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Founded 1864, meets every month in the Freemasons' Hall, Princes Street, Auckland, on the last Wednesday, at 7.30 p.m. Installation, June 24th.

W M	...	...	Bro H A ELLISON
S W	...	...	Bro A ERICKSON
J W	...	...	Bro W M'GUIRE
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Founded 1865, meets at the Masonic Hall, Hamilton, Waikato, Auckland, on Thursday, on or before full moon, at 8 p.m. Installation, June 24th.

W M	...	...	Bro G W SARE
S W	...	...	Bro R J GWYNNE
J W	...	...	Bro T J PRINCE [Waikato Times]
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Founded 1870, meets every month in the Freemasons' Hall, Thames, on the third Tuesday, at 7.30 p.m. Installation in December.

W M	...	...	Bro G S CLARK, P.M., P.G. St. Bearer
S W	...	...	Bro PETER M'GREGOR
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Founded 1872, meets at the Lodge room, County Council Buildings, on the Wednesday nearest the full moon, at 7.30 p.m. Installation, June 24th.

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S W	...	...	Bro A KELSO
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EDEN, No. 20.

Founded 1875, meets at the Masonic Hall, Karangaiape Road, Auckland, on the second Tuesday in each month, at 7.30 p.m. Installation in July.

W M	...	...	Bro W S WILLIAMS
S W	...	...	Bro W J WRIGHT
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MANUKAU, No. 24.

ALBION, No. 45.

Founded 1883, meets every month in the Masonic Hall, Devonport, Auckland, on the Friday on or before full moon, at 8 p.m. Installation in April.

W M	...	...	Bro C G WALKER
S W	...	...	Bro ALFRED BRIDGE
J W	...	...	Bro W H BROWN
Secretary	...	...	Bro A B BURGESS, P.M., Devonport.

TE AROHA, No. 52.

Founded in 1884, meets Thursday on or before full moon, at the Masonic Hall, Te Aroha. Installation January.

W M	...	...	Bro A A SMITH
S W	...	...	Bro ROBERT CANNELL
J W	...	...	Bro ROBERT HARRIS, G. Steward
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PONSONBY, No. 54.

Founded in 1884, meets at the Ponsonby Hall, Ponsonby, Auckland, on the first Tuesday in the month, at 7.30 p.m. Installation in December.

W M	...	...	Bro ALFRED HERBERT JONES
S W	...	...	Bro GEORGE FOWLES
J W	...	...	Bro JOHN SMART
Secretary	...	...	Bro V JOHANSEN, P.O. Box 383.

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Founded in 1884, meets monthly in Masonic Hall, Wairoa South, on the Wednesday on or before full moon. Installation, December.

W M	...	...	Bro DANIEL CRAWFORD
S W	...	...	Bro J H POYNTER
J W	...	...	Bro J. GRAINGER
Secretary	...	...	Bro CHAS. W STEPHENS, Wairoa South.

PAPAKURA, No. 56.

Founded in 1885, meets in the Masonic Hall, Papakura, on the Wednesday on or before full moon. Installation in January.

W M	...	...	Bro GEORGE F WILLIS
S W	...	...	Bro S CLARK
J W	...	...	Bro JAS. WALKER, jun
Secretary	...	...	Bro E D M'LENNAN, P.M., Papakura

FRANKLIN, No. 58.

Founded in 1886, meets in the Masonic Hall, Pukekohe, on Friday before full moon. Installation in November.

W M	...	...	Bro WILLIAM ABBOTT
S W	...	...	Bro J G RUTHERFORD
J W	...	...	Bro H DELL
Secretary	...	...	Bro F M HEWSON, P.M., Pukekohe

HOKIANGA, No. 69.

MANGONUI, No. 78.

Founded in 1892, meets in the Masonic Hall, Mangonui, on the second Tuesday in each month. Installation —

W M	...	...	Bro A D CLEMETT
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W M	...	...	Bro T SIDBY
S W	...	...	Bro J W M'DOUGALL
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Secretary	...	...	Bro ROBERT PRICE, P. Grand Warden

VICTORIA, No. 21.

Founded February 14, 1876, meets second Tuesday in every month, in Masonic Hall, Munroe Street, Napier. Installation December.

W M	...	...	Bro H OWEN
S W	...	...	Bro F G SMITH
J W	...	...	Bro R J DUNCAN, P.M.
Secretary	...	...	Bro A H WILSON

BEDFORD, No. 25.

Founded 1878, meets at the Masonic Hall, Waipukurau, Hawkes Bay, on the first Monday in each month, at 7.30 p.m. Installation in June.

W M	...	...	Bro ANTHONY STURBS
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Founded in 1879, meets at the Masonic Hall, Waipawa, Hawkes Bay, on Wednesday on or before full moon, at 7.30 p.m. Installation second Wednesday in December.

W M	...	...	Bro ARTHUR ROOD
S W	...	...	Bro S JOHNSON
J W	...	...	Bro GEORGE ABRAHAM
Secretary	...	...	Bro JOHN PICKETT, G. Stwd., Waipawa.

RAWHITI, No. 66.

Founded 1890, meets every month in the Town Hall, Danevirke, Hawkes Bay, on the Wednesday on or after full moon, at 7.30 p.m. Installation in December.

W M	...	...	Bro J F POPPLEWELL, P.M.
S W	...	...	Bro E ROBERTSHAW
J W	...	...	Bro F C W BIERRE
Secretary	...	...	Bro J H CLAYTON, Danevirke

HERETAUNGA, No. 73.

Founded in 1878, meets in the Masonic Hall, Hastings, Hawkes Bay, on the Wednesday on or after the full moon, at 7.30 p.m. Installation in June.

W M	...	...	Bro J A SMITH
S W	...	...	Bro S MILLER, P.M.
J W	...	...	Bro R G VAUGHAN, P.M.
Secretary	...	...	Bro W BEILBY, P.M., Hastings.

ABERCORN, No. 76.

BUAHINE, No. 80.

Founded 1886, meets every month in the Masonic Hall, Woodville, Hawkes Bay, on the Tuesday nearest full moon, at 7.30 p.m. Installation in June.

W M	...	...	Bro R E GRINLINTON
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Founded 9th Sept., 1842, meets every month in the Masonic Hall, Wellington, on the fourth Monday in each month, at 8 p.m. Installation in December.

W M	...	...	Bro HERBERT BOWEN BRIDGE
S W	...	...	Bro J A HEGINBOTHAM
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WATERLOO, No. 13.

Founded 1866, meets every month in the Masonic Hall, Wellington, on the second Monday at 7.30 p.m. Installation in December.

W M	...	...	Bro D J GEORGESEN
S W	...	...	Bro GEO WILSON
J W	...	...	Bro GEO MACMORRAN
Secretary	...	...	Bro DAVID GREIG, J.G. Deacon, Ngahauranga, near Wellington

PATEA KILWINNING, No. 18.

Founded 1873, meets every month in the Lodgeroom, Leicester Street, Patea, on the first Tuesday, at 7.30 p.m. Installation, November 30th.

W M	...	...	Bro W J GIBBONS, P.G. Steward
S W	...	...	Bro W C SYMES
J W	...	...	Bro F COLE
Secretary	...	...	Bro T E HAMERTON, P.M., Box 51.

MASTERTON, No. 19.

Founded 1873, meets every month in the Masonic Hall, Bannister Street, Masterton, on the second Wednesday in the month, at 8 p.m. Installation in December.

W M	...	...	Bro Rev W E PAIGE, M.A., P.G. Chap.
S W	...	...	Bro C A POWNALL
J W	...	...	Bro J A M'KENZIE
Secretary	...	...	Bro WILLIAM SELLAR, P.M., Masterton.

ST. ANDREW, No. 32.

Founded 1879, meets every month in the Masonic Hall, Wellington, on the fourth Thursday, at 8 p.m. Installation in December.

W M	...	...	Bro GEO FRANCE
S W	...	...	Bro THOMAS JAFFRAY
J W	...	...	Bro ROBERT FLETCHER
Secretary	...	...	Bro JOHN DANKS, P.M., 10, Brandon St.

HAWERA, No. 34.

Founded 1880, meets every month in the Temple, Union Street, Hawera, on the Thursday on or before full moon, at 7.30 p.m. Installation in December.

W M	...	...	Bro R A NOLAN
S W	...	...	Bro R SMART, Bank of N.Z., Maniaia
J W	...	...	Bro WM C NAIRN
Secretary	...	...	Bro H G PITCHER, P.M., Hawera

ST. JOHN, No. 37.

Founded in 1880, meets on Thursday nearest full moon, in the Masonic Hall, Wakefield Street, Featherston, at 8 p.m. Installation in October.

W M	...	...	Bro F C SMITH
S W	...	...	Bro MICHAEL BENNEY
J W	...	...	Bro J T HODDER
Secretary	...	...	Bro the Rev THOS PORRITT, P.M., Grand Chaplain, Featherston

RANGITIKEI, No. 38.

FEILDING, No. 41.

Founded July 29th, 1881, meets at the Foresters' Hall, Bowen Street, Feilding, on the nearest Monday to full moon, at 8 o'clock. Installation in July.

W M	...	...	Bro HUGH LIND SHERWILL
S W	...	...	Bro HENRY WORSFOLD
J W	...	...	Bro CHARLES BRAY, jun.
Secretary	...	...	Bro THOMAS W K FOSTER, Feilding.

LEINSTER, No. 44.

Founded 1882, meets every month in the Masonic Hall, Wellington, on the first Monday in each month, at 8 p.m. Installation, 24th June.

W M	...	...	Bro FREDERICK SILVER
S W	...	...	Bro J GENTLES
J W	...	...	Bro W WILLS
Secretary	...	...	Bro FRANK HYDE, Public Trust Office

MANAWATU KILWINNING, No. 47.

Founded 1883, meets every month in the Orient-Lodge Room of the American Order of Oddfellows, Church Street, Palmerston North, on the Wednesday nearest full moon, at 7.30 p.m. Installation in April.

W M	...	...	Bro WILLIAM DAWICK
S W	...	...	Bro JAMES SALMON
J W	...	...	Bro JAMES HOCKING
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Secretary	...	...	Bro F E WHITE, Palmerston North

NGAMOTU, No. 48.

Founded in 1883, meets in the Foresters' Hall, Gill Street, New Plymouth, on the third Friday in each month, at 7.30 p.m. Installation in November.

W M	...	...	Bro JOSEPH LITTLE
S W	...	...	Bro W H CLARK
J W	...	...	Bro C W HENDRY
Secretary	...	...	Bro D McALLUM, P.M., New Plymouth.

ST. MARK, No. 53.

Founded May 1884, meets every month in the Freemasons' Hall, Carterton, on the second Tuesday at 8 p.m. Installation, second Tuesday in May.

W M	...	...	Bro N GRACE, P.M., P.G.S.
S W	...	...	Bro T E UNDERHILL
J W	...	...	Bro W MOORE
Secretary	...	...	Bro W. J LINDOP, Carterton.

FOXTON KILWINNING, No. 59.

ULSTER, No. 62.

Founded 1888, meets every month in the Masonic Hall, Petone, Wellington, on the third Wednesday, at 8 p.m. Installation, third Wednesday in June.

W M	...	...	Bro RICHARD MOTES, P.M.
S W	...	...	Bro R C KIRK
J W	...	...	Bro A MARSDEN
Secretary	...	...	Bro JOHN T KING, Petone

TARARUA, No. 67.

Founded in 1890, meets at the Town Hall, Pahiatua, on Wednesday nearest full moon, at 7.30 p.m. Installation in November.

W M	...	...	Bro H H GODFREY
S W	...	...	Bro J GREGORY
J W	...	...	Bro A S BENTLEY
Secretary	...	...	Bro F G MOORE, Pahiatua

OTANGAKI, No. 70.

Founded 1891, meets at the Masonic Hall, Ashurst, on the Tuesday before full moon in every month. Lodge tyled at 7.30 p.m. Installation in August.

W M	...	...	Bro ALFRED BUCHLER
S W	...	...	Bro H TIRMEIVAN
J W	...	...	Bro J CRAVEN
Secretary	...	...	Bro R JAMES, Ashurst.

RANGITARA, No. 71.

Founded 1891, meets in the Argyle Hall, Hunterville, Rangitikei, on the Friday nearest full moon. Installation —

W M	...	...	Bro W THOMPSON
S W	...	...	Bro S STACEY
J W	...	...	Bro W FLOYD
Secretary	...	...	Bro W H MAHONY, Hunterville.

OTAKI, No. 72.

Founded 1891, meets in the Schoolhouse, Otaki, on the Friday nearest full moon, at 7.30 p.m. Installation in November.

W M	...	...	Bro WILLIAM ROBERT FRANKLIN
S W	...	...	Bro WILLIAM BELL
J W	...	...	Bro CHARLES TILLEY
Secretary	...	...	Bro J M'CULLOCH, P.M., Otaki.

GREYTOWN, No. 74.

Founded 1877, meets at the Masonic Hall, Greytown North, Wairarapa, Wellington, on the Friday nearest the full moon, at 8 p.m. Installation, June 24th.

W M	...	...	Bro F H WOOD, P.M.
S W	...	...	Bro R W TATE
J W	...	...	Bro H S IZARD
Secretary	...	...	Bro REV E H WYATT, Greytown N.

STRATFORD, No. 75.

Founded 1892, meets in the Presbyterian Church, Stratford, Taranaki, on the Tuesday on or before full moon. Installation in March.

W M	...	...	Bro ALEXANDER WALKER REID
S W	...	...	Bro JAMES GORRIE
J W	...	...	Bro W MACKIE
Secretary	...	...	Bro C ORCHARD, Stratford

ST. ANDREW KILWINNING, No. 79.

Founded 3rd February, 1868, meets at Freemasons' Hall, Wanganui, on the second Thursday in each month. Installation on St. Andrew's Day (Nov. 30).

W M	...	...	Bro JOHN STEVENSON
S W	...	...	Bro DAVID MAY
J W	...	...	Bro N MEULI
Secretary	...	...	Bro JOHN FAIRBURN, Guyton Street.

ROYAL ARCH CHAPTERS. NEW ZEALAND.

OTAGO (late No. 844, E.C.)

Founded 1862, meets in the Masonic Hall, Wansbeck Street, Oamaru, on the first Friday after full moon in February, April, June, August, October, and December.

M E Z	...	...	Comp T G DE RENZY, P.Z.
Ex H	...	...	Comp A J BARTH, P.H.
Ex J	...	...	Comp J F CRAWFORD, P.J.
Scribe E	...	...	Comp JAMES WANSBROUGH
Mark Master	...	...	Comp R H CATHCART

SOUTHERN CROSS (LATE No. 997, E.C.)

WATERLOO (late No. 166, S.C.)

Founded 1875, meets quarterly in the Masonic Hall, Boulcott Street, Wellington, on the first Wednesday in March and the third Wednesday in June, September, and December. Installation in September.

M E Z	...	...	Comp H J WILLIAMS, P.Z.
Ex H	...	...	Comp H J H ELLIOT, P.Z.
Ex J	...	...	Comp HARRY TYRRE
Scribe E	...	...	Comp JOHN JACK, Everton Terrace
Treasurer	...	...	Comp ALFRED LINDSAY, P.Z.
Ex Master	...	...	THE FIRST PRINCIPAL
Mark Master	...	...	Comp GRADY.

AUCKLAND PROVINCIAL, No. —.

Founded 1892, meets every second Wednesday in February, April, June, August, October, and December. Installation in July.

M E Z	...	...	Comp G H POWLEY, P.Z.
Ex H	...	...	Comp H C TEWSLEY
Ex J	...	...	Comp W T BRIGGS
Scribe E	...	...	Comp GEO FOWLES, Victoria Arcade
Treasurer	...	...	Comp R B SYMONS
Ex Master	...	...	Comp W H COOPER, P.Z.
Mark Master	...	...	Comp THOMAS THOMAS

SCOTLAND.

TRAFALGAR, No. 157, S.C.

Founded 1873, meets every month in the Masonic Hall, Collingwood Street, Nelson, on the Tuesday nearest new moon, at 7.30 p.m.

M E Z	...	...	Comp H T BAIGENT, P.Z.
Ex H	...	...	Comp H T HALL
Ex J	...	...	Comp W BROWN, P.Z.
Treasurer	...	...	Comp S BOLTON, P.Z.
Mark Master	...	...	Comp W BROWN, P.Z.
Ex Master	...	...	Comp S BOLTON, P.Z.
Scribe E	...	...	Comp T SCOTT, Trafalgar St., Nelson.

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NOTICE.

Mr George Hescott, travelling representative of this journal, has been suspended. Until this suspension is removed (of which due notice will be given) Mr Hescott is prohibited from collecting money or transacting any business on behalf of "The New Zealand Craftsman."

T. G. DE RENZY,

Masonic Institute, or, Box 444, Post Office. AUCKLAND.

Any Brother knowing the whereabouts of Mr Hescott would do me a favour by telling him that I request his immediate return to Auckland.

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MASONIC LECTURER.

BROTHER JOSIAH MARTIN, P.M. of Lodge Prince of Wales, No. 1338, E.C., and Past Z., Auckland (Fellow of the Geological. Society ; formerly Science Lecturer to the Auckland Training College; Past President of the Auckland Institute, etc.).

Will act, temporarily, as Representative of this journal. During his travels through the Colony his services will be at the disposal of any Lodge, irrespective of Constitution, for the purpose of delivering any of the following lectures :—

PUBLIC SERIES.

Four lectures on "THE HISTORY OF HUMAN PROGRESS" illustrating the evolution of Freemasonry. Each lecture will be illustrated by objects, pictures, and diagrams exhibited by limelight. These four lectures, which are intensely interesting, will be *open to the lady and gentlemen friends* of the brethren.

1.—" Primitive Man, his Weapons and Working Tools ; " the origin of signs and symbols used to denote power and authority, and also the primitive significance of the prohibition against the use of metal tools in religious ceremonies, etc.

2.—" Primitive Society" explaining the rudimentary constitution of clans, families, tribes or fraternities; their mutual dependence for waistance and support, and their mode of recognition by signs, tokens, and pass words.

3,—" Myths and Symbols," tracing the development of the intellectual faculties, and the progress of human thought; from the darkness of ignorance and superstition, into the light of reason.and knowledge.

4.—" Magic and Mystery," illustrated by the Monuments and Records or Ancient Egypt—a sketch of primitive philosophy, describing the search for truth and knowledge expressed in the symbolism of the Ancient Wisdom religion.



PRIVATE SERIES.

CRAFT AND ARCH.

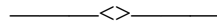
The following course of four lectures will be *open to all brethren* who may be of rank equal to the several degrees':—

1. The First Degree : "The. Mystery of Initiation."---The real and the ideal in Masonry,

2. The Temple of Wisdom."--- Au explanation of the ceremonies and symbols of the Second Degree.

3. "The Lost Word."—A. sketch of the history and philosophy of the Sublime Degree.

4. " The Mysterious Name."—An explanation of the banners and emblems of the Royal Arch Chapter—describing the search for knowledge, as expressed in the beautiful Ceremonies of this degree.



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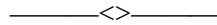
These are short original lectures intended to illustrate and explain the ceremonial proceedings *during the working* of the various degrees :-

In the First Degree . "The Masonic Trinity " ; "The Heavenly Ladder," (an address on the Tracing Board ; "The Working Tools of the E.A."

In the Second Degree : "The Winding Stair " ; "The South ;East Corner " ; " Tim Two Great Pillars."

In the Third. Degree : " The Master Mason's Apron " ; " The Square and Compasses " ; " The Emblems of Mortality."

In the Royal Arch Chapter ; " The Mystery of Death and the Secret of Life " ; The Four Cherubim and the Sacred Shrine."



Bro. Martin will travel down the East Coast of the North Island to Wellington, thence he will cross to Blenheim, and take coach to Christchurch from Hokitika. From Christchurch he will work down to Invercargill, and return to Auckland via the West Coast of the North Island, His dates will be approximately as follows:

—The Thames, Gisborne, and Napier, in November ; rail to Wellington during December; Blenheim, Nelson, and the West Coast of the South Island in January, 1893; Christchurch to Bluff in February, 1893; West Coast of North Island in March, 1893.

Lodges desirous of taking advantage of Bro. Martin's services will please communicate with the undersigned, arranging for suitable dates as early as possible, and mentioning which lecture of either series they wish him to deliver.

It is expected that a hall and attendance will be provided free of cost.

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R. W. BRO. CHARLES P. HULBERT,
GRAND REPRESENTATIVE OF SOUTH AUSTRALIA.



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BRO. G. W. SPETH, P.M.,

SECRETARY OF LODGE QUATUOR CORONATI, No. 2076, LONDON.

BRO. Speth, may be said to have been born a Freemason. At the time of his birth, which took place on the 30th April; 1847, his father, G. W. Speth, was a member of the "Lodge of Unity," now No. 188; his uncle, Edward Ryan, was a member of the same Lodge, and, its W.M., Bro. H. Cohn, Grand Secretary for Foreign Correspondence in the Grand Lodge of England, stood sponsor for him at the font.

After completing his education in France, and Germany, Bro. Speth, at the early age of 19, entered into commercial pursuits.

In 1868, being then of age, he took advantage of the visit to England, of a Havana Merchant. The offer having been accepted, he left for Cuba, in September of the same year. At the end of 1871, he returned, for business purposes, to England. In January, 1872, he was initiated in his father's Lodge, Unity, No. 183. Returning to Havana for a time, he came back to England for good towards the end of 1873, and he was at once appointed to office, in the Lodge as I.G. In 1874, he served as S.D.; S.W. in 1875; and W.M. in 1876.

