a week later, out of compliment to that distinguished and exalted brother. An emergency in place of the regular monthly meeting was held in the Masonic Hall, Newton, on April 30th, Bro. F. Warren, W.M., in the chair. There was a fair average attendance. The only ceremonial business was the passing to the F. & C. degree of Bro. Fein, the work being efficiently performed by the W.M. The very important question of the formation of a United Grand Lodge of New Zealand was then introduced by the W. M. and it was proposed by Bro. J. Carlaw, P.M., seconded by Bro. G. Hardy, S.W.: "That in the opinion of this meeting it is not at present advisable to form a United Grand Lodge of New Zealand." Bro. T. W. Kitt, P.M., spoke very strongly and at some length in favour of the projected United Grand Lodge, and moved as an amendment, which was seconded by Bro. J. Alien: "That this lodge thoroughly endorses the principle and desirability of the Constitution of a United Grand Lodge of A., F., and A. M. of New Zealand, subject to the assent of a majority of the lodges now working in the colony under the Grand Lodges of England, Ireland, and Scotland respectively." Several brethren having spoken on the subject, both motion and amendment were put to the meeting, with the result that the amendment was carried by an overwhelming proportionate majority of 4 to 1. After passing several accounts for payment, and dealing with other routine business the lodge was closed.

ROBERT BURNS LODGE OF INSTRUCTION, S.C.—The regular monthly meeting of this lodge was held in the lower hall on Thursday, 2nd May, at 8 p.m, there being a good attendance of members. P.M. Bro. Cherrie preceptor. The Third Degree being rehearsed by the following brethren:—R. W. M., Bro. Bastian; S.D., Bro. Newton; S.W., Bro. Brew; J.D., Bro. McFarlane; J.W., Bro. Meyer; I.G., Bro. Mowat; Candidate, Bro. Nugent. The R.W.M., being assisted by Bro. Brew, giving the narrative, Bro. Ternant the working tools, and the final charge by Bro. Frame. After appointing officers for the next meeting, the lodge was closed in due form at 10 p.m.

EDEN LODGE, No. 1530, E.C. (Auckland).—The regular meeting was held in the lodge room, Masonic Hall, Newton, on Tuesday, May 28th. Bro. A. Hedley, I.P.M. (in the absence of the W.M.), presided, and there was a good attendance of members and visiting brethren, including Bro. W. Forrest, R.W.M. Ponsonby Lodge, No. 708, S.C., and his officers. There was no ceremonial work, the only business being the consideration of the proposed revision of the By-Laws. After some discussion it was decided to defer settlement of the question until the next meeting. A candidate having been proposed for initiation, the lodge was closed in peace, love, and harmony. At an emergency meeting of the lodge held at the same place on May 31st, Bro. P. Zein was raised to the sublime degree of M. & M.

DISTRICT GRAND LODGE OF AUCKLAND, E.C.—At the quarterly communication held in the Freemasons' Hall, Auckland, on June 4th, Bro. W. Lodder, D.D. G.M., presided, Bro. the Rev. E. H. Gulliver was re-invested as D.G. Chaplain, and Bro. R. Garrett, S.W. of Lodge Harmony, was invested as one of the Grand Lodge Stewards. The D.G. Secretary informed the lodge that sixteen out of nineteen sister lodges in the district had made returns on the question of a United Grand Lodge for New Zealand. Of these, twelve were in favour of the present constitution, two were for the establishment of a United Grand Lodge, and two had declined to vote on account of insufficient information. The other three had made no returns.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF MARK MASTER MASONS FOR AUCKLAND.—The regular quarterly communication was held in the lodge room, Masonic Hall, Newton, on May 7th, R.W. Bro. F. W. J. Dawson, P.G.M., in the chair. The minutes having been read and confirmed, the undermentioned brethren, who were not present at last communication, were severally invested with the insignia of their respective offices, viz.—Bros. W. P. Moat, P.G. Treas.; T. Walker, P.G. Sup. Works; J. Moore, P.G.D.C. Correspondence was read from the Grand Secretary in reference to the status of brethren advanced in Craft lodges, upon which question the ruling of Grand Lodge had been applied for. The R. W.P.G.M. informed the brethren present that as his term of office would shortly expire, it was incumbent upon them to recommend some other brother to the favourable consideration of the M.W.G.M. as his successor; whereupon P.M. Bro. Moat, P.G. Treas., expressed his opinion that the zeal and ability at all times displayed by R.W. Bro. Dawson were such as to fully entitle him to reappointment. He therefore moved accordingly, which, being seconded and put to the meeting, was carried unanimously. The P.G. Secretary was instructed to communicate the recommendation to the M.W.G.M., H.R.H. The Prince of Wales. This being all the business, the Provincial, Grand Lodge was then closed.

