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AUCKLAND.

MONDAY, 1st
Whangarei
Waikato
Ara (I.C.)
TUESDAY, 2nd
Te Aroha
Ponsonby
Papakura
Abercorn
Hobson
Rotorua
WEDNESDAY, 3rd
Manakau
Alpha
Nau Mai
THURSDAY, 4th
Tirau
Mangonui
FRIDAY, 5th
Hokianga
Waipa
SATURDAY, 6th
Ohseawai
MONDAY, 8th
Te Marara
TUESDAY, 9th
Tawhiri
WEDNESDAY, 10th
Ara
THURSDAY, 11th
Albion
TUESDAY, 16th
St. Andrew
Sir Walter Scott
THURSDAY, 18th
Maungawhau
TUESDAY, 23rd
Auckland
THURSDAY, 25th
Beta-Waikato
Tauranga
WEDNESDAY, 31st
United Service
Wairoa
Ohinemuri
Taupiri
Piako
Plunket

HAWKES BAY.

MONDAY, 1st
Abercorn
Lion
TUESDAY, 2nd
Victoria
Bedford
Waikaremoana
TUESDAY, 9th
Heretaunga
TUESDAY, 16th
Seinde
THURSDAY, 18th
Rawhiti
FRIDAY, 25th
Ruataniwha
TUESDAY, 30th
Ruahine

TARANAKI.

TUESDAY, 2nd
Hawera
St. John's
Ikarua
FRIDAY, 5th
Moa
WEDNESDAY, 10th
Patea Kil.
WEDNESDAY, 24th
Ngamotu
WEDNESDAY, 31st
Stratford

WELLINGTON.

MONDAY, 1st
Feilding
Levin
Waimarino
Manga-te-Weka
TUESDAY, 2nd
Otaki
Te Awahou
Puketoi

W'gton—Contd.

WEDNESDAY, 3rd
Brooklyn
Rongotea
Waiwaka
THURSDAY, 4th
Tapanui
Kimbolton
Ruapehu
Horowhenua
Hua
FRIDAY, 5th
Kotahuna
Tutanekai
Otari
MONDAY, 8th
Waterloo
St. John
TUESDAY, 9th
St. Mark
WEDNESDAY, 10th
Masterion
Waiwaka
THURSDAY, 11th
Manawatu Kil.
St. Andrew Kil.
Hinemoa
FRIDAY, 12th
Greytown
Whetu Kairanga
MONDAY, 15th
St. Andrew
WEDNESDAY, 17th
Ulster
Wellington (E.C.)
MONDAY, 22nd
N.Z. Pacific
THURSDAY, 25th
Monte
FRIDAY, 26th
Rangitira
SATURDAY, 27th
Coronation
TUESDAY, 30th
Rangitikei
Otaihape
Otangaki

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THURSDAY, 4th
Unanimity
MONDAY, 8th
Forest
THURSDAY, 11th
Victory
FRIDAY, 25th
Havelock
SATURDAY, 27th
St. Cathbert's
TUESDAY, 30th
Wairau
Waitohi
WEDNESDAY, 31st
Motueka

WESTLAND.

TUESDAY, 2nd
Pacific (E.C.)
Kumara
Runanga
WEDNESDAY, 3rd
Aorangi
THURSDAY, 4th
Advance
SATURDAY, 6th
Mokihinui
MONDAY, 8th
Kawatiri
THURSDAY, 11th
Mawhera
THURSDAY, 18th
Robert Burns
SATURDAY, 20th
Torea
WEDNESDAY, 31st
Westland Kil.

CANTERBURY.

MONDAY, 1st
Caledonian
Ahurua

* Installation meetings.

Canterbury—Contd.

TUESDAY, 2nd
Unanimity
Progress
Lincoln
THURSDAY, 4th
Southern Cross
Mackenzie
FRIDAY, 5th
Civic
Amuri
TUESDAY, 9th
St. Augustine 4th
WEDNESDAY, 10th
St. George
THURSDAY, 11th
Ashley
Waihora
TUESDAY, 16th
Robert Burns
WEDNESDAY, 17th
Geraldine
Thistle
THURSDAY, 18th
Canterbury Kil.
FRIDAY, 19th
Mairaki
TUESDAY, 23rd
Christchurch
WEDNESDAY, 24th
Concord
WEDNESDAY, 31st
St. Augustine 5th

OTAGO.

MONDAY, 1st
Ngapara
Maori
TUESDAY, 2nd
Dunstan
WEDNESDAY, 3rd
Oamaru Kil.
THURSDAY, 4th
Otago Kil.
St. Hathan's
Owaka
Clinton
FRIDAY, 5th
Manuherikia Kil.
SATURDAY, 6th
Teviot
TUESDAY, 9th
Clutha
WEDNESDAY, 10th
Otago
FRIDAY, 12th
Haeremai
WEDNESDAY, 17th
Oceanic
TUESDAY, 23rd
Hiram
THURSDAY, 25th
Kurov
FRIDAY, 26th
Palmerston
WEDNESDAY, 31st
Waitaki
Hercules
Mount Ida
Cromwell Kil.

SOUTHLAND.

MONDAY, 1st
Arrow Kil.
Taringatura
Waikaka
TUESDAY, 2nd
Aparima
Winton
FRIDAY, 5th
Southern Cross
WEDNESDAY, 10th
Fortitude
THURSDAY, 11th
Orepuki
FRIDAY, 12th
Victoria
TUESDAY, 15th
Late of Ophir
THURSDAY, 18th
Mokoreta
FRIDAY, 19th
St. John
Wallace
WEDNESDAY, 31st
Harvey

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2nd March—Tuesday	25th August—Wednesday
31st March—Wednesday	23rd September—Thursday
30th April—Friday	23rd October—Saturday
29th May—Saturday	22nd November—Monday
27th June—Sunday	22nd December—Wednesday
26th July—Monday	

FROM THE EDITOR.

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GRAND LODGE OF NEW ZEALAND.



SEMI-JUBILEE. COMMEMORATION.

ON the 12th May next the G.L. of New Zealand will celebrate its twenty-fifth birthday, and the question as to the best form is now being considered by the B. of G.P. The scope is not very wide, and may almost be comprehended in historical or practical method, or both. In April of last year the G.L. of Victoria engaged in a semi-jubilee celebration, and it, took the form of a historical address delivered in G.L. by M.W. Bro. Rev. A. T. Holden, G.M., on the occasion of his installing his successor, and a few nights later there was a banquet in honour of the occasion. The address and the proceedings at the banquet were subsequently published in a neatly got up brochure, containing the photographs of the G.M. and all past G.Ms. but one, which presumably was not procurable. Probably it will be decided that the G.L. of New Zealand shall follow on similar lines so far as the historical retrospect is concerned, and that part of the programme can be safely entrusted to the M.W.G.M., Bro. Dougall, and the M.W.G.Sec., Bro. Niccol, with the full assurance that it will receive ample justice at their hands. But there is another side—the practical—which we hope will also receive very earnest consideration. We believe that it was the desire of the G.M. originally that an extra special effort in aid of the Annuity Fund would have constituted a worthy Jubilee memento, in practical form. But his plans were defeated by the European catastrophic war, and as a result a special Masonic War Relief Fund has been brought into being, and the question now arises as to whether this fund cannot be made to assume sufficient magnitude as to be constituted a special memorial effort of the semi-Jubilee year. Unless the war is brought to a speedy conclusion, of which there is no outward or visible sign at present, there is every probability that such a fund will speedily be required for the succour of injured soldiers who are Freemasons, and for the widows and orphans of any who may be killed. As at present the Expeditionary Force has not been in the fighting line it is difficult to realise the appalling nature of possible casualties, but with the advent of spring, when every available man will be required, and when operations will be carried on which we are told will "stagger humanity," then relief calls will be made which will tax any such fund, no matter how great its resources may be. Possibly the B. of G.P. will give this matter ample consideration before finally deciding on its form of celebration. There is one other form to which this journal has previously drawn attention, and which might fittingly be commenced this year, even if not completed. We refer to a comprehensive history of G.L., with which might be incorporated a synopsis of Freemasonry since it was first planted in this land. If such a work is to undertaken—and no brother could, or would, attempt to discount its value—it should be undertaken at once, before the few remaining veterans become, like the moa, extinct. In counting the actual number of those active aged brethren who constitute the sole remaining links between the Freemasonry of to-day and that of long ago, one is almost horrified at the smallness of the census. On a former occasion we opined that they could almost be numbered on the fingers of both hands, but to-day it seems that one hand would be sufficient for the task. No brother has such an accurate and varied experience of the history of old-time Freemasonry in New Zealand as our G.Sec., M.W. Bro. Niccol, and much of which there is absolutely no record. R.W. Bro. Geo. If. Powley, of Auckland, is another case in point. We cordially hope that both these brethren may remain in the flesh for very many years, but it would almost amount to culpable negligence not to have on record their knowledge and experience of Masonic events of long ago, for the benefit of many future generations of Freemasons. If a history could be commenced, and embodied only the experience of these and the few old brethren who remain, a great work would be inaugurated well worthy of the semi-Jubilee year, and would be of incalculable value when another twenty-five years have expired, and the Jubilee of the G.L. of New Zealand is celebrated.

AN INTERESTING REPORT.



In most American Masonic jurisdictions it is the custom to include in the proceedings of meetings a review of the doings of other G. bodies. A special committee is appointed for the purpose, and while generally the comments and criticisms are interesting reading, the review has not so much value for practical purposes, owing to the belated nature of the reports. The proceedings of the G. Chapter of Illinois, just to hand, furnish a case in point. The "committee" of Illinois reviews, amongst others, the proceedings of the G. Chapter of Texas, and inter alia says :—

Diplomatic relations with Scotland were broken off and the Scotch ambassador was given his passports. But whether this amounts to a declaration of war I leave the jurists to decide. At all events, this is what they did : Resolved, That the G.R.A. Chapter of Texas renounce and discontinue her fraternal relations with the 'Sup. G.R.A. Chapter of Scotland,' and forbid R.A. Masonic intercourse between members of Chapters under our jurisdiction, and of Chapters owing obedience to said G. Chapter of Scotland, until such time as that G. body shall purge itself of its conduct in invading the jurisdiction of other G. bodies, and in refusing to recognise such G. bodies on the conditions that the rights of Scotland to continue to establish subordinate Chapters within the confines of such jurisdictions shall be reserved ; and that our G.Sec. be instructed to notify the G. Chapter of Scotland of the action taken by this Gr. Chapter."

Now, this information is most important to three Australasian G. Chapters, which have been so invaded. But though the foregoing resolution was adopted by the G. Chapter of Texas in 1913, this is the first intimation we have had as to the extent which Texas champions the cause of other oppressed jurisdictions.

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The "Committee" of the G. Chapter of Illinois is comprehended in the person of Geo. W. Warville, a well-known American Masonic writer, and he ornaments his report by appending brief comments on matters of immediate Masonic interest. His quaint sayings and good common sense, flavoured with a little gentle sarcasm, make very interesting reading. The latter is in evidence in the following reference to smoking in open Chapter : —" Speaking about smoking in open session, I notice that many of our city Chapters are now using a substitute for tobacco. It generally takes the form of five-cent cigars."

And again : "From items in the Masonic Press it seems that Stephen Berry, the very efficient Sec. of the G. Chapter of Maine, has been presented by his companions with a silver loving cup. But what in thunder can Berry do with a loving cup in Maine?"

He credits C. C. Hunt, of New York, with handing the following bit of citrus to Masonic orators :—" We have observed that the orator who apparently gives the greatest delight to the Masonic masses is long on hyperbole and short on history; strong in imagination and weak in education." In a very interesting article headed "Rituals," Bro. Warville discourses on the procedure adopted in different States. In referring to New York, which is the largest R.A. Masonic jurisdiction in America, he says : — "It will be remembered, however, that in New York, notwithstanding its large and varied membership, there are no printed rituals. Neither does it seem that there is any demand for aids of this character. There is one G.Lec., who has about twenty assistants distributed in various parts of the State." Bro. Warville concludes that "perhaps after all New York has the best solution of the printed ritual problem, and that is—no printed rituals." As a companion in New York said, in commenting on the disabilities surrounding printed rituals : " We in New York always know where the rituals are; they are in the heads of the High Priest and other officers." To us in New Zealand this would seem to be bridging the impossible. The writer would certainly very much like to investigate the practical working of the system. Bro. Warville deals with other subjects most effectively, including " Capitular Government," " Joint Convocations," " The Mark Degree," etc., etc. Bro. Warville's appendices, besides conveying very useful information, tend to relieve the "review" of proceedings of much of the monotony which is inseparable from works of this character.

News and Notes.

THE esteem in which Bro. Lea, Sec. of Lodge St. Andrew, is held, was testified at the February meeting of the Lodge by the presentation to him of a fine secretary's jewel. Bro. Lea, who has filled the office of Sec. for several years, leaves New Zealand with the reinforcements as pay-sergeant.

CHRISTCHURCH LODGE celebrated its twenty-first anniversary on 26th January last, and a very neat booklet of the history of the Lodge was published as a souvenir of the occasion.

ADVICE has been received of the death of R.W. Bro. Dr. L. Secord, the representative of the G.L. of New Zealand near the G.L. of Canada for many years. R.W. Bro. John Boyd has been nominated as his successor.

BRO. WALTER WINTON, adjutant of the Salvation Army, has appealed for a contribution from G.L. funds on behalf of poor and distressed refugees in England. A reply was returned that the Board could not divert the funds of G.L. to other than Masonic purposes and charities.

THE G.L. of Ireland, at a recent meeting, voted £500 to the Prince of Wales's National Fund, and invited Lodges and other Masonic bodies to contribute through G.L. In response to this appeal a total of £2,257 has been contributed.

AT a meeting of the G.R.A. Chapter of Scotland, held on 18th December, the 1st G.Prin., Lord Cassilles, presiding, a charter was granted to Ponsonby Kil. Chapter, No. 394, Auckland.

THE G.L. of Pennsylvania is considered the wealthiest, having assets of nearly 20,000,000 dollars.

THERE is a Lodge in Ireland which uses the Esperanto language in opening and closing.

THE sum of £2,000 is being raised by the Lodges in Quebec for the Canadian Patriotic Fund, to which each Mason is expected to contribute one dollar.

THIS would be a different world if all men were Masons who belonged to Masonic Lodges.

THE last words of the great German poet and philosopher, Goethe, were, " Light, more light."

THE total amount of the funds of the G.L. of New Zealand now under investment is £33,759 5s. 9d.

BY the resignation of Comp. J. E. Herbert, Waikato Chapter will lose a most efficient officer. As S.E. he was most prompt in his work, and most capably filled all the requirements of the office.

THE installation of Bro. E. Norton as W.M. of N.Z. Pacific Lodge, No. 2, will take place on the 28th inst. Bro. Norton has been a most painstaking officer in the several offices he has passed through, and will no doubt prove a worthy successor to Bro. Connell, the present Master, who has been most successful in the governance of the Lodge during his term.

UNDER the heading " A Night Out," a description is given on another page of a motor car trip in the far south. An incident pertaining thereto is worth recording. One of the brethren had lost a valuable dog a week previously, and on the outward journey he thought he identified the animal standing on the road. The happenings on the road evidently got mixed up with Masonic ceremonial, and focused into a kind of nightmare, for the following day, after sleeping for some five hours, this brother dreamt he saw his dog on a hillside, and he woke up at the sound of his own voice shouting for his canine friend. The name he was calling in tones loud enough to wake up the whole neighbourhood was that of the great-grandfather of David.

W. BRO. REV. MACKENZIE, Vicar of All Saints' Church, Sumner, went into camp at Trentham at the end of last month to take up the position of camp chaplain. In all probability Bro. Gibson will receive the appointment of Chaplain to the Fifth Contingent.

AT a meeting of the Sup. Committee of the G.R.A. Chapter of New Zealand, held in Wellington on the 19th ult., M.E. Comp. H. J. Williams consented to continue the office of G.S.E. in response to a most extraordinary mass of requests, numerous signed, from all parts of the Dominion. The unanimous testimony of confidence and esteem should be most gratifying to the M.E. Companion.

SOUTHLAND NOTES.

At last meeting of Southern Cross R.A.C., the newly-exalted companions were treated to a very able exposition of R.A. Freemasonry by M.E. Comp. Wm. Smith. The discourse, while not too long, was interesting and highly instructive from beginning to end, and on its conclusion the speaker was heartily thanked for the information imparted.

The joint installation of Lake Lodge of Ophir and Arrow Kil. Lodge passed off uneventfully. Perhaps the only thing calling for notice was the sparse attendance of the brethren concerned. This falling away detracted greatly from the pleasure of the large number of visitors who travelled long distances to attend the function. The Prov.G.M., R.W. Bro. Wm. Timpany, conducted the ceremony, and, in afterwards addressing the Lakes brethren, his remarks were those of a wise and careful shepherd to his flock.

Southern Cross Lodge paid a visit to Lodge Fortitude, much to the pleasure and satisfaction of the Bluffites. The visit is to be returned at an early date.

W. Bro. Archdeacon Packe has been appointed Vicar of Holy Trinity Parish, Gisborne. We regret his early departure, but heartily commend him to the fraternal care of our Gisborne brethren.

Brethren will learn with real pleasure that R.W. Bro. Steans is longing to "come back again," and that we may expect him among us again in the near future.

R.W. BRO. LIEUT. COL. GEO. BARCLAY, P.G.W.