It was in 1881, that Bro. Speth first turned his attention to the study of Masonry and its antiquities; his first attempt being the History of his Mother Lodge which appeared in that year. This brought him into contact with Bro. R. F. Gould, the eminent Masonic historian, who, was at that time, engaged on his famous, "History of Freemasonry," and required some assistance in the investigation of foreign documents and

writings, which by reason of his education, Bro. Speth was capable of supplying. The result has been a life-long friendship with the distinguished historian, exclusive of valuable help rendered to his undertaking, and which only ceased with the publication of the last volume. While engaged on this subject, Bro. Speth collected a mass of information respecting Eminent Masons, which was contributed to the *Philadelphian Keystone*, in the shape of a series of biographical notes on "Members of Royal Houses, who had donned the Lamb-skin Apron," being the only attempt at a complete list which has yet been made. These notes were afterwards reprinted in pamphlet form in Philadelphia, and were subsequently re-issued, in a revised and extended form, in the "Queen's Jubilee Number," of the *London Freemason*, 1887. In the meantime, he had become acquainted with some of the foremost Masonic thinkers and writers, such as, Bros. W. J. Hughan, Rev. A. F. A. Woodford, D. Murray-Lyon, W. H. Rylands, and others, and with them, became interested in the endeavour to establish, Masonic Archaeology on a firmer basis than had been the case hitherto. The outcome of this combination of students was, the foundation of the now celebrated "Quatuor Coronati" Lodge, of which the subject of our notice is one of the Founders. At the consecration of the Lodge, he was appointed Secretary, an office which he has since filled with credit to himself and satisfaction to all concerned.

From the first, the Lodge struck out a line of its own, and for some time conducted its proceedings with gratification to its members. It was soon however discovered that, with a small subscription, it was impossible to spend money in printing, and failing this, the influence of the Lodge upon the Craft in general could not possibly be of an extended nature. It was at this critical period in the history of the Lodge, that Bro. Speth conceived the happy idea of the "Correspondence Circle." Having placed his conception before the Lodge, permission was granted to make a trial, and, in 1887, the circular calling the new Association into existence was issued. Of the phenomenal success of the venture it is needless here to speak at any length. It will be sufficient to say that the idea at once caught on, and in less than five years, it has grown to a membership of nearly 1,500, scattered over every inhabited corner of the Globe, and comprising the Cream of the Masonic Intellect in every country in the World.

There can be no doubt, but that, the Lodge owes its success, at any rate very materially, to the distinguished attainments of its members, the excellence of the papers read at the meetings, and the able, eloquent, and incisive manner in which the various subjects brought forward are discussed and commented upon. Yet, these qualifications, however eminent taken by themselves alone, are not by any means sufficient to secure success. Something more is needed. The clever organizer, the energetic, wide-awake manager, the wise, able, tactful, and indefatigable executive officer is absolutely essential to attain the best results. In Bro. Speth, the Lodge has been peculiarly fortunate in securing a Secretary possessing these varied qualities in a pre-eminent degree. Every feature of its organisation, every fresh departure, and every scheme to enlarge and extend the usefulness of the Lodge, has emanated solely from the brain of its Secretary.

Although Bro. Speth has not yet been called to office in that distinguished body, the Grand Lodge of England, yet, his services to the Craft have not been unrecognised, both within, and without the United Kingdom. He is an honorary member of Lodge "Scientific," Bingley, Yorks ; of Lodge "St. Albans," Adelaide ; and of the "Association of Masonic Veterans, of Illinois," to all of which positions he has been elected solely on account of his literary labours, and we have good reason to know, that he values in a very high degree these tokens of fraternal recognition.

Our brother has his home in Margate, the well-known Kentish watering place, the location having been selected for its pure and bracing air, on account of the delicate health of his elder daughter. By a very slight stretch of the imagination, we can fancy our distinguished brother in his study. The rooms overlooks a pretty garden filled with those Old English, "Stars of the Earth," which we all love so well. The windows are open to the invigorating sea breezes, coming up, filled with the health-giving ozone, from the North Sea. The walls around are lined with shelves laden with hundreds of volumes, every one of which has reference, more or less direct, to "The Art of Arts." In this snug and quiet retreat, the Secretary of the "Quatuor Coronati" spends an average of tea hours a day every moment of which is devoted to the affairs of the Lodge, which, next to the concerns of his family, he has made the one object of his life.

Abridged from the article by "J. S." in *THE KEYSTONE*, Brisbane. The Block has been courteously lent by the Editor.

THE CHRISTCHURCH COMMUNICATION.

WE were unable to be present at the last Quarterly Communication, but our friends have posted us up as to what took place.

The Grand Master, out of respect to the Grand Superintendent of Wellington, formally moved the resolution, but declared his intention to oppose it. Brother the Rev. D. J. Murray, Past Grand Chaplain moved an amendment, declaring that Grand Lodge saw no reason to take the steps advocated by Brother Williams—viz., to rescind the resolution of Grand Lodge carried in Christchurch last year—this with the addendum suggested by one or two—that the matter be adjourned until the January- Communication in Dunedin, was carried *nem con*. The Grand Superintendent of Otago said a few words, instancing the case of the Lodge of Otago; and the duplicate ditto, which seemed to meet with the approval of Grand Lodge. Brother Burton's remarks made several converts.

The question of Lodges returning members in arrear was referred back to the Board of General Purposes. The opposition to the proposal was overwhelming.

The remarks of Past Grand Master Brother Thomson on reception of the testimonial— 100 guineas and a Past Grand Master's Jewel—were few and in good taste.

The Grand Master made a very good impression in Christchurch and elsewhere.

THE Representative of the Grand Orient of Italy in New Zealand, V. :. W. :. Bro. :. George Robertson, Past Grand Secretary, has put together a few facts relative to the doings of the Craft in Italy. These we have much pleasure in publishing, and the brethren will find that they will well repay perusal. Representatives of other Grand Bodies should remember that " Freemasonry well studied, well administered, and well practised, is of interest to all true Masons, wherever located.

THE HON. JOHN BALLANCE.

THIS gentleman is a member of Lodge L., Amour de la Vérité, Wellington, holding obedience to the Grand Orient of France.

Brother John Ballance is a member of Lodge St. Andrew Kilwinning, No. 79, Wanganui, holding obedience to the Grand Lodge of New Zealand.

"The Grand Lodge of New Zealand," on July 28th, 1890, "declared the Lodge formed in Wellington under the Grand Orient of France to be an irregular body, undeserving recognition of any kind."

"And that after the date of this Communication it shall be an instruction to Worshipful Masters not to receive visitors from, or allow their member is to visit Lodges under the French Orient ; and that any member of a Lodge holding under this Grand Lodge, who has joined, or joins, a Lodge holding under the Grand Orient of France be given the option of withdrawing within one month, or that his name be struck off the roll of his Lodge."

The Grand Lodge of New Zealand has a duty to perform ; will it do it ?

As mentioned last month, we have in our possession for the benefit of "The Widows' and Orphans' Fund."

"Coromandel" sent us this money in 1891, but imposed the condition that nineteen individuals or Lodges should subscribe a like amount. Up to date between £30 to £40 has been received by the Grand Secretary. It surely is not impossible to gather the difference of £60, and so prevent this deserving charity losing what has already been collected ?

Individual subscriptions of £1 will not be refused.

WE are again indebted to Bro. W. FI. Clark, Secretary of Lodge Southern Cross, No. 9, Invercargill, for compiling the index to volume 3, which, accompanies this issue.

To comment upon the correspondence, published in this issue, relative to the Supreme Grand Chapter of New Zealand of Royal Arch Masons, would be out of place. It will, however, help to the understanding of the difficulty by stating the position of the two rival Chapters in Oamaru on the 29th October last :—

"I have just had word from the North Otago Chapter that they have declined to amalgamate with us. I may state I had a conversation with Williams on the subject of his hasty, and in my opinion ill-considered, action in having granted a warrant to the North Otago Chapter, and I pointed out to him that it was no excuse if not knowing the position of affairs here, that he ought to have, at least, made inquiries before taking any steps in the matter. He then took up the position that we were an irregular body as Mark Masons. I then reminded him we had been accepted as members of the Chapter of Otago, and consequently were perfectly regular."

THE English Lodge at Timaru, in the most fraternal manner, placed their hall at the disposal of the brethren of Caledonian, N.Z.C., on the occasion of the Grand Master's visit.

LETTERS.

TO CORRESPONDENTS.

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 our correspondents.

Correspondence is invited, and Brethren are solicited to forward inquiries relating to any matter of Masonic practice, or bearing upon the history or expression of the Institution. We only impose these easy conditions :-

Do not write on both sides of the paper.

Do not write on either side unless you feel you must.

Do not write unless you have got something to say.

Do not write for a reply privately, through the post, because we are busy.

Do not write and expect us to endorse your opinions every time, as they may not be our opinions.

Do not write unless you say what you have got to say in a friendly way, as nothing written in a cantankerous spirit will appear in this journal if we can help it.

Do not get impatient with us under any circumstances, because we do not deserve it. you do, in that case, as in every other one, BE BRIEF, and address

THE EDITOR.

ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS.

P.M., WELLINGTON.—We know nothing of it, but suppose it is true, what does it matter ? The derision as to which centre is to be the home of Grand Lodge for 1893-94 does not rest with the brethren you name.

P.M. BRO. PICKETT.—The Guide will be published at the end of December or beginning of January. We don't think a cover for binding the CRAFTSMAN would be a financial success.

THE DIVISION OF THE WELLINGTON DISTRICT.

TO THE EDITOR..

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—What is the reason for the non-fulfillment of the promise made by Grand Master Niccol on his first visit to these parts : to separate Taranaki from the Masonic District of Wellington and constitute us and the brethren in and around Wanganui into a District in charge of a Superintendent ?

You have already advocated this stop, the Taranaki brethren know its desirability, why then is it not carried out ?

By a recent edict of Grand Lodge it is made compulsory that the Superintendent Should visit each Lodge in his district at least once a year. Very admirable in theory, but has Grand Lodge considered the expense this will involve and the inconvenience that will result to Bro. Williams in giving effect to the law?

By your list of Lodge meetings, published in the last issue—by-the-bye I must compliment you in filling "a long felt want"—I find that the Superintendent of Wellington could visit 13 Lodges in one month, providing he lived, eat, and slept in the train; five Lodges would be his second month's work, three Lodges the following month, and one Lodge in the fourth month. This would necessitate four expensive journeys to and fro by railway, and the waste of much valuable time. Were the district divided, Bro. Williams would have 16 Lodges to supervise, and I find one journey would be all that would be necessary, providing one of the 16 Lodges called an emergency meeting.

There are many advantages that would result from the division, but it is unnecessary now to mention them. -I simply want, at this stage, to draw attention to the fact that Bro. Niccol's promise has not been kept, and we consider that an explanation should be given.—Yours fraternally,

"MONITOR."

New Plymouth, October 28th, 1892.

THE OTHER SIDE.—A REPLY TO BRO. SNOW.

TO THE EDITOR.

DEAR BRO. EDITOR,—I see by your last issue that Bro. Snow still glories in his ignorance on Masonic matters. Hitherto I have made it a rule not to answer one that perverts the truth, but in this case I make an exception to that rule for Bro. Snow's good.

Again inconsistency and want of logic predominate throughout his whole letter. Bro. Snow, although he does not see it, uses a strong argument in favour of a New Zealand Constitution, and from the tone of his letter I believe it will not be long until he becomes a strong advocate for the New Zealand Grand Lodge.

Evidently Bro. Snow is searching for light, and no doubt once he finds out that he has been misled by interested guides he will turn on them with a vengeance.

It appears that Bro. Snow has been reading Masonic history since I wrote last. He must be reading more than he can digest, hence the Masonic nightmare he is labouring under. 'What has regular or irregular Lodges or Masons to do with the New Zealand Constitution? With all Bro. Snow's Masonic knowledge he evidently does not know what makes an irregular Mason.

It is some light to me to learn on the authority of one so well read in Masonic history as Bro. Snow, that my 3,000 brethren of the New Zealand Constitution are all irregular Masons. If the Grand Lodge of England think us irregular why don't they act consistently and withdraw their representatives from all Grand Lodges that have acknowledged us? Bro. Snow, after his few months' experience as a Mason, ought to correct Bro. Gould, for he does not mention in his History of Freemasonry "Lodge Madrid" (in Gibraltar) in 1728. Bro. Snow must be thinking of Madrid, where a Lodge called St. John's of Jerusalem, No. 51, was established by the Duke of Wharton in his own apartments in a hotel in Madrid in 1728, and two months later the W.M., Bro. Labelle, informed the Grand Lodge of the fact, and asked in 1729 to be properly constituted. The case has no parallel with ours, and is like the rest of Bro. Snow's logical reasoning. As I asked in my former letter, where are the irregular lodges?

But what is the use of trying to set a brother right when he shuts his eyes to plain facts? Can he not see that more lodges are making themselves "irregular," from Bro. Snow's standpoint, every month, and that it will only be a matter of a little time until Bro. Snow and Lodge Lazar will be working under the New Zealand Grand Lodge.

Has Bro. Snow ever thought that the forbearance of the brethren of the New Zealand Constitution towards the English and Scottish Constitutions might come to an end, and that a feeling might arise amongst the brethren that no one belonging to a Scottish or English Constitution would be admitted to the New Zealand Constitution except as an initiate?

I see "allegiance" has now become a "figure of speech."

I would advise Bro. Snow to read no more Masonic history until he reads the history of the formation of the Grand Lodge of New Zealand. Then I believe he will agree with me that we are as legally formed as the Grand Lodge of England.

As Bro. Snow makes special mention of visiting, I would ask him what he thinks of District Grand Officers that would remove the "Antient Landmarks " and prevent a brother from attending his mother lodge, because the lodge appointed that brother to represent it at in meeting of brethren held to consider the matter of the formation of a Grand Lodge ? The 12th landmark is "The right of every Mason to be represented in all general meetings of the craft, and to instruct his representatives "The 14th landmark is, "The right of every brother to sit and visit in every regular lodge," and the 25th landmark is "That these landmarks can never be changed."

The argument that Bro. Snow uses in favour of the New Zealand Constitution (referred to above) is that "The more one studies the condition of Masonry as it existed between 1717 and 1813, the more the conviction grows upon one how necessary it was (is) that so many isolated Lodges and so many factions should be welded together under a central controlling body possessed of absolute power."

If, Bro. Editor, you can find space for this in your next issue you will oblige your already indebted servant,

JAMES S. MILLER, P.M.,

Lodge Harvey No. 49, N.Z.C.

Chatton, October 4th, 1892.

GRAND LODGE EXPENDITURE.

TO THE EDITOR.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,— "Second thoughts are generally the best." I had written a lengthy reply to your article, but shall not inflict it upon your readers nor descend to recriminations. I am content to leave the matter to the judgment of the many friends I have in the Craft. To the rest the animus that pervades and must have dictated your writing will be apparent. I will, however, point out the fact that while you say that you gave a *correct* (?) statement of Grand Lodge accounts, that the receipts are to 31st August, 1892, and the expenditure is to the *30th September, 1892*, which is a peculiar idea of book-keeping. The Craft Lodges in future will, in accordance to By-law No. 181, Book of Constitutions, be furnished with printed, copies of the quarterly receipts and disbursements (you have the last to 30th September, 1892, and doubtless will publish it), and then brethren can then form their own opinions, and will perhaps agree that I am correct in agreeing with the editor of the *Sydney Freemason* in the number of October let, 1892, "That Finance is not a strong point with the New Zealand Grand Lodge."—Yours fraternally,

W. H. COOPER.

Auckland, 3rd November, 1892.

[We stretch a point in giving publicity to Bro. Cooper's reply ; had we followed the strict journalistic rule, its proper place would have been the waste paper basket. Bro. Cooper is playing upon words ; we did not profess to give a "Statement of Grand Lodge accounts," that is the duty of "W. H. Cooper, auditor." What we did give was a statement of the total receipts of Grand Lodge to August 31st, supplemented with a statement of the financial position at August 31st. Bro. Cooper accepted our figures as "being approximately correct," but demanded the publication of the details of the expenditure, this we gave up to the 30th September. What this has to do with keeping books, and why he should style it "a peculiar idea of book-keeping," passes our comprehension. The quarterly statement of receipts and disbursements to 30th September does not alter our figures—Bro Cooper has not challenged their correctness—it is therefore unnecessary to take up space and go to the expense of publishing what is already in the hands of those interested. It is unfortunate for the point Bro. Cooper wishes to make that he has introduced the opinion of the *Sydney Freemason*. Our contemporary commenting upon our remarks *re* the proposal to remit the fees of honour of certain Grand Officers, which proposal Bro. Cooper supported, says :—"The income of the Board of Benevolence of the Grand Lodge of New Zealand last year was only £123 17s 9d. Yet, with this poor income, it is lessened by remitting 'fees of honour.' There a misnomer here. Finance is not a strong point with this Grand Lodge."

The fact of an Auditor of Grand Lodge affirming that he, in conjunction with one other, had "made an exhaustive examination, had checked over every entry and posting in the books (recently opened) since the formation of Grand Lodge; had regular Trial-Balance Sheets taken out, and Profit and Loss Accounts made

up, and could certify that the books were correct, and balanced by double entry to 30th June, ult." ; afterwards questioning the correctness of his own handiwork, is sufficient warrant for Grand Lodge employing a professional gentleman, a non-Mason, to certify to the correctness of its next Balance Sheet.—ED. CRAFTSMAN].

BRO. THOMSON'S RITUAL.

TO THE EDITOR.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—A. copy of the above ritual recently fell into my hands, and having a conservative weakness for " Emulation " working, I was tempted to read it through. I do not presume to set myself up as an authority upon the subject (in fact, I do not understand anyone attempting to do so who cannot attend the Emulation Lodge regularly), but if I were Bro. Thomson I should take the first opportunity of eliminating the words on the title page "according to the Emulation working," because, in the first place, as an exemplification of the working as taught in the Emulation Lodge of Improvement, his ritual is an unreliable production, and secondly, there is not the least likelihood of its ever being endorsed as authentic, as the Lodge has never at any time, sanctioned or assented to, a printed or written ritual professing to teach its working, so that it is not likely to acknowledge Bro. Thomson's. Indeed, I am inclined to believe that the distinguished brethren forming the committee of that celebrated Lodge will think just about as little of it as they do of "A. Lewis' Perfect Ceremonies of Craft Masonry."

Printed rituals are becoming a perfect curse to Freemasonry in this country, and to my mind they come within the meaning of Rule 115, B. of C. If not, the sooner Grand Lodge legislates on this abuse, the better will it be for the protection and preservation of the purity of our secret arts and hidden mysteries. — Yours fraternally,

JOHN W. WARREN, No, 48.

Member of the Emulation Lodge of Improvement, London, W.C.

Stratford, N.Z., November 3rd, 1892.

THE PROPOSAL TO RECOGNISE NEW ZEALAND.

TO THE EDITOR.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I wish to say that, my letter to District Grand Masters, which you published last month, was intended by me to be confidential, that I did not publish it, and that I have declined the request of your representative for a copy of the correspondence. I cannot see what good would be gained by the publication of the correspondence or any part of it. Even if the proposal were unanimously supported by the District Grand Masters, the Grand Lodges might not see fit to adopt the recommendation ; and on the other hand the knowledge that any District Grand Master had declined to join in the representation would probably cause quite unnecessary ill-feeling towards him.—Yours fraternally,

E. OSBORNE GIBBES, D.D.G.M.

Wellington, 2nd November, 1892.

[The D.G.M. of Auckland did not consider Bro. Gibbes' letter confidential, for he distributed printed copies of the same accompanied with his reply, neither was it so considered in Wellington. The report of the Christchurch Communication of the Grand Lodge of New Zealand contains an official reference to the matter by the Superintendent of Wellington.—ED. C.]

THERE is some talk of opening a Lodge under England at Lyttelton. The difficulty is the want of a hall.

OUR dear old friend, Past Senior Grand Warden McKelvey, came back to Dunedin from Tasmania on the 22nd October.

A WELLINGTON Brother who, by-the-by, reads the CRAFTSMAN by courtesy, has made an unmanly and covert attack upon us: " Don't hit below the belt " Bro. . Send along a copy of your letter, we will print it, the Craft will read it, and we promise a reply.

Grand Lodge of New Zealand

QUARTERLY COMMUNICATION.

HOLDEN AT THE ST. AUGUSTINE MASONIC HALL, CHRISTCHURCH, ON
WEDNESDAY, THE 26TH DAY OF OCTOBER, 1892.

PRESENT.

M.W. Bro. Malcolm Niccol	Grand Master
M.W. Bro. Henry Thomson.	Past Grand Master
R.W. Bro. Albert Kaye	Deputy Grand Master
R.W. Bro. Alfred Henry Burton ..	Grand Supt., Otago Dist.
R.W. Bro. Rook-wood Comport Bishop	As Senior Grand Warden
R.W. Bro. Charles Partridge Hulbert	As Junior Grand Warden
V.W. Bro. Rev. Edward E. Chambers	Grand Chaplain
V.W. Bro. Rev. Daniel J. Murray ..	Past Grand Chaplain
V.W. Bro. John Joyce, M.H.R.	Past Grand Registrar
V.W. Bro. Charles A. C. Hardy	Past President B. of G.P..
V.W. Bro. Rev. Wm. Ronaldson	Grand Secretary
W. Bro. John Thompson	Senior Grand Deacon
W. Bro. George Tombs	As Junior Grand Deacon
W. Bro. F. W. Francis	As Grand Dir. of Cerem.
Bro. William McAdam	As Grand Sword Bearer.
Bro. R. W. Searell	As Grand Organist
NV. Bro. H. F. Arnold	Grand Pursnivant
W. Bro. Thomas Boyd	Grand Steward
W. Bro. A. B Blackett	Grand Steward
W. Bro. Charles L. Russell	Grand Steward
W. Bro. James Grubb	Past Grand Steward

AND

The Masters, Past Masters, and Wardens of many Lodges from all parts of the territory.