LODGE ST. JOHN, 2102, E.C. (Mosgiel).—The regular monthly meeting of the above lodge was held on Thursday, the 12th June, when there was a capital attendance of the brethren—the best that has been seen in the lodge room for some considerable time. The names of four candidates for admission to Masonry were placed before the brethren, and in each case the ballot was successful. Three of the gentlemen balloted for being in attendance, they were duly initiated into the mysteries and privileges of the E. A. Degree. The new W.M. Bro. James Spence, whose first experience it was in working the lodge, acquitted himself most creditably, evidently having conscientiously studied his work, with the intention of justifying the lodge for having placed him in the chair. The Wardens and Deacons (also new to office) likewise proved themselves thoroughly capable and alive to the responsibilities of their position. P.M.'s R. Churton and W. Carncross and Bro. R. Dickie assisted the W.M. by performing portions of the initiation ceremony. Two candidates were proposed for membership, and will be balloted for, at the next ordinary meeting. P.M. Bro. R. Churton gave notice

that at the next meeting he would move a resolution affirming the desirability of establishing a Grand Lodge for New Zealand. Some accounts were passed for payment, and the lodge was, in the usual form, closed in peace, love, and harmony at 9.30 p.m.

LODGE HIRAM, 2008, E.C.— a emergency meeting of the above lodge was held on Tuesday, 8th May, in the Masonic Hall, Cargill Road, South Dunedin, 26 members present. The W.M., Bro. Peterkin in proposing the motion (notice of which had been given at the previous meeting), re formation of United Grand Lodge for New Zealand, spoke eloquently in favour of the motion, and said that until we had a United Grand Lodge for New Zealand we should not have Masonic homes, schools, etc. Rev. Bro. Ronaldson, P.M., in seconding the motion read a circular from the D.G. Lodge of Westland, giving its reasons for opposing the proposed United Grand Lodge, and in a very able manner answered all the objections set forth in the circular. Bro. De Renzy, W.M. Lodge Otago, E.C., as Secretary of the Masonic Union, then gave a deal of information *re* the financial affairs and management of the various D.G. Lodges of New Zealand, and went into figures to show that a great saving would be made by having a United Grand Lodge. P.M. Bro. Galloway spoke warmly in favour of the motion. S.W. Bro. Titchener said that up to this evening he had seen no reason for the formation of a Grand Lodge for New Zealand and severing our connection with the Grand Lodge of England, but the speeches he had heard tonight had quite won him over, and he would vote for the motion. The motion was put to the meeting. Twenty-five in favour, one undecided, and none against. W.M. Bro. Peterkin, S.W. Bro. Titchener, P.M's Galloway, McKelvey, Ronaldson, Bros. Clark and Rotter were elected delegates to attend the meeting to be held in Wellington. The lodge closed in due form at 10p.m.

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GRAND LODGE OF NEW ZEALAND.

The members of the Masonic Union, Dunedin Branch, are requested to attend a meeting at the Masonic Hall, Dunedin, on Monday, the 1st July, at 8 p.m.

BUSINESS

To appoint Three Members of the union to a Preliminary Convention in Wellington to consider the proposal of calling the General Convention in September, and to consider the following :— "That the Grand Lodge of New Zealand be proclaimed, and the Grand Master installed in Dunedin by His Excellency Lord Carrington, Grand Master of the United Grand Lodge of New South Wales, after the opening of the Dunedin Exhibition."

T. G. DE RENZY,
Hon Secretary to the Masonic Union, Dunedin.

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