The latest loss to New Zealand Freemasonry, consequent on the European war, is the above-named brother, who has accepted a commission in the Fifth Expeditionary Force, and is now in camp at Trentham. In Freemasonry Bro. Barclay has always been an active force. In Dunedin, where he resided for some years, he attained the rank of D.S.G.W., and in 1901 the past rank of G.D. of England was conferred upon him. On his removal to the Auckland district, his activity was continued, and he was a founder and first Master of Lodge Tawhiri at Frankton. He was elected W.M. of the United Masters' Lodge of Auckland in November, 1913, and was re-elected in 1914. He was appointed S.G.W. of the G.L. of New Zealand in 1911. He holds many other positions, and rank in other degrees of Freemasonry, and has been most prolific as a lecturer. The NEW ZEALAND CRAFTSMAN is indebted to him for many favours, and will greatly miss his departure. It is now many years ago since the writer first met Bro. Barclay in Freemasonry, and in course of conversation Bro. Barclay said, "You do not appear to remember me," to which the present scribe replied in the negative. "Do you not remember me as a sergeant in your company in Wellington, the Thorndon Rifles?" and then it dawned on the ex-captain, and he had no difficulty in calling to recollection what an excellent officer Sergeant Barclay was. The wishes of the CRAFTSMAN are tendered to Bro. Barclay, and may he return from his military duties covered with honour and glory.

LODGE ST. ANDREW'S CONCERT AND THE WAR FUND.

The concert organised by the orchestra of Lodge St. Andrew, No. 32 (Wellington), in aid of the G.M.'s War Benevolent Fund culminated on Monday evening, 17th ult., in the lower Hall, Boulcott Hall, and drew a splendid audience of brethren and lady visitors. Recent experiences have shown that when this Lodge makes up its mind to do anything, something results, and its latest effort proved no exception. Before 8 p.m. the hall was filled; later the passages were black with crowded humanity. At 8 sharp the National Anthem was sung, after which, while the people settled in their seats, the orchestra extended themselves in a preliminary known as "Cincinnati Post." Quiet being restored, R.W. Bro. Seaton mounted the rostrum and briefly explained the reasons for the proceedings. He regretted the absence through indisposition of M.W. Bro. H. J. Williams, and was gratified to see such a large audience. The fund inaugurated by the G.M. was intended to assist brethren returning from the war wounded, and dependents of such brethren who had departed with the forces (already

numbering about four hundred) and who did not return, and the Lodges were supporting the movement in various ways. Lodge St. Andrew's orchestra had promoted this concert to assist, and thanks were due to it, to the lady artists and brethren of other Lodges contributing their talent, and especially to Sec. W. Bro. Wells for his efforts. Bro. Seaton having effected an orderly retreat, Bro. F. Bryant rendered the first vocal item, entitled "Two Eyes of Grey," and Bros. J. and P. Connell followed with their duet, "Battle Eve," in which the bass was carefully handled, and both voices blended well, as would be expected in the case of brothers. Bro. A. Oakey's "Sergeant of the Line" was notable for distinct enunciation, in which the wiles and persuasions of the "bully sergeant," bent on recruiting, were discussed. A good item this, and well sung. Bros. Dunn and Lunt, often heard in local Masonic gatherings, gave "Cleansing Fires," and scored. The orchestra here seized the stage and vigorously fusilladed the assemblage with "Hamiltonian," a melodious march in which the wood-wind and brass were distinctive, and Bro. Wells stroked the double bass (a gift from the Lodge for the orchestra) with artistic tenderness. Having relapsed, they were recalled, and treated the listeners to "Policeman's Holiday," in which they showed undoubted form and demonstrated that they are siffleurs as well as musicians. This encore took immensely, and the committee quite made up its mind that whatever followed no money would be returned at the doors. Miss B. Purdom's dramatic recital, "Two Little Scottish Martyrs," a pathetic story of the Covenanters, was ably rendered and closely followed. She was encored. Miss Muller, L.A.B., who succeeded with "April Morn," is an accomplished soprano, and has good command of a fine voice. Her item called for the exercise of skill and technique, and was appreciated. A dramatic recital entitled "The Old Man and Jim," given by Bro. J. C. Bell, was well worth listening to. The rule forbidding encores being now broken beyond repair, Bro. Bell was twice sent for, and proved equal to the summonses. He responded with the story of the presentation of the V.C. to a Tommy Atkins by the late Queen Victoria, and with an account of two different methods of proposing, one adopted by Algernon of the West End, and the other by his neighbour coster 'Arry of the East, neither of which will probably be adopted by any of the young M.Ms., who closely listened in the hope of learning something. W. Bros. G. Smith, J. Connell, and Bros. A. Longmore and W. Thompson sang the quartette "Spin, Spin," of which the audience would have liked more, and gave as an encore "Lovely Night." The bass solo, "On the Bosom of the Deep," by Bro. R. H. Meates, the next contribution, exhibited true pitch and sonorousness of voice. Bros. Charlton and Thompson were well received in the duet "Stars of the Summer Night." "Mandalay," from Bro. Meredith, was well sung, and was followed as an encore by "Tipperary" (or more correctly a parody thereon), in the chorus of which the audience let itself go with great gusto. "God Save the King" once more, and the audience blew home before a howling northerly gale in high spirits, and with the consciousness that it had not been called out to face the elements for nothing.—[From our Correspondent.]

THE SQUARE AND ITS TEACHING.

[A Paper read in the ROBERT BURNS LODGE, No. 139, by W. BRO. H. WYATT, Sec., on 19th January.]

The Square is, perhaps, the most intimate of all the emblems in Freemasonry. It is typical of the very essence of the teachings of the Craft, and is the emblem of justness and truth. This should always be impressed upon the candidate, who should be induced, by example and precept, to carry it into his everyday life, and in all his transactions with his fellow-man.

Throughout our ritual, and, indeed, in the whole of our ceremonies, no opportunity is lost of impressing this upon the candidate. From the moment of his admission the Square is with him. It is one of the first things he sees in Freemasonry, and its lessons are the first impressed upon him. In fact, it regulates his whole Masonic life, and we hope that its teachings are taken into the ordinary work-a-day life of all of us.

Let us pause a moment to consider what those teachings are. They are : Be just to your fellow-man ; be charitable in act, in thought, and in word; give all the kindness that justice and mercy may require. In fact, the Square typifies most of the excellencies that the true Freemason should make the necessities of his life, and may be best summarised to do to others as in like case you would wish to be done by.

Not only to the Freemason, but to the outer world, the symbol of the Square is one of the most respected and revered. To be a square man is to be a model of uprightness and justness, charitable in feeling, and ready to overlook the weaknesses of our fellow-man, and assist him so far as lies in our power.

To act on the Square is synonymous with honesty and uprightness, and has long been considered so by all countries.

As the ancient Freemason tried the rough material by the Square, and brought it into due form, so the symbolised Square has been in all ages the agent to bring the human character into due form, and to so train it that it may be charitable and just.

But while the Square is the emblem which should guide the actions of every Freemason, are there not some among us who are inclined to flaunt the jewel, but at the same time neglect the great lessons it teaches?

Let us all think for a moment of our actions during the past year. Are they in accord with the teachings we profess, and which are covered by this grand emblem ?

How many of us when we quit the Lodge think of our duties as brothers or pause to think how we can assist those we have sworn to cherish? In the Lodge we are " hail fellow, well met " with all, meeting them on the level, and professing brotherhood, which should at least assure apparent friendship under all circumstances. But when we meet the brother outside are we prepared to still act that part towards him ? I fear many of us are not. A recognition in the street, a word to a friend, a wish to do all in our power to assist him to advance, are among the things that prove our brotherhood, and we should not hesitate to carry them through. But I fear there are many who do not give these ideas a thought once they have quitted the precincts of the Lodge. Such brethren do not recognise their brotherhood, neither do they regulate their actions by the teachings of the Square.

Surely the ties of brotherhood should be greater than they are among us. Let us remember that a stronger bond than blood brotherhood should hold us, and that no effort should be lost in the way best calculated to make his life happy and useful. I say, advisedly, that a stronger bond than blood brotherhood should bind us, as here we have the choice of our brethren, and should any not consider a candidate for that brotherhood fit, he has the right to object to him, but once having accepted him, then I say the bond of brotherhood should be there even stronger than if he were our brother by birth.

How many of our brethren, if given the chance which we can often by a word timely spoken give them, may be made better men, finding their metier, and in their turn assisting to promulgate the true principles of the Square

Charity does not always mean the giving in money, it means the kindly feeling, the wish to assist in some way, and if we only remember our obligations the Square and its teachings will be ever present with us, and we cannot help but carry them out. It should be the ideal of every Freemason to live up to the spirit of those grand old lines :-

Who wears the Square upon his breast,
Shall in the face of God attest, and in the face of man,
That all his actions shall compare
With the Divine unerring Square,
That squares great nature's plan.

WHAT IS THE GENDER?

[By BRO. GEO. W. WARVILLE.]

Many G. High Priests, and not a few of the correspondence reporters, habitually refer to the governing bodies of other jurisdictions as " sister G. Chapters. I am finding no fault with the practice. In fact, any old name will suit me. But I am slightly desirous of knowing how these companions ascertained the gender of the foreign bodies. And so, once in a while, I speak a question at some of them, but the answers thus far are not very satisfactory.

Last year my esteemed friend, Comp. James L. Michie, of South Carolina, employed the "sister" term in his correspondence report. Whereupon I ventured to express a little mild wonder as to how he discovered the gender. This year he comes back as follows:—"He wonders were we got the gender in 'sister' G. Chapters. Well, the Old Mother Lodge and her sisters, Scotland and Ireland, is good enough authority for us. Besides, the term of very generally used by American G. Masonic bodies. Did you ever hear of a brother G.L., or a brother G. Chapter, Comp. Warvelle?"

I frankly confess that I do not now recall having ever heard the expression "brother" G. Chapter, although I have a faint recollection of such terms as "Brother Mason" and "Masonic brother," and I do not remember such names as "Sister Mason" or "Masonic sister."

Conceding, for the purposes of the argument, that the metaphor "mother" may be fitly applied to the original G.L. of England, it is yet somewhat of a strain on the imagination to think of all of its progeny as females. Then, too, there is a manifest absurdity in giving the feminine gender to an organisation composed wholly of males. In its entirety we call our society a fraternity—brotherhood, and not a sorority—sisterhood. Why, then, if the whole is masculine, should not particular congregations thereof be called "brother" Chapters?

If English, like the classical and many of the modern European languages, had a grammatical gender, the usage under discussion might be proper. But this is not the case. In English only the natural gender is recognised, and therefore the sister men are denied this linguistic aid. But it may be well to see how the word "Chapter" is treated in the languages from which it is derived. In its original form we find the Latin word "caput," the gender of which is "neuter." It will therefore be seen there can be no "sister Chapter" in the original language. From the Latin it was taken over into French. The French gallicised it, as they did many Latin words, and it assumed the form of "Chapitre." But while French, like Latin, has a grammatical gender, it is confined to masculine and feminine. There is no neuter. And so, the word became "masculine." From the French the word was taken over into English and slightly anglicised, by which process it assumed its present form, "Chapter." Having no sex—natural gender—it is treated as neuter. We never allude to the Chapters of a book, or a column, as "she" or "her," nor should we to a congregation of men, for all are derived from the original Latin word "caput" (a head).

I grant you, however, there does seem to be a need for some proper qualifier in connection with the word "Chapter." And out of this apparently insistent demand has come the incongruous word "sister." The late Wm. R. Bowen, of Nebraska, noted this want a number of years ago, and strove to supply it by suggesting the word "fellow," as "fellow G. Chapters." During his lifetime he continued to employ this term, but it never gained any currency, and at his death it was discontinued by his successor. Now, if we must have a special appellation—some word suggestive of gender—I think, perhaps, we can find nothing better than Bro. Bowen's "fellow." It is a good English word, meaning a companion, associate, sharer, or an equal in power, rank, and character, and with these meanings the word is much used by the best English writers. Now, these are just the ideas which the sister men are trying to express by an inappropriate word. Further, we would have abundant authority for its use, as it was extensively employed by the old Freemasons. Indeed, the idea's connoted in the word "fellowship" were of the very essence of the fraternity.

MOON LODGES.

Under the caption "Moon Lodges," the G.M. of Illinois says—"In this age of interurbans and automobiles, there is very little reason why Lodges should meet by the moon, and I am of the opinion that a fixed calendar meeting date conduces to better Lodge attendance. I believe that the time has come when this G.L. should require all its constituent Lodges to hold their stated meetings upon a fixed calendar date, and thus put an end to a system which is not only obsolete, but will result in interminable confusion."

TRUTH IN BRIEF.

Anybody can soil the reputation of any individual, however pure and chaste, by uttering a suspicion that his enemies will believe and his friends never hear of. A puff of the idle wind can take a million of the seeds of a thistle and do a work of mischief which the husbandman must labour hard to undo, the floating particles being too fine to be seen, and too light to be stopped. Such are the seeds of slander, so easily sown, so difficult to be gathered up, and yet so pernicious in their fruits. The slanderer knows that many a mind will catch up the plague and become poisoned by his insinuations without ever seeking the antidote. No reputation can refute a sneer, nor can any human skill prevent mischief.—"Masonic Tablet., 1872."

TWENTY-FIRST BIRTHDAY OF THE CHRISTCHURCH LODGE, No. 91.

[Paper read by R.W. BRO. S. C. BINGHAM, P.PROV.G.M.]

BRETHREN, -I approach the task entrusted to me this evening with some temerity, realising as I do that my chief difficulty will be to make the notes that I have prepared from the records of our Lodge at all interesting to those of you who are not members. They should be, and I believe are, of great interest to the brethren who have been actually engaged in carrying on the work for the period which closed in November last year, and I trust will also be valuable and instructive to our younger brethren, upon whom, in time to come, will devolve the burden of office. They have been compiled with the sincere hope that a study of the incidents in our first twenty-one years' record will enable them to avoid the pitfalls which naturally beset the inexperienced brother who essays to carry on the work of Freemasonry.

It is an old saying, and a wise one, that "happy is the country that has no history," a paraphrase of which I venture to apply to our Lodge, and we may well be deemed fortunate, in that during the twenty-one years' existence which I propose to briefly review, no disruption, secession, or scandal has occurred, that might have given the members cause for grief, or the profane opportunity for either mirth or sarcasm. Let me remind you of a phrase in an installation ritual well known to some of us, that the public reputation of our institution will be found to rise or fall, according to the tact, fidelity, and discretion with which its affairs are conducted, and in proportion as the character and conduct of its principal officers are deemed praiseworthy or censurable.

The erection of our Lodge was primarily the result of the formation of the G.L. of New Zealand in the year 1891, which I think I correctly define as the outcome of an earnest desire on the part of a great number of progressive Freemasons for the benefits of self and government.

A period of much unrest and turmoil (but also of much real Masonic progress) followed, for although edicts of non-intercourse were at once issued by those in authority locally, and in due course confirmed by their respective G.Ls., most of the brethren who watched carefully the proceedings and subsequent results were agreed that the dry bones of Freemasonry in New Zealand were vivified into new life. I must admit that I was not a member of the Craft at the time, but it has been my great privilege to have been since very closely associated, Masonically and otherwise, with many of the chief actors, or rather workers, of the period, and I believe that I correctly state the facts of the case.

The erection of our Lodge, as I have already stated, was one of the minor results of the movement referred to. Many members of the two Lodges meeting in Christchurch under the G.L. of Scotland, viz., Robert Burns 604 and Crown 695, were in sympathy with the movement for self government, and there can be little doubt that a good deal of feeling was engendered in both Lodges on the question. Notices of motion to transfer allegiance were given more than once, but after keen debates, the conservative section in each case was victorious and the status quo maintained, although with but narrow majorities. The issue was considered too important to abandon, and several informal meetings of those brethren who were well assured of the stability of the new organisation, and the advantages of local government., followed, and ultimately 29 associated themselves together, and applied to the G.L. of New Zealand for a charter. This application was supported by the favourable recommendation of Lodge St. Augustine, No. 4, the only other Lodge in the city of Christchurch meeting under authority of the new G.L., and the petition was in due course granted by M.W. Bro. Malcolm Niccol, G.M.

We are naturally exceedingly pleased that we are able to welcome that distinguished brother, who, as you are aware, is our G.Sec., on this, to us, auspicious occasion.

It may not be out of place here to refer to the name of the Lodge, which may possibly strike sonic of those present as devoid of that measure of humility which should ever mark members of our great fraternity. It was, however, the intention of the founders to assemble as "Lodge Christchurch," but the officials in the G.L. office imposed the title of "The Christchurch Lodge" upon them, and it was not till later that the discrepancy was noted—somewhat too late to remedy the error, without causing much trouble.

It will ill become such a modest member of the Lodge as myself to make any suggestion, but perhaps later in the evening some visitor might hint that our venerable and much respected brother, the Rev. W. Ronaldson, P.G.Sec., was gifted with true prophetic insight when he made out our charter so.

On Tuesday, 5th December, 1893, in this hall, our Lodge was erected by M.W. Bro. Henry Thomson, one of Canterbury's most distinguished Freemasons, who has since been called to the Grand Lodge above. He was assisted in the ceremony by R.W. Bros. C. P. Hulbert, then G.Supt., R. C. Bishop, P.G.W., C. A. C. Hardy, and W. Bros. Millar and Baker. We are pleased to be able to welcome one of these brethren to-night. The choir of St. Augustine Lodge, at that time renowned for its musical ability, under the baton of the late Bro. A. Searell, supplied the incidental music.