Opening of Grand Lodge.—The Grand Lodge was opened in ample form, and with solemn prayer.

Minutes.—The Minutes of the Quarterly Communication held in 'Wellington on July 29th, having been printed and circulated amongst all Lodges, and members of Grand Lodge, were taken as read and ordered to be confirmed.

Notice of Motion. —*Re Minutes.* The Grand Secretary asked that the foliowin, paragraph in the Minutes (p. 174 and 175) of the Communication of Grand Lodge on 29th June Last, viz., " Letter from Bro. A. Gunderson, secretary St. Augustine Lodge, asking that their Charter might be given up to the District Grand Lodge, E.C., Canterbury," be expunged from the records of Grand Lodge, as St. Augustine Lodge had made no such request.— It was ruled by the Grand Master that notice of motion to that effect would have to be given and considered at the Communication of Grand Lodge in January, 1893, at Dunedin. The Grand Secretary, therefore, gave notice of motion as directed.

Apologies.—Apologies by telegrams and letters were received from Officers and Members of Grand Lodge, including Rt. Wor. Bro. E. T. Gillon, Rt. W. Bro. W. H. Hall, Rt. W. Bro. H. J. Williams, Rt. W. Bro. Beilby, V.W. Bro. Geo. Robertson, Rt. W. Bro. the Hon. Henry Feldwick, Past Grand Warden, Wor. Bros. J. Derbridge, A. W. Bain, and many others.

Roll of Lodges.—The Roll of Lodges was called, when Officers and Members of seventeen Lodges answered, besides visitors.

Receipts and Disbursements.—Read by Grand Secretary.

Reports.—The Reports of the Board of Benevolence, Board of General Purposes, and Grand Superintendents, were then read :-

Report of Board of Benevolence.

Report of the Board of Benevolence, Grand Lodge of New Zealand, presented at the Quarterly Communication of Grand Lodge, at Christchurch, on Wednesday, October 26th, 1892 :-

Four meetings of the Board have been held.

Your Board has to report, that during the past quarter, the following grants have been made :-

1.	On the application .of Lodge St. Andrew to assist a Brother	£ 5 0 0
2.	On the application of Lodge Manawatu Kilwinning for assistance to a Brother in sickness	5 0 0
3.	To assist a Stranger in a Strange Land (a Brother under the Grand Lodge of Peru), Passage to San Francisco	10 0 0
4.	To assist the Widow of a late Brother, late W.M. of Lodge Rodney..	5 0 0
5.	To assist a Brother in distress ..	2 0 0
6.	To assist a Brother to return to Tasmania ..	<u>2 0 0</u>
		<u>£29 0 0</u>

Other applications have been received, but not coming within the powers of the Board no assistance could be given.

The Balance to the credit of the Fund of Benevolence is £389 2s. 9d. Of this sum £350 is on deposit at 5 0/,, interest, and the balance of £39 2s. 9d. is deposited in the Auckland Savings Bank bearing interest, of which full particulars have been given by the Board of General Purposes.

Faternally submitted,

JAMES F. LOGAN,

President Board of Benevolence.

Office of the Grand Lodge of New Zealand,

Masonic Institute, Auckland, October 19th, 1892.

On the motion of the M.W. the Grand Master, seconded by the Deputy Grand Master, this Report was adopted.

Report of the Board of General Purposes.

We gave the full text of this Board's Report in the October CRAFTSMAN, it is therefore unnecessary to reproduce.

Explanation of the Report was given by the Most Worshipful the Grand Master. On the clause " Alteration in Book of Constitutions—Members in Arrears," it was moved by the Grand Master, seconded by Very Worshipful Bro. John Joyce, Past Grand Registrar, " That the question of Members in Arrears' be referred back to the Board of General Purposes." Carried.

With regard to the motion of Rt. Wor. Bro. H. J. Williams, in *re* the Retention of Charters,' as the mover could not be present he asked that it might be postponed to the next Communication of Grand Lodge.

The assistance asked for in Grand Secretary's Office was granted to the amount of £52 per annum : and the Grand Master announced that, by a telegram just arrived, Rt. Wor. Bro. the Hon. H. Feldwick, Past Grand Warden, had accepted his nomination to the Grand Lodge of Manitoba as its Grand Representative near this Grand Lodge.

It was moved by the M.W. the Grand Master, seconded by the Rt. Won. Bro. Kaye, " That the Report of the Board of General Purposes be adopted," which was carried.

Reports of Grand Superintendents :

Grand Superintendent's Office,
Wellington District,

THE M.W. GRAND MASTER,

In submitting a brief report of the Lodges in the district there is nothing that calls for special comment, as with one exception all are most prosperous. Since the annual meeting of Grand Lodge I have visited Ulster,

Rangitikei, Feilding, Otangaki, and St. John's, and I have accepted special invitations from Greytown, Tararua, Patet Kilwinning, Otaki, and Rangatira for month of November.

The celebration of the Jubilee of the New Zealand Pacific Lodge was attended with great success, the re-union of Masons being the largest and most representative held in Wellington for some considerable time.

I think the present is an opportune time to make special reference to the correspondence which has passed between Bro. Sir E. O. Gibbes, D.D.G.M., Wellington, E.C. and the D.G.M. of Auckland E.C., on the subject of recognition.

I feel very sure every *Mason* will appreciate the forcible, clear, and logical manner in which Bro. Gibbs has demonstrated the position, and whether or not his efforts will bear immediate fruit, the truly Masonic spirit by which he is actuated, will not be readily forgotten, especially in this district, and is evidence that the harmony which has been so characteristic in the past will not be lessened in the future, while the feelings of loyalty and affection which have ever been held for the Grand Lodge of England will be renewed by the action of our illustrious brother.

H. J. WILLIAMS,
Grand Superintendent.

Wellington, October 24th, 1892.

Grand Superintendent's Office,
Southland District,

M.W. SIR AND BROTHER,

In submitting this letter, which may be taken as a report, I deeply regret I cannot report any fresh additions to the fold, but I am confident that not only one but three or four Lodges are on the balance, and a slight turn of the scale will bring them over.

As regards members willing, the great preponderance of weight is on the N.Z. side ; but with a small minority that bugbear, "Loyalty to the Mother Constitution," is the lever used against joining (the N.Z.C.), but they must accept the inevitable in time as the opinion of the large majority must be accepted.

I am pleased. I can report that all Lodges under our banner in Southland are having a marked degree of prosperity, and even a greater degree of outward prosperity could be obtained by accepting all and sundry ; but a strong feeling is growing that more care and judgment should be exercised in the acceptance of candidates, in the future, than in the past. Thank God, our Grand Masonic Union is a step to this end. I have not as yet paid my official visit to the Lodges, except Aparima. My first visit was at the time the Lodge opened under our Banner, some time back, and the second last week, when with some 20 visitors from Invercargill, including the officers of Southern Cross, I paid an official and fraternal visit. The work was opening, initiation, and raising, and closing by the officers of Southern Cross. This meeting proved most successful, and will be most beneficial to Aparima, while the visitors had a most pleasant time, full particulars in next month's *Craftsman*., I regret having missed a visit to Mokoreta at the time of their Installation, but a sudden attack of sickness prevented me from so doing. As regards other Lodges, the time for the annual visit is just at hand (viz :— at their Installation). I am given to understand they are all working well, prosperity, unity, peace, being now the prevailing principles. All the Lodges are looking forward to the promised visit of our worthy Grand Master, particularly Fortitude, Bluff, at which it is expected the Grand Master will Install the W.M. Elect. Lodge Harvey, Gore, would have been pleased if the compliment could have been conferred on them also, but the date of their Installation being much earlier, it could not be conveniently held over.

Re proposals, it will not be amiss if I put my opinion on record :

1st Fees of Honour.—I am of the opinion that all Grand Lodge Officers-should pay the fees as at present demanded.

2nd. The Charters should be held until we are duly recognised.

3rd. The Grand Lodge should pay Grand Master's expenses. An annual Rail Ticket I think would be an advantage.

4th. Deputy Master.—All past D.M's. be ranked as proposed, but newly-elected D.M's. since the formation of Grand Lodge should not receive this rank.

5th. Members of the Lodges.—In favour of the proposal as printed, hard and fast rules on this question should be avoided, both by the Grand Lodge and others.

Trusting the meeting will be pleasant and beneficial to the fraternity.-1 remain, yours fraternally,

W. H. HALL,

Southland, 18th October, 1892.

Grand Superintendent.

Grand Superintendent's Office,

Hawke's Bay and Gisborne District.

The first quarter of my recent appointment to the supervision of this District happens to have been the busiest three months of the year in my usual avocations, and I regret that I have been unable to visit more than two of the Lodges under my jurisdiction during that period. On the 9th of August I paid an official visit to the Victoria, No. 21, and presented the Lodge with its Charter from the Grand Lodge. There was a large attendance of brethren and visitors at the meeting, and a very decided re-action has taken place in the life of this Lodge since its enrolment under the banner of our Grand Lodge. I was again present at the meeting of this Lodge on the 13th September, when there was again a large attendance, and work which was done was gone through in a most efficient manner. I was present at the meeting of the Heretaunga, No; 73, on the 7th. September, but the weather was not favourable and there was only a small, attendance, no business of importance being before the meeting.

During the current quarter I shall have more time at my disposal and hope to visit most of the Lodges in my District, and to have a favourable report to send to the next Communication of Grand Lodge.

WM BEILBY,

Hastings, 24th October, 1892.

Grand Superintendent.

These Reports were received.

Notice of Motion, of Rt. Wor. Bro. H. T. Williams, being the next business on the Order Paper, was brought up for discussion. Rt. Wor. Bro. Williams being unable to attend this Communication had asked that its consideration be deferred until the Communication of Grand Lodge in January, 1893, at Dunedin. It was moved, *pro forma*, by the M.W. the Grand Master, and seconded, *pro forma*, by the V. Wor. Bro. John Joyce, " That the Resolution of Grand Lodge at its Communication at Christchurch, October 13th, 1891, requesting the Grand Master to retain possession of Charters,' be rescinded." After discussion, it was moved by the V. Wor. Bro. D. J. Murray, Past Grand Chaplain, seconded by Rt. Wor. Bro. A. H. Burton, Grand Superintendent, "That having considered the subject of Retention of Charters of Lodges, whilst Grand Lodge at present sees no reason to reverse its decision passed at the Communication held in Christchurch, in October, 1891, in deference to the wish of the mover of the resolution, Rt. Wor. Bro. H. S. Williams, Grand Lodge consents to the postponement of the motion to the next Communication at Dunedin, in January, 1893." This was carried.

The M.W. the Grand Master, during the discussion, pledged himself not to hand over any Charter without the consent of each Lodge.

Correspondence from the Grand Lodges of Quebec, Manitoba, Nova Scotia, etc. Owing to the lateness of the hour, and after the contents of the sundry letters had been briefly given, the Correspondence was taken as read. Grand Lodge ordered that the Letters be printed in the Report.

Recognition by Grand Lodges.—It was moved by the Grand Secretary, seconded by the Rt. Wor. Bro. R. C. Bishop, " That the Grand Lodge of New Zealand desires to acknowledge the fraternal and courteous manner in which the Grand Lodges of Manitoba and Quebec have extended recognition this Grand Lodge, as the supreme Masonic authority in this territory, in accordance with Masonic Laws and Usages ; and accepts with much pleasure the appointment of Grand Representatives, both from and to their Grand Lodges, at the same time expressing the regret and sympathy of this Grand Lodge with the Grand Lodge of Manitoba on the death of the M.W. Bro. John William Henry Wilson, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, and also with the Grand Lodge of Alabama on the death of Rt. Wor. Bro. Myles Jefferson Greene, Grand

Secretary of that Grand Lodge. The same to be communicated to those Grand Lodges in the usual manner by the Grand Secretary." Carried.

Presentation to Past Grand Master Bro. H. Thomson.—In a brief address the M.W. the Grand Master announced that he had a most pleasing duty to perform and that, but for the lateness of the hour, he should have been glad of the opportunity of expressing more fully what, in his opinion, the Lodge owed to the indefatigable and unwearied labours of the M.W. Bro. Henry Thomson. He had been intrusted by the Brethren with the privilege of presenting a Past Grand Master's Jewel, accompanied with a cheque for One Hundred Guineas, subscribed by members of Lodges throughout New Zealand, as a souvenir indicating the estimation in which Past Grand Master Bro. Thomson is held and his services estimated, and he expressed the hope that he might long be spared to assist in guiding this Grand Lodge in its onward course. Amidst much enthusiastic demonstration the Grand Master handed the jewel and cheque to Bro. Thomson. In a few well-chosen words the Past Grand Master acknowledged the gift and thanked the Brethren, coupled with the assurance that Grand Lodge would always find him as ready and willing to act on its behalf in the future as it had in the past.

Patent of Office.—The M.W. the Grand Master presented Wor. Bro Charles Lord Russell, P.M. of Palmerston South Lodge, No. 26, with his Patent of Office as Grand Steward.

Votes of thanks were passed most heartily to Lodge St. Augustine for the use of the Hall, and to Bro. Searell, organist, and the choir for their much appreciated services.

Grand Lodge was closed in ample form, with solemn prayer at 11 p.m.

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RECOGNITIONS.

ROUMANIA.

THE National Grand Lodge of Roumania desires an exchange of Representatives, and submits the names of Bros. Constantin Ciscan, Pericles Paltineano, and Georges Stanica, from whom the Grand Master of New Zealand may choose a Representative.

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IOWA.

THE Grand Lodge of Iowa requests the name of a Brother whom the Grand Master will appoint Grand Representative of Iowa, in New Zealand. The Hon. Almon R. Dewey, of Washington, Iowa, is recommended as Grand Representative of New Zealand in Iowa. Judge Dewey is Senior Grand Warden, a Past Grand High Priest, and a Past Grand Commander. The strength of this Grand Lodge is 451 working Lodges, and these have a membership of 23,016.

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[Copy.]
Provincial Grand Lodge of Queensland,
Irish Constitution, Masonic Hall,
Brisbane, Queensland.

REV. W. RONALDSON, Grand Secretary,
St. Augustine Masonic Hall.
Christchurch, New Zealand.

R.W. SIR AND BROTHER.—Having been elected to the office of Provincial Grand Secretary of the Irish Constitution in Queensland, I have the honor to request that in future all communications be addressed to me, as above.

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I remain, R.W. Sir and Brother,
Yours fraternally,

• E. MACDONNELL.

THERE was a surprise in store for the Grand Master on his recent visit to Timaru. He found the W.M. of Lodge Caledonian a brother whom he had initiated several years ago at the opening of Lodge Montrose, S.C., Gisborne.

THE ROYAL ARCH

SUPREME GRAND CHAPTER OF NEW ZEALAND VERSUS THE CHAPTER OF OTAGO.

THE first installment of the history of the movement for the formation of the Supreme Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of New Zealand, will appear in our next issue. That such is needed may be gathered from the following correspondence :-

Featherston Street, Wellington, 16th September, 1892:

T. G. DE RENZY, ESQ.,

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,— When we met in Wellington I gave you my word to try by all means in my power to bring about an amalgamation of the members of Hamilton Mark Lodge, or the Otago Royal Arch Chapter. Early the following week I received a most emphatic protest from Comps. Barth and Ronaldson against the removal of the Otago Chapter from its home Dunedin, and asserting that no meeting or resolution of the Chapter had authorised even a meeting to be held in Oamaru. As a matter of courtesy, I at once notified you of the protest. Immediately following this came two most violent letters from Bro. Cathcart, replying to mine suggesting amalgamation, stating that the N.O. Chapter was heavily in debt, and wanted the Hamilton Mark Lodge to join to help pay it off. That they had paid Bro. De Renzy their fees in October last, and had been *bona fide* members ever since, that unless an immediate Charter was granted (two days grace was given) an application would be made to the S.G. Chapter of England, and Lodge Waitaki would also apply to the Grand Lodge. Bro. Gillon replied to this in an explanatory, conciliatory, but firm letter. Then you wire for "explanation of refusal to amalgamate," you already knew there was a formal protest from the Dunedin members, including the Second Principal, and in order to give you an explanation from nearer home, I replied, that Cathcart violently opposed. Then you waste sixpence in asking the inane question "What has Cathcart to do with promise given me?" If I thought you were at all fogged in the matter, I would explain how largely Cathcart and his 45 Oamaru members are closely associated with the due performance of my promise, that it takes two parties or two bodies to make a compact, and that unless Cathcart and his party are willing (to say nothing of Dunedin members) the amalgamation won't come off. So that you will see on reflection that Cathcart is one if not the principal factor in the outside Oamaru Masons and Mark Masters joining the N.O. Chapter or accepting the only other alternative, a Mark Charter. I need scarcely say the "protest" from Dunedin debars the Grand First Principal from even suggesting an amalgamation till the circumstances are inquired into, and as I have said if Cathcart and party object, why there is no one left. If you will let me try and play my hand, I will do all that is possible to adjust matters, but be good enough not to hamper me. And I am not rich enough to keep up a telegraphic correspondence to bandy words.—I remain, fraternally yours,

H. J. WILLIAMS.

Box 411 P.O. Auckland, October 19th, 1892..

H. J. WILLIAMS, ESQ., WELLINGTON.

DEAR SIR AND COMPANION,—Your letter of the 16th September duly reached me.

It will be best to return the £4 7s. 6d. I paid you in Wellington. On its receipt I will return the Dispensation of Otago, and this will sever our connection—the Oamarn Companions and myself who paid the money—with your body.

Before leaving the subject allow me to say that, on my arrival in Auckland, I made it my business to find 'out what stipulations with respect to the North Otago Chapter, Lodge Oamaru Kilwinning had made when offering their allegiance to the Grand Lodge of New Zealand. I found none. You and Companion Gillon assured me in Wellington that the granting of a Chapter Warrant was a *sine qua non*, in their petition to the Grand Lodge, but I found that they threw themselves unreservedly into the fold.

You state in your letter that the First Grand Principal replied to Companion Cathcart in an explanatory, courteous, but firm letter. This may be your opinion, but a copy of Companion Gillon's letter has been sent to me, and I consider it anything but courteous—indeed it is an insult to have written to a subordinate officer of

the Otago Chapter and characterised the First Principal of that body as officious and devoid of candour. Does your First Grand Principal expect to mend matters by trying to bring me into ridicule and contempt with the Companions who have hitherto held me in respect and esteem ?

That Companion Gillon descends to personalities does not surprise me but it is surprising that you should lend yourself to making false statements, when the fullest personal and written explanations of my connection with the Mark Lodges and the Chapter of Otago have been given you. Have I not protested, again and again, against the breaking of the pledge given in Christchurch ? Was it not agreed that if I would consent to the working of the Excellent, you would agree to the absorption of Mark Lodges into Chapters ? But it is useless continuing. The Basis of Union was set at defiance and now you want a scapegoat, and that scapegoat is to be, to use the language of Companion Gillon, " Excellent Companion De Renzy, who in many matters has evidently acted without authority and has failed to supply us with information."

As I pointed out to you in my first letter, after the formation of the Grand Chapter, Comp. C. J. Romildson was not and is not a member of the Chapter of Otago, and I again assert that my Second Principal, Comp Barth, agreed with my solution of the difficulty. I am not responsible for the change in his opinion.

Fraternally,

T. G. DE RENZY, Z.

Chapter of Otago.

Oamaru, 17th October, 1892.

T. G. DE RENZY, ESQ., AUCKLAND.

M.E. COMP. AND DEAR SIR,—You have no doubt heard from M.E. Comp. Williams of his proceedings while he was here to install the officers of the North Otago Chapter, and efforts to effect the amalgamation of the two Chapters, which, you will be glad to hear, has been successful, North Otago Chapter having agreed to ballot for all our members in globe at their next Convocation on the 26th inst.

I am sorry I did not see M.E. Comp. Williams on his return from Dunedin, but as a result. of his visit I received a letter from M.E. Comp. Gillon, Grand First Principal (copy enclosed), authorising and instructing me to hand over the Dispensation issued to the Otago Chapter, which you left with me, to M.E. Comp. Barth, Second Principal. I enclose copy of my letter to him, to which I have not yet received a reply.

I shall be glad to hear from you on all these matters as early as convenient.—Yours fraternally,
JAS. FIELD CRAWFORD, P.P.J.

[Copy.]

Featherston Street, Wellington, 30th September, 1892

E. COMP. CRAWFORD, OAMARU.

I, Edward Thomas Gillon, Grand First Principal of the Supreme Grand Royal Arch Chapter of New Zealand, do herein authorise, empower, and instruct you to deliver or post the Dispensation issued to the Chapter of Otago, and now in your possession, to F. Comp Barth of Dunedin, Second Principal of the said Chapter of Otago, and accept. his receipt for the same.

Signed

E. T. GILLON,

Grand First Principal.

[Copy].

Reed Street, Oamaru, October 3rd, 1892.

E. COMP. ARTHUR J. BARTH, ELDER STREET, DUNEDIN.

DEAR SIR AND E. COMP.— I have this day received a letter from M.E. Comp. E. T. Gillon, Grand First Principal of the Supreme Royal Arch Chapter of New Zealand, authorising and instructing me to deliver or post to you the Dispensation issued to the Chapter of Otago, now in my possession, getting your receipt for the same. The Dispensation was delivered to me in open Chapter here by M.E. Comp. T. G. De Renzy, with instructions to hold the same for him as First Principal of the Chapter of Otago, I, as Past Principal J., being elected at the same time as Third Principal of the Otago Chapter, which office he gave us to understand was vacant, and as a large majority of the members of the Chapter were resident in the Oamaru district of Otago,

he decided that they as the majority could and should hold the Chapter in Oamaru in terms of the Dispensation.

This was before we were aware that a Dispensation had been granted to the North Otago Chapter previously under the Scotch Constitution, with which by the terms of the Dispensation, we were not to conflict.

This, you will see, places me in an awkward position, and M.E. Comp. H. A. Williams was here, he was instrumental in forming the amalgamation of the Companions of the two Chapters, which I may say as far as regards the members in the Oamaru district is in a fair way of being accomplished, terms being agreed upon to be finally settled at the next convocation of the North Otago Chapter.

I could have wished that M.E. Comp. De Renzy had given me the same instructions, so as to save anything like a breach of faith or trust on my part, I having received the Dispensation from him for safe-keeping. But of course the authority and instructions of the Supreme Grand Chapter are indefeasible, and I now ask you, if you are likely to visit here shortly, or if any Companion properly authorised by you will be here to receive the Dispensation and grant a receipt for the same, or shall I post it to you ?

I understand Companion Burton is to be here this evening in connection with the Ngapara Lodge, and perhaps I shall see him to-morrow.

M.E. Comp. Williams would explain that I wish only to act fairly and honourably in this matter under the unpleasant circumstances.—Yours fraternally,

JAS. FIELD CRAWFORD, P.P.J.

Box 444 P.O. Auckland, Oct. 25th, 1892.

J. FIELD CRAWFORD, ESQ.,
Third Principal of the Chapter of Otago,
Reed Street Oamaru.

EX. COMPANION AND DEAR SIR,—Replying to yours of the 17th inst., enclosing copy of a demand made by the First Grand Principal, M.E. Comp. E. T. Gillon, authorising, empowering, and instructing you to deliver or post the Dispensation issued to the Chapter of Otago to Ex. Comp. Barth of Dunedin, Second Principal of the said Chapter, and the copy of your letter to Ex. Comp. Barth, I have this to say :-

That I can and do recognise the delicacy and awkwardness of your position, and I think the action of the First Grand Principal in demanding of you a breach of trust, and the breaking of the solemn pledges you gave me in open Chapter, will be universally condemned.

You have been a Freemason for nearly half a century, you are the oldest Past Master I believe in the Colony, and you must have had many years' experience of Royal Arch Masonry, for you are a Past Third Principal of many years' standing; it would therefore ill become me to criticise the actions of such an old, experienced, and venerable Brother and Companion. If you considered it right and proper—and I presume you did so think it—to obey the order of the First Grand Principal, will not blame you.

After I had obligated all those present at the Convocation in Oamaru to be henceforth true and loyal Companions to the Supreme Grand Chapter of New Zealand and the Chapter of Otago in particular, I handed the Dispensation to you for safe keeping, and delegated you to assemble the Companions in the ordinary way whenever necessity demanded. You undertook the charge, you promised to recognise my authority, and you promised to return the Dispensation to me whenever I demanded it.

If you consider M.E. Comp. Gillon can absolve you from the pledge given your First Principal I cannot blame you for giving effect to his instructions.

Until the arrival of your letter I knew nothing of the Grand Scribe Ezra's proceedings at Oamaru.

Fraternally yours,

T. G. DE RENZY, Z.

Chapter of Otago.

Box 444, P.O. Auckland, Oct. 25th, 1892.

H. J. WILLIAMS, ESQ.,

Grand Scribe Ezra, Wellington.

DEAR, SIR AND EX. COMPANION.—I received to-day a letter from the Third Principal of the Chapter of Otago, Ex. Companion J. Field Crawford, enclosing copy of an order issued by the First Grand Principal, authorising, empowering, and instructing him to deliver or post the Dispensation issued to me as First Principal of the Chapter of Otago to Ex. Companion Barth of Dunedin, Second Principal of the said Chapter, and also copy of a letter sent by him to Comp. Barth, a copy of which I enclose for the benefit of yourself and the First Grand Principal.

It is of course easy to coerce an old and venerable Companion, but I think that the attempt to make my Third Principal break his solemn pledges and commit a breach of trust, will be condemned and considered a contemptible action by many.

Did I not know that Comp. Gillon is a law unto himself, I might express indignation at his unwarranted interference with the domestic concerns of my Chapter. The First Grand Principal is exceeding his authority. What right has he to authorise, empower, and instruct the Third Principal to act contrary to my instructions, and his solemn declaration to hold the Dispensation of the Chapter of Otago in his safe-keeping on my behalf and at my disposal? I know that you and Comp. Gillon have made capital out of my necessity, that sickness in my family compelled my leaving the district in which the Chapter of Otago holds its meetings, but I have yet to learn that because a man exercises his just right to care for and protect those nearest and dearest to him, he is to be considered as having no longer a right to fulfil the duties of his position as First Principal of a Chapter of Royal Arch Masons, and as having forfeited his right to be treated with an ordinary amount of Masonic courtesy.

Had Comp. Gillon demanded the return of the Dispensation of the Chapter of Otago from me to whom it was issued, no exception could have been taken against the demand, neither could exception have been taken against his action on the score of good breeding.

In my last letter I informed you that I intended to return the Dispensation and sever my connection with the Supreme Grand Chapter of New Zealand, upon return of the £4 7s 6d paid by me in Wellington, This I confirm, but I cannot be held responsible should I be unable to perform my part of the contract—the return, of the Dispensation—owing to the interference of Comp. Gillon.

None of the Dunedin members of the Otago Chapter have as yet paid their joining fees, and I would also point out that the only method by which the Gannon Companions can sever their connection with the Otago Chapter is by resigning and paying the fees due to the date of their resignation.

In Comp. Crawford's letter to Comp. Barth, there is a paragraph which reads as follows :—" This was before we were aware that a Dispensation had been granted to the North Otago Chapter, previously under the Scotch Constitution with which by the terms of the Dispensation, we were not to conflict."

As you know the Dispensation was not issued to the North Otago Chapter when I saw you in Wellington. At that date the Chapter of Otago had been established in Oamaru for sometime, and it is doubtful if the Otago Chapter can now be dislodged from its home in Oamaru at the dictum of yourself and the First Grand Principal: Clause 4, of Cap. 16, of the Scotch Constitution, under which we are working, states that " The usual place of meeting for the Chapter shall be fixed for the ensuing year on the day of the annual election, if no alteration be then proposed, the former place of meeting shall be held to be the one agreed to."

There was no New Zealand Chapter in Oamaru when the Chapter of Otago decided by a large majority of its members to hold the meetings and make the home of the Chapter in Oamaru ; there were no conflicting interests at the time, consequently the members were entirely within their rights in thus deciding to domicile the Chapter where 90% of its membership resided. Nothing was concealed, the pros and cons were fully discussed, and a decision arrived at that the Supreme Grand Chapter—or rather the First Grand Principal, for the wording of the Dispensation was not submitted, as it had a right to be submitted, to the Supreme Committee of General Purposes—was exceeding his authority in limiting the Chapter to the choice of a home.

Of course I know now why our proceedings have been condemned, but when it is known that you had promised to grant a Dispensation to the North Otago Chapter if they would join the Supreme Grand Chapter

of New Zealand, and throw off their allegiance to the Grand Chapter of Scotland, and that a telegram applying for the Dispensation was sent off the day following the opening of the Chapter of Otago in Oamaru, the action of the First Grand Principal in condemning our proceedings, after first making sure of the Scotch Chapter, will, no doubt, be estimated at its proper value.

I find by the Code of Laws of the Grand Chapter of Scotland, under which we are now working, that the duties of the Supreme Committee is to receive and examine all applications for Charters or Warrants, and report thereon to the Supreme Chapter. I find also that the Supreme Committee shall be appointed by the Supreme Chapter and "shall consist of the three Grand Principals, Depute Grand Principal, and 15 other members of the Supreme Chapter." As you have not such a body they could not have received and examined the application from the Companions of the North Otago Chapter, neither could they have reported thereon to the Supreme Body, therefore, I say, the whole proceedings are illegal. Furthermore, even if the want of and laxity in not appointing the Supreme Committee, throws the work of such Committee upon yours and Comp. Gillon's shoulders, it cannot be supposed that you two are to be the Supreme Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of New Zealand, and usurp the functions of and fulfil the powers that rests solely in that Supreme Body in Convocation regularly assembled. What authority have you and the First Grand Principal to issue a Dispensation to the Companions in Oamaru styling themselves the North Otago Chapter ? I cannot find in the Code of Laws any power given the First Grand Principal to issue a Dispensation to work. The First Grand Principal had no doubt power given him to issue Dispensations to those seven Chapters that formed the Grand Chapter of New Zealand, but any fresh application from Companions desirous of establishing a new Chapter—and the North Otago Chapter is a new Chapter as far as New Zealand is concerned—are regulated and controlled by the laws set forth in Cap II "Erection of Chapters" Code of Scotch Laws. It is there distinctly stated that the petition must be signed by at least the nine proposed Office Bearers, recommended by three of the Grand Office Bearers or by the Three Principals of a Chapter or Chapters in the vicinity holding of the Supreme Chapter. It shall be addressed to the Supreme Chapter and transmitted to the Grand. Scribe Ezra, to be laid by him before the Supreme Committee, to be reported on to the first Quarterly Communication. Until a Charter is granted no work shall be performed within the Chapter *unless a Working Order shall be granted by the Supreme Chapter or Committee.*

I once had serious thoughts of protesting and appealing against the First Grand Principal's action, but that, I know, would be useless. The Grand Chapter of New Zealand is M. E. Companions Gillen and Williams, would it not be foolish appealing against the conduct of these two autocrats to the autocrats themselves ?

Yours fraternally,

T. G. DE RENZY, Z.

Chapter of Otago.

P.S.—I enclose a copy of my reply to the Third Principal of the Chapter of Otago.

Wellington, 31st October, 1892.

T. G. DE RENZY, AUCKLAND.

SIR,—I have to acknowledge receipt of your letters bearing date 19th and 26th inst. I am instructed by M.E. Comp. Gillen to forward cheque for the sum £4 7s. 6d., being amount of fees paid by you on behalf of Chapter of Otago, and now refunded. Be good enough to acknowledge receipt.

I am, etc.,

HERBERT J. WILLIAMS.

Cheque herewith, £4 7s. 6d.

Excellent Companion Williams forgot to add exchange to the cheque, and he also forgot to add the usual courtesy titles to his letter.

Box 444 P.O. Auckland, 10th Nov. 1892.

HERBERT J. WILLIAMS, ESQ.,

Grand Scribe Ezra, Wellington.

SIR AND EX. COMPANION,—I take this opportunity of enclosing receipt for the cheque of £4 7s. 6d.

I regret having to write you again, but to-day's mail brought me a letter from the Third Principal of the Otago Chapter, Ex. Companion J. Field Crawford, dated from Oamaru on the 4th inst. The part of his letter which calls in question your veracity and mine is as follows :-

"At the same time as yours I received a very angry letter from M.E.G. Scribe Ezra, with a quotation purporting to be from your letter to me, as follows : I did not know that Grand Scribe Ezra had acted in such an underhand manner in Oamaru till I got your letter."

"This is not a correct quotation of the last paragraph in your letter to me. It is thus : Until the arrival of your letter I knew nothing of the Grand Scribe Ezra's proceedings at Oamaru."

The charge made by Companion Crawford is a serious one and demands an answer. I must therefore ask you to at once wire an explanation for the alteration in the text of the copy of my letter to Companion Crawford, which I sent you as a matter of courtesy.

I have forwarded a copy of this note to my Third Principal.

I am, etc.,

T. G. DE RENZY, Z.
Chapter of Otago.

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LODGE REPORTS.

PROVINCE OF AUCKLAND.

ST. ANDREW, NO. 8.-Bro. John Guthrie is the W.M. elect. The Installation will take place on the 20th December.

MANUKAU, NO. 24, ONEHUNGA.-Bro. E. M. Page was elected W.M. on the 1st inst. The Installation will take place on the 29th inst. The W.M. made a touching reference to the somewhat sudden death of Brother Gabriel Smith, of Mangers, from Bright's disease.

TE AROHA, NO. 52, N.Z.C., TE AROHA.—We are determined to resuscitate matters. At our last meeting we had five affiliations, and more to follow. The following officers were nominated for the ensuing year:—W.M., Robert Harris, P.M. ; S.W., John Corns ; S. T. Smardon ; Secretary and Treasurer, Horace Priestley ; S.D., D. McL. Wallace ; J.D., S. L. Hirst ; J.G., George Graves ; Tyler, Thomas Hood. At the close of the Lodge we had some light refreshment, and a social hour was spent which went too quickly. We contemplate keeping this up, as it throws the brethren together and we get to know one another better. We are glad to see

the old members rolling up, and hope they will continue to do so. We are looking forward to much brighter times.

ST. ANDREW, No. 418, S.C.-Bro. Thomas Cantley has been nominated for R.W.M.

PROVINCE OF HAWKES BAY AND GISBORNE.

ABERCORN, NO. 30, WAIPAWA.-Held its regular meeting on 5th October. There was none other than routine work, and advantage was taken by P.M. Bro. Geo. Clarke to give the Lecture on the First Tracing Board, which he did in a most efficient manner and gained the warm thanks of the Brethren present.

PROVINCE OF WELLINGTON

HAWERA, No. 34.-The Grand Master had an enthusiastic reception on his recent visit to this Lodge.

MANAWATU KILWINNING, No. 47, PALMERSTON NORTH.— The regular monthly meeting was held on October 5th, an unusual number of visitors and brethren being in attendance. The business consisted of passing Bro. Hugh Rose Macbean, which ceremony was very ably performed by the W.M. Bro. W. Dawick, assisted by P.M. Bro. W. H. Smith. The ballot was also taken for Mr Otto Walter, which resulted in his being unanimously elected as a candidate for initiation. The circular from Grand Lodge *re* Clothing Fund for the Grand officers, was brought forward and resulted in this Lodge voting the sum of £2 per annum for 3 years towards the same. We also unanimously proposed that a vote of Condolence and Sympathy be sent to the widow of our late respected Bro. J. Walkley, P.M., and Past Grand Steward of New Zealand, and that the Lodge be placed in mourning.

WELLINGTON, No. 1521, E.C.-On the 21st October there was a full attendance of members and visitors. The work of initiating Messrs Fleming and Milford went very smoothly. The W.M. Bro. Roydhouse, was assisted by Bro. Larchin, Bro. Brooke, S.W.. Bro. Jessup, J.W. The S D. Bro. Allport's delivery of the charge was much admired.

UNITED MANAWATU, No. 1721, E.C., PALMERSTON NORTH.-The consecration of the new hall for this Lodge took place on October 26th.

ST. JOHN'S, No. 785, S.C., ELTHAM, TARANAKI.-This Lodge is making very satisfactory progress. In spite of the very heavy expenses incidental to the establishment of a new Lodge, the auditor's report for the annual meeting will show a very handsome surplus. The report in your last issue that a hall was about to be erected was entirely without foundation. The brethren are determined that the Lodge will not be hampered by having to pay interest on money borrowed for building purposes. The schoolroom makes a very comfortable little meeting place—not very showy certainly—yet sufficient for present needs. At an emergency meeting held on the 19th inst., Bro. F. Cramer, baker, of Stratford, was initiated into our mysteries and privileges. It was resolved that a joint installation be held between the two Lodges—" St. John's" and " Hinemoa "—at Midhirst. By this means the Provincial Grand Master, the Hon. W. McCullough, M.L.C., will be present as Installing Master.

PROVINCE OF CANTERBURY.

UNANIMITY, NO. 3, LYTTTELTON.—The Grand Officers paid a visit to this Lodge on the 24th October, and they enjoyed the opportunity of seeing the working. The W.M. Bro. Griffiths gave the Third in admirable style, earning thereby the encomium of the Grand Master. Previous to this, the party inspected the fine hall of the other port Lodge—Canterbury Kilwinning. Bro. Niceol had an enthusiastic reception from the Brethren of the two Lodges.

CALEDONIAN, NO. 16, TIMARU—Visit of the Grand Master and Grand Officers. On Bro. Niccol's arrival in Timaru, he was met at the station by a Committee of the Lodge and driven to the Grosvenor Hotel. After lunch, Bro. Gibson drove the party round the suburbs. The Grand Master expressed himself as highly pleased

with the beautiful back country. In the evening an emergency meeting of Caledonian was held, and was a great success, visitors being present from Ngapara, Oamaru, Geraldine, Ashburton, Temuka, Dunedin, Christchurch, and Auckland. Bro. D. Dawson, W.M. opened his Lodge to time, and after being opened in the Third Degree, the Most Worshipful Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of New Zealand, accompanied by Right Worshipful the Deputy Grand Master, Bro. Albert Kaye, Right Worshipful the Grand Superintendent of Otago, Bro. Alfred H. Burton, and the Worshipful Brethren, Anthony Mills, Grand Sword Bearer, James S. Keith, and John Broadhead, Grand Stewards, were received with Grand Honours. The Grand Master took the chair and addressed the Lodge. He said that he had promised himself in Auckland that he would visit the Timaru Lodge when on his visit to Christchurch. He had only arrived that day. He was pleased with the spirit shown by St. John's Lodge, E.C., in letting the Caledonian Lodge have the use of their hall, and congratulated them on leaving such a meeting place, as the interior and exterior was superior to many halls that he had seen. He gave the brethren a large amount of information with respect to the New Zealand Constitution, and after the address the Grand Master and his officers retired. Afterwards the brethren retired to the Sophia Street Hall, where a repast was partaken of, and a lengthy toast list gone through. The "Most Worshipful the Grand Master," proposed by Bro. T. G. Rowley, P.M., was received with musical honours, and Bro. Robins having sung a song, the Grand Master feelingly responded. "Sister Constitutions" was proposed by Bro. Keith in an able speech, and was coupled with the names of Bros. Warburton and Jackson"; "Past Grand Master Bro. H. Thomson" was proposed by Bro. Burton in an excellent speech, and was received with honours. "Lodge Caledonian" was next. on the list, and was proposed by the D.G.M., Bro. Kaye; "The Visitors" was responded to by P.M., Bro. Waddell, of Oamarn, and Bro. Murray, of Geraldine; "The Ladies" was proposed by Bro. Waddell, and acknowledged by Bros. Robins and Jackson; "The W.M." by Bro. S. Anderson, P.M., and was courteously acknowledged by Bro. Dawson; "The Organist, Bro. Burd," was in turn proposed by the W.M., Bro. Dawson. Bro. Barch having responded, the list was closed with the toast of "Poor and distressed Masons." During the evening songs were rendered by Bros. Glavin, Keith, Courtis, a duet by Bro. Orwin and Robins, a most amusing recitation by Bro. Burton, of Dunedin, ;ind also one by Bro. Creaser. A most pleasant time was brought to a close by the whole company standing up and singing "Auld Lang Syne."

ASHLEY, NO. 28, RANGIORA.— The usual monthly meeting was held on Thursday, October 6th, when there was a good attendance of members and visitors. After Bro. R. H. Hanna, commercial traveller, Linwood, Christchurch, was balloted for and duly affiliated. Some interest was attached to Bro. Hanna's candidature, as he was one of the original members of Lodge Ashley and joined on a clearance certificate from that Lodge. The next business was the initiation of Mr William Stevenson Hughes by the W.M. Bro. R. Ball, the charge being delivered by Bro. C. Parkin, J.W. In answer to an appeal from the Sir Donald McLean Lodge, No. 1646, E.C., Waitara, on behalf of the widow and orphans of the late Bro. W. Tate, it was resolved to let a subscription list lie on the table for the private contributions of the brethren. It was also decided to contribute £1 per annum for three years to the Grand Lodge Regalia Fund. A considerable number of Grand Lodge certificates, Past Master's certificates, and Patents of Office having come to hand., the brethren entitled to them signed and received them. The W.M. reported the gift of a book for the Library from Bro. J. A. Bird, Christchurch. (It may be mentioned that the distribution of books from the Library will begin in December. The Library, inaugurated only a few mouths ago, numbers nearly forty volumes, and by the time all the brethren have had an opportunity to contribute either books or cash, will probably have at least fifty volumes. As membership depends on a voluntary half-yearly subscription, it is probable that in two or three years the Library will number at least one hundred volumes). After it had been decided to request a dispensation for wearing regalia on the evening of the dance, October 21st, Bro. E. Feather proposed, and Bro. A P. Tutton seconded, Mr Samuel Cringlington, aged 23, farmer, North Loburn, as a candidate for initiation. Hearty good wishes were received by the W.M. from Lodge Ashley, and also from Bro. G. Buckham, P.M., through Bro. J. Samson, P.M. On the motion of Bro. A. P. Tutton, S.W., seconded. by Bro. A. B. Sackett, P.M., it was resolved that a letter of sympathy be sent to Bro. G. Buckham, P.M., expressive of the Lodge's earnest desire for the restoration of Bro. Buckham's health. As it was late when the Lodge closed, only a short time was spent in the refectory, when the usual toasts were honoured. [Particulars of the Social and Dance will appear in December.—ED. C.]

METHVEN, No. 51.—The Brethren are moving in the matter re building a Masonic Hall. Bro. Baker has offered a site of one-eighth of an acre, centrally situated and well adapted for the purpose. The donor wishes to place it under the Grand Lodge of New Zealand in such a way that even if this Lodge became extinct or should transfer its allegiance to any other Grand Lodge, the site would still belong to the Grand Lodge of New Zealand for Masonic purposes. The idea is that the Grand Master for the time being, and the W.M. of the Lodge, should be the trustees with one other.

The regular monthly meeting on October 6th. There was a fair muster of Brethren present. The principal business was to consider is notice of motion given by P.M. Bro Gillanders " That the sum of twenty pounds be placed at fixed deposit to the credit of the Building Fund." This was carried unanimously. The Lodge then discussed the proposed arrangements for the Social to be held on the 14th inst. [Particulars of the Social will appear in December.—ED. C.]