During the preliminary stages, the founders were greatly indebted to W. Bro. Alex. Millar, Master, and the officers and brethren of St. Augustine, No. 4, for help and guidance freely extended, and, indeed, without the ungrudging assistance then given, it is doubtful whether the project would have been brought to a successful fruition. It will be readily understood, therefore, that there was never the slightest intention of presuming upon the established position of that Lodge as premier in the city, both by reason of its age and standing.

Of the 29 founders, the following were invested as officers, viz. :—Master, W. Bro. J. Hudson W. Bro. E. H. Cooper ; P.M. W. Bro. W. F. McLean; S.W., W. Bro. D. Round ; J.W., W. Bro. J. T. Henderson ; Treas., Bro. C. J. Marshall ; Sec., Bro. W. R. Gahagan; S.D., Bro. T. W. Hemsworth; J.D., Bro. J. Bell; D. of C., Bro. J. Hughes ; I.G., Bro. Geo. Ferguson; Tyler, Bro. A. Gee.

Four of these brethren still participate in our labours, and we have, in addition, the following brethren who signed the petition, viz. :—W. Bros. Hopkinson and Robertson, and Bro. G. W. Christensen.

Seven candidates were initiated during the first year, of whom Bro. A. C. .Andrews and T. H. Davies have filled the chair.

In January, 1905, my own name successfully passed the ballot, and, without pausing for consideration, I was forthwith initiated,

It would take too long to enumerate the various presentations and minor events that have taken place, and I have no desire to weary you, so that I shall only briefly allude to what may be considered the more striking items.

In November, 1895, at the installation of W. Bro. E. H. Cooper, a collection for the W. and O. Fund of G.L. was taken, the sum of £5 18s. 6d. being the result, a very respectable amount, and .comparing favourably with present-day results, especially as the attendance was well under 100. As far as I can trace, this is the earliest instance of a collection for the W. and O. Fund being taken up at any installation meeting of a Lodge under the G.L. of New Zealand. That fund now has a capital of over £22,000, a large portion of which has been raised by the system thus inaugurated.

It was resolved in 1897 to set aside 25 per cent. of the initiation fee to form a benevolent fund.

A committee was set up in 1899 to consider the question of ritual, and after much deliberation, the following year saw the adoption of that in present use. This may be best described as a blend of English, Irish, and Scottish working, and has been favourably commented on by many visitors at different times. Absolute adherence has always been insisted upon by the Masters of Instruction, and all are agreed that the step was one in the right direction.

It is generally agreed that our ceremonies of reception, with their special points of variance from those of sister Lodges, are impressive, and contain sufficient of the older (and in some cases more dramatic) working,

to be both interesting and instructive. The high grade of perfection at which the work of the Lodge has been consistently maintained, can only be attributed to a rigid adherence to the adopted forms. Some of us older fogies, whilst loyally accepting the innovation as absolutely necessary in the best interests of the Lodge, naturally felt, some regret in dropping the old customs, and I personally will never forget the "Test of Memory," with the accompanying rap from the 24-inch gauge administered by the at the Sec.'s table, at the conclusion of the initiation ceremony.

In 1903 the initiation fee was increased from the minimum hitherto in vogue to seven guineas.

Two years later the question of finance was again before the Lodge, and as a result of a special committee's report, the following changes were proposed, and their adoption marks, in my opinion, a new era in the Lodge's history. It was decided :

- (1) To raise the annual dues to £2.
- (2) To pay the initiation fees into a special fund for benevolent purposes.
- (3) To take all charity grants therefrom.

From the special fund so created, we have been able to vote, up to date, some £400, in addition to levies and personal contributions that have been called from time to time for special purposes, and our last balance-sheet shows that we have nearly an equal amount in hand, which, according to our by-laws, is available only for the relief of our distressed brethren and families, or such purpose as may fittingly come under the heading of Charity and Brotherly Love.

Brethren, the action taken then was I firmly believe, in the very best interests of Freemasonry in general, and certainly of those of our own Lodge. Who does not remember the old days, when a vote of a paltry guinea was usually considered a quite sufficient exemplification of those truly Masonic virtues, Benevolence and Charity, to be not infrequently followed by much more lavish expenditure in another direction!

The formation of the Masters' and Past Masters' Lodge, the Board of Enquiry, and the Board of Casual Relief, all of which originated in this city, received the hearty support of members of our Lodge.

In June, 1906, we were honoured by a visit from our G.Sec., and on the same evening the G.Supt. presented the Lodge with the very handsome banner, now standing in the East, which had been designed by one of the P.Ms., and prepared and donated by W. Bro. T. H. Davies. Such an addition to our furniture has been much appreciated, and enables us to assemble under our banner in due form in Prov.G.L. and other ceremonial occasions.

One of the most recent acquisitions of the Lodge has been the Honours Board, which is on the north wall of the Lodgeroom. It was specially designed by one of the P.Ms., and enables us to do honour to those brethren who have devoted so much of their time and ability in the important and onerous work in the Master's Chair.

The institution of an annual P.M.'s Night in Christchurch lies to the credit of our Lodge, and, speaking as one of them, I can testify that the opportunity of showing how to do, and perhaps more often how not to do, has been much appreciated.

Those of us who have occupied the chair, will entirely agree with the statement that as Masters, our work was materially lightened by the wholesouled energy of those who have at various times acted as Sec. We have only had three, viz., Bro. W. R. Gahagan, who, after three years' good work, was elected Warden, and in due time filled the chair ; Bro. W. V. Mauchlin, who did yeoman service for eleven years, and was followed by W. Bro. Hopkinson, who continues to devote practically all his hours of leisure to the onerous duties of that office.

Another factor in the success of our Lodge has undoubtedly been the great interest taken in the Lodge of Instruction by all members. M.Ms. have always been especially urged to be present, and a very high ratio of attendance is on record.

There is no royal road to the Master's chair. Knowledge of the ritual and regular attendance are requisitions which every candidate for office is expected to possess.

I do not propose to weary you with statistics, and will merely mention that of the 29 founders, seven are still with us. Our register shows that we have initiated 175 brethren, received as affiliates 70, lost by various causes 146, leaving the present membership at 128.

Three of our members are serving their country, viz., W. Bro. G. W. McLean, I.P.M., is in Samoa, Bro. Major Row in Egypt, and Bro. L. A. Cox at Trentham.

Brethren, you will no doubt say that I have brought forward no great or striking deeds to merit applause. That is so, but I venture to express the hope that our records show that the Lodge has at least justified its existence, by striving to follow Masonic teachings, as well as the frailties of human nature have permitted. As our means have allowed, we have endeavoured to act up to the principles inculcated by our ritual, and I believe that our sins have been rather of omission than commission.

Correspondence

WHAT THE G.L. OF FRANCE IS DOING.

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TO THE EDITOR.

DEAR SIR AND BRO,— I noticed in the CRAFTSMAN of this month that the G.L. had voted a sum of £100 towards the works of assistance inaugurated by the G.L. of France. In this connection you will be pleased to know what has been done since the outbreak of hostilities. The G.L. occupies in Paris a large building, its own property, which was in former times a Monastery. The apartments have been in part transformed into a hospital for mounded military, and at present there are 23 beds, operating room, and all necessary appliances, with an efficient staff of doctors and nurses. This was ready on the 12th August, and has been in use since that date.

Another portion of the building was transformed into a large dining hall, with kitchen and everything necessary adjoining. This distribution of free meals has been going on since the 7th September, and during September and October some 5,100 meals have been supplied.

The members of the B. of G.P. have also taken charge of refugees, finding them lodgment and, where possible, employment. The committee have also undertaken other works for the relief of the destitute and suffering, and this without distinction, and with funds raised by the Lodges and some 2,000 francs which have up to the present been donated by other Masonic powers.

Our Lodge here raised for a first contribution to this fund £41 12s., and we are now about to raise another subscription, as every little we can send keeps the good work going, and it is our duty to do at the present time all we possibly can to relieve distress in France or elsewhere.

With kindest regards and fraternal good wishes,—I am, yours fraternally,
J. C. RANDALL, 31 deg.

Papeete, Tahiti, 28th January, 1915.

OBITUARY.

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W. BRO. GEORGE LUKE, P.M.

Wellington brethren were greatly shocked to learn of the sudden death of Bro. Luke, which occurred on the morning of the 3rd February. Our brother had retired to rest on the previous night apparently in the best of health, but never rose again. Bro. Luke was initiated in Brooklyn Lodge on 2nd May, 1906, and took his M.M. Degree on 1st August. He was elected Chaplain in October following, J.W. in 1909, S.W. in 1910, and W.M. the following year. Bro. Luke entered Capitular Freemasonry in 1907, and after filling a number of offices, was elected 1st Prin. in

September, 1914, thus literally dying in harness. Of a very quiet and retiring disposition, Masonry was his hobby, and he devoted much time and attention to it. His funeral, which was largely attended, took place on the 5th February, and the Masonic service was conducted by R.W. Bro. H. Seaton, J.G.W., and V.W. Bro. Herbert B. Bridge, G.Lec.

W. BRO. MORRIS FOX, P.M.

The death of W. Bro. Morris Fox will be deeply deplored by a large number of Wellington brethren, and more especially by those of the two Lodges with which he was actively associated at the time of his death. Bro. Fox was initiated, in Wellington Lodge, No. 1521 E.C., to which he remained attached for many years. In 1907 he threw in his lot with N.Z. Pacific Lodge, No. 2., and ultimately became W.M., afterwards continuing an active member. On the formation of the Installed Masters' Lodge of Wellington in 1912, Bro. Fox became a foundation member, and in October, 1913, he assumed the office of Sec., which he retained to the time of his demise. Our late brother was gifted with abilities of a very high order, both professionally and in his private life, while his sunny, genial disposition endeared him to those with whom he came in contact.

The funeral took place on the 6th February, and the Government Insurance Department took charge of the arrangements. There was a very large attendance at the obsequies, testifying eloquently to the high regard in which the deceased gentleman was held by many and varied sections of the community. The Government Insurance Offices were closed an hour earlier than usual, and the Commissioner (Mr. J. H. Richardson), the Deputy-Commissioner and Secretary (Mr. W. B. Hudson), the Supervisor of New Business (Mr. Geo. Robertson), the Accountant (Mr. G. W. Barltrop), the Assistant-Actuary (Mr. P. Muter), the Chief Medical Officer (Dr. Cahill), the Chief Clerk (Mr. R. G. Niven), and all the members of the staff were present to pay a last tribute of respect to their deceased colleague. Many of those who had been associated with Bro. Fox in the earlier days, when he took a prominent part in amateur theatricals, were also present, together with a large number of representative public men. The Rev. H. W. Thomson officiated at the graveside. The Masonic service was performed by R.W. Bro. Herbert Seaton and V.W. Bro. H. B. Bridge, and among the gathering was a considerable number of members of the Installed Masters' Lodge, of which Bro. Fox was secretary, and of members of N.Z. Pacific Lodge, No. 2, of which he was a member.

W. BRO. H. OHLSSON, P.M.

The death of W. Bro. H. Ohlsson, of Wellington, took place on 18th January. The deceased had been in broken health for over a year, and on the evening of the date mentioned he passed peacefully away. He leaves a widow and one son. Born in Malmo, Sweden, in 1864, he came to New Zealand when a young man, and was for some years prior to his death employed by Messrs. Sander Bros., contractors. He was initiated in Lodge Eketahuna, No. 92, in February, 1894, and on his removal to Wellington affiliated with Lodge St. Andrew, No. 32. After serving in the lower offices he attained to the chair in November, 1910.

Our brother, who was of a kindly and modest disposition, and held in deserved respect, was accorded a Masonic burial, in which the W.M. of the Lodge, assisted by P.Ms., and V.W. Bro. H. B. Bridge, G.Lec., took part.

W. BRO. F. Y. LETHBRIDGE, P.M.

W. Bro. Frank Yates Lethbridge, of Makino, died at Feilding on the 26th January, after a lengthy illness and two operations. He was a very prominent figure in the district, and had

occupied many public positions. He had been a member of the Manawatu County Council, chairman for years of the Manchester Road Board, Mayor of Feilding from 1882 to 1889, captain of the old Manchester Rifles, whom he commanded at Parihaka, and a member and officer of a large number of other local institutions, particularly the Horticultural Society. In 1893 he unsuccessfully contested the Rangitikei seat in the House of Representatives against Mr. John Stevens, but was returned for that seat in 1896 and 1899. In 1902 he was elected for the Oroua constituency, but did not contest the seat at the 1908 election, Mr. D. H. Guthrie taking his place. He was a member of several Royal Commissions, notably that in connection with the timber industry. In sporting matters he was very keen. For years the Feilding Jockey Club used his property free for a racecourse, and he was one of the leading spirits in the control of the Feilding athletic sports. Bro. Lethbridge was born in New Plymouth in 1852, being a son of the late Mr. O. Y. Lethbridge (who was a member of the Taranaki Provincial Council), and married a cousin. He was educated at the Nelson Public School and Boys' High School, Christchurch ; took up farming on the Feilding run in 1876, and when that was subdivided and sold he built a residence on his property at Makino, where he could combine farming with his greatest hobby, the cultivation of native trees and shrubs. Bro. Lethbridge was a prominent member of the Feilding Lodge, in which he was initiated, and subsequently held the chair of W.M., into which he was installed by the writer of this notice.

W. BRO S. BIRD, W.M.

Lodge St. Augustine, No. 99, has suffered a heavy bereavement, inasmuch as it has pleased T.G.A.O.T.U. to call from labour our esteemed W.M., Bro. S. Bird. W. Bro. Bird has been a sufferer for some time past, yet in spite of his illness he was present at one of our meetings since he was attacked, and conducted a First, practically rising from his bed to carry out the ceremony. Since that time his trouble developed more, and very much to his deep regret, he was unable to confer the Second Degree on those he initiated. Yet he was always hopeful, and in the last interview the writer had with him he said that all that evening he was there in spirit, though absent in the flesh. Indeed, Bro. Bird's hopeful spirit sustained him to the very last, and it was only within a short time of his passing away that he recognised the fact that his illness was going to prove mortal. To the members of his Lodge Bro. Bird had much endeared himself by his quiet and unassuming manner. He was one of nature's gentlemen—a true white man. He rather felt the visitation laid on him, coming as it did when he had attained the long desired and looked-for dignity of the Master's chair, for his whole heart and soul were in his Lodge. He was also 2nd Prin. of the Waimate R.A. Chapter, No. 16, and would, had he been spared, have attained the rank of Z. next September. His attendance at both Lodge and Chapter, instruction or regular meeting, was notable, being never absent unless indisposition or an engagement he could not put off intervened, and that was seldom. W. Bro. Bird was an initiate of the Lodge over which he presided, and has filled all the junior offices with the greatest satisfaction, and although no opportunity was given him for exercising authority he, during his short occupancy of the chair, gave evidence that judgment and discretion were not wanting. He was buried in the Waimate Cemetery on Sunday, the 14th February, and was accorded a Masonic funeral. The Lodge of Sorrow was opened by the I.P.M., W. Bro. Menzies. Prov.G.L. of Canterbury was represented by V.W. Bro. Rev. Mackenzie Gibson, who came down from Christchurch at the request of the Acting-Master and the officers to conduct the last sad Masonic rites. On the Lodge of Sorrow resuming the V.W. brother expressed the sympathy of the M.W.G.M. and the R.W. Prov.G.M. with Lodge St. Augustine in their sad bereavement. He also expressed his own sorrow at the loss of W. Bro. Bird, with whom he had been associated for a number of years in church work. A resolution expressing sympathy with Mrs. Bird and family, and testifying to the work of our late brother, was passed in silence. The funeral cortege was a lengthy one, thus evincing the high esteem in which our late W. brother was held in the neighbourhood.

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SUPREME GRAND ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER OF NEW ZEALAND.

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ANNUAL CONVOCATION, 1915.

The twenty-third annual convocation of Sup.G. Chapter was held in the Freemasons' Hall, Christchurch, on Wednesday, 3rd February, 1915, at 2 p.m.

ATTENDANCE.—The chairs of G. Chapter were filled by the following G. and acting-G. officers :—M.E. Comp. W. Smith, as G.Z. ; R.E. Comp. A. C. Andrews, D.G.Z. ; R.E. Comp. T. Ross, G.H. ; R.E. Comp. M. J. Harris, G.J. ; M.E. Comp. H. J. Williams, G.S.E. ; V.E. Comp. J. S. Hope, G.S.N. ; V.E. Comp. H. H. Seaton, G.Treas. ; V.E. Comp. A. W. Graham, as 1st G.Soj. ; V.E. Comp. E. Nordon, as 2nd G.Soj. ; V.E. Comp. A. Budd, as 3rd G.Soj. ; V.E. Comp. R. Gillespie, G.D. of C. ; V.E. Comp. H. F. Arnold, P.G.Soj. ; V.E. Comp. W. F. McLean, P.G.Supt. of W. ; V.E. Comp. G. Menzies, P.G.Supt. of W. ; V.E. Comp. F.B. B. Bishop, P.G.D. of C. ; V.E. Comp. C. W. B. Norwood, P.G.Sd. B. ; E. Comp. Dr. E. Leslie Crooke, as G. Organist ; Comp. G. W. Hulme, P.A.G.D. of C. ; V.E. Comp. H. Priestley, P.A.G.Sd. B. G.Supts. : R.E. Comp. Geo. W. Palmer, West Coast, NI ; R.E. Comp. C. Flavell, Canterbury ; R.E. Comp. E. Dacre Dunn, Westland ; R.E. Comp. E. Lane, Otago. P.G.Zs. : M.E. Comp. Geo. H. Powley ; M.E. Comp. Arthur Clothier ; M.E. Comp. Rev. E. E. Chambers. G.Representatives : V.E. Comp. W. Broadley, No. 1 ; V.E. Comp. G. Menzies, No. 2 ; V.E. Comp. T. Hobson, No. 4 ; M.E. Comp. E. E. Chambers. No. 6 ; M.E. Comp. A. C. Clothier, No. 7 ; V.E. Comp. W. J. Hill, No. 8 ; M.E. Comp. G. H. Powley, No. 9 ; R.E. Comp. W. Dawick, No. 11 ; V.E. Comp. A. Budd, No. 15 ; V.E. Comp. D. A. Fulton, No. 16 ; V.E. Comp. J. S. Hope, No. 17 ; V.E. Comp. J. W. Warren, No. 22 ; V.E. Comp. J. Ashwell, No. 23 ; V.E. Comp. W. H. Jones, No. 24 ; V.E. Comp. H. B. Bridge, No. 25 ; V.E. Comp. A. M. McLeod, No. 27 ; V.E. Comp. S. C. Hanlon, No. 28 ; V.E. Comp. A. B. King, No. 29 ; V.E. Comp. R. A. Gillespie, No. 30 ; V.E. Comp. J. Thornton, No. 31 ; V.E. Comp. H. Priestley, No. 32 ; V.E. Comp. Russell Rendle, No. 35.