ROBERT BURNS, NO. 604, S.C., CHRISTCHURCH.—On the 18th October, the motion moved by Bro. W. F. McLean, P.M., " That this Lodge, Robert Burns, sever its connection with the Grand Lodge of Scotland and join the Grand of New Zealand," was lost by 18 to 12. The D.G.M. Bro. Charles Louisson and the D.G. Officers were present in great force, and spoke strongly against the motion. The Sceders made a gallant fight. [The above was wired us on the 19th October, too late to appear in the October issue.—ED. C.]

PROVINCES OF OTAGO AND SOUTHLAND.

SOUTHERN CROSS, NO. 9, INVERCARGILL.—I confess that, as you Bro. Editor put it, I have been remiss in my duties as official correspondent, but this omission I now try to rectify. The meetings of the Southern Cross Lodge since Bro. Siddall's installation as W. Master in June last, have been lacking neither in interest nor zeal on the part of the brethren. At the meeting of October 7th, there was quite a large attendance of members, while half-a-dozen P.M.'s supported the W.M. on the dais. The main business of the evening was the raising of Bro. E. Patchett, which ceremony was performed by P.M. Bro. Sawyer, J.G.D., "with his usual ability." This latter phrase is not infrequently used in a manner not quite *apropos*, but you, Bro. Editor, knowing full well Bro. Sawyer's zeal and ability, can vouch for the truthful use of the phrase on the present occasion. One pleasant feature of the evening was the acceptance by the brethren, of presentations to the Lodge (1) a looking-glass from Bro. T. A. Patchett, J.W., and (2) an enlarged photo (framed) of an interesting old picture of Masonic emblems, from Bro. Karl Gerstenkorn. A large body of correspondence was dealt with, including circular *re* proposed amendments to Grand Lodge Constitution, to which amendments the brethren decided to offer no opposition. Accounts were passed for payment, and the proposition of two candidates brought the business of the meeting to an end soon after 10 p.m. I might add that at the September meeting it was decided to subscribe two guineas annually for three years to fund for procuring Grand Officer's clothing. Arrangements have been made, chiefly through the instrumentality of our W.M. Bro. W. V. Siddall, to officially visit Lodge Aparima at Riverton on Wednesday, 12th inst. Some twenty brethren have promised to join the party leaving Invercargill by wagonette at 2 p.m. in the afternoon, and I doubt not but they will have a good time of it with the Western brethren.

APARIMA, NO. 77, RIVERTON.—The Charter was presented by Bro. Hall, Grand Superintendent, at a special meeting held on the 12th October. Bro. Hall was accompanied by the W.M. Officers and Brethren of Southern Cross Lodge, No. 9, Invercargill, also a number of Brethren from the Scotch and Irish Lodges. One proposition was received. Two new members were initiated, and two raised, the degrees being worked from start to finish by the W.M. and Officers of Southern Cross, and occupied four hours. We had a very successful meeting, every seat in the hall being occupied, so that now we are experiencing some of the advantages of being under the New Zealand Constitution, and certainly have a much brighter prospect ahead both fraternally and financially. I gathered from a few remarks made afterwards at the Social, by some of the visiting Scotch and Irish Brethren, that the desire to come under the New Zealand flag was steadily growing among them, and one Brother stated that he expected his Lodge might decide to come over at any moment. Taken altogether things are looking still brighter for our National flag, even in the most southerly dependency which, I presume, is " Aparima Lodge."

INSTALLATIONS.

OTAGO, NO. 7, DUNEDIN.—Installation of Brother Joseph Barton. This ceremony took place on the 12th October. Bro. A. H. Burton, Grand Superintendent, installed the W.M., assisted by Bros. E. Titchener, Junior Grand Warden; Miles Reginald. Bree, Junior Grand Deacon; J. A. Kirby, Past Assistant Grand Sword Bearer; A. G. Creagh, Grand Steward; James M'Donald, W.M., No. 11; and James Wansbrough, P.M., No. 11. The Board of Installed Masters consisted of 15 present and past rulers, and the brethren numbered 63. The following were invested :—I.P.M., John Wood ; S.W., Julius Alberti; J.W., Arthur Fieldwick ; treasurer, C. J. Ronaldson, P.M. ; secretary, George W. Williams, P.M.; organist, Arthur J. Barth, P.M., P.G.O. ; J.D., Fred Ansdell ; I.G., Charles E. George ; tyler, W. Walker. Bro. J. M'K. Henry, who was to have been invested as S.D., was not present.

Worshipful Brother Barton sent us the above information and supplements it as follows I fancy you might be interested to hear that the candidate you proposed about five years ago has been installed in the chair of K.S. A lot of credit is due to you for creating my enthusiasm for Freemasonry. We had a good time. There was a very good attendance, about as many as there used to be in the olden time before we were excommunicated. After the ceremony we had supper at the Coffee Palace—but we had something stronger than coffee."

HIRAM, NO. 46, SOUTH DUNEDIN.—Bro. H. McCorkindale is W.M., and Bro. Kirby, P.M., is Secretary.

MISCELLANEOUS.

THE CRAFT UNDER THE GRAND ORIENT OF ITALY

THE M.W. the Grand Master of Italy, Bro. Adriano Lemmi, recently made a tour of Northern Italy, and visited the Lodges at Genoa, Turin, Milan, Venice, Bologna, and other cities. He was received everywhere with very great enthusiasm, and as the organ of the Grand Orient points out " the moral benefits to be derived from his visit are incalculable' Not only were the officers of the various Lodges put through their facings, but by giving addresses and lectures the Grand Master created a spirit of emulation among the brethren, which will certainly result in good to the Fraternity. As the M.W. the Grand Master is now advanced in years, it will be understood that the journey, and the work which accompanied it, was no small undertaking. Bro. Lemmi however, as a further proof of his love for the Craft, undertook it cheerfully, and did an amount of work which fairly astonished the brethren.

One of the latest additions to the list of Lodges under the Grand Orient of Italy, is Lodge "Eritrea," at Massowah, in the Red Sea. It will be remembered that in 1885, Italy sent soldiers to the Red Sea in connection with the Soudan troubles. In due course of events an Italian Colony, having an area of about 290,000 square kilometres was founded, to which Signer Crispi bestowed the name of COLONIA ERITREA. Among the Italian colonists at Massowah, who now number about 400, there were several members of the Craft, and these, having obtained a warrant from Rome, opened a Lodge. A visit was paid to it a few months back by the Governor of the Colony, Colonel Oreste Baratieri, and his reception was a most successful affair. During the proceedings an address was presented to him by members of Lodge Cocab-al-Sciargh (Star of the East.) This is a Lodge composed exclusively of Arabs. As a proof that Freemasonry is universal, it may be mentioned that at the meeting of Lodge " Eritrea " there were present—English, French, Italian, Spanish, Greek, Arab, Soudanese, and Persian Masons.

The various Italian Lodges have joined together to subsidize the hospital at Massowah, and the first instalment of 589 francs was handed over to the hospital authorities in August last, through the W.M. of Lodge " Eritrea."

Speaking of the bitter hostility-shown by the Pupal authorities to Freemasons *Rivista della Massoneria Italiana*, which is the organ of the Grand Orient, states that in 1779 the Worshipful Masters of no fewer than 10 Lodges under the jurisdiction of the Grand Orient of France were Catholic priests.

On the occasion of the recent anniversary of M.W. Bro. Giuseppe Garibaldi's death, the Grand Orient sent a deputation to the Island of Caprera to offer its expressions of sympathy to the relatives of the Illustrious General, and also to lay a wreath on his tomb. Brethren from all parts of Italy undertook the journey, and assembled at the grave, under the banner of the order, to show that the Great Patriot and. Champion of Italian Liberty was not forgotten. Appropriate speeches were made by high dignitaries of the Craft, members of Parliament, and others. Bro. Menotti Garibaldi, the General's son, in affectionate terms returned thanks for the devotion shown to the memory of his great and much beloved father.

GEORGE ROBERTSON,

Wellington, 1st November, 1892• Past G.S. and Representative of the G.O. of Italy.

TOLERATION.

Masonry is devoted to *Toleration*, and inculcates in the strongest manner that great leading idea of the Ancient Art, that a belief in the one True God, and a moral and virtuous life, constitute the only religious requisites needed to enable a man to be a Mason.

Masonry has ever the most vivid remembrance of the terrible and artificial torments that were used to put down new forms of religion or extinguish the old. It sees with the eyes of memory the ruthless extermination of all the people of all sexes and ages, because it was their misfortune not to know the God of the Hebrews, or to worship Him under the wrong name, by the savage troops of Moses and Joshua. It sees the thumb-screws and the racks, the whip, the gallows and the stake, the victims of Diocletian and Alva., the miserable Covenanters, the Non-Conformists, Servetus burned, and the unoffending Quaker hung. It sees Cranmer hold his arm, now no longer erring, in the flame until the hand drops off in the consuming heat. It sees the persecutions of Peter and Paul, the martyrdom of Stephen, the trials of Ignatius, Polycarp, Justin, and Irenæus ; and then in turn the sufferings of the wretched pagans under the Christian Emperors, as of the Papists in Ireland and under Elizabeth and the bloated Henry. The Roman Virgin naked before the hungry lions ; young Margaret Graham tied to a stake at low water mark, and there left to drown, singing hymns to God until the savage waters broke over her head ; and all that in all ages have suffered by hunger and nakedness, peril and prison, the rack, the stake and the sword—it sees them all, and shudders at the long roll of human atrocities. And it sees also the oppression still practiced in the name of religion—men shot in a Christian jail in Christian Italy for reading the Christian Bible; in almost every Christian State, laws forbidding freedom of speech on matters relating to Christianity; and the gallows reaching its arm over the pulpit.

The fires of Moloch in Syria, the harsh mutilations in the name of Astarte, Cybele, Jehovah; the barbarities of imperial Pagan Torturers; the still grosser torments which Roman-Gothic Christians in Italy and Spain heaped on their brother men ; the fiendish cruelties to which Switzerland, France, the Netherlands, England, Scotland, Ireland, America, have been witnesses, are none too powerful to warn man of the unspeakable evils which follow from mistakes and errors in the matter of religion, and especially from investing the God of Love with the cruel and vindictive passions of erring humanity, and making blood to have a sweet savor in his nostrils, and groans of agony, to be delicious to his ears.

Men never had the right to usurp the unexercised prerogative of God, and condemn and punish another for his belief. Born in a Protestant land, we are of that faith. If we had opened our eyes to the light under the shadows of St. Peter's at Rome, we should have been devout Catholics ; born in the Jewish quarter of Aleppo, we should have condemned Christ as an impostor ; in Constantinople, we should have cried "*Allah il Allah*, God is great and Mahomet is his prophet !" Birth, place and education give us our faith. Few believe in any religion because they have examined the evidences of its authenticity, and made up a formal judgment, upon weighing the testimony. No one man in ten thousand knows anything about the *proofs* of his faith. We believe what we are taught ; and those are most fanatical who know least, of the evidences on which their creed is based. Facts and testimony are not, except in very rare instances, the ground work of faith. It is an imperative law of God's Economy, unyielding and inflexible as Himself, that man shall accept without question the belief of those among whom he was born and reared ; the faith so made a part of his nature resists all evidence to the contrary ; and he will disbelieve even the evidence of his own senses, rather than yield up the religious belief which has grown up in him, flesh of his flesh and bone of his bone.

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And no man truly obeys the Masonic law who *merely* tolerates those whose religious opinions are opposed to his own. Every man's opinions are his own private property, and the rights of all men to maintain each his own are 'perfectly equal. Merely to *tolerate*, to *fear with* an opposing opinion, is to assume it to be heretical ; and assert the *right* to persecute, if we would ; and claim our *toleration* of it as a merit. The Mason's creed goes further than that. No man, it holds, has any right in any way to interfere with the religious belief of another. It holds that each man is absolutely sovereign as to his own belief, and that belief is a matter absolutely foreign to all who do not entertain the same belief ; and that, if there were any right of persecution at all, it would in all cases be a mutual right ; because one party has the same right as the other to sit as judge in his own ease ; and God is the only magistrate than can rightfully decide between them. To that great Judge, Masonry refers the matter, and opening wide its portals, invites to enter there and live in peace and harmony, the Protestant, the Catholic, the Jew, the Moslem; every man who will lead a truly virtuous and moral life, love his brethren, minister to the sick and distressed, and believe in the *One, All-Powerful, All-Wise, everywhere-present God, Architect, Creator, and Preserver of all things*, by whose universal law of Harmony ever rolls on this universe, the great, vast, infinite circle of successive Death and Life—to whose *Inqutable Name* let all true Masons pay profoundest homage! for whose thousand blessings poured upon us, let us feel the sincerest gratitude, now, henceforth, and forever!—ALBERT PIKE.

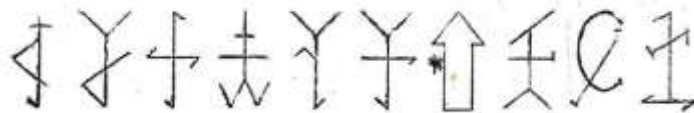
EUROPEAN FREEMASONRY.

BY GEORGE C. CONNOR, PAST GRAND MASTER OE TENNESSEE.

AN American Freemason, unacquainted with the German language, fancies that he leaves hope behind him when he crosses the English Channel and plunges into a country which appears to be a sealed book. I had not armed and equipped myself for German enquiry as I intend to be armed when I make my next visit, please God, in 1895, but I kept my eyes and ears open, and I was not altogether disappointed.

MASONRY IN GERMANY.

My attention was arrested by the numerous Marks on the hewn stones of certain parts of the ancient Castle of Heidelberg. I copied quite a number of them. Here are a few .



While I was copying these, assisted by my family, a gentleman approached and made himself known to me as a Freemason. In this far-away land, and amid these splendid ruins, the sensation of such a discovery was delightful. The Brother who kindly greeted was J. H. Epstein, of the *Redaction der Bankeite*, Frankfort-on-the-Main. I found him speaking excellent English, and he kindly proffered me all assistance in his power to further my future studies of the Freemasonry of his great Empire. Think of it. On the continent of Europe so many natives speak English, and on the continent of America so few natives speak German.

In Stuttgart, Prof. Herman Geissler, Worshipful Master of " Three Cedars Lodge," sent the Rev. Dr. A. Fürst, a most accomplished Freemason and author, to call on me, and I found him well acquainted with English, and a most obliging brother.

Brother Fürst escorted me to their pretty Temple, where I became acquainted with the plan of the Lodge room and with the varieties of the work. These I will explain in Grand Lodge.

This Lodge is fully equipped to work efficiently both in the ceremonials and in the sociabilities of Freemasonry. The hall is small but beautifully decorated ; the banquet hall is large and supplied with every comfort, and the smoking-room is ready for lighter refectations. There is also a library well supplied with books and periodicals.

There stands upon the book-case a marble urn, sealed up, decorated with emblems and an owl perched on its summit. It contains the ashes of the former librarian, Brother Hohl, who was cremated in 1879. " Yes," said Brother Ffirst, " I will also be cremated, for I am a member of the Cremation Society of Heidelberg, and of its Executive Committee." Of course, "cremation" is not one of the landmarks of Stuttgart Freemasonry.

I make an extract from a letter since received from Dr. Fürst :—

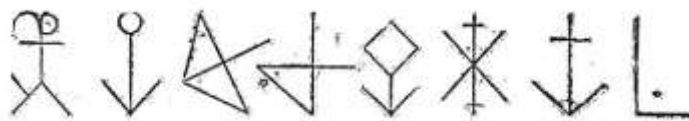
" I see you have turned to good account all you saw and heard while travelling on this continent. The high position you occupy among the brethren will enable *you* to spread that knowledge, and make us all better acquainted. * * *

" I derived much valuable information from your concluding papers. I am rejoiced that your Grand Lodges does not tolerate a blatant defamer of the religion of others. Yes, keep such outside the gates, for those who do not deserve to be called brothers are unfit material.

" God prosper your efforts in the interest of genuine Freemasonry. Fight the good fight, for Masonry is sorely in need of such men as you to stand in the watch towers. German brethren salute you."

NUREMBERG.

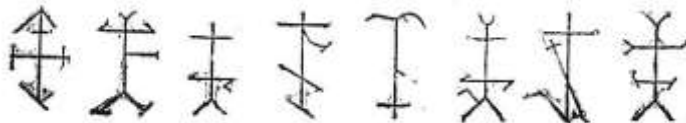
In the city of Nuremberg, the most interesting medieval city in the world, I sought for members of the Craft, but through lack of knowledge of the language found them not. I had a most laughable time trying to discover their whereabouts, bat failed. I found upon the city walls and upon the castle the marks of the ancient builders, and unlike those which I heel copied at Heidelberg. This unlikeness of marks satisfies me of the general knowledge of the mark of a brother that prevailed, and that no two used the same mark upon their finished work. Here are a few of the marks I saw at Nuremberg :



I have since learned that there is a prosperous Lodge there, as quaint in its observances as are the steep gabled houses that bound the streets.

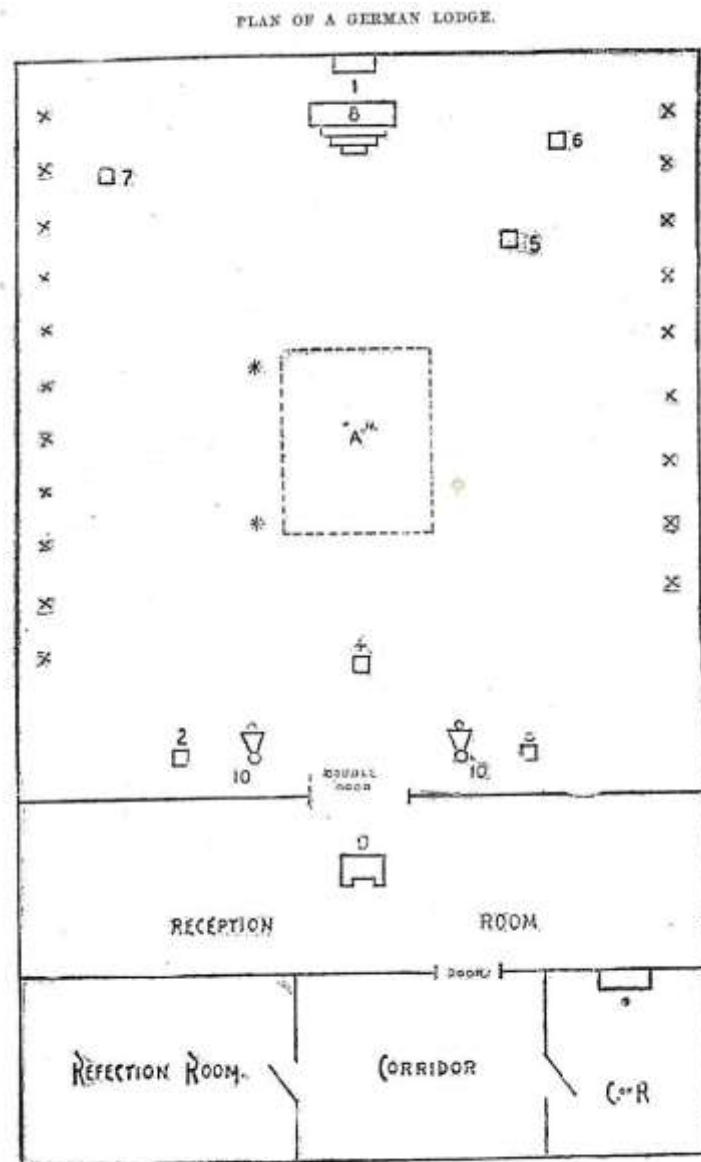
DRESDEN.

I was equally unfortunate in my inquiry after Freemasons in this splendid city of Saxony, so full of ancient architecture and ancient paintings. I found a number of Masonic marks, however, upon the base line of the venerable .Tohanneum, which foundations date from the 16th century. I found there the most elaborate of any I had previously discovered, as the few I reproduce will illustrate.:



And, as before stated, each Lodge or society in charge of the erection of building, was entirely distinct as regards the marks of its members. I am satisfied the older the marks the simpler they were ; or it may be that the Spaniards were more ornate than the Italians. Every Craftsman had his own unchangeable mark, which he set upon every- stone that he finished. Is this the application of a mark with us

I have not found the Pentalpha upon any stone on the continent or on the British. Isles. Brother Whytehead, of York, England, assures me that it was, to his personal knowledge, on the base-line of the ancient Monastery Church of York, and that it had been worn off by the action of the atmosphere since the exposure of the stone, and within a few years past.



1. W.M.; 2. S.W. 3. J.W. 4. Master of Ceremonies. 5. Orator. 6. Secretary. 7. Treasurer. 8. Pedestal, used as in English Lodge. 9. Organ. 10, 10. The Two Pillars. "A" Masonic Carpet. * * * Tapers. x x x The Brethren. C.R. Chamber of Reflection.

There is no Altar in the centre of the Lodge—only the Carpet. The Lights, however, are beside the Carpet, and not in the East, West, and South as in the British Isles. The seating of the Wardens is Grand Orient fashion.

MASONRY IN ITALY.

While in Rome I had the pleasure of meeting, at his own home, Signor A. Lemmi, Grand Master of the Grand Orient of Italy. I also met, and am indebted to him as well as the Grand Master, for courtesies, Chevalier Teofilo Gay, D.D., a Past Master, and also pastor of the Waldensian Church, of the City of Rome. No Lodges met during my stay, and I was deprived of an opportunity of witnessing the work, to compensate for which I was put in possession of the Rituals of the three degrees.

In Naples I was much pleased on being greeted by two Englishmen, speaking the language of my birth, brethren William O. Folkes, W.M., and William F. Towsey, Secretary of "Anglia Lodge." I visited their Lodge room, and to my great regret was compelled to leave the city a day before the evening on which they had called a communication for my benefit.

This Lodge is composed of Englishmen chiefly, and though chartered by the Grand Orient of Italy, uses the English Ritual. Of course, they work in English, though each member speaks Italian fluently.

Italy had degenerated, as had Tennessee, at the close of our war, when the present illustrious and zealous Brother accepted the office of Grand Master. A great deal of bad material had been accepted and built into the temple, grossly disfiguring its walls. Grand Master Lemmi is faithfully seeking out these imperfect stones, and removing the same as rapidly as possible, inserting in their places pure white blocks of marble ; nay, living stones that strengthen and beautify. But Freemasonry will not prosper on proper lines in Italy, and in some other continental countries, until political and religious discussions are imperatively excluded. To be sure, such are now forbidden, but those in authority wink at disobedience. In Italy this fault is quite prominent I am assured.

There is no doubt that a knowledge of the strong feeling entertained by Freemasons against the practices of the Papal hierarchy induced Leo XIII to fulminate his bull against the Fraternity, but the hatred of the Church of Rome for all societies that maintain secrets which may not be divulged at the confessional, is fifteen centuries old. The canons forbid such associations, and in the hour of death the terrors of the Church usually extort a recantation. This occurred on the deathbed of the well-known actor, William J. Florence, last November.

The abuse of Lodge rooms in Italy consists in the discussion therein of the differences in the methods of factions to secure to Italy civil and religious liberty, in its broadest sense. Of course, there are no adherents of the Papacy in Masonic Lodges now, though there have been in the past numerous spies who were absolved from their vows as compensation for their treason and perjury. But the friends of United Italy are not agreed among themselves, hence the discussions. And, as before said, though the Masonic law forbids, the Lodge officers tolerate these improper debates.

The great Masonic doctrine of " Equality " is rapidly gaining eloquent and influential advocates in Sunny Italy. Masonry cannot consent to the enslaving of reason or to the shackling of free thought, but it is not revolutionary, as Rome affirms. It seeks to accomplish the best interests of mankind by lawful and intellectual methods only. Only a few people can fully understand and appreciate Freemasonry.

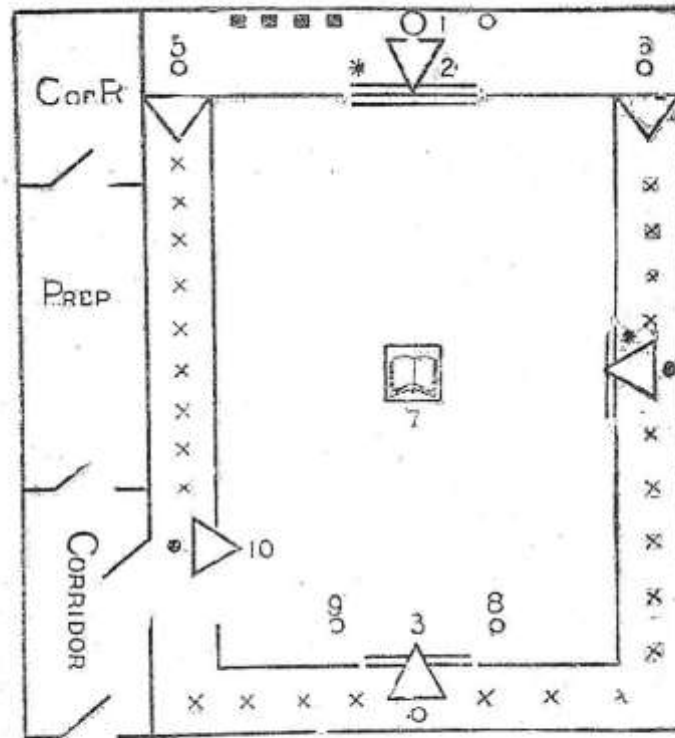
ITALIAN FRATERNITIES.

I am thoroughly convinced that the great temples of Italy were erected by secret societies of builders— societies that included both operatives, architects and superintendents. The priests held membership in these, if they were either architects, artists or superintendents. And while I have no direct proof to adduce, I am, nevertheless, well satisfied that the secrets of the societies were not demanded at the confessional.

When Masonry took on the speculative features, it gradually separated itself and assumed aristocratic tendencies. The engrafting thereon, or rather the attempt to engraft, of the Oriental mysteries led to an absolute separation. The operative guilds declined and failed, and the speculative, which retained the symbols, prospered. The secrets were multiplied and the priests excluded, and then the Church of Rome began to denounce the societies.

We trace the " marks" of the ancient Operative Craft on the temples and palaces of the islands of Great Britain and the continent, but Speculative Freemasonry has little now that was known to or practiced by those ancient guilds. Our ceremonials were unknown to them, and their "making" required physical perfection, for the "making " was all there was to the ancient introduction into the Fraternity. Hence, through ignorance of ancient necessities, we now cling to the unnecessary physical perfection dogma.

AN ITALIAN LODGE.



1. The Worshipful Master. 2. His Triangular Pedestal, on which is his gavel. 3. The Senior Warden, triangular gavel pedestal. 4. The Junior Warden. 5. The Treasurer. 6. The Secretary. 7. The Altar, with Great Lights. 8. The Senior Deacon. 9. The Junior Deacon. 10. The Tyler.
■ ■ ■ ■ Past Masters.

It will be observed that an altar like as in America is used in Italy. Indeed the general arrangement is quite like the American.

"There are slight varieties in the arrangements of other Lodge rooms visited, but these may be accepted as the standard. The rooms are all small, few capable of seating more than fifty brethren.

A BRIEF DISQUISITION.

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Practically the artisan is excluded from the blessings of Freemasonry in the city Lodges of England, though it may be that some such gain admission in the rural Lodges, where dining does not play so prominent a part. But of this I have no satisfactory information. In Germany the artisan is positively excluded, as Brother Fiirst assures me. Not that Masonic law makes the social distinction and erects the wall of separation ; simply the practice.

Social distinctions must be maintained, perhaps, in all monarchical countries. No matter the origin of Freemasonry, the modern practice looks at the laborer as the modern Christian practice looks at the fisherman ! We sometimes look at such things differently in America. With us

"The rank is but the guinea stamp,
The man's the gou'd for a' that."

But I have no criticisms for the practices of other lands. Let every man build over against his own house, and thus shall we be at peace at home and abroad.

It is possible that Freemasonry has become too popular in our beloved Union of States, and that we hold the standard of qualification a trifle too low. No doubt the door should open at the knock of the "worthy," but by "worthy " what should we mean ? Should all who ask receive ? The reply comes, " Yes, if worthy." Aye, but there is "worthy " again. Some claim that we should admit to our Lodges only those whom we are willing to admit to our firesides! Is that a universal definition of " worthy ?" Perhaps it is not.

In England, hotels usually build Lodge rooms in their upper stories, and several Lodges assemble therein without the payment of rental. The hotels are compensated by the brethren dining after the conclusion of business. And this dining, in full evening dress, and in Masonic clothing and jewels, may be set down as the universal custom of English Freemasonry.

In Germany the hotel custom does not prevail to any great extent, and Lodges either own or lease their rooms. Dinner or luncheon is always served, as in England, and chiefly in halls attached to the Lodge rooms.

In Italy the hotel custom does not prevail at all, chiefly because of the Papal opposition ! Lodge rooms are leased, as a rule, and dining without Masonic clothing occurs in the restaurants.

Intelligent American Masons find no difficulty in making themselves known in Europe. But no attempt should be made to visit a Lodge without first receiving an invitation to do so from the Secretary. The American way of going to the reception room and sending in your card, to be answered by an Examination Committee, is unknown in Europe. Several Americans, known to the writer, failed to observe this formality, and hence failed to visit the Lodges into whose reception rooms they entered.

English and Continental Masons own their own aprons and carry the same along with them when visiting. No aprons are supplied by the Lodge, except to its officers.

The Lodges elect their Masters, Treasurers and Tylers. The remaining officers are appointed by the Worshipful Master-elect. The American law as to the powers of Wardens does not prevail in Europe. The retiring Past Master installs his successor, and then presents the remaining officers for investment by the Master. The installation ceremony is secret, and it is vastly superior to the ceremony we use in America. The Tyler always proposes the last toast at a Masonic dinner.

CONCLUSION.

I am grateful for the few glimpses I have had in the workings of Freemasonry beyond seas, but should the Father permit, I will make them more extensive and valuable in 1895. To my brethren who intend visiting Europe I will say :

1. Go determined to meet with as many Lodges as you can, especially in the British Isles, if you cannot speak German or Italian.
2. Secure letters of introduction to Masons in all places, if possible, and carry your diplomas. They alone insure you attention.
3. Buy an apron suitable to your rank, and take with you a dress suit and all your jewels.

Have no hesitancy in making yourself known to a brother, wherever you may find him. He will receive you and treat you as a brother. Of this, feel quite certain; for none other than gentlemen are admitted to the Fraternity, either in the British Isles or on the continent! The most accomplished gentlemen I have met on the other side of the ocean were Freemasons.—*Masonic Review*.

McCULLOUGH AND OTHERS VERSUS SLATOR.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF NEW ZEALAND, }
Northern District. }

No. 3060.

BETWEEN WILLIAM MCCULLOUGH, Journalist, WILLIAM ANDERSON, Engineer, ALEXANDER BRODIE, Sharebroker, THOMAS MCWHIRTER, Bank Clerk, THOMAS CANTLEY, Solicitor's Clerk, and EDWARD TONGE, Caretaker of the Masonic Hall, all of Auckland in New Zealand, suing on behalf of themselves and all others having a like interest in the present action Plaintiffs, and JAMES SLATOR, of Auckland aforesaid, Architect, Defendant.

Take Notice that unless within seven clear days after and exclusive of the day on which this writ shall be served upon you, you do file in the Office of this Court at Auckland, in the Provincial District of Auckland, a statement of your defence to the Plaintiff's claim, a copy of which is hereunto annexed, the Plaintiffs may proceed in their action without having it heard in Court. If you file a statement of defence within the time above specified, you are hereby summoned to attend the first sittings of the Court at Auckland aforesaid,

which shall be held after the expiration of ten days from, but exclusive of, the day of service of this writ upon you; and take notice that if you fail so to appear, the action may be heard and determined in your absence.

Dated this seventh day of October, 1892.

To the above-named Defendant, James Slator.

N.B.—This writ is sued out by Charles Frederick Puddle, Solicitor for the Plaintiffs, whose address for service is No. 5, Wyndham Street, Auckland, New Zealand.

The Plaintiffs claim £3 3s. 0d. for costs of service of this writ, and incidental thereto.

STATEMENT OF CLAIM.

The Seventh day of October, 1892.

The Plaintiffs say :-

1.—That on the 8th day of January, 1892, and for a long time prior thereto, the Plaintiffs, the Defendant, and a number of other persons (who are too numerous to be conveniently joined as parties to this action) were members of a voluntary Society known as " The Provincial Grand Lodge of Freemasons for the North Island of New Zealand, Scotch Constitution."

2.—The management and direction of the affairs of the said Society was, and is, vested in a Committee of nine persons called the Provincial Grand Committee, and the Plaintiffs, William McCullough, William Anderson, and Alexander Brodie are members of such Committee ; the Plaintiff William McCullough being the chief officer of the said Society and called the Provincial Grand Master, the Plaintiff William Anderson being the second officer of the said Society, and the Plaintiff Alexander Brodie being the third officer of the said Society, and this action is brought with the authority of the said Provincial Grand Committee.

3.—The Plaintiff Thomas McWhirter is the Provincial Grand Treasurer of the said Society, the Plaintiff Thomas Cantley is the provincial Grand Secretary of the said Society, and the Plaintiff Edward Tonge is the Provincial Grand Tyler of the said Society.

4.—The said Society held their meetings in the Masonic Hall, in the City of Auckland, and the regalia of the said Society was kept in the Masonic Hall aforesaid for the use of the members for the time being of the said Society, in connection with the rites and ceremonies thereof, and such regalia was at the time of removal of the same by the Defendant, as mentioned in paragraph 10 hereof, in the care and custody of the Plaintiff Edward Tonge on behalf of the said Provincial Lodge.

5.—According to the rules and regulations of the said Society the Provincial Grand Master, or in case of the vacancy of that office the Provincial Grand Master Depute, has the appointment and removal from time to time of the Secretary and certain other officers of the said Society, and on or about the 6th day of April, 1883, the Defendant being then a member of the said Society was appointed to be Provincial Grand Secretary thereof by the late Sir Frederick Whitaker, who was at that time the Provincial Grand Master of the said Society.

6.—The Defendant as such Provincial Grand Secretary *as* aforesaid had charge, of the seal, minute books, letter books, cash books, ledgers, a parcel of blank parchment diplomas and other books, papers, and documents of the said Society, and it was part of the duty of the Defendant as such Provincial Grand Secretary as aforesaid to receive fees, dues, or stuns of money from subordinate Societies connected with the said Society, and to account for and hand the same to the Plaintiff Thomas McWhirter, as such Provincial Grand. Treasurer of the said Society as aforesaid.

7.—On or about the 31st Day of December, 1891, the Defendant as such Provincial Grand. Secretary as aforesaid received certain sums of money from a Society at Wanganui called the " St. Andrew Kilwinning Lodge," connected with the said Society, and has not accounted for or handed the same to the Plaintiff Thomas McWhirter as such Provincial Grand Treasurer as aforesaid.

8.—The office of Provincial Grand. Master became vacant on the 4th day of December, 1891, by the death of Sir Frederick Whitaker, but such vacancy was filled by the appointment of the Plaintiff William McCullough to be the Provincial Grand Master, in place of the said Sir Frederick Whitaker, on the 5th day of May, 1892, and in the meantime the Plaintiff William McCullough was before and during such vacancy the Provincial Grand Master Depute, exercising the powers and functions of the Provincial Grand Master according to the rules of the said Society.

9.—It was the duty of the Defendant as such Provincial Grand. Secretary as aforesaid to obey the orders of the Plaintiff William McCullough as such Provincial Grand Master Depute as aforesaid and of the Provincial Grand Committee, but in or about the middle of the month of January, 1892, the Defendant refused to obey such orders, and the Plaintiff William McCullough as such Provincial Grand Master Depute as aforesaid. removed the Defendant from the office of Provincial Grand Secretary to the said Society on or about the 8th day of January, 1892, and appointed the Plaintiff Thomas Cantley to be Provincial Grand Secretary of the said Society in the stead of the Defendant, and such removal and new appointment were confirmed by the Provincial Grand Committee aforesaid.

10.—On or about the 3rd. day of February, 1892, the Defendant entered the Masonic Hall aforesaid and improperly took and carried away the regalia of the said Society usually worn by the Provincial Grand Secretary in connection with the rites and ceremonies of the said Society.

11.—The Defendant has been requested to return the said regalia and to deliver the said seal, minute books, letter books, cash books, ledgers, parchment diplomas, and other books, papers, and documents of the said Society to the Plaintiff Thomas Cantley as such new Provincial Grand Secretary as aforesaid but the Defendant has refused so to do.

12.—The work and business of the said Society cannot be properly carried on according to the rules, rites, and ceremonies thereof without the said regalia, seal, minute books, letter books, cash books, ledgers, parchment diplomas, and other books, papers, and documents aforesaid.

13.—The said Society is ready and willing to pay the Defendant the amount of salary due to him up to the date of his removal from office as aforesaid, and all expenses properly incurred by him as such Provincial Grand Secretary as aforesaid, and the Plaintiffs hereby offer on behalf of the said Society to pay the Defendant all such salary and expenses as due to him aforesaid. The amount so due to the Defendant the Plaintiffs are unable to compute and verify on account of not having access to the books of the Society so detained by the Defendant as aforesaid.

14.—The Plaintiffs pray :-

- (a.) That an account may be taken of all moneys received by the Defendant as such Provincial Grand Secretary as aforesaid and that the Defendant may be ordered to pay to the Plaintiff Thomas McWhirter as such Provincial Grand Treasurer as aforesaid all moneys which on the taking of such accounts may be found to be payable by the Defendant to the said Society.
- (b.) That the Defendant may be ordered. to return to the Plaintiff Edward Tonge, on behalf of the said Provincial Grand Lodge, the said regalia so taken by him the Defendant as aforesaid.
- (c.) That the Defendant may be ordered to deliver to the Plaintiff Thomas Cantley.- as such Provincial Grand Secretary appointed in the place of the Defendant as aforesaid the said seal, minute books, letter books, cash books, ledgers, blank parchment diplomas, and other books, papers, and documents of the said Society.
- (d.) That the Defendant may be ordered to pay the costs of this action.
- (e.) That the Plaintiffs may have such further or other relief as to this Honorable Court shall seem meet.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF NEW ZEALAND, } No. 3060.

Northern District. }

Between WILLIAM MCCULLOUGH, WILLIAM ANDERSON, ALEXANDER BRODIE, THOMAS MCWHIRTER, THOMAS CANTLEY, and EDWARD TONGE, suing on behalf of themselves and all others having a like interest in the present action Plaintiffs, and JAMES SLATOR, Defendant.

STATEMENT OF DEFENCE.

The 27th day of October, 1892. The Defendant says :-

1.—He denies specifically each and every of the allegations respectively contained in paragraphs 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, and 13, of the Plaintiff's statement of claim ; and for a further defence the Defendant says :-

2.—That on and prior to the 8th day of January, 1892, he and a number of other persons (exceeding ten in number) were members of a Society known as " The Provincial Grand Lodge of Freemasons for the North Island of New Zealand. Scotch Constitution."

3.—The said Society is connected. with and has control over certain other subordinate Lodges or Societies of Freemasons established within the North Island of New Zealand. The said Island constitutes the Province within which the said Society purports to exercise its jurisdiction.

4.—The said Society or Provincial Grand Lodge is composed of the Provincial Grand Master and the other commissioned and elective officers for the time being of the said Society (except the Provincial Grand Tyler), and every Past Master who has filled the chair as Master of a subordinate Lodge in the Province for one year, and who is a contributing member to a Lodge in the said Province, and has paid his fees, and the Masters and Wardens of the several Lodges in the Province which have complied with the regulations of the Grand Lodge of Scotland.

5.—The Plaintiffs—Alexander Brodie and Thomas Cantley—were not on the 8th day of January, 1892, duly qualified members of the said Society.

6.—The Defendant denies that the management and direction of the :affairs of the said Society was and is vested in a committee of nine persons called the Provincial Grand Committee, as alleged in paragraph 2 of the statement of claim.

7.—The proceedings of the said Society or Provincial Grand Lodge are regulated. by the Constitution and Laws of the Grand Lodge of Scotland, to which Lodge the said Society is subject, and by certain bye-laws adopted and passed by the said Society on the 27th day of April, 1888.

8.—By No. 10 of the said bye-laws, it is provided as follows :—There shall be a Provincial Grand Committee consisting of nine members—namely the P.G.M., P.G.D.M., P.G.S.M., P.G.J.W., P.G.S.W., and four members of the P. G. L. to be elected annually at the January Communication by the P.G.L. Three of such members shall form a quorum for the transaction of business. Members desirous of bringing any business before Committee must give notice of the same to the P.G. Secretary at least 24 hours before the meeting at which it will be discussed.

9.—The powers of the said Provincial Grand Committee are limited to the several matters specified in Nos. 12, 13, and 14, of the said bye-laws, which are as follows :-12. No recommendation, petition, or representation of any kind shall be received by the P.G.C. unless it be in writing, and signed by the person or persons addressing the Committee. 13. The P.G.C. shall have the direction of everything relating to the buildings and furniture of the P.G.L., and may suggest any alteration or improvements. It is to cause the necessary preparations to be made for the communications of the P.G.L., as well as for the days of festival, public ceremonies, etc., and to take care that arrangements be made for the proper accommodation of the Committees appointed by the P.G.L. It shall also give orders for all the usual and ordinary articles which may be requisite for the P.G. .L. ; but no extraordinary expense of any kind shall be incurred without the previous sanction of the P.G.L.

14. The Provincial Grand. Committee [is the ordinary Judicial Tribunal of the Provincial Grand Lodge, with delegated powers] and the members thereof shall have full power to determine all matters coming before them, whether remitted for their consideration by the Provincial Grand. Lodge or arising out of any emergency occurring in the interval betwixt the Quarterly Communications; for that purpose to summon brethren to attend, examine witnesses, and call or productions. And they shall regularly report all their transactions for the information and approval or disapproval of the Provincial Grand Lodge. All remits from the Provincial Grand Lodge shall be taken up by the Provincial Grand. Committee at its first Ordinary Meeting after each remit.

10.—The said Provincial Grand Committee has no authority to initiate legal or other proceedings on behalf of the Society, aid all the resolutions of the said Committee are subject to the approval or disapproval of the Provincial Grand Lodge.

11.—The Defendant denies that the Plaintiff, Thomas Cantley, is the duly qualified Secretary of the said Society.

12.—The Defendant admits that the Regalia used at the rites and ceremonies of the said Society were kept in the Masonic Hall, in the city of Auckland; but he denies that the same were in the care and custody of the Plaintiff, Edward Tonge, on behalf of the said Provincial Grand Lodge as alleged in paragraph 4 of the statement of claim.

13.—A portion of the said Regalia was, and is, the private property of the Defendant, and the remainder was in the care and custody of the Defendant by the authority of the said Society.

14.—By Rule 134 of the Grand Lodge of Scotland, it is provided that—" Each Provincial or District Grand Master shall be entitled to choose and appoint by commission from time to time, a Depute, Substitute, two Wardens, a Secretary, and two Chaplains."

15.—The Defendant denies that in case of the vacancy of the office of Provincial Grand Master, the Provincial Grand Master Depute has the appointment and removal from time to time of the Secretary and certain other officers of the said Society, Such power of appointment and removal is vested in the Provincial Grand Master for the time being, and in no other person.