VISITORS.—At the evening session the visitors included M.E. Comp. E. H. Cousins, Prov.G.H. ; M.E. Comp. H. Williamson, P.G. Chancellor ; and M.E. Comp. H. A. W. Pugh, Prov. 1st G. Soj., of the Scottish Constitution.

OPENING.—At 2.15 p.m. the assembled companions were called to order by the G.D. of C. (V.E. Comp. R. Gillespie), and M.E. Comp. W. Smith, I.P.G.Z., attended by the officers of G. Chapter, entered the hall in procession, and having assumed the respective chairs, G. Chapter was opened in regular form, and the M.E.G.Z. in the chair received the homage of G. Chapter in the salutation made.

ROLL CALL.—On the roll being called representatives of the following Chanter responded :— 1, 2, 4, 6, 7, 8, 9, 11, 15, 16, 17, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 35—in all 66 members being present.

APOLOGIES.—The following apologies were received and ordered to be recorded Comps. J. J. Esson, G.Z. ; Rev. T. Porritt, C. J. W. Griffiths, R. Fletcher, J. D. Webster, M. Niccol, P.G.Zs. ; R.E. Comps. L. Freedman, P.D.G.Z. ; F. Kearslev, G.Supt. of Auckland ; T. M. Rankin, G.Supt. of Southland; R. G. V. Parker, P.G.Supt. of Otago ; V.E. Comps. A. H. Thorpe, G. Barclay, N. M. Rivers, H. M. Ewing, A. M. Duncan, and H. Coop, P.G.Soj.: C. W. Neilsen, G.Reg. ; M. Evans, G. Chancellor ; G. Gordon, E. Hosking, P.G.Sd.B. ; L. H. Mueller, T. Gilmour, J. J. Hiskins, W. G. Alexander, P.Z.

MINUTES.—On the motion of M.E. Comps. Powley and Chambers the minutes of the last meeting, having been printed and circulated, were ordered to be taken as read and were confirmed.

CORRESPONDENCE.—A letter was received from V.E. Comp. H. M. Ewing, withdrawing the resolutions of which he had given notice. The remainder of the correspondence referred to the numerous apologies herein recorded.

REPORT OF SUB-COMMITTEE.—This report was considered seriatim.

On Clause 5, Comp. Priestley referred to the proposed new Chapter, Egmont, which he thought was an invasion of the territory of Takahoa Chapter. The position was explained by G.S.E., and Comp. G. W. Palmer, G.Supt., stated that he had informed Comp. Priestley of all matters in connection with the proposed Chapter.

Re Clause 8, Comp. Ross gave further particulars re his mission to Scotland. Some discussion followed, but the chairman of Sup. Com. pointed out that as a formal application had again been made to Scotland for recognition, the matter was sub judice until a reply had been received.

Clause 12, Finance.— This clause evoked some discussion, and was made the occasion of a bitter and personal attack on the G.S.E. A number of companions promptly defended the executive officer, and subsequently it was moved :—" That G. Chapter desires to express its full confidence in the G.S.E. ; that the salary voted last year was fully warranted, and requests the M.E.G.S.E. to allow his nomination for office to stand." The motion on being submitted to G. Chapter was affirmed, with one dissident.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS. The following are the G. officers elected :— G.Z., M.E. Comp. A. C. Andrews, Canterbury ; D.G.Z., R.E. Comp. T. Ross, Otago; G.H., R.E. Comp. M. J. Harris, Auckland; G.J., R.E. Comp. E. Dacre Dunn, Westland; G.S.E., M.E. Comp. H. J. Williams, Wellington; G.S.N., V.E. Comp. W. M. Hindmarsh, Canterbury; G.Treas., V.E. Comp. H. H. Seaton, Wellington ; 1st G.Soj., V.E. Comp. T. Hobson, Wellington ; 2nd G.Soj., V.E. Comp. W. G. Alexander, Otago; 3rd V.E. Comp. G. S. Gordon, West Coast, N.I.; G.Reg., V.E. Comp. C. W. Neilson, Wellington; G. Chancellor, V.E. Comp. M. Blair, Auckland; G.Supt. of W. V.E. Comp. N. J. Brokenshire, Southland ; G.D. of C., V.E. Comp. G. J. A. Shakleton, Canterbury ; V.E. Comp. W. H. Jones, Wellington ; G.St.B., V.E. Comp. T. Gilmour, Otago; G. Organist, V.E. Comp. A. W. V. Vine, Canterbury ; Asst. C.D. of C., V.E. Comp. D. M. Jack, Auckland ; Asst. G.St.B., V.E. Comp. W. T. Simmonds, West Coast, N.I. ; Asst. G.St.B., V.E. Comp. C. H. Dement, Wellington G.Supts. : Auckland, R.E. Comp. F. Kearsley; Wellington, M.E. Comp. T. Porritt ; West. Coast, R.E. Comp. G. W. Palmer; Canterbury, R.E. Comp. V. Flavell; Otago, R.E. Comp. E. Lane; Southland, V.E. Comp. J. J. Hiskins ; Westland, R.E. Comp. Dr. E. D. Dunn. Chairman of Sup. Committee : M.E. Comp. R. Fletcher. Sup.G. Committee : V.E. Comps. A. Veitch, W. H. Jones, C. Dement, O. Neilsen, the G.Prins., P.G.Zs., G.Supts., G.Treas., and G.Reg. (ex -officio).

The report as amended and the balance-sheet were adopted. A SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT referred to the official visitation of G.Z., announced that a charter had been granted to " Heretaunga " Chapter, Hastings, and recommended that on the constitution of the Chapter, a new RA. Masonic district be created in Hawkes Bay. Also that the assessment to G.P. be increased 1/- per capita. The report was adopted.

An appreciation of the services of M.E. Comp. J. J. Esson were ordered to be recorded, and a vote of thanks was passed to M.E. Comp Griffiths and R.E. Comp. Ross for their services in Scotland.

At the evening session the Principals were installed with the customary ceremonies, M.E. Comp, S. C. Bingham being the Installing G.Prin. Four G. officers who were present were invested. A very excellent

address was delivered by M.E. Comp. A. C. Andrews, G.Z., and we regret the exigencies of space preclude its publication. It is a further matter of regret that the proceedings of the afternoon did not more nearly harmonise with the excellent sentiments enunciated by the M.E.G.Z.

A motion to revise the ritual was referred to Sup. Committee.

Fraternal greetings having been given by the representatives of foreign G. Chapters, the twenty-third annual convocation was closed in ample form.

Subsequently the visitors were entertained at supper by the Canterbury Chapters, where the customary toasts were honoured.

TABERNACLE A TRADITION.

There is no direct allusion in the Bible or in Josephus to the "Tabernacle erected by our ancient brethren near the ruins of King Solomon's Temple." It is entirely a Masonic tradition, and yet like all traditions it must have had some basis upon which it was built.

When Cyrus liberated the Jews, they returned to Jerusalem with Zerubbabel and began immediately to rebuild the temple and city, and Ezra tells us that upon their arrival, they "built the altar of burnt offering and offered sacrifice," yet this in itself would not necessitate a building or tent, for in both tabernacle and temple the altar of sacrifice was always in the open court ; yet as the priests and Levites were there and "all the religions ordinances of Moses were observed," it is not at all unlikely that a "ohel " or tent was erected for worship."- Ark Temple Bulletin."

GRAND LODGE OF NEW ZEALAND.

BUSINESS TO BE TRANSACTED AT THE ANNUAL COMMUNICATION TO BE HELD IN THE TOWN HALL,
WELLINGTON, ON WEDNESDAY AND THURSDAY, 12TH AND 13TH MAY, 1915.

G.L. WILL BE OPENED ON WEDNESDAY, 12TH MAY, AT 10 A.M.

1. The minutes of the annual communication of 1914 will be submitted for confirmation.
2. The annual balance-sheet to 31st March, 1915, will be submitted for adoption.
3. Election of the M. W. G.M.
4. Election of other G. officers.
5. Report of the B. of B.
6. Report of the Annuity Board of the W. and O. and A.M. Fund.
7. Report of the B. of G.P.
8. Petition for Subdivision of Wellington District and Creation of new district, "Ruapehu."
9. Election of Auditor.
10. Fixing the amount of the Representation Levy for 1915-16.

G.L. will adjourn at 1 p.m., and will re-assemble at 2.30 p.m., and will again adjourn at 5 p.m., reassembling at 7.30 p.m., for the Installation of the G.M.-elect, M.W. Bro. John Joseph Dougall.

Appointment and Investiture of the R.W. the Dep.G.M. Appointment and Investiture of the R.W. the Prov.G.Ms. of districts.

Appointment and Investiture of the R.W. the S.G.W. and J.G.W.

Appointment and Investiture of G.Lecs.

Investiture of elected G. officers.

Address from the M.W.G.M.

G.L. will be closed and business adjourned till next day.

G.L. SESSION WILL BE RESUMED ON THURSDAY, THE 13TH MAY, AT 9.30 A. M.

Business on the agenda paper for Wednesday which was not completed will first be disposed of.

11. Proposed Amendments in G.L. Laws :-

1. The W.M. or representative of Lodge Manawatu No. 47, to move-
That to Rule 178 of the Constitution be added the following clause :--` At least twice in each year the G.Sec. shall send to all Lodges under the jurisdiction of G.L. a list of a.11 brethren whose names have been struck off the roll, as hereinbefore provided, together with an intimation that these brethren should no longer be permitted to participate in any Masonic privilege until reinstated.' '
2. V.W. Bro. E. D. Mosley, G.Reg.; to move-
 - (1) In Rule 96--To add after the word " Master,"- the words " Immediate Past Master."
 - (2) In Rule 156-To delete the words "any member," and substitute the words "any brother"

12. Ordinary Notices of Motion :-

1. W. Bro. C. G. Bullock, P.M., of Lodge St. Andrew EiL, No. 79, Wanganui, to move, in accordance with notice given by him-
" That the Wellington Province be divided from the Manawatu River northwards."
2. W. Bro. H. Hobbs, P.M. of Lodge Waiwhetu, No. 176, Lower Hutt, Wellington, to move, in accordance with notice given by him—
"That the sum of £2,000 be transferred from the Fund of Benevolence to the W. and O. and A.M. Fund."
3. The W.M. or representative of Lodge Feilding, No. 41, Feilding, to move, in accordance with notice given by the Lodge-
" That the resolution passed at the communication of G.L., held at Christchurch in May, 1914, to the effect "That upon his G.L. Certificate being returned to the custody of the G.Sec., W. Bro. O. N. Gillespie be suspended sine die,' be RESCINDED, and in substitution therefor it be resolved-` That W. Bro. O. N. Gillespie be expelled from the Craft.' "

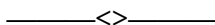
13. General Business by permission of the G.M.

G.L. will be Closed.

MALCOLM NICCOL, G.Sec.

Christchurch, 9th February, 1915.

FREEMASONRY AND THE MASONIC SPIRIT.



[A Lecture delivered by V.W. Bro. H. B. Bridge, G.Lec.]

Speculative Masonry, or Freemasonry, is in a large measure not understood, or misunderstood, both within and without the Craft. Among the brethren the prevailing misunderstanding arises from a narrow and somewhat selfish view of objects aimed at by the Institution, and from an ignorance, partly unavoidable owing to lack of competent instruction, and partly avoidable, being the result of a very culpable carelessness on the part of the brethren themselves. Without the Craft, although anyone can nowadays purchase for a small stint books and pamphlets setting forth in plain and attractive terms the true nature of the Masonic Association, its aims, and purposes, the misrepresentation thereof, and the failure to grasp their real character, are as amazing as they are deplorable. The most generally accepted errors as regards the Craft are that it is a more or less dangerous secret society, used, despite denials, for political and anti-religious, in the sense of anti-denominational, purposes; that its influence is all powerful in defence of its members who may have broken the laws; that it is a benefit society, and is bound to provide for the poor and destitute among its members, and for their dependants in case of death; that its meetings, under the cover of alleged ceremonies,

are really only social gatherings, chiefly remarkable for an absence of moderation in connection with the liquid refreshments consumed. All this nonsense, much of it unfortunately malicious, is, of course, only laughable to the initiated. But, if the matter is given thought, it is also to be regretted. Freemasons, too, must face this question : For how much of this gross misrepresentation is the public behaviour of many of the brethren themselves responsible? If we are not true to the Masonic Institution, its tenets and principles, and to ourselves, how can we expect the uninitiated to be just in their estimate of us ? The object, then, of this lecture is, with as little sermonising as possible, to make it clear to the brethren exactly what Freemasonry in its speculative form or its ethical side is, and for what it stands. Thus his duties and responsibilities will be brought home to each brother, and in the loyal carrying out of them in his everyday life in the world of men, the example he sets will not only disabuse the public mind of opinions inimical and harmful to the Craft, but will insensibly tend to improve the conduct of others with whom he is brought in contact.

Now, What is the meaning of the word Speculative in its relation to Freemasonry Primarily it serves, of course, to distinguish present-day Masonry from the purely Operative, or trade form—the trade and organisation of the old stonemasons. Specially, however, it has reference to the nature of the Freemasonry of to-day, which is the outcome in an ethical sense of speculation, meditation, and philosophic reasoning, brought to bear upon the allegory and symbolism deduced from the material art of Masonry. To assist the ethical principles involved the material side of the building art has been spiritualised. The object desired to be obtained was not only to preserve the wonderful discipline and organisation, and the brotherhood relation so marked in the Masonic trade guilds—or, as we term them, the Operative Masons—but to bring about the spiritual uplifting of Man, more especially of the Speculative Freemason And there is the opportunity to correct that narrow and somewhat selfish view of Freemasonry held by so many of its members. This spiritual uplifting of the Freemason was not intended to be restricted to an individual application only. It is not sufficient from the point of view of the great Masonic mission that its noble ideals and its divinely established tenets and Principles should begin and end in the life of the Mason within the Craft. Quite the contrary. The grand scheme was, and is, that the great moral lessons learnt within the Craft were to bear fruit abundantly outside in the profane world by the fidelity with which their teachings were adhered to there by those who had been privileged to learn them. Every Freemason is, in fact, a missionary to the world at large of the Masonic tenets and principles, Motherly Love, Relief, and Truth. The two former included that greatest of all virtues, Charity—and all of them summed up in those expressive words, the Fatherhood of God, the Brotherhood of Man. It is not sufficient from the Masonic idealistic standpoint that the Freemasons should be imbued with sympathy for—which is Brotherly Love—and the desire to alleviate the suffering and distress of—which is Relief—his brother Mason. That sympathy and that desire to relieve must in all sincerity and in practice be shown equally to all God's creatures. It should be spontaneous, ever alive, in memory of a certain peculiar moment when poor and penniless oneself received sympathy, relief, and encouragement. It is not sufficient from the Masonic point of view that the Freemason should be of decorous behaviour only when in the Lodgeroom and among his brethren. The great Masonic essential, Truth, demands that every brother, in addition to seeking for the truth in all things, should also be personally the embodiment of it in his life, his acts, and his conversation. The hypocrisy which presents one side of his character to his brethren, and another totally different in the course of his daily intercourse with men is an abomination. He is of those who are responsible for the misrepresentation and calumny of Freemasonry by the uninitiated. This master of conduct, clean, sober, honest, and upright living, Freemasonry demands of its members from the inception of their membership. To that end he is directed in that beautiful Final Charge delivered to him directly he is admitted to Brotherhood. The reason is obvious. Once admitted as a member of this ancient and honourable Institution its honour and reputation are placed, trustfully, in his keeping. Should he do aught to disgrace himself, thereby he brings disgrace on the Craft. Surely it is as well that all of the brethren should realise that great responsibility.