16.—On or about the 6th day of April, 1883, the Defendant was by commission under the hand and seal of the late Sir Frederick Whitaker, the then Provincial Grand Master, duly appointed Secretary of the said Society.

17.—The said Sir Frederick Whitaker died on the 4th day of December, 1891, whereupon the office of Provincial Grand Master of the said Society became vacant, and so remained vacant until the installation of his successor, which took place on the 3rd day of August, 1892.

18.—The appointment of the Defendant as Provincial Grand Secretary was never recalled by the said Sir Frederick Whitaker, and has never been recalled in the manner provided by the rules and constitution of the said Society.

19.—At the time of the death of the said Sir Frederick Whitaker the Plaintiff, William McCullough, held. the office of Provincial Grand Master Depute of the said Society.

20.—The said Plaintiff, William McCullough, was subsequently by commission from the Grand Lodge of Scotland appointed Provincial Grand Master of the said Society, and on the 3rd day of August, 1892, was installed or inducted into the said office.

21.—Until such installation or induction into office, the said William McCullough was not entitled to act as or to be accounted the Provincial Grand Master of the said Society.

22.—The Defendant admits that, as Provincial Grand Secretary, he had charge of the seal, minute books, letter books, cash books, ledgers, a parcel of blank parchment, diplomas, and other books, papers, and documents, of the said Society. He claims that he still holds the same as such Provincial Grand Secretary as aforesaid..

23. —The Defendant admits that the Plaintiff, Thomas McWhirter, was nominally the Provincial Grand Treasurer of the said Society, but the duties of the said office were, in fact, discharged by the Defendant, and he from time to time accounted to the Provincial Grand Lodge, and not to the said Thomas McWhirter, for all dues or sums of money received by him as Provincial Grand Secretary from the subordinate Societies connected. with the said Society or Provincial Grand Lodge.

24.—The Defendant admits that on the 7th day of January, 1892, he, as such Provincial Grand Secretary as aforesaid, received from the Lodge St. Andrew Kilwinning at Wanganui, the sum of £9 18s and no more, in payment of certain dues payable by that Lodge to the said Provincial Grand. Lodge and the Grand Lodge of Scotland, and he applied £6 5s part thereof (as he was entitled. to do) in payment to himself of one quarter of a year's salary then due to him as such Provincial Grand Secretary as aforesaid, up to the 31st day of December, 1891, and he holds 19s for the purpose of remitting the same to the Grand Lodge of Scotland and the sum of £2 14s balance of the said sum of £9 18s he retains for petty cash disbursements on account of the said Society in accordance with a resolution to that effect duly passed by the said-Society.

25.—The Defendant denies that it was his duty as such Provincial Grand Secretary, after the death of the said Sir Frederick Whitaker, the late Provincial Grand Master, to obey the orders of the Plaintiff, William McCullough, as the Provincial Grand Master Depute of the said Society, or of the Provincial Grand

Committee, except so far as the same were in accordance with the constitution and laws of the said Society and of the Grand Lodge of Scotland, and had been confirmed by the said Society.

26.—In the month of December, 1891, a meeting of the Provincial Grand Committee of the said Society was held, at which the Plaintiffs, William McCullough and Alexander Brodie, the Defendant, and three other members of the said Society, were present. All of such members, except the Plaintiff William McCullough, and the Defendant, were by reason of default in payment of fees due by them to their Lodges to the said Society disqualified from speaking or voting at such meeting. Notwithstanding such disqualification, the members present passed certain resolutions dealing with the funds of the Society. Such resolutions were not operative unless and until submitted to and confirmed at a meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge in accordance with the aforesaid bye-laws Nos. 13 and 14.

27.—Shortly after the said meeting of the said Provincial Grand Committee, and before the submission of the said resolutions to the Provincial Grand Lodge, the Plaintiff, William McCullough, as Provincial Grand Master Depute, required the Defendant to draw the necessary cheques and make arrangements for payment of the monies purporting to have been voted by the aforesaid resolutions. The Defendant thereupon declined to comply with such request until the said resolutions had been duly confirmed by the said Provincial Grand Lodge.

28.—The Defendant denies that the Plaintiff, William McCullough as Provincial Grand Master Depute, had authority under the constitution and rules of the said Society on or about the 8th day of January, 1892, or at any time previous to his installation or induction as Provincial Grand Master, to remove the Defendant from the office of Provincial Grand Secretary and to appoint the Plaintiff, Thomas Cantley, to that office in the stead of the Defendant.

29.—The Defendant denies that the Provincial Grand Committee confirmed the removal of the Defendant and the appointment of the Plaintiff Thomas Cantley, as alleged in paragraph 9 of the statement of claim, or that under the constitution and laws of the said Society the said Committee or the said Society is empowered so to do.

30.—The Defendant denies that on the 3rd day of February, 1892, or on any other day he entered the Masonic Hall aforesaid, and improperly took and carried away the Regalia of the said Society, usually worn by the Provincial Grand Secretary in connection with the rites and ceremonies of the said Society.

31.—A portion of the said Regalia, to wit—the scarf—worn by the Defendant as such Provincial Grand Secretary, was purchased by him out of his own monies, and always has been his private property. As to the other portion of such Regalia the Defendant claims (if his appointment as Provincial Grand Secretary has been legally recalled), that he is entitled to retain such portion by virtue of a custom which has heretofore prevailed in the said Society, under which long service officers upon their ceasing to hold office are permitted to retain the Regalia worn by them as such officers.

32.—The Defendant denies that he has been lawfully required to return the said Regalia, and to deliver up the said seal, minute books, letter books, cash books, ledgers, parchment diplomas, and other books, papers, and documents of the said Society or any of them to the Plaintiff Thomas Cantley, or any other person, or that he has improperly refused so to do. He denies that the said Plaintiff, Thomas Cantley, has been duly appointed the Provincial Grand Secretary of the said Society and that he is duly empowered to demand and receive from the Defendant the said Regalia and other articles specified in paragraph 11 of the statement of claim.

And for a further defence

33.—The Defendant repeats the allegations contained in paragraphs 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, and 7, of this Statement of Defence, and says that the said Society is, and always has been, an association consisting of more than ten persons formed, and having for its object the acquisition of gain by the individual members thereof.

34.—The said Society has never been registered as a company or otherwise under any statute.

And for a further defence

35.—The Defendant repeats the allegations contained in paragraphs 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, and 7, of this Statement of Defence, and says that the Society was and is an unlawful combination and confederacy, the members of

which are bound by an oath or engagement not required or authorised by law and is prohibited by Statute of George III, cap. 79.

36.—The said Society has never been registered under the said Statute. And for a further defence

37.—The Defendant repeats the allegations contained in paragraphs 2 to 32 inclusive of this defence, and says that the Plaintiffs and the said Society before action were and still are indebted to the Defendant in the sum of £25 for money payable to the Defendant for one year's salary as such Provincial Grand Secretary as aforesaid, from the 30th day of September, 1891, to the 30th day of September, 1892, and the Defendant claims to set off against the Plaintiffs' claim an equal amount of the said. debt due to the Defendant.

COUNTER CLAIM.

38.—The Defendant repeats the statements contained in paragraphs 2 to 32 inclusive of this defence, and counter claims the sum of £25 for money payable to him for one year's salary as such Provincial Grand Secretary, as aforesaid, from the 30th day of September, 1891, to the 30th day of September, 1892.

The Defendant prays judgment for the said sum of £25.

This Statement of Defence and Counter Claim is filed and delivered by Charles White Cave, the solicitor for the Defendant, whose address for service is at the office of the said Charles White Cave, Palmerston Buildings, Queen Street, in the City of Auckland.

FUND FOR THE MAINTENANCE AND EDUCATION OF THE TWO CHILDREN OF THE LATE BROTHER JOHN KELLEHER, RAISED BY THE MASONIC FRATERNITY OF NEW ZEALAND IN 1880.

THOS. TURNBULL AND GEO. GORDON, TRUSTEES.

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 5TH AUGUST, 1892.

RECEIPTS.	£	s.	d.	EXPENDITURE.	£	s.	d.
Contributions by Lodges and individual Freemasons	404	8	2	General Expenses ...	12	13	2
Interest on investments	338	11	9	Paid to Miss Rockell for maintenance and education of the children	579	14	0
				Balance ...	... 150	12	9
	£742	19	11		£742	19	11

STATEMENT OF REMAINING FUNDS.

	£	s.	d.
25 Shares Timaru Building Society	-	125	0 0
Cash in Union Bank, Timaru, on 5th August, 1892		25	12 0
GEO. GORDON, Albany, W.A., 24th Sept, 1892.		£150	12 9

BRIEF MENTION.

THE *American Tyler* calls death " Heaven's Senior Deacon."

LODGE PURITAN, New York, held its 1000th meeting in June last.

IN Halifax, Nova Scotia, there is a lodge composed entirely of coloured men.

AFTER an absence of some months, the *American Tyler*, one copy only, has again arrived.

BRETHREN are asking who is to be the next Grand Master of New Zealand. We don't know.

THE latest American thing is a Masonic spoon! "Eureka!" With it the Master Mason may take plain soup.

OF all the sins most common to Freemasonry, that of ingratitude is the most common and reprehensible.

RETENTION OF CHARTERS.—Bro. Williams' motion was postponed till 1893. The tone of the meeting was against their return.

IN some old Scotch lodges it was the practice to suspend for *ninety-nine* years. This was one way to avoid the punishment of expulsion.

THE Supreme Council of England have elected the Grand Secretary of England, Bro. E. Letchworth a member of the Thirty-third Degree.

SOCRATES said : " What I understand I find to be excellent ; and, therefore, believe that to be of equal value which I cannot understand."

THE *Freemasons' Journal* of New York is not issued in August and September, owing to those months being the hot season. Sensible but cool.

AN American exchange states that it does not like smoking " in a lodge-room." We should imagine not. Such an outrage is unknown in Australasia.

"It almost takes my breath away," said an aged brother, not long ago, " when I learn how rapidly candidates for the Degrees are being pushed forward."

EVERYTHING depends upon the men who compose the lodge. Build with bad men and you cannot make a lodge that shall be either enduring or strong.

THE Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons of England and Wales etc., has increased its membership from 10,000 to 38,000 in less than twenty years.

THE Grand Lodge of North Carolina approved a decision that " a man who cannot read or write is eligible to the degrees of Masonry, if otherwise qualified."

THE Grand Lodge of England, on the 9th September last, voted the sum of 300 guineas in alleviation of the distress occasioned by the recent disastrous fire at St. John's, Newfoundland.

IT is a well-known historical fact that two Grand Lodges have existed at the same time in England, Massachusetts, South Carolina, and Louisiana. New York at one time had six Grand Lodges.

THE public sing comic songs in the Auckland Masonic Hall on Saturday nights. Afternoon teas, " At Homes," dances, and meetings of the atheistical French Lodge are allowed in the Wellington Masonic Hall.

THERE were three Grand Lodges in New York in 1849, each watching the other with jealous eye, crimination and recrimination passed from mouth to mouth. This was anything but " brotherly love and affection."

IN England, when a brother other than the Grand or Pro. Grand Master occupies the Masonic throne, he is addressed as " Most Worshipful Grand Master on the Throne," sometimes varied with " in the chair."

THAT " Wise Man's Apothegm," quoted in the last report of the Board of General Purposes, " Whatsoever thy hand findeth to do, do it with thy might ; For there is no work, nor device, nor knowledge, nor wisdom, in the grave, whither thou goest," is not an apt quotation in connection with our dead. We believe in immortality.

IN Iowa on July 1st, 1891, 5,384 Brethren were delinquent in the payment of dues, amounting to £9,000. What is the cause ? What is the remedy ? What is the value of such debts ? These are important questions.

THE Sydney *Freemason* says the Grand Lodge of New Zealand is going ahead prosperously. Lodges are being added, and the membership rapidly increasing. Our *London* namesake cannot feel happy over this success.

THERE was a very poor attendance at the Communication of Grand Lodge in Christchurch. A remedy will be found. in making it compulsory that one representative from each Lodge should attend. Pay his expenses.

THE old " York " lodges generally enacted in their by-laws that the time of meeting was from 6 p.m. till 9 p.m. in winter, and from 7 p.m. till 10 p.m. in summer. Absentees were fined 1s., which had to be paid next meeting, and no excuse taken.

I WILL combat, says Bro. A. S. Wait, Past D.D. Grand Master of New Hampshire, as long as I have Masonic breath, that there can, without the most plain and glaring breach of Masonic obligation, be legislation by Grand Lodges which disregards the institution as a universal brotherhood.

A PAST GRAND OFFICER writes that he has reliable authority for stating that the Wellington District Grand Lodge, E.C., " will advocate recognition of the Grand Lodge of New Zealand by the Grand Lodge of England, if the Charters are returned. This seems now to be the sole stumbling block in the way of the desired end."

AT a banquet given in New England, a clergyman was asked to pronounce the blessing ; not being a Mason, his grace was : " Oh, Lord, thou knowest why we are assembled together. I don't. Thou knowest the object of this organization. I don't. If it be for thy good, O Lord bless 'em ; but if they be for the evil, O Lord, cuss 'em. Amen."

GRAND MASTER STERLING of Connecticut, makes use of wholesome and timely words respecting the duty of Masons to care for indigent brethren. He does not think that a lodge is justified in allowing an aged and infirm member to be sent to the poor-house. His pertinent question is, " If a Lodge fulfils its duty by so doing, what becomes of its boasted charity."

AMONG the grants recommended to the Grand Lodge of England by the Board of Benevolence on September 9th was one of £100 " to the widow of a brother of the Royal Oak Lodge, No. 871, Deptford." The widow in question is Mrs. Joyce, whose husband, Sergeant Joyce, was foully murdered while he was attempting to arrest a German miscreant in the neighbourhood of Charing Cross.

" It is a long while since Spenser told us that Dan Chaucer was ' a well of English undefiled,' but ever since the Pilgrim Fathers first approached the storm-beaten shore of Massachusetts, the destiny of the English language as the dominant tongue of the future world was fixed, and the settlement of Australia by England . confirmed this destiny, humanly speaking, beyond all revocation."

THE *Freemason* gives some idea of the tremendous wealth of England. Bro. the Lord Mayor has told the London bankers that in 1890 there was " cleared in the City, for London alone, no less than £789,148,000 ; that there was deposited in all the banks in the United Kingdom an estimated sum of £850,000,000, and that there was in the Savings Banks a further sum of £114,000,000, making a total of nearly £1,000,000,000.

AS showing a solid benefit of Masonry, a Brother in good repute, who was out of employment, and financially in a low condition, was left by will a sum of money amounting to several hundreds of pounds, to receive which it was necessary that he should at once proceed to England. In order not to trespass heavily upon the funds of the Board of Benevolence, a sufficient sum was speedily contributed by guinea subscriptions from a number of Brethren (one advancing £5), and the Brother dispatched to England by the first steamer. The Board of Benevolence has generously granted a weekly sum to maintain his wife and family in Sydney until a remittance is cabled out by him. It is acts such as this which prove that Masonry is doing its work at the Antipodes, as it is all over the world.—*Sydney Freemason*. -

YOU can now book for the World's Fair, through the Transportation and Accommodation Company of Michigan, on time payment. The first instalment is 3 dollars, followed by dollar payments until 49 dollars are lying to credit; this covers first return railage to Chicago, transfer of baggage, six days board and residence in a 3 dollar per day hotel, six admissions to the Fair, and a three-thousand dollar accident policy, etc., etc.

FOR ourselves, we fail to see how any good to Freemasonry can be gained by the attempts which many people are so fond of making., to include all men of eminence of every country and every use in their list of distinguished Craftsmen past and present. There is undoubtedly a full measure of antiquity about our Order, but it is not the kind of antiquity which justifies the inclusion among our most eminent worthies of such men as Julius Caesar, Martin Luther, St. Augustine, and so forth.—*London Freemason*.

"THE Cornish Freemasons, at the head of whom is the Earl of Mount Edgcumbe, held high festival at Truro on Tuesday. There are not wanting cavillers and detractors who decry Freemasonry, yet it has of late years made rapid strides, and the only danger is, according to Mr. W. J. Hugan, of Torquay—who very many were glad to welcome to Truro once again—lest sufficient use is not made of the ballot when the question of the admission of a new member arises. It is, of course, largely because Freemasons do not act up to their principles that ground is given to the caviller and detractor."—*Royal Cornwall Gazette*.

OF the Michigan decision that a person dwarfed and having a hunchback is debarred from the Masonic degrees, Bro. Perkins of Vermont, very pertinently says : —Brains, intellect, he may have but lacking "form," he may not apply. If perfection of form is to be made a standard of eligibility, why not bar out an applicant for Masonic rights and privileges, who has one shoulder higher than the other? Or him who toes it in, in his manly strides ? Or him who carries a ponderosity of adipose tissue ? Physical deformity may offend some Oscar Wilde of a brother, but for that matter, the striking physique of a Boston gladiator is no more pleasing to others.

ALL brethren of our Fraternity in Scotland will hail with satisfaction the elevation to the peerage of Colonel Archibald C. Campbell, of Blythwood, Bart., Past Grand Master of Scotland. Sir Archibald is everywhere

highly respected, but nowhere more highly than amongst Freemasons. As a distinction of merit it was well merited, and as one of worth it is worthily conferred. Sir Archibald has the congratulations and best wishes of every member of the Craft in his new title, which I understand, will be that of Lord Blythswood.—
"Mallett " in the *Glasgow Evening News*. [Lady Blythswood is sister to Lord Carrington, Past Grand Master of New South Wales.—ED. C.]

THE Freemasons of Fiji are about to lose one of their most enthusiastic and energetic members in the person of Mr. W. Coath, of the Bank of New Zealand, who last year occupied the position of Master of the Lodge of Fiji, No. 1931, who, to the regret of the community generally, as well as the brotherhood, is about to leave for pastures new, carrying with him the hearty good wishes of all. At the proceedings of the lodge on Monday the 17th October he was placed in the chair, and requested to conduct a portion of the work, which he accomplished with his usual ability, after which there was an adjournment for refreshments, at which the health of the departing brother was proposed and drunk with due honours.

THE moral element characterising the faith of the ancient Egyptians is clearly shown in the *Funeral Ritual or Book of the Dead*, recently translated and published by Dr. Lepsius, a celebrated German archæologist. In that book appears the "Negative Confession" of a disembodied soul appearing before Osiris for judgment. The dead man says : " Lo, I have defrauded no man of his dues. I have not oppressed the widow. I have not borne false witness. I have not been slothful. I have broken faith with no man. I have slain no man. I have starved no man. I have not enriched myself by unlawful gains: I have not given short measure of corn. I have not tampered with the scales. I have not encroached upon my neighbour's field. I have not cut of the running water from its lawful channel. I have not turned away the food from the mouths of the fatherless. Lo, I am pure ! I am pure !"

MR FISH objects strongly to the *Tong Beng*, the Secret Society of which the Premier, Sir Robert Stout, and three important officers in the Government Life Insurance Department are leading lights. Mr Fish also remarks that the three insurance officers received phenomenal advancement. Mr Fish should be careful what he says and should leave the *Tong Beng* alone, or one of these days the Dunedin papers will have, in displayed caps, " Mysterious Disappearance of Mr H. Fish, Jr., M.H.R. "—*Catholic Times*.

THE God of Masonry is not that Being whom theology has painted so severe and revengeful . . . ; but the benign and compassionate Creator, who is made divine within our souls ; who is felt in all that smiles and in all that sighs, where there is suffering and where there is love ; where we hear the canticles of children and see the tears of the aged ; in the birds' nests and in the aroma of the flowers, in the rainbow that changes its colours, and in the aurora that blushes ; in the luminous bodies in the heavens, in the Infinite who scatters His harmony in all that has wins and perfume, essence and balsam, music and prayers, intuition and 'smiles, linked to the immense veneration that exists in our hearts.— *Boletin Masónico, Mexico*.

THEY ARE OUR GUESTS.—Do we always remember when we see a strange face in our Lodge room that we are at home and on us rests the duty, as it should be a pleasure, of making our Lodge room a pleasant Masonic home for the time being to the visiting Brother ? We are apt to leave it to the Worshipful Master or other Officers. It is a duty and a pleasure we should all delight in. A visiting Brother, having been duly examined and formally introduced, is too often left to his own devices in making acquaintances. Are we not his Masonic hosts? Is he not of the same " household of faith ?" What better claim could he have to a brotherly grasp, a cheerful word, a kind attention to his comfort ? Is he a sojourning brother ? He may be making up his mind where he shall cast his lot. Your kindly greetings, Brethren, decide him, and you have "lengthened your cords and strengthened your stakes."—*Herald of Masonry*.

IF a Lodge cannot aid in founding a school or an academy, it can still do something. It can educate one boy or girl, at least, the child of some poor or departed brother. And it should never be forgotten, that in the poorest unregarded child that seems abandoned to ignorance and vice *may* slumber the virtues of a Socrates, the intellect of a Bacon or a Bossuet, the genius of a Shakespeare, the capacity to benefit mankind of a Washington ; and that in rescuing him from the mire in which he is plunged, and giving him the means of education and development, the Lodge that does it may be the threat and immediate means of conferring upon the world as great a boon as that given it by John Faust, the boy of Mentz ; may perpetuate the liberties of a country and change the destinies of nations, and write a new chapter in the history of the world. For we never know the importance of the act we do. The daughter of Pharaoh little thought what she was doing for the human race, and the vast unimaginable consequences that depended on her charitable act, when she drew

the little child of a Hebrew woman from among the rushes that grew along the bank of the Nile, and determined to rear it as if it were her own —ALBERT PIKE

A SUBSCRIBER to the *Trestle Board*, San Francisco, asked : " Do you not think it would be better for all concerned if our wives and sweethearts were oftener introduced on festive occasions ; that there would be less occasion for jealousy, or charge of ignoring them in our Masonic relations on the part of wives and daughters ? I have no doubt it would stimulate the Craft to a higher standard of conduct on such occasions, and call out in attendance many that do not show themselves now" The Editor replied there can be no objection to festive occasions of Masonic bodies where our wives and daughters can come and enjoy the refreshment and exercises, which may be arranged for the enjoyment of God's rational creatures. There is too much of the ignoble sentiment in the Masonic fraternity that woman should not be permitted to approach the sacred sanctuary or holy of holies of our Institution. A new era in civilization has arrived, when woman is esteemed worthy of a better station in life and for nobler purposes than was held by the patriarchs of old, and especially our first and most eminent Grand Master. Let their emancipation be full and complete, say we, most heartily; and liberty for equal privileges granted consistent with the Landmarks of our Institution.