We see, then, that the Freemasonry of to-day is really a great moral school, represented by an association of specially selected men, deemed suitable to the practice of the teachings of the school in their own persons, and, progressively, to act as examples for good to others. The ethics, or moral precepts, taught by this school are those laid down in the V.S.L., or perhaps it is more correct to say in the Sacred Writings, for in certain countries the Koran and the Zend-Avesta take the place of the English Bible in our Lodges. That this is so is explained by the fact that the simple and primitive theological belief required as the essential to admittance

within our fold is that of a belief in the existence of a Supreme Being—God— T.G.A.O.T.U. In this belief all the races and creeds of the world are united, and hence the universality of Masonry. Only the athiest is barred to our ranks. While absolutely demanding a confession of this simple belief from an intending initiate, Freemasonry does not otherwise concern itself as to his religious or political opinions or leanings. With denominational or sectarian religion, or with politics, Freemasonry has no part or even interest. Indeed, it expressly forbids the discussion of either of them—or their introduction as at possible subject of discussion—within the precincts of the Lodge. The reason for this is twofold. Freemasonry teaches that the Supreme Being is all-Father, all-Creator, omniscient, omnipresent, omnipotent, absolutely pure and good, of impartial justice and inexhaustible loving kindness, the giver of all gifts, the preserver from all evil ; that there is it life to come in which the Mason will be rewarded or punished according to his deserts. With other dogmas it is unconcerned ; it asserts none, and controverts none. In the second place it teaches the virtues of goodwill to all, and of harmony and concord. That which is likely to disturb the one or the other is forbidden where Freemasons foregather for fraternal relations, for peace, for rest from the world's turmoil, and for the enjoyment of that wonderful element of Masonic equality. Notably, however, it emphasises here one of Masonry's greatest attributes, Liberty—liberty of conscience, of thought, of action, as becomes free men—a liberty, however, which is never allowed to degenerate into license. An able Masonic writer puts it in this way :—" Liberty to think our own thoughts, to believe our own creeds, to regulate our own lives; liberty to dissent, if we see fit, from the weight of authority ; liberty to be men, not slaves; liberty to think, speak, act as we please" — and then comes the all-important provision — " provided we offend not our brother." It is the saving grace of charity which is to regulate our freedom—our liberty. For charity in the Masonic sense does not mean, save in very small degree, the doling out of alms, the giving of money to those who may need it, admirable as such action is when not indiscriminately, and so it may be, unwisely, put into practice. The charity required of the Freemason is the fullest and broadest, and the best type of that virtue, which we know is divine in its essence, is so approved of Heaven, and like its sister Mercy, blesses him who dispenses it equally with its recipient. It is the charity which in all cases restrains from act or speech which may offend our brother—that is, our fellow-man. It is the charity which thinketh no evil, which abhors mischievous gossip and slander; which does not impute base motives; which is silent where good cannot be spoken; which has ready sympathy for all human weaknesses, suffering, and distress. Such is Masonic charity. No wonder it is described as the highest rung of the Masonic ladder, the pre-eminent virtue, the attainment of which in its fullest extent marks the perfect Mason. So complete is the ethical teaching of the great Masonic moral school that nothing has been omitted whereby the Mason may qualify himself for the approval of his Creator, and the respect and esteem of his fellow-men. He is taught his duty to God, to his neighbour, and to himself ; he is enjoined to be a good citizen, a good husband, a good father ; he is taught that death is to be preferred to dishonour, and that fidelity, temperance, and fortitude are the indispensable attributes of the good Mason. Furthermore, he is enjoined to continue to educate himself and so acquire extended knowledge, included in which is an extended knowledge of Masonry. The Freemason is specially enjoined to make a daily advancement in this direction. Up to comparatively recently it would seem as though the Lodges considered that this knowledge was confined to an intimate acquaintance with the ritual used in our ceremonies. Hence the practice has grown up of constant and consistent repetition of ritual work on every possible occasion to the exclusion of everything else Masonic save the routine business of the Lodge. The want of a candidate upon whom to practice over again this or that portion of the ritual was considered a calamity, and W.Ms. vied with each other, and took solid credit to themselves, in the number of candidates "put through" in their year of office. It never seems to have occurred to these worthy and zealous brethren that the constant reiteration of the ritual, unrelieved by other mental food, was almost certain to pall upon the thinking members of the Lodge, to gradually lessen their interest in the Lodge meetings, and, it may be, cause them to become first casual absentees, and then habitual ones. Yet a knowledge of human nature should have warned them of this possible result, and also that, where brethren still remained loyal in attendance, the probability was that they attended, not so much for the proceedings within the Lodgeroom, as for the society of their friends and brethren in the refectory after the ceremonial had necessarily been tolerated for the sake of the after-part. And yet it is the proceedings in the Lodgeroom which are all important, and not the period given to social purposes and refreshment, though that has also its valuable uses. The piling up of candidates, and the hurrying of them through the degrees, is not by any means an advantage to the Craft, which does not seek quantity in respect of its membership so much as quality. From the purely

Masonic point of view it is distinctly beneficial that the candidate's progress in the Craft should be slow and measured rather than hurried. He should be made to thoroughly understand one step before he is permitted to take another, and a forward, one. Thus if the Lodges will only approach the matter from the proper and certainly desirable standpoint, there should be no difficulty for them apportioning certain of their regular meeting evenings solely to the imparting of the Masonic knowledge, which no amount of repetition of the ritual will afford their members — such as the history of Masonry so far as it is known, its traditions, its symbolism, and its ethics put plainly and clearly as apart from the language of the ceremonial. These occasional mental diversions will be found not only to afford the members a constant spring of interest in their Lodge, and a renewing of true Masonic fervour, but will also revive their interest in the ritual working itself, because they will view it by the various additional lights which the intellectual instruction afforded by papers, essays, etc., have thrown upon it. One is glad to note that many Lodges are, now adopting this view of their duty to their members, and are consistently arranging for intellectual Masonic instruction as well as for the ordinary ritual teaching. It is, in the opinion of most experienced and distinguished brethren, a good and very healthy sign.

Now, the peculiarity of the great Masonic moral school lies in the manner in which it instructs its pupils. Proud of its ancient lineage, faithful to its traditions, sprung from those ancient builders famous in the Middle Ages, in the era of the Roman Empire, in the Kingdoms of Persia. and Egypt, and among the Israelitish nation, it retains distinctive and characteristic features even as the stonemason of yore had a mark by which his work was known to all concerned. Thus it impresses its ethical teaching by means of allegory and of symbols—the allegory being based on the building of that magnificent work, King Solomon's Temple ; the symbols being the working tools of the operative masons. The erection of King Solomon's Temple serves to allegorically represent the erection within the Freemason's heart of the spiritual temple—a work which the faithful carrying out of the teachings of the great Masonic moral school will surely accomplish. And here is the encouragement and consolation of the brother who, regarding the lofty ideals of the Masonic ethical code, and aware of human frailty, naturally exclaims "It is too much ; no human being could attain such a state of perfection." Well, Freemasonry does not demand the miraculous, nor does it expect the sudden or immediate attainment of all its aims and objects as regards the individual. Forcibly it impresses upon its members that its moral science is progressive, and therefore that the students thereof must be progressive in its assimilation. But it does require conscientious and prolonged, determined endeavour to secure the moral progress. If proof is wanted of this, it is to be found in the Lodgeroom in the forms of rough and perfect ashlar, the former emblematical of the newly-made Mason, the latter, as the T.B. has explained to you, the Mason " in his declining year's, after a long life well spent in piety and virtue." You will observe that it is a lifelong effort which can attain to Masonic excellence. With the symbols in common use in the Lodge ceremonies, and as jewels of the various offices, you are too well acquainted to need further reference here. But it may be impressed upon your minds that, there is nothing which plays a part in our ceremonies but which has a valuable significance, and it is the gaining of information in this respect, either by personal reading of Masonic literature, or by delivering in the Lodge by competent members of addresses, or the reading of Masonic papers, which is so important to the brethren.

And now to touch on another point, rendered necessary by the varying temperaments and dispositions common to human nature, said therefore to be found in the varied personalities among the brethren. Because a dissertation such as this on the ethical or moral requirements of Freemasonry must inevitably, if full justice be done to it, be of the nature of a sermon, or serious discourse, that is not to say that there is anything narrow, or of cant, or of undue restriction in Freemasonry. Quite the contrary. The Masonic scheme expressly includes the duty of not only being happy ourselves, but also of communicating happiness to others. All the pleasures of life freely open to its members; each brother's conscience must be the guide to his indulging therein. But Freemasonry does require that the brother in his enjoyment thereof should practice moderation, for it is excess which disfigures the character of a Mason, and deforms his very soul. Besides, if a brother is a slave to some pleasure in life, he is dominated by it, and is no longer a free man. Moreover, if the indulging in any worldly pleasures is calculated to do harm to himself, or through him to others dependent upon him, the brother's duty is to refrain therefrom. No one rule can apply generally to all men. Conscience must be the guide, as it most certainly will be the monitor, and its warnings should not pass unheeded. So it will be seen that a Freemason can be a strict and a good Mason without being in any sense a

narrow-minded bigot, or zealot, condemning all those things, in themselves harmless, which go to the making of the joy of living. Surely no better type of a man can be imagined than the Freemason, true to his Masonic teachings, yet sharing fully, while restrainedly, in the recreations, the joys, and the pleasures of the world in which he finds himself. He has learnt that great Masonic lesson, a knowledge of himself, and is therefore master of himself.

For the earnest and thoughtful brother who would follow out the Masonic teachings—the Masonic principles and tenets—there is necessary the cultivation within himself of the Masonic spirit. What is this Masonic spirit? Let us arrive at an understanding of it by a somewhat analagous case. Just now, owing to a condition of things which all Freemasons most sincerely deplore, we are finding ourselves moved and actuated by what is called the patriotic spirit. This means that almost everything else concerning us in life comes second to the desire to render some service to our country in its hour of need and peril. Our thoughts are centred upon how its outlook is faring from day to day. In short, our country's success and well-being, are ever present in our minds, foremost in our thoughts. Suppose that the times have reverted to the normal, and substitute for the word country the word Freemasonry, and you have here a fairly good explanation of what is meant by the Masonic spirit. If the Freemason from the inception of his novitiate cultivates the habit of measuring his words and acts, and even his thoughts, by the Masonic standard of line and rule—and if an earnest Mason he should do this—then he is cultivating the Masonic spirit. The inevitable result will be—sooner or later, according to the brother's temperament—that insensibly the Masonic tenets and principles will govern the ordering of his life. Faced by or that problem as to course of action this Masonic spirit will unfailingly point out to him what his duty as a Mason demands of him, and his will be the responsibility whether or no he answers that call of duty according to his Masonic obligations. Needless to say that the Masonic way will be the right way, no matter how far opposed it may be to the promptings of human nature, and the procedure which appeals to him because it would be, or is, "the way of the world." The cultivation of the Masonic spirit, in short, makes it infinitely easier for the brother to be a good Mason, and the good Mason must be a good man.

Perhaps there is no more amazing thing to the average Freemason than the extraordinary hold upon him which the Masonic tie exercises. He accepts it, though, quite as a matter of course, and does not bother to enquire into it very deeply, if at all. Most probably the wonder is first given birth within him at the sight of aged and middle-aged brethren who, despite their tale of years, and often of infirmities, are most regular in their attendance at Lodge, and always enthusiastic as regards Freemasonry. More often than not these zealous brethren have no Masonic rank or distinction, other than the ever bright honour of being M.Ms. What is it that holds these men, and the vast majority of others whom he knows, as well as himself, so strongly? Put briefly, it is the fellowship which is the outcome, and so greatly a part, of Freemasonry. You have it in the fraternal grasp of the hand whenever and wherever Mason meets Mason. As though it were some electric current, the spirit of fellowship passes insensibly from one to the other. If you are a M.M. you sense at once all that is included in the five points of fellowship from the simple fraternal handshake. Are you visiting a strange Lodge? You produce your credentials, and thenceforward you know you need no further introductions. You are on terms of fellowship with all the brethren around you, who without fuss or convention accept you readily as a brother, and as a friend. The desire for fellowship is one of the strongest instincts of human nature. In no other association of men is it so fully and abundantly gratified as it is in the Masonic Institution. It is strengthened, consolidated, of course, by the common observance of certain solemn and more or less mystical rites and ceremonies, and by the common possession of certain secrets necessary only to preserve the privileges of the Craft to those who are entitled to them by due qualification. In the midst of a world of strife, of suffering, of turmoil, and of care, the brother knows that in the fellowship of his brethren he will find at least concord, sympathy, rest, and innocent recreation. He will be among those who claim no superiority over each other or the stranger within their gates, and in whose hearts there is no guile, but only brotherly love and fraternal regard. Such is this fellowship tie which binds the Mason to the Masonic Institution, and to his Lodge, and holds all Masons to brother Masons throughout the world.

A NIGHT OUT.

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[By a Newly-raised Brother.]

Lodge Southern Cross, No. 9, paid an official visit to Lodge Harvey, No. 49, on Wednesday, 16th December, for the purpose of working the Third Degree. The party left Invercargill at 5 p.m. by motor cars on their 40-mile journey to Gore. W. Bro. J. Critchfield was accompanied by R.W. Bro. W. Timpany and eighteen officers and brethren. The trip outwards, with the exception of three punctures and a broken cylinder, was uneventful, and Gore was reached at about 5.30 p.m. Mine hostess at the Southland Hotel soon -busied herself attending to the wants of her guests — the said wants being chiefly soap, hot water, towels, brushes, etc. After a good clean up the visitors strolled along to the Freemason's Hall, and many were the expressions of praise from the townspeople at the compactness, neat arrangement, and general comfort of the Lodgeroom. After the W.M. had made quite sure of his bearings, a return was made to the hotel, where a capital tea was in readiness.

At 7.45 p.m. the Lodge was opened, and W.M. Bro. L. Fretwell handed over the gavel to his visitor, W.M. Bro. J. Critchfield. The ceremony of raising was conducted in due form and in an impressive manner by the Southern Cross Lodge. The "Fourth " was celebrated at Brice's tea rooms, and Masonic harmony prevailed till midnight. Hasty farewells and hearty good wishes from our brethren of the town with the sanguinary title, and we were homeward bound at 12.45 p.m.

All went well for seventeen miles till Edendale was reached, when bang went a tyre on the big car. The other cars stood by while repairs were effected. After half-an-hour at the pump and other incidental happenings necessary in the operation, we were off again. But our luck was out. A short run of 100 yards, and bang went the tyre again. This time the driver decided the rupture was beyond repair, and eleven dejected brethren received his verdict in a silence that was almost audible in its intensity. Time, 2 a.m., and 24 miles from home; climate, decidedly wintry. A hasty consultation, and the decision arrived at for the other cars to proceed on their journey, and after depositing their passengers, to return for the poor unfortunates. And, oh ! the loneliness of the situation when left on that country road, with no company except a keen east wind. Out of the eleven, three decided to walk, as they said, "just to keep warm," till the cars returned; two reconnoitred the district seeking accommodation; and the remaining six turned in" in the broken-down car.

Of the first three--the pedestrians—many and varied are the accounts of the distance they covered. They are positive they covered anything from ten to fifteen miles, but others say they were picked up three miles from the break-down. In any case, all are agreed that they were soaked through, and more than half frozen, when they were picked up by the rescuing car. This vehicle, licensed to carry five passengers, had the whole eleven on board—some in the car, and some sticking to the outside like flies. The two who prospected for an accommodation house found such a place, but were unable to rouse any of the inmates. They finally forced an entrance, and, after wandering round, they settled themselves on a sofa, lying close to each other for mutual comfort and support. The cold, however, was too intense to allow of sleep; and by some means the house cat had discovered them, and decided that, though they were strangers, they had some warmth about them. After putting up with the mewling of the cat for some time Bro. Wootton suggested to his companion, Bro. Kelly, that the cat had better be put out. Matches were struck, and behold ! not only one cat, but seven kittens had been born on the sofa in the still quiet hour. Our brethren magnanimously gave up the couch to the newly-arrived family. As daylight was by this time well advanced it was possible to see round about. The six who had turned in on the car found the conditions too cold, and they also set out on a prospecting tour, being successful in finding a sugar-and-milk factory in full running. Here they were made welcome, and stowed away near the boiler. The relieving car picked them up at 6 a.m. and Invercargill was reached at 7.30 a.m. The trip was surely "a night out." Serious vows were made never—no, never !—to take on another motor trip, but the writer has no doubt that when the sun shines again, and the W.M. calls for the support of his Lodge on a similar excursion, the response will be as hearty as ever. These incidents speak well for the zeal and enthusiasm of brethren generally, and go in some measure to prove the depth and underlying meaning of Freemasonry.

A special word of praise is due to Bro. Coleman, who, of his own free will, and in his own car, drove over that bleak road under the most wintry conditions for the relief of his brethren in distress. To do the trip once was certainly commendable, but to return after reaching town with his first passengers speaks volumes for Bro. Coleman.

To those who undertake the management of these trips all credit is due, and the writer does not care to let the opportunity pass without commenting unfavourably on the individual who does not book his seat on the outward journey, but begs to be squeezed in on the return. The cars are always comfortably filled, and these self-imposed additions are often the means of removing all the comfort arranged for.

AMERICAN MASONS START A BIG MOVEMENT FOR WAR RELIEF.

For the first time in the history of American Freemasonry all the G. and subordinate bodies in the United States are united in a charity that promises to be the largest ever undertaken.

The movement was begun in Cincinnati on the 29th November, and all the details were perfected at a conference in the Hotel Sinton, at which were present some of the most illustrious men in the Fraternity.

The object is to aid the sufferers from the European war. As Freemasonry belongs to no time or clime, but is universal, so too will this charity embrace the peoples of all the nations at war, and include not only Masons and their relatives or dependents, but the destitute, regardless of whether they or theirs are members or affiliated with members of the Order.

The idea of the charity was conceived by Colonel William B. Melish, of Cincinnati. For a week or more he sent out telegrams and letters to the forty-nine G.Ms. of the country, as well as the heads of other Masonic bodies. Of the forty-nine G.Ms. forty-six replied favouring the plan,

Some idea of the aggregate amount that will likely be raised can be gathered from the fact that in the United States there are 1,580,000. Freemasons. Should they average only one dollar apiece it will be seen that the amount will be very large.

Speaking of the object of the charity, Colonel Melish said :— "It is well known to the Fraternity that there are thousands of Masons in arms. The first relief will go to these, their aged parents, their wives and children. Now, there are many widows and half orphans. But it is the intention to aid not only Masons and their poor, but the destitute of all the nations.

"The Fraternity believes it is its duty to raise a large fund to render relief and assistance to the distressed by wide and wise neutral distribution among Masons and other worthy destitute.

"It is felt that all Masons are fellow-soldiers in God's army of peace, and it should be the constant prayer of Masons and all good citizens of the United States for peace through a life that refuses to countenance hate and bloodshed."

Colonel Melish did not begin the project until he had conferred with the G.M. of Ohio. Then he summoned to the conference the leading officials of the Order, and they gave their approval. He presented to them the scope of the work, form of organisation, and the frame of an appeal. At the conference there were eighteen people, representing thirty-one jurisdictions.

As the work is one that has long been upon the heart of Colonel Melish, and he having conceived the idea, the confreres with one accord selected Colonel Melish as executive head of the actual work by naming him chairman of the executive committee. The long experience, wide acquaintance, and ability that Colonel Melish has shown in similar work also marked him in the opinion of the others as the man best fitted to execute the work.

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He, therefore, will direct the entire work from Cincinnati, collect and forward funds, name executive staff of clerical assistants, and receive all communications and reports. No one will receive a salary or other remuneration save the clerks and stenographers.

The First National Bank and the Union Savings Bank and Trust Company have been designated as depositories. Disbursements will be made on Vote of the Executive Committee. He will be in touch with the G.Ls. of the countries at war. There are G.Ls. in England, Scotland, Ireland, France, Belgium, and Germany. There are no G.Ls. in Austria and Russia.

In London is American Lodge of Masons, No. 3368. During the first two months of the war through the members of this Lodge there were \$5,000 used to assist destitute American Masons Hack home. The members are all American-born, and through this Lodge Committee, still in existence, much information will be secured.

MASONIC WAR RELIEF.

The organisation just perfected will be known as the Masonic War Relief Association of the United States.—
" The Commercial Tribune."

KNOWN BY THEIR FRUITS.

Neither age in Masonic membership, prominence in Masonic society, or prominence in the Masonic ritual are reasons for Masonic honours.

Long service is commendable, if the service has been unselfish and has benefited the fraternity. Prominence in the public eye may only spell abnormality in the man.

Proficiency in the ritual may only mean a good Memory, without ability to apprehend or expound the truths uttered. Parrots are proficient in memory, but have no conception of the words they utter.

Masonic honours should be bestowed upon those who have earned them, rather than upon those who seek them. Masonic duties well performed should call forth expressions of Masonic gratitude.

The wreaths of laurel should rest on the brows of those who have performed services without expectation or hope of reward.

In every Masonic body, there are faithful men, thoroughly dependable men, but exceedingly modest men, who do anything and everything so quietly and so unostentatiously that the merit of their work goes unnoticed.

We shower honours upon men in proportion to the noise they make rather than in proportion to what they accomplish. We condemn a noisy rattling gas engine in an automobile and promote its Masonic prototype in the Lodge.

A flat-wheeled trolley-car attracts our attention, but we do not admire its performance or enjoy its effect upon our ear-drums or nervous system. Why, then, do we pay attention to men in proportion to the noise they make in performing Masonic duties?

" Ye shall know them by their fruits." "Do men gather grapes of thorns or figs of thistles?" When Masonic bodies pay greater attention to the fundamental worth and character of men, they will do more honour to the noblest among their members.

Men will not then be assigned work for which they are not suited, because they have the time, or because they offer themselves for the service. Men will not then be judged by what they say of their own accomplishments, but, rather by reason of what they accomplish.

Masonry will come into its own, as a power to help press forward the progress of mankind, when reason supplants physical sense and wisdom is heeded instead of words.

" A good tree cannot bring forth evil fruit, neither can a corrupt tree bring forth good fruit. Wherefore, by their fruits ye shall know them."—' Oriental Consistory."

THE LEVEL.

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The chief glory of Masonry is that it levels all the barriers that intervene between individuals and communities, and brings together upon a plane of common equality persons of the most diverse opinions, occupations, and interests. Overleaping all boundaries of selfishness and exclusiveness; overruling' all social and class distinctions, breaking down all the partitions of bigotry and intolerance, it unites in common work and common objects the good and true of all pursuits, opinions, and languages. The Lodge can never become the exclusive creature of any social, political, or religious class or sect, because it is the joint possession of the best representatives of all classes and conditions. Here upon the level—the symbol of equality—the rich and poor, the high and low, the titled prince and the sturdy yeoman, forget all differences of rank and station, unite their best endeavour for the highest good of each and all. Here the best representatives of the various church creeds, and the most diverse theological sentiments stand side by side without a single test between them. Here the leaders of opposite parties and rival factions forget their intrigues, and catching the spirit of loyal sympathy and philanthropy breathed from every lesson of the Order, their hearts are melted into responsive love and fraternal peace. Here nobility of birth and blood is superseded by that higher nobility which is disposition and life. Here the crown of royalty and the sceptre of authority belong to those most distinguished for virtue and honour. Here all languages are melted into words and symbols, conveying the same meaning to all minds, and bearing the same significance in all circles. Of course, it is not assumed that these noble and honourable aims are never lost sight of by persons who have sought and obtained the fellowship of the Order. Bad men sometimes conceal their selfish designs so skilfully that the closest scrutiny may fail to unmask them.

But the object of Freemasonry to unite and harmonise in a benevolent and honourable work, the best representatives of all theological and governmental opinions, is not the less apparent on this account. And that its influence in this direction has been good no one acquainted with the facts in the case will pretend to deny.

The most important incorrigible political zealot and the most intolerable bigot meet in the Lodgeroom, and heartily fraternise with others of the most dissimilar associations and convictions. Here upon the level the antipodes of political and theological sentiment meet and join hands; and here the good and true of all classes and conditions have realised, in the fullest and sweetest sense of the Psalmist's words : "Behold how good and pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity."—"Trestle Board."

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(All 7/6 but those noted.)

KEEP STRAIGHT AHEAD.

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Pay no attention to slanderers and gossip-mongers. Keep straight on in your course, and let their back-biting die the death of neglect. What is the use of lying awake nights brooding over the remark of some false friend that runs through your brain like lightning ? What's the use of getting into worry and fret over the gossip that has been afloat to your disadvantage, by some meddlesome busybody, who has more time than character?

These things can't possibly injure you unless, indeed, you take notice of them, and, in combating them, give them standing and character. If what is said about you is true, set yourself right; if it is false, let it go for what it will fetch. If a bee stings you, would you go to the hive and destroy it? Would not a thousand come upon you? It is wisdom to say little respecting the injuries you have received. We are generally losers in the end, if we stop to refute all the back-bitings and gossipings we may hear by the way. They are annoying, it is true, but not dangerous so long as we do not stop to expostulate and scold. Our characters are formed and sustained by ourselves, by our own actions, and not by others. Let us always bear in mind that "calumniators may usually be trusted to time, and the slow but steady justice of public opinion."—" Scottish Rite Bulletin."

OBLIGATED ON THE KORAN.

King Oudh, an East Indian, was made a Mason in Friendship Lodge, London, a volume of the Koran being used in the initiation, and the candidate was obligated on the Mohammedan Scriptures by the Master, an English clergyman.

During the armed conflict now raging in Europe, Americans may well continue to sit low in the boat, and it behoves Masons to use their influence to restrain reckless rocking of the governmental craft. Never was belief in Freemasonry more needed than now. It is a time for that level-headedness for which the Masonic institution is noted.—" Voice Review."

Reports.

[Secretaries and Scribes are requested to forward Reports.]

CRAFT LODGES.

SOUTHLAND.

Taringatura, No. 100.—The monthly meeting on 25th January was every well attended. The usual routine business was dealt with, including the resignations of two brethren, which were received with regret. The diplomas of several brethren were presented, as was also his P.M. certificate to W. Bro. Roxburgh, I.P.M. The degree work was the raising of a brother of Lodge Fortitude. The ceremony was performed by the W.M., Bro. Henry Graham, assisted by W. Bros. Roxburgh, Campbell, Johnson, and John Gray, P.M. of Lodge Wairaki, No. 145. Bro. D. Walker, S.W., presented the W.Ts. After the usual greetings the Lodge closed at 10.20 p.m. At the short after meeting, W. Bro. Gray had some very nice things to say about our hall and the working of the degree, for in the ceremonies our officers, who have collectively to travel something like two hundred miles to attend meetings, have practically no meetings for instruction.— [Lodge Correspondent.]

OTAGO.

St. Thomas Kil., No. 83.—The installation of the W.M. and investiture of officers, held in the Masonic Hall, Kaitangata, on the 10th ult., was somewhat out of the ordinary, inasmuch as all the work was performed by officers and members of the Masters' Lodge, No. 161. After the Lodge had been opened, and the R.W.Prov.G.M. (R.W. Bro. J. J. Clark) received, the acting-G.D. of C. (R.W. Bro. A. Fieldwick, P.G.W.) placed the following W. brethren in their respective chairs :—S.W., W. Bro. D. Harris Hastings ; J.W., W. Bro. J. Davie; Sec., W. Bro. R. Jamieson (W.M. of the Masters' Lodge); S.D., W. Bro. C. W. L. Lischner, G.Supt. of W.; J.D., W. Bro. A. Allan ; I.G., W. Bro. Couchman (W.M. of Lodge Oceanic, No. 154). The

W.M.-elect having been obligated, a B. of I.M. was formed, and Bro. Samuel Newborn was installed as W.M., and afterwards invested W. Bro. W. D. Paterson as I.P.M. After the brethren had been admitted, the following officers were invested, each officer of the Masters' Lodge investing his respective office :—S.W., W. Bro. Daniel Wilson; J.W., Bro. Thos. Sharp; Sec., W. Bro. P. Soonest; Treas., W. Bro. R. D. Welsh; D. of C., W. Bro. Wm. R. Houstoh; Chaplain, W. Bro. Wm. Duncan ; S.D., Bro. A. Ferguson; J.D., Bro. John Oliver; I.G., Bro. Jas. Richardson; Tyler, Bro. Samuel J. Jones; Steward, Bro. J. McAughern. The address were given as under :—The W.M., Bro. Jamieson ; Wardens, W. Bro. D. Harris Hastings; the brethren, W, Bro. C. W. Lischner. The Charter and B. of C. were presented by R.W. Bro. Fieldwick, who also invested the W.M. in the Installed Masters' Degree. Before the Lodge closed the R.W. Prov.G.M. expressed his pleasure at having had the services of the officers of the Masters' Lodge. It was a new departure, and he hoped that it would not be the last time that he would be accompanied by the W. brethren of that Lodge He considered that the experiment had been very successful, and he hoped that it would soon be repeated. He was pleased that another member of the Masters' Lodge, viz., W. Bro. Dr. Stenhouse, from Owaka, had come a long distance to be with them that evening. The W.M. having thanked the R.W.Prov.G.M., the W.M. of the Masters' Lodge, and the visiting brethren, the Lodge was closed at 9.46 p.m. During the evening a collection was taken up for the W. and O. and A.M. Fund. The visiting brethren were afterwards entertained at supper in the Church Hall, when the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were honoured after justice had been done to the excellent fare provided by the Kaitangata brethren. In reply to the toast of his health, the R.W.Prov.G.M. made a stirring appeal on behalf of the M.W.G.M.'s War Fund. He referred to the fact that he had recently had a letter from a brother serving with the troops in Egypt who had visited Lodge Kitchener in Cairo. That brother said that at that meeting every nation and colour of those who were allied to our troops were represented, and he learned a practical lesson of the universality of Freemasonry. In proposing the newly-installed W.M.'s health, W. Bro. D. Harris Hastings referred to the fact that he had been R.W.M. of the old Scotch 659 Lodge in 1887-8, and it was a source of pleasure to visit them again after so many years. There was only one brother, viz., Bro. J. Hislop, who was an active member in those days. He hoped during the forthcoming year to bring down a team and work a degree. The W.M., in responding, said that the Kaitangata Lodge was under a deep debt of gratitude to W. Bro. R. Jamieson and his officers, and he hoped it would be the precursor of many such gatherings. Amongst those who assisted towards the harmony were W. Bros. Jamieson, Davie, Duncan, and Bro. Richardson.—[Lodge Correspondent.]

Clinton, No. 183.—The monthly meeting was held in the Odd-fellows' Hall on 28th January. The Lodge was opened by the W.M., W. Bro. Capamagian, and there was a large number of brethren present. After ordinary business was disposed of nominations were received for W.M., Treas., and Tyler for the ensuing twelve months. The ceremonial work was the passing of two brethren to the Second Degree, which was carried out by the W.M. and his officers as follows :—The Ob., by the W.M. ; S.E. Corner, Bro. Wright, J.W. ; W.Ts., Bro. Wm. Brown, I.G.; Final Charge by Bro. R. McIndoe D. of C. Two proposals for membership were received. H.G.W. having been tendered by visiting brethren, the Lodge was closed at 10 p.m., and a pleasant hour followed at the "Fourth."—[Lodge Correspondent.]

CANTERBURY.

Southern Cross, No. 6.—The monthly meeting was held in the Masonic Hall, Kaiapoi, on 4th February. The W.M., Bro. W. A. Gribble, presided over a good attendance of brethren. The W.M. conferred the Second Degree on one candidate, and was assisted in the work by the S.W. and J.W. and W. Bro. Stanton. There being no further business, the brethren repaired to the refectory, where the usual formal toasts were honoured. Several brethren contributed songs, and all vied with one another to make the time enjoyable. The Tyler's toast concluded another very successful and enjoyable evening. Since last Lodge night the brethren have attended the W. M. in force in paying a visit to the Concord Lodge at Papanui and Unanimity installation meeting at Lyttelton, and on both occasions enjoyed themselves thoroughly. It is also very gratifying to the W.M. to note the way in which the brethren are attending him in his visits.—[Lodge Correspondent.]

Concord, No. 39.—The regular meeting was held on 27th January in the Masonic Hall, Papanui, W. Bro. R. Laurie, W.M., in the chair. There was a very large muster of visitors. Most of the town Lodges were represented, and there were many brethren present from Kaiapoi and Lyttelton. The Second Degree was worked, and, with the assistance of several of the visiting W.Ms., a brother was given another step forward in his Masonic career. Only the routine business was put through. W. Bro. Vincent, W.M. of the Avon Lodge, kindly gave a solo in the Lodgeroom. Masonic circles here, and especially the Avon Lodge, are very fortunate in being able to claim a singer of W. Bro. Vincent's ability. It was a pleasure to see once more the refectory filled to its capacity. The rumour that we were likely to lose our W.M. was no doubt responsible for the large attendance of brethren, who wanted the opportunity, if necessary, of wishing W. Bro. Laurie goodbye. However, it seems our W.M. has not yet received definite information of his removal to the North Island. Thanks to the musical members of the Avon Lodge, and some of our own brethren, a most excellent musical programme was given, the patriotic items of which greatly helped to make an enjoyable evening. Our thanks are due to those brethren of the Avon Lodge who so kindly contributed their services to make our "Fourth" so successful. Since writing the above, our W.M. has received his marching orders, and is proceeding shortly to take up his railway duties at Ohakune. Opportunity was therefore taken at our instruction meeting on Wednesday evening, 10th February, of drinking his health and wishing him good luck in his new sphere. W. Bro. Gasson, in proposing W. Bro. Laurie's health, regretted W. Bro. Laurie had to sever his connection with the Lodge before his year of office had expired, but congratulated him on his promotion. Several other brethren also spoke, and then W. Bro. Laurie feelingly responded, and reviewed his work with the Lodge during the last eight years. The brethren of the Lodge wish W. Bro. Laurie every success in his railway career, and no doubt before very long he will be able to continue his Masonic life in the North Island.—[Lodge Correspondent.]

Christchurch, No. 91.—The twenty-first birthday was held on 26th January, W. Bro. R. J. Thomas (Master) presiding. After a little routine business had been transacted, W. Bro. Thomas handed the gavel to W. Bro. D. Round, the oldest charter member, and asked him to appoint his officers and conduct the Lodge that evening. Officers were appointed as follows:— S.W., W. Bro. G. Ferguson; J.W., W. Bro. O. Mazey ; S.D., W. Bro. H. Hopkinson; J.D., Bro. Jenner; L.G., Bro. Bowden. The Pray. G.M. and his officers and the G.M. and officers were then admitted, and received the usual honours, after which R.W. Bro. S. C. Bingham read a short history of the Lodge, and presented the G.M., G.Sec., Prov.G.M., and Prov.G.Sec. with bound copies of the history of the Lodge from its inception. The M.W.G.M., in a few brief remarks, said that if Lodge Christchurch had done nothing more than present to the Craft the worthy brother who had read the paper, it had done a great work, but he knew the Lodge had done much more, and he admired the esprit de corps that animated the Lodge, and hoped that the coming twenty-one years would be as fruitful as the past had been. M.W. Bro. Niccol said it gave him especial pleasure to be present, as he had been G.M. when the charter was granted. With respect to the name of the Lodge, "The Christchurch Lodge," he called to mind that about the same time another Lodge was set up named after a city, a Lodge similar in many respects to the Christchurch Lodge, and it had been named "The ——— Lodge," and he supposed the example had been followed. However, he was proud of the Christchurch Lodge, and it gave him much pleasure to be with them. M.W. Bro. Binns also congratulated the Lodge on the good record it had. After H.G.W. had been offered by a great number of visiting Masters and brethren, the Lodge was closed in due form. An adjournment was then made to the Cadeena Tea Rooms, where a repast was partaken of by about 120 brethren, and toasts and musical items contributed to a most enjoyable evening.—[Lodge Correspondent.]