MEETINGS IN DECEMBER, 1892.

1892. DEC.	AUCKLAND.	HAWKES BAY.	WELLINGTON.	NELSON.	CANTERBURY.	OTAGO AND SOUTHLAND
Thurs. 1	Beta Te Aroha		Hawera* St. Johns	Advance*	Southern Cross Ashley St. George Concord Methven Kaikoura Crown, S.C.	Hereules Mokoreta Peninsula, S.C.*
Fri. 2	Albion Franklin Hokianga		Rangitira Otaki Greytown St. John's S.C.	Kumara* Phoenix, E.C. Killarney, I.C.	Phoenix	Southern Cross Palmerston
Mon. 5		Bedford	Felding Leinster	Robert Burns		
Tues. 6	Ponsonby*	Ruahine Abercorn (Gis- borne)	Patea	Wairau S. Star, E.C. Greymouth EC Pacific, E.C.		Waikouniti
Wed. 7	B. of G. P. Coromandel	Rawhiti* Heretaunga	Manawatu Kil Tararua		Rakais Malvern	Oam'ru Kil* Harvey*
Thurs. 8	Alpha		St. Andrew Kilwinning Tongariro, E.C.*		Caledonian Ashburton, E.C.	Aparima St. John EC
Fri. 9						Taringatura S.C. Victoria I.C.
Mon. 12			Waterloo*			
Tues. 13	Eden Mangonui	Victoria*	St. Marks Foxton	Victory	St. Augustine	
Wed. 14	Arch	Abercorn* and 30th Nov.	Masterton*		Progress* and 29 Nov.	Otago Fortitude
Thurs. 15	Zealandia E.C.				Canterbury Kil- winning	
Fri. 16			Ngumotu Wellington, E.C.			
Tues. 20	St. Andrew* Sir W. Scott*			Arch	Robert Burns, S.C.*	
Wed. 21	Ara		Ulster Arch		Geraldine*	
Thurs. 22			St. Andrew's*		Unanimity	
Mon. 26			N.Z. Pacific*			
Tues. 27	Manukau and 29 Nov.*	Scinde	Otagaki and 29 Nov.			Hiram
Wed. 28	United Service and 30 Nov. Wairua* and 30 Nov. Papakura		Bulls and 30 Nov.	S. Star, E.C.*		Waitaki and 30 Nov.
Thurs. 29			Stratford and 29 Nov.		Ashley Concord Methven Kaikoura	Peninsula S.C.
Fri. 30			Patea Nov. 30*			Palmerston

NOTE.—The Lodges marked with a * are Installation meetings.

The charge for Advertising Lodges, with names of officers, times and places of meeting &c., is £1 per annum, payable yearly, in advance—this includes a copy of the CRAFTSMAN.

SOUTH ISLAND.

CRAFT LODGES

(HOLDING UNDER THE GRAND LODGE OF NEW ZEALAND).

PROVINCE OF CANTERBURY

(16 LODGES).

(R.W. Bro. ALBERT KAYE, Deputy Grand Master, in charge).

UNANIMITY, No. 3.

Founded 1852, meets at Masonic Hall, Sumner Road, Lyttelton, on the fourth Thursday in each month, at 7.30 p.m. Installation in January.

W M	...	...	Bro R M GRIFFITHS
S W	...	...	Bro HENRY W BAKER
J W	...	...	Bro T LAYTON SMITH
Secretary	...	...	Bro J T GIFFORD, Lyttelton.

ST. AUGUSTINE, No. 4.

Founded 1852, meets every month in the St. Augustine Masonic Hall, Christchurch, on the second Tuesday at 7.30 p.m.; the June meeting is held on the 24th, St. John's the Baptist day; the October meeting on the 18th, this being the Anniversary Day of the Lodge. Installation, second Tuesday in January.

W M	...	...	Bro F H DAVIE
S W	...	...	Bro A MILLAR
J W	...	...	Bro W J HAWLEY
Secretary	...	...	Bro A GUNDERSEN, 251, High Street, Christchurch.

SOUTHERN CROSS, No. 6.

CALEDONIAN, No. 16.

Founded 1871, meets at Masonic Hall, George Street, Timaru, on the second Thursday in each month, at 8 p.m. Installation, 24th June (St. John's Day).

W M	...	...	Bro D DAWSON
S W	...	...	Bro JAMES MASON
J W	...	...	Bro D M MITCHELL
Secretary	...	...	Bro A MILLS, P.M., P.G.S., York St.

PROGRESS, No. 22.

Founded November 16, 1876, meets at the Masonic Hall, Southbridge, on the Tuesday on or before the full moon, in each month, at 7.30 p.m. Installation, second Wednesday in December.

W M	...	...	Bro ROBERT WEBSTER
S W	...	...	Bro W A SIMPSON
J W	...	...	Bro SAMUEL MOORE
Secretary	...	...	Bro THOMAS MILES, Southbridge

CANTERBURY KILWINNING, No. 23.

GERALDINE, No. 27.

Founded 1878, meets in the Masonic Hall, Geraldine, on the third Wednesday in every month, at 7.30 p.m. Installation in December.

W M	...	...	Bro J M MURRAY, P.M., P.G. Steward
S W	...	...	Bro J W PYE
J W	...	...	Bro BENJ F COCHRANE
Secretary	...	...	Bro F WILSON SMITH, Timaru

ASHLEY, No. 28.

Founded 1878, meets every month in the Masonic Hall, Rangiora, on the Thursday on or before full moon at 7.30 p.m. Installation, June meeting.

W M	...	...	Bro R BALL
S W	...	...	Bro A P TUTTON
J W	...	...	Bro C PARKIN
Secretary	...	...	Bro THOMAS W ROWE, M.A., High School, Rangiora

ST. GEORGE, No. 29.

RAKAIA, No. 31.

LINCOLN, No. 33.

MALVERN, No. 35.

Founded 1880, meets at Springfield, Malvern, Canterbury, on Wednesday nearest full moon, at 7.30 p.m. Installation in October.

W M	...	...	Bro ALFRED B LINDOP
S W	...	...	Bro H. WILLIAMSON
J W	...	...	Bro H SMITH
Secretary	...	...	Bro W H HADDRELL, P.M., Sheffield.

CONCORD, No. 39.

Founded 1881, meets every month in the Masonic Hall, Papanui, on the Thursday on or before full moon, at 7.30 p.m. Installation in March.

W M	...	...	Bro W J JACKSON
S W	...	...	Bro T G STRANGE
J W	...	...	Bro WILLIAM GIPKINS
Secretary	...	...	Bro R B WILKINSON, Box 198, P.O., Christchurch

PHOENIX, No. 43.

Founded in 1881, meets at the Masonic Hall, Akaroa, on Friday on or nearest full moon in each month. Installation, November.

W M	...	...	Bro MARTIN GEO DALY
S W	...	...	Bro H C JACOBSON
J W	...	...	Bro WM CURRY
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OTAGO, No. 7.

Founded 1859, meets at the Oddfellows' Hall, Stuart Street, Dunedin, on the second Wednesday in each month, at 8 p.m. Installation in October.

W M	...	...	Bro JOSEPH BARTON
S W	...	...	Bro JULIUS ALBERTI
J W	...	...	Bro A FIELDWICK
Secretary	...	...	Bro G W WILLIAMS, P.M., 80 Princes [Street

WAITAKI, No. 11.

Founded 1864, meets every month in the Masonic Hall, Wanabeek Street, Oamaru, on the Wednesday on or before full moon, at 8 p.m. Installation in May.

W M	...	...	Bro JAS MACDONALD
S W	...	...	Bro H J BAKER
J W	...	...	Bro J H IRVINE
Secretary	...	...	Bro J WANSBROUGH, P.M., Oamaru.

CLUTHA, No. 14.

Founded 1866, meets every month in the Masonic Hall, Balclutha, on the Monday on or before full moon, at 8 p.m. Installation in June.

W M	...	...	Bro WILLIAM WILSON
S W	...	...	Bro R W JONES
J W	...	...	Bro W NOHAR
Secretary	...	...	Bro J K PATON, Balclutha

PALMERSTON, No. 26.

Founded 1878, meets every month in the Masonic Hall, Palmerston South, on the Friday on or before full moon, at 7.30 p.m. Installation in August.

W M	...	...	Bro ROBERT AITKEN
I P M	...	...	Bro JOHN GEORGE FINDLAY
S W	...	...	Bro JOHN E VERNON
J W	...	...	Bro WM CLARKSON
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S D	...	...	Bro M ISBISTER
J D	...	...	Bro WALTER HISLOP
Tyler	...	...	Bro JNO E GOODWIN

HERCULES, No. 36.

Founded 1880, meets every month in Masonic Hall, Tapanui, on the Thursday nearest full moon, at 8 p.m. Installation in May.

W M	...	...	Bro BENJ. FARGHER, P.M.
S W	...	...	Bro C F L WRENSTEAD
J W	...	...	Bro JOHN BEATIE
Secretary	...	...	Bro THOS CRAWFORD, P.M., Tapanui.

HIRAM, No. 46.

WAIKOUAITI, No. 57.

Founded July 28, 1885, meets every month in the Masonic Hall, Waikouaiti, Otago, on the Tuesday nearest full moon, at 7.30 p.m. Installation in July.

W M	...	...	Bro the Rev. W S LUCAS, P.M.
S W	...	...	Bro HENRY BUCKLAND
J W	...	...	Bro GEO. M'LEOD
Secretary	...	...	Bro ANDREW AFFLECK, Waikouaiti, O.

NGAPARA, No. 68.

Founded 1891, meets every month in the Masonic Hall, Ngapara, Oamaru, on the Monday preceeding full moon, at 7.30 p.m. Installation in October.

W M	...	...	Bro HENRY WEBBER
S W	...	...	Bro GEO LIVINGSTON
J W	...	...	Bro LITTLE
Treasurer	...	...	Bro WM HOWDEN
Secretary	...	...	Bro L PATERSON, Ngapara

OAMARU KILWINNING, No. 537, S.C.

ST. THOMAS KILWINNING, No. 83.

PROVINCE OF SOUTHLAND

(5 LODGES).

(R.W. Bro. W. H. HALL, Grand Superintendent).

SOUTHERN CROSS, No. 9.

Founded 1864, meets at the Masonic Hall, Forth Street, Invercargill, on the first Friday in each month, at 7.30 p.m. Installation, 24th June. Lodge of Instruction held every Wednesday evening, at 8 p.m.

W M	...	...	Bro W V SIDDALL
S W	...	...	Bro H MCNEILAGE
J W	...	...	Bro T A PATCHETT
Secretary	...	...	Bro W H CLARK

HARVEY, No. 49.

Founded 1883, meets every month in the Masonic Hall, Gore, on the Wednesday nearest full moon, at 7.30 p.m. Installation in December.

W M	...	...	Bro HENRY GIESEG
S W	...	...	Bro T R CARROLL
J W	...	...	Bro JAMES S MILLAR, P.M., G. Stwd.
Secretary	...	...	Bro J B DICK, Gore

MOKORETA, No. 63.

Founded 1888, meets at the Oddfellows' Hall, Wyndham, on the Thursday nearest full moon, at 7 p.m. Installation in September.

W M	...	...	Bro GEORGE CROSBIE
S W	...	...	Bro JAS. McLAUGHLAN
J W	...	...	Bro W J CURRIE
Secretary	...	...	Bro GEO. CROSBIE, JUN., Edendale.

FORTITUDE, No. 64.

Founded 1888, meets at the Athenaeum Hall, Bluff, on the second Wednesday in each month, at 7.30 p.m. Installation in January.

W M	...	...	Bro DAVID MORRISON McDougall
S W	...	...	Bro JAMES MACKINTOSH
J W	...	...	Bro NORMAN MACDONALD
Secretary	...	...	Bro R. JAMES McDougall, P.O., Bluff.

APARIMA, No. 77.

NELSON, MARLBOROUGH, AND WESTLAND

(5 LODGES).

VICTORY, No. 40.

Founded 1881, meets on Tuesday evening after the Tuesday nearest full moon, in the New Hall, Waimea Street, Nelson, at 7.30 p.m. Installation, May.

W M	...	...	Bro Wm MOYES, jun.
S W	...	...	Bro Jos HYDE, P.M.
J W	...	...	Bro W H SHORT [Box 27, P.O.
Secretary	...	...	Bro ROBERT ALLAN, P.M., G. Steward,

WAIRAU, No. 42.

Founded 1881, meets every month in their Hall, Andrew Street, Blenheim, on the Tuesday nearest full moon, at 7.30 p.m. Installation in June.

W M	...	...	Bro W G P O'CALLAGHAN
S W	...	...	Bro W T PRITCHARD
J W	...	...	Bro W FRYER
Secretary	...	...	Bro W NOSWORTHY, P.M., Blenheim

ROBERT BURNS, No. 50.

Founded 1883, meets at the Oddfellows' Hall, Broadway, Reefton, on the Monday nearest full moon in each month, at 7.30 p.m. Installation in January.

W M	...	...	Bro DOUGALD MATHESON
S W	...	...	Bro ARTHUR T CAVELL
J W	...	...	Bro W J M'EWIN
Secretary	...	...	Bro WALTER IRVING, P.M., Reefton

ADVANCE, No. 61.

Founded 1887, meets every month in the Masonic Hall, Brunnerton, on the Thursday on or nearest full moon, at 8 p.m. Installation in December.

W M	...	...	Bro THOS. BLAND, P.M., Pt. G. St.
S W	...	...	Bro JOSEPH THOMPSON
J W	...	...	Bro R ARMSTRONG
Secretary	...	...	Bro E A SCOTT, Dobson

KUMARA, No 65.

Founded 1889, meets at the Masonic Hall, Main Street, Kumara, Westland, on Friday nearest full moon, at 8 p.m. Installation in December.

W M	...	...	Bro JOHN HENDERSON
S W	...	...	Bro THOMAS TORRANCE
J W	...	...	Bro JAMES S BENYON
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W M	...	...	Bro GIFFORD MARSHALL
S W	...	...	Bro W H G FOSTER, P.M.
J W	...	...	Bro J W DAY
Secretary	...	...	Bro T D CUMMINS, Harrison Place

SOUTHERN STAR, No. 735.

Founded October 4th, 1858, meets on the Tuesday nearest to the full moon, in the Masonic Hall, Nelson, at 7.30 p.m. Installation, December 27th.

W M	...	...	Bro J McEACHEN
S W	...	...	Bro B S CHISHOLM
J W	...	...	Bro E BEACHAM
Secretary	...	...	Bro THOS SCOTT, P.M., Trafalgar St.

GREYMOUTH, No. 1233.

Date of Charter, 1865; meets at the Masonic Hall, Tainui Street, Greymouth, on the Tuesday in each month nearest full moon, at 7.30 p.m., from April to September, at 8 p.m. from October to March. Installation at meeting in July. A Royal Arch Chapter is attached.

W M	...	...	Bro CHAS A WAINWRIGHT, P.M.
S W	...	...	Bro H W KITCHINGHAM
J W	...	...	Bro J STEER
Secretary	...	...	Bro R W GREENWOOD, P.M.

PACIFIC, No. 1453.

Founded 1873, meets every month in the Masonic Hall, Shiel Street, Reefton, on the Tuesday nearest full moon, at 7.30 p.m. Installation in July.

W M	...	...	Bro EDWARD JOHN SCANTLEBURY
S W	...	...	Bro MARTIN T PHYON
J W	...	...	Bro JAMES GREENISH
Secretary	...	...	Bro D O PRISHAW, Reefton

WELLINGTON, No. 1521.

Founded in 1874, meets at the Freemason's Hall, Wellington, on the third Friday in each month, at 8 p.m. Installation in June.

W M	...	...	Bro W F ROYDHOUSE
S W	...	...	Bro H J BROOKE
J W	...	...	Bro W JESSUP
Secretary	...	...	Bro A R MEER, Box 299, P.O.

PHOENIX, No. 1690.

Founded 1877, meets at Masonic Hall, Russell Street, Westport, on Friday nearest full moon, at 8 p.m. Installation in June. Lodge of Instruction every Friday, except as above.

W M	...	...	Bro WM MARRIS
S W	...	...	Bro A JAMIESON
J W	...	...	Bro C E HARDEN
Secretary	...	...	Bro J SCUSTED

ASHBURTON, No. 1811.

Founded in 1877, meets at Masonic Hall, Tancred Street, Ashburton, on second Thursday in each month, at 7.30 p.m. Installation in June, on St. John's Day.

W M	...	...	Bro J M CAMBRIDGE
S W	...	...	Bro T E KILWORTH
J W	...	...	Bro W J CROOKS
Secretary	...	...	Bro H A VESTY, Ashburton

ZEALANDIA, No. 2072.

Founded in 1884, meets at the Masonic Hall, Whangaroa, Auckland, on the third Thursday in each month, at 7.30 p.m. Installation in May.

W M	...	...	Bro JOHN G SHEPHERD, P.M.
S W	...	...	Bro F J HAGGER
J W	...	...	Bro D F MOLESWORTH
Secretary	...	...	Bro R SHEPHERD, Whangaroa

ST. JOHN, No. 2102.

Founded 1885, meets at the Oddfellows' Hall, Mosgiel, Otago, on the second Thursday in each month, at 7.30 p.m. Installation in April.

W M	...	...	Bro ALEX BARRON
S W	...	...	Bro H H INGLIS
J W	...	...	Bro MALCOLM HENDRY
Secretary	...	...	Bro ROBT M STIRLING, c/o Falconer & Co., Mosgiel.

AORANGI, No. 2300.

Founded in 1880, meets on the fourth Tuesday in each month between April and November. Installation in November.

W M	...	...	Bro ALEXANDER GRAY, P.M.
S W	...	...	Bro N W WERRY, P.M.
J W	...	...	Bro R T S TODD
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R W M	...	...	Bro JAMES RICHMOND
W S W	...	...	Bro JAMES OGILVIE
W J W	...	...	Bro DANIEL FERGUSON [Hotel.
Secretary	...	...	Bro J M BROWN, P.M., Star and Garter

ROBERT BURNS, No. 604.

Founded 1877, meets every month in the St. Augustine Masonic Hall, Christchurch, on the third Tuesday, at 7.30 p.m. Installation, third Tuesday in December.

R W M	...	...	Bro J E HARTLE
W S W	...	...	Bro H TUCK
W J W	...	...	Bro S G MALE
Secretary	...	...	Bro W R GAHAGAN, St. Augustine Masonic Hall, Christchurch.

CROWN, No. 675.

Founded 1882, meets at Crown Hall, Sydenham, Christchurch, on the first Thursday in each month, at 7.30 p.m. Installation —

R W M	...	...	Bro ALFRED WEBB
W S W	...	...	Bro J HUDSON
W J W	...	...	Bro D ROUND
Secretary	...	...	Bro ARTHUR B CHAPPELL, c/o Chappel and Ponder, 220, Cashel Street W., Christchurch.

PENINSULA KILWINNING, No. 696.

Founded 1883, meets monthly in the Schoolhouse, Portobello, Otago, on the Thursday on or before full moon, at 8 p.m. Installation in December.

R W M	...	...	Bro DAVID HUGHES
W S W	...	...	Bro WILLIAM GEARY
W J W	...	...	Bro W GRAINGER
Secretary	...	...	Bro W C FERGUSON, P.O., Portobello.

TARINGATURA, No. 743.

Founded 1887, meets second Friday in each month, at Masonic Hall, Lumsden, Southland. Installation in May.

R W M	...	...	Bro JOSEPH CROSSIE
W S W	...	...	Bro WM ANDERSON
W J W	...	...	Bro JOHN REID
Secretary	...	...	Bro GEORGE FREDK. JOHNSON, P.M.

ST. JOHN, No. 785.

Founded 1892, meets on the Friday nearest full moon, in the Schoolhouse, Eltham, Taranaki, at 8 p.m. Lodge of Instruction held every Thursday evening at 8 p.m. Installation, January.

R W M	...	...	Bro J H MORGAN, P.M.
W S W	...	...	Bro T D'ARCY HAMILTON
W J W	...	...	Bro E J WHITING
Secretary	...	...	Bro G W TAYLOR, Eltham

IRISH CRAFT LODGES.

VICTORIA, No. 471.

Founded in 1883, meets at the Masonic Hall, Forth Street, Invercargill, on the second Friday in each month, at 8 p.m. Installation in July.

W M	...	...	Bro N J M REIN, P.M.
S W	...	...	Bro JAMES HARPER
J W	...	...	Bro A R MITCHELL
Secretary	...	...	Bro EDGAR DUPLOCK, P.M., Dee Street.

KILLARNEY, No. 478.

Founded October, 1888, meets at the Wairau Lodge-room, Andrew Street Blenheim, on Friday nearest full moon, at 7.45 p.m. Installation—

W M	...	...	Bro R T CURTIS
S W	...	...	Bro H E COLLETT
J W	...	...	Bro H F THOMPSON
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