St. Augustine, No. 99.—The regular meeting was held on 27th January. In the absence of the W.M. (W. Bro. S. Bird), the I.P.M. (W. Bro. Menzies) presided. After a favourable ballot had been taken for two residents of Waimate, the acting-Master proposed that a letter of sympathy and wishes for recovery be sent to the W.M., Bro. Bird, who was confined to his bed by illness. One brother was passed to the F.C. Degree by the acting-Master, assisted by W. Bro. Fulton, Secrets. W. Bro. Clow, of Lodge Canterbury Kil., gave the W.Ts., W. Bro. Shackleton the S.E. Charge, and W. Bro. Colville the Final Charge. H.G.W. were received from Canterbury Kil., Lodge McKenzie, Lodge Rakaia, and two others, of which your scribe did not catch the names. An invitation was received from Lodge Waitaki, No. 11, to attend its Jubilee meeting in February.

As Lodge Waitaki has in times past been a good friend to Lodge St. Augustine, and the latter's Lodge night falling on the same date as that of Lodge Waitaki, it was resolved to ask for a dispensation to hold our meeting a week later. A brother was proposed for affiliation with his mother Lodge. In the "Fourth" Degree Bro. E. J. Atwill proposed the toast of the heroic men composing the North Sea Fleet, who amid the storms and cold of that sea are defending the shores of Old England. Needless to say, it was heartily drunk. Our brother just mentioned recently attained his 70th year, and on its date was visited by a number of the brethren, who enjoyed his hospitality. In return for this W. Bro. Fulton presented Bro. Atwill with a small token of the esteem of the brethren in the form of a set of military hair brushes. The "Admiral," as he is familiarly called (for your readers must know that in his younger days Bro. Atwill served in the "Queen's Navee"), returned thanks for the gift, saying he was sorry that more of the brethren had not been present. W. Bro. Clow, in responding to the toast of the visitors, expressed his great pleasure in being present, and thanked the acting-Master for affording him the opportunity of taking part in the evening's work.—[Lodge Correspondent.]

Thistle, No. 113. — The January meeting was held in the Masonic Hall, Ashburton, on the 20th. A fair attendance of brethren was presided over by the W.M., W. Bro. S. Crooks. After routine business, there being no "work," a paper was read by W. Bro. J. Williams, and was much appreciated by those present. The usual happy hour was spent in the refectory.

On the 17th February the monthly meeting was held. There was a small attendance of brethren, with W. Bro. Crooks, W.M., in the chair. A new affiliate, Bro. Petty, was introduced by W. Bro. J. Williams and welcomed by the W.M. After routine business, again no "work," the W.M. asked the Sec. to perform the time-honoured (in the breach) custom of reading the by-laws. A keen look (of surprise) came into the eyes of all present. It was, alas, but fleeting, for the Sec. had hardly reached the second page when a glance round revealed three-fourths of those present with closed eyes and shirt-fronts rising and falling steadily. The rest had a vacant look in their eyes which denotes the far-away or wandering mind; and still the sonorous tones of the Sec. rolled steadily on. The usual happy hour was spent in the refectory.—[Lodge Correspondent.]

Robert Burns, No. 139.—The regular meeting was held in St. Augustine's Hall on 19th January, when there was a good attendance of members and visitors, W. Bro. R. W. Eastwood (W.M.) in the chair of K.S. Nominations were taken for various G.L. offices. The ceremonial work, passing two brethren, was duly performed, the W.M. being assisted in the ceremony by W. Bro. J. C. Graham (W.M. Canterbury Lodge), Charge after Investiture; W. Bro. J. C. Watson (D.M.), Charge in S.E.; Bro. Taylor (S.W.), W.Ts.; and W. Bro. Wyatt (Sec.), Final Charge. The Lodge was then closed in the various degrees, and the brethren adjourned to the refectory, where a pleasant time was spent.

The February meeting was held in the St. Augustine Hall, Christchurch, on the 16th, when the W.M. (W. Bro. R. W. Eastwood) presided over a large attendance of members and visitors. The M.W. was appointed representative to G.L. After formal business was disposed of, two brethren were raised. The W.M. was assisted by W. Bro. Borthwick (W.M. Unanimity Lodge). Charge after Investiture; Bros. R. H. Taylor (S.W.) and T. Wilson (J.W.), T.H.; W. Bro. A. Russell. (W.M. Conyers Lodge), W.Ts.; W. Bro. F. Steans (W.M. Civic Lodge), Ex. and Secrets; and W. Bro. H. Wyatt (Sec.), Final Charge. After the Lodge was closed the usual hour was spent in the refectory.—[Lodge Correspondent.]

WESTLAND.

Mawhera, No. 136.—The regular monthly meeting was held on 11th February, W. Bro. Hales in the chair. There was an exceptionally large number of brethren in the East. Among them were the following visiting brethren:—W.M. Bro. W. J. Peck, Lodge Greymouth; W.M. Bro. H. G. Wilton, Lodge Lazar; W.M. Bro. L. de Berry, Lodge Pacific, Hokitika; P.M. Bro. W. A. Rumbold, Lodge Torea, Granity; P.M. Bro. A. J. Wilkes, Lodge Waro, Blackball. The business was the raising of Bro. Kemp by W. Bro. Hales, assisted by W. Bro. Richmond, who gave the Ex. Charge; W. Bro. Rundle gave the T.H., and I.P.M. Bro. Morice presented the W.Ts.- of a M.M. W. Bro. Hartland gave the Final Charge.—[Lodge Correspondent.]

HAWKES BAY.

Victoria, No. 21.—The regular meeting was held on 2nd February, when there was a good attendance of the brethren, as well as several visitors, including P.M. W. Bro. Burnside, of Lodge Manuherekiko, No. 190, Alexandra S. The Lodge was presided over by W.M. Bro. H. W. Whitton. The Prov.G.M., W. Bro. H. L. Harston, paid an official visit. The W.M., officers, and brethren of Scinde Lodge also paid an official visit. The business was to raise one brother, the W.M. being assisted by W. Bros. Andrew, Chegvidden, Wundram, and Wilkie, and S.W. Bro. Kirk and J.W. Bro. Hill. After the Lodge was closed a pleasant hour was spent in the refectory, when the usual loyal and Craft toasts were duly honoured. During December and January this Lodge is in recess, and several of the brethren took advantage of the occasion this year to renovate the interior of the Lodge-room, giving their services and supplying the materials free, the result being a complete transformation. The matter was mentioned in the refectory by the Prov.G.M., who said when the members of a Lodge showed such devotion it spoke well for the good of the Lodge.—[Lodge Correspondent.]

Bedford, No. 25. — The monthly meeting was held on 26th January. There was an average attendance, presided over by the W.M., W. Bro. W. H. Booth. After dealing with correspondence and passing accounts amounting to £20 14s. 4d., the Lodge was opened in the Third Degree, two candidates were raised by the W.M. W. Bro. Elliott obligating and delivering the Retro. to the first, W. Bro. Chambers giving the Ex. and Ss. The second candidate was obligated by the W.M., W. Bro. Wright raised, and R.W. Bro. T. Hobson entrusted him. The T.H. was delivered by W. Bro. Storah, also the remaining Secrets. The W.Ts. were presented by J.W. Bro. Williams, and S.W. Bro. Gore delivered the Final Charge. One candidate for admission was elected. A P.M.'s certificate was presented to W. Bro. Wright, and a M.M. certificate to Bro. Sutherland. W. Bro. W. A. Chambers was elected Lodge representative to the G.L. Communication in Wellington, to be held on the 12th and 13th May next.

An emergency meeting was held on the 9th February, the W.M. being supported by his regular officers. One candidate was raised to the Third Degree, the work being distributed as follows :— the W.M. ; Retro. and Raising, W. Bro. Elliott; Ex. and Secrets, W. Bro. Chambers ; Investiture, Bro. Gore, S.W.; T.R. and remaining Secrets, W. Bro. Storah ; W.Ts., J.W. Bro. Williams ; and Final Charge, S.W. Bro. Gore. Before the Lodge was closed the W.M. made reference to the sudden demise of one of the members of Bedford, in the person of Bro. R. Staines, who was admitted to the Order in 1899. A vote of sympathy with the widow and family was carried in the usual Masonic manner. — [Lodge Correspondent.]

Rawhiti, No. 66. — The January meeting was held on the 21st, and there was a fair attendance of members, but nothing like what should be if members would give their Masonic duties a little more attention. There are members living within easy distance of the Lodge and are very seldom present. This is not Masonic. One brother was passed to the F.C. Degree. The W.M. obligated the brother and instructed him in the Signs, etc. Bro. Snell, S.W. invested the candidate, Bro. J. C. Davidson, J.W. gave the W.Ts., S.E. Address by Bro. James, S.D., and the Final Charge by Bro. Snell, S.W. The Lodge closed at 9 p.m., after which a very pleasant time was spent in the refectory.— [Lodge Correspondent.]

TARANAKI.

Hawera, No. 34.—The February meeting was held on Friday, 5th, in place of Tuesday, having been postponed on account of the Eltham installation falling flue on the 2nd. Our Bro. Richardson, who has accepted service in the N.Z. Military Expeditionary Forces, was a candidate for the Third Degree, and was duly raised therein by our W.M., W. Bro. Bishop, assisted by the various P.Ms. Bro. Sec. gave notice of motion that all fees due by members joining the Expeditionary Forces should be remitted during their absence from the Dominion, this being the first brother of our Lodge who has been able to offer his services. Demits were granted to one brother who had taken up his residence in Auckland, and to another who from

adverse circumstances was unable' to continue a paying membership. Owing to the resignation of our Bro. Chaplain the W.M. appointed Bro. Magnusson to that office, and he was duly invested by R.W. Bro. Sargent.

An emergency meeting was held on the 16th, when the W.M. and brethren of Lodge Ngamotu journeyed from New Plymouth to take part in the work, which was the initiation of two candidates. The first was Major T. C. Sutherland, who was obligated by our W. Bro. Kimbell, the W.M. having invited him to do so on account of a very old friendship between our D. of C. and the candidate. Our officers conducted this part of the work as far as the investiture, when the W.M. requested W. Bro. Johns, of Lodge Ngamotu, to take the gavel. This was accepted, and the officers of that Lodge occupied the chairs and initiated Mr. Wm. Grant, the W.M. being assisted by W. Bro. Perry (Secrets), W. Bro. Ewing (R. for Prep.), Bro. Nichol (W.Ts.), and Bro. Garner giving the Final Charge. The Charter, etc., were presented by R.W. Bro. Sargent. W. Bro. Johns thanked the W.M. for the invitation, and the privilege accorded them of doing the work. After the close of the Lodge the brethren adjourned to the refectory, where a very sociable and enjoyable time was spent, both visitors and visited keenly appreciating the occasion. These fraternal visits are a great help to Freemasonry in cementing the bonds of friendship, and they are also of considerable benefit in bringing out the finer points of our ceremonial work, making this very much more interesting when rendered by different voices to those which we are accustomed to hear. Especially is this so when performed with that degree of excellence shown by our visitors on this occasion. A somewhat busy time will occur this next month for those of our brethren who like to show their practical regard for our sister Lodges, as, in addition to our ordinary meeting on the 2nd March, there are installation meetings of Lodge Stratford on the 3rd, Lodge Moa on the 5th, and Lodge Patea on the 10th.—[Lodge Correspondent.]

WELLINGTON.

St. Andrew, No. 32. — The Lodge held its usual monthly meeting on 15th February, when the proceedings were opened by W. Bro. Rowlands in the chair at 7.30 p.m. He referred in suitable terms to the loss sustained by the death of W. Bro. Ohlsson, a P.M. of the Lodge, and a motion of condolence with the family was carried in silence. Routine business and two ballots were then dealt with. Amongst the communications one was received from a large country Lodge stating that in revising its own by-laws it had practically adopted the Lodge's form after making various comparisons, and asking for two spare copies. The request was complied with, and reference was made to the sincere compliment paid to the Lodge form of by-laws. Congratulations were tendered to W. Bros. J. Rod and C. W. Neilsen on their elevation to the ranks of J.G.D. and member of the B. of G.P. respectively. The ceremonial business was to initiate a candidate, and the ceremony was carefully rendered by the W.M., assisted by Bro. A. Greening (J.D.), Bros. A. Schmidt (N.E. address), L. McGregor (R. for Prep.), G. Lawrence (W.Ts.), W. Simpson (Final Charge), and J. C. Riddell (T.B.). At the request of the W.M., Bro. J. B. Lea, Sec., who is leaving with the New Zealand reinforcements, was presented by the 1.P.M. with a very handsome jewel as a mark of appreciation from members of the efficient and attentive manner in which he had performed his duties during a term of office extending over three years. The duties pertaining to such an office were stated to be exacting, besides important, and the way in which they had been performed by the Sec. had given much satisfaction. The brethren wished him God speed and a safe and speedy return. In a suitable acknowledgment Bro. Lea assured members that his Lodge would often occupy his thoughts, and on meeting night wherever he might be he would be with them in spirit. After the announcement of two propositions and tender of H.G.W. the Lodge was closed in due form, and brethren retired to honour the toast of the Sec. and the usual toasts.— [Lodge Correspondent.]

Ulster, No. 62.—The regular meeting was held in the Masonic Petone, on 20th January, W. Bro. G. D. McEwen presiding over a good attendance of members and visitors. The ceremonial work was to pass one brother, and this being the anniversary meeting the W.M., in accordance with the usual practice, requested the P.Ms. to assume the various offices. The W.M. handed the gavel to W. Bro. R. Wylie to work the degree, and he appointed officers as under :—S.W., W. Bro. R. Jenkins ; J.W., W. Bro. W. Cox ; ; S.D., W. Bro. R. Colquitt ; J.D., W. Bro. J. C. Davis ; I.G., W. Bro. G. G. Schwartz ; D. of C. W. Bro. J. G. A. Castle. W. Bro. R. Wylie was assisted by W. Bro. J. G. A. Castle (S.E. Charge), W. Bro. R. Jenkins (W.Ts.), and W. Bro. J.

C. Davis (Final. Charge). The lecture on the 2nd T.B. was very ably delivered by W. Bro. R. Colquitt. On resuming the chair the W.M. congratulated the P.Ms. on the efficient manner in which the ceremony had been worked. R.W. Bro. T. A. Peterkin, Prov.G.M., was in attendance, and he was accorded a very hearty welcome by the Lodge. One brother was proposed for affiliation, and the Lodge was closed at 9.15 p.m., and a very enjoyable programme was spent in the "Fourth" Degree. — [Came to hand too late for last issue.— ED.C.]

The regular meeting was held in the Masonic Hall, Petone, on 17th February. Owing to the unavoidable absence of the W.M. (Bro. G. D. McEwen), W. Bro. J. C. Davis, I.P.M., presided over a good attendance of members and visitors. The ceremonial work was to raise one brother, which was very ably performed by W. Bro. J. C. Davis, assisted by the following officers, viz. :— The T.H. and Signs were explained by W. Bro. R. Jenkins, the W.Ts. were presented by W. Bro. G. G. Schwartz, and the Final Charge was delivered by W. Bro. R. Wylie. The lecture on the 2nd T.B. was very ably delivered by W. Bro. M. W. Ross. During the evening a ballot was taken for an affiliating brother and proved favourable. One applicant was also proposed for admission to the Craft. The routine business was disposed of by 10 p.m., and the brethren then adjourned to the ante-room, where a very pleasurable time was spent. — [Lodge Correspondent.]

Tutanekai, No. 156.— The installation of Bro. E. D. Alexander, S.W., as W.M. and the investiture of his officers, was held in the Masonic 1411, Adelaide Road, Behampore, on 6th February. The ceremony was conducted by R.W. Bro. T. A. Peterkin, Prov.G.M., assisted by R.W. Bro. Hobson, Prov.G.M. (Hawkes Bay), R.W. Bro. H. Seaton, S.G.W., V.W. Bro. H. B. Bridge, and W. Bro. J. Worboys. W. Bro. J. Rod acted as G.D. of C. A large company of visiting brethren was present. The Ancient Charges were read by W. Bro. J. Worboys, S.G.D. The W.M.-elect was obligated by R.W. Bro. T. A. Peterkin, Prov.G.M. The W.Ts. in the Third, Second, and First Degrees were presented by W. Bro. A. W. Rowlands (W.M: Lodge St. Andrew), W. Bra. Moncrieff (W.M. Lodge Waterloo), and W. Bro. J. Reid (W.M. Lodge Hinemoa) respectively. R.W. Bro. Hobson (Prov.G.M., Hawkes Bay) acted as investing officer, his engaging manner and apt remarks to the various officers being highly appreciated by the brethren. The address to the W.M. was delivered by R.W. Bro. T. A. Peterkin, Prov.G.M., to the Wardens by R.W. Bro. H. Seaton, S.G.W., and to the brethren by V.W. Bro. H. B. Bridge, G.Lec. A collection for G.L. W: and O. Fund amounted to £7. W. Bro. P. C. Watt, I.P.M., was then presented to R.W. Bro. T. A. Peterkin, Prov.G.M., who presented him with a P.M.'s jewel as a small token of the esteem in which he was held by the officers and brethren of his Lodge. W. Bro. Watt feelingly replied, thanking the officers and brethren for their kindness, and expressing his thanks at the hearty support received during his term of office. V.W. Bra. H. B. Bridge apologised for the absence of M. W. Bro. H. J. Williams and R.W. Bro. T. Porritt, who were prevented from attending owing to indisposition. After the retirement of G. officers the Lodge was closed, after the W.M. had received H.G.W. of W.Ms. of visiting Lodges. A very pleasant time was spent in the refectory. After the toast of the King by the W.M., the toast of G.L. was proposed by W. Bro. J. P. Shand, Sec., and responded to in that happy and inimitable manner of the Prov.G.M., R.W. Bro. T. A. Peterkin. The toast of Visiting Lodges was placed in the capable hands of W. Bro. H. Ivory, P.M. The retiring W.M. Bro. P. C. Watt, was proposed by W. Bro. E. D. Alexander, W.M. A number of interesting speeches were given by the visiting brethren. The programme of instrumental items and songs was rendered by St. Andrew's Lodge orchestra and Bros. Lunt, Dunn, Meredith, Rev. G. S. Cook, and W. Bro. Connell, W.M. of Lodge N.Z. Pacific. The Lodge was heartily congratulated on the manner in which the whole programme was carried out.—[Lodge Correspondent.]

Huia, No. 171.—The monthly meeting was held on the 4th ult., when a considerable amount of important business was transacted, among the most important items being the election of the W.M. for the ensuing year. It will not be superfluous or out of place to state that the consensus of opinion held and expressed by the members was that the outgoing W.M. had by his tact and kindly disposition materially strengthened the Lodge, and in vacating the chair will carry with him the good wishes and confidence of the members of the Lodge, which, by the way, is a tribute he richly deserves. The work performed during the evening consisted of the raising of a brother to the degree of a M.M. Two candidates were balloted for successfully, one candidate also being proposed. The officers and members of the United Manawatu Lodge, E.C., paid us an official

visit, which we duly appreciated, as the most cordial relations have always existed betwixt the two Lodges. We now look forward to the 4th March, the date of the installation, when we anticipate a large attendance, especially visitors, providing the elements prove favourable. We trust that the fates will grant our sincere desire in this direction. — [Lodge Correspondent.]

Waiwhetu, No. 176.—The usual monthly meeting was held in the Lodgeroom, Lower Hutt, on 10th February, when there was a fair attendance of visitors and brethren. There was not a large amount of business, and after that was disposed of a ballot was taken on behalf of a candidate for initiation, and he was declared elected. Ballots were also taken on behalf of a joining P.M. and a brother, who were both elected. One candidate was proposed for membership, and the accounts passed for payment. Two candidates were raised to the degree of M.M. W. Bro. Guineas obligated, R.W. Bro. Peterkin gave the Ex., W. Bro. Rishworth communicated the Secrets, Bro. McLachlan invested, W. Bro. Anson gave the Charge after Investiture, Bro. Frethey presented the W.Ts., and W. Bro. Hobbs explained the T.H. and the Signs. W. Bro. Reid, W.M. of Lodge Hinemoa, presented the Bibles on which they were obligated. The Sec. was instructed to write letters of condolence to the widows of W. Bros. Luke and Fox. The Lodge was closed at 9.45 p.m. A pleasant hour was spent in the refectory, where W. Bro. Reid, of Lodge Hinemoa, kept the brethren in good humour by his Scotch wit and his tales of what he could do on a farm, but nevertheless we were pleased to see W. Bro. Reid and his Hinemoa brethren, as well as the other brethren who were present.—[Lodge Correspondent.]

ROYAL ARCH CHAPTERS.

Waimate, No. 16. — The regular meeting was held on 20th January. The only business was conferring the degree of I.M.M. upon V.E. Comp. Fulton, 1st Prin. of the Chapter. The ceremony was carried out by the I.P.Z., V.E. Comp. Menzies. At the conclusion of the ceremony an adjournment was made, to the refectory.—[Chapter Correspondent.]

Rawhiti, No. 30.—The monthly convocation was held in the Freemasons' Hall, Dannevirke, on 1st February. V.E. Comp. W. Dobson, Z., presided, there being a good attendance of companions. The business was the advancement of one brother of Lodge Ruataniwha, the duties of W.M.M. being entrusted to V.E. Comp. E. Hosking, who was assisted in the ceremonial work by V.E. Comps. Gillespie (Lecture), J. Brown (W.Ts.), and W. Dobson (Charge). A ballot was taken for a candidate for advancement, and proved clear. Another candidate was proposed for membership. A very pleasant hour was spent in the refectory, Comps. E. Hosking and D. N. Wilson doing yeoman service. As G. Chapter opened in Christchurch on 1st February, it was necessary for the Rawhiti companions to leave Dannevirke on the morning following the convocation, and, considering the distance and the comparative youth of the Chapter, it was most gratifying to find Rawhiti so well represented in Christchurch, as when the roll was called four members of Rawhiti Chapter answered the call. There should have been five, but V.E. Comp. Brown was detained at Dannevirke at the eleventh hour.—[Chapter Correspondent.]

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Coromandel, No. 17:—Founded (456, I.C.), 1872.

Manukau, No. 24:—Founded 1876, meets in Masonic Hall, Princes-st., Onehunga, on first Wednesday each month. Installation March. W.M., Bro. H. E. Harrison; S.W., Bro. A. J. Pople; J.W., Bro. W. McSkimming; Sec., W. Bro. A. C. Harrison, Box 10, Auckland.

Albion, No. 45:—Founded 1883, meets in Masonic Hall, Devonport, on second Thursday in each month. Installation June. W.M., Bro. W. Colman; S.W., Bro. W. G. Allen; J.W., Bro. V. E. Anderson; Sec., W. Bro. F. H. Housell, P.M., 68 Calliope-road, Devonport.

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Waiuku, No. 91:—Founded 1893.

Ohaweai, No. 101:—Meets in the Masonic Hall at Ohaweai on the Saturday nearest full moon at 7.30 p.m. Installation in November. W.M., Bro. John Mackereith; S.W., Bro. Walter Mountain; J.W., Bro. Herbert Mountain; Sec., Bro. Thos. Read, Kawakawa.

Whangarei, No. 102:—Meets in Freemasons' Hall, John Street, Whangarei, Monday nearest full moon. Installation April. W.M., Bro. R. Warner; S.W., Bro. F. Stragnell; J.W., Bro. R. R. McLennan; Sec., Bro. A. D. Lambly, Whangarei.

Ohinemuri, No. 107:—Founded 1897, meets in Masonic Hall, Paeroa, on Wednesday on or before full moon each month. Installation Nov. W.M., Bro. D. Congalton; S.W., Bro. F. A. Cameron; J.W., Bro. E. H. Mackay; Sec., Bro. C. B. Gentil.

Waihi, No. 112:—Founded 1898, meets in the Masonic Hall, Waihi, Monday nearest full moon every month. Installation April. W.M., Bro. H. Langdon; S.W., Bro. G. Wohlmann; J.W., Bro. R. Hay; Sec., Bro. A. T. Ellis, P.M., Slewin-st., Waihi.

Taupiri, No. 118:—Founded 1900, meets in Masonic Hall, Huntly, on Wednesday nearest full moon in every month. Installation Oct. W.M., Bro. A. H. Waring; S.W., Bro. J. Kinison; J.W., Bro. D. Arcy Low; Sec., Bro. W. A. Joll.

Waipa, No. 119:—Founded 25th Sept., 1901; meets in Masonic Hall, Te Awamutu, Friday nearest full moon, 7.30 p.m. Installation Oct. W.M., Bro. H. Y. Collins; S.W., Bro. H. Heerdegen; J.W., Bro. J. Browning; Sec., Bro. A. J. Bray.

Hobson, No. 120:—Founded 1901, meets in Masonic Hall, Araratapu, Tuesday on or before full moon. Installation 29th January. W.M., W. Bro. D. Savidant; S.W., Bro. S. L. Spanhake; J.W., Bro. J. H. Bergman; Sec., W. Bro. C. E. Smith, Te Kopuru.

Tauranga, No. 125:—Founded 1902, meets at Lodgeroom, First Avenue, Tauranga, Thursday on or next before full moon, 7.30 p.m. prompt. Installation Aug. W.M., Bro. T. H. Hall; S.W., Bro. E. E. Hammond; J.W., Bro. W. H. Poole; Sec., Bro. B. P. Andrews, Tauranga.

Hikurangi, No. 140.

Rotorua, No. 153:—Founded 1907, meets in Masonic Hall, Fenton Street, Rotorua, Tuesday nearest full moon, 7.30 p.m. Installation August. W.M., Bro. H. A. Goudie; S.W., Bro. Geo. Urquhart; J.W., Bro. J. W. Devine; Sec., W. Bro. W. Hill, P.M., P.O. Box 27, Rotorua.

Piako, No. 169:—Founded 1908, meets in Masonic Hall, Morrinsville, on Wednesday on or before full moon every month, 7.30 p.m. Installation March. W.M., Bro. G. W. Brayshaw; S.W., Bro. C. M. Gummer; J.W., Bro. R. Parleur; Sec., W. Bro. S. S. Allen, P.O. Box 12, Morrinsville.

Puket, No. 183:—Founded 1910, meets in Masonic Hall, Te Kuiti, on Wednesday on or nearest full moon, 7.30 p.m. Installation April. W.M., Bro. H. Hine; S.W., Bro. G. P. Finlay; J.W., Bro. A. V. Snaddon; Sec., Bro. B. Wolff, Te Kuiti.

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Tawhiti, No. 168:—Founded November, 1909, meets at Frankton on Tuesday after full moon, at 7.30 p.m. Installation November. W.M., Bro. T. Cameron; S.W., Bro. J. E. Herbert; J.W., Bro. G. H. Fletcher; Sec., Bro. C. N. Flyger, P.M., Frankton Junction.

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Te Muramu, No. 186:—Founded 1911, meets at Ngarunwahia, first Monday after full moon. Installation Oct. W.M., Bro. B. A. Smith; S.W., Bro. J. Courtis; J.W., Bro. R. L. Thomas; Sec., Bro. T. Parker.

Tirau, No. 193:—Founded 20th March, 1913, meets in Masonic Hall, Tirau, on the Thursday nearest full moon. Installation March. W.M., Bro. S. L. Bygrave; S.W., Bro. H. Head; J.W., Bro. W. H. Allen; Sec., Bro. N. D. Clifford, Box 1, P.O., Tirau.

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(R.W. Bro. H. L. Harston, Prov.G.M.)

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Abercorn, No. 30:—Founded 1878, meets at Masonic Hall, Waipawa, H.B., on Monday on or nearest full moon in each month, at 7.30 p.m. Installation second Monday in December. W.M., Bro. T. Williams; S.W., Bro. W. Pasco; J.W., Bro. A. Parkin; Sec., Bro. Geo. H. Hunt, Waipawa.

Ruahiti, No. 66:—Founded 1890, meets in Freemasons' Hall, High-st., Dannevirke, third Thursday each month, 7.30 p.m. Installation May. W.M., Bro. F. A. Harrison; S.W., Bro. W. Snell; J.W., Bro. J. C. Davidson; Sec., Bro. Thomas Paton, Dannevirke.

Heretaunga, No. 78:—Founded 1878, meets in Masonic Hall, Hastings, H.B., second Tuesday, 7.30 p.m. Installation June. W.M., Bro. P. W. Tombs; S.W., Bro. J. A. Miller; J.W., Bro. C. H. Martin; Sec., Bro. T. Morgan, P.M., Box 3, P.O., Hastings.

Ruahina, No. 80:—Founded 1886, meets in Masonic Hall, Woodville, Tuesday before full moon every month, 7.30 p.m. Installation June. W.M., Bro. A. Stevenson; S.W., Bro. J. H. Escott; J.W., Bro. G. D. Macfarlane; Sec., Bro. F. J. Hutchins, Box 40, Woodville.

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Waikaremoana, No. 158:—Founded 1909, meets in Masonic Hall, Waikare, H.B., Tuesday nearest full moon every month, 7.30 p.m. Installation March. W.M., Bro. Bowen Millward; S.W., Bro. E. J. Green; J.W., Bro. J. A. Nilsson; Sec., Bro. C. Burridge, P.M.

Rutanjiva, No. 172:—Founded 1910, meets in Masonic Hall, Takapau, Friday on or before full moon every month, 7 p.m. Installation August. W.M., Bro. M. Steffenson; S.W., Bro. K. A. Fraser; J.W., Bro. E. F. Stubbs; Sec., Bro. W. Hobson, Takapau.

PROVINCE OF TARANAKI: 7 LODGES.

(R.W. Bro. R. W. Sargent, Prov.G.M.)

Patua Kil., No. 18:—Founded 1873, meets second Wednesday each month. Installation March. W.M., Bro. A. McFarlane; S.W., Bro. J. Fairweather; J.W., Bro. E. E. Wells; Sec., W. Bro. H. E. P. Adams.

Hawera, No. 34:—Founded 1880, meets in the Temple, Union Street, Hawera, on first Tuesday in every month at 7.30 p.m. Installation July. W.M., Bro. W. G. Bishop; S.W., Bro. J. W. J. Harding; J.W., Bro. H. D. Caplen; Sec., Bro. T. B. Salmon, Princes Street, Hawera.

Ngamotu, No. 45:—Founded 1888, meets in Masonic Hall, Robe Street, New Plymouth, on fourth Wednesday in each month (except December, second Thursday) at 7.30 p.m. Installation September. W.M., Bro. F. S. Johns; S.W., Bro. E. W. Garner; J.W., Bro. W. P. Nicoll; Sec., Bro. W. H. Haddrell, P.M., Westown, New Plymouth.

Stratford, No. 75:—Founded 1893, meets in Masonic Hall, Stratford, on Wednesday nearest full moon. Installation March. W.M., Bro. J. McAllister; S.W., Bro. C. H. Speck; J.W., Bro. T. E. Coleman; Sec., W. Bro. G. Smart, P.M.

St. John's No. 95:—Founded 1892, meets in Masonic Hall, Eltham, Tuesday nearest full moon, 7.30 p.m. Installation February. W.M., Bro. J. H. Bleakley; S.W., Bro. J. L. Weir; J.W., Bro. A. N. Rogers; Sec., Bro. A. Stewart.

Moa, No. 110:—Founded 1896, meets Freemasons' Hall, Inglewood, Taranaki, Friday nearest full moon, 7.30 p.m. Installation March. W.M., Bro. E. E. Olson; S.W., Bro. E. J. Altemann; J.W., Bro. J. Roberts; Sec., Bro. A. E. Surrey, P.M., Inglewood.

Ikarua, No. 115:—Founded 1896, meets at Lodgeroom, Opanake, Tuesday nearest full moon, 7.30 p.m. Installation Nov. W.M., Bro. D. Penwarden; S.W., Bro. A. Clarke; J.W., Bro. K. Connell; Sec., Bro. G. W. Rogers, P.M.

PROVINCE OF WELLINGTON: 38 LODGES.

(R.W. Bro. T. A. Peterkin, Prov.G.M.)

N.Z. Pacific, No. 2:—Founded 1842, meets in Masonic Hall, Wellington, on fourth Monday every month, 7.30 p.m. No meeting December. Installation March. W.M., Bro. J. S. Connell; S.W., Bro. E. Norton; J.W., Bro. A. Scott; Sec., W. Bro. J. H. Worboys, P.M., Kilbirnie.

Waterloo, No. 13:—Founded 1866, meets in Masonic Hall, Wellington, on second Monday every month, 7.30 p.m. Installation September. W.M., Bro. S. J. Moneriff; S.W., Bro. A. McLe. Wilson; J.W., Bro. W. C. Robinson; Sec., Bro. G. E. Smith, P.M., Box 811, G.P.O.

Masterton, No. 19:—Founded 1873, meets in Masonic Hall, Bunnister-st., Masterton, on second Wednesday every month, 8 p.m. Installation May. W.M., Bro. E. R. Wilson; S.W., Bro. R. J. Young; J.W., Bro. J. L. Hughes; Sec., Bro. F. J. Hunn, Box 21, Masterton.

St. Andrew, No. 22:—Founded 1879, meets in the Masonic Hall, Wellington, on the third Monday in every month, at 7.30 p.m. Installation St. Andrew's Day. W.M., Bro. A. W. Rowlands; S.W., Bro. W. Simpson; J.W., Bro. A. Schmidt; Sec., Bro. J. B. Lea, P.O. Box 230, Wellington.

St. John, No. 37:—Founded 1880, meets in Masonic Hall, Wakefield Street, Featherston, on second Monday in each month, at 7.30 p.m. Installation October. W.M., Bro. F. Henry; S.W., Bro. G. T. Baker; J.W., Bro. W. Tinney; Sec., Bro. F. E. Merle, Featherston.

Rangitikei, No. 38:—Founded 1880, meets at Masonic Hall, Bulls, Tuesday before full moon. Installation October. W.M., Bro. E. W. Deighton; S.W., Bro. G. Williams; J.W., Bro. K. Chisholm; Sec., Bro. Thomas King, P.O. Box 5, Bulls.

Feilding, No. 41:—Founded 1881, meets in Masonic Temple, Feilding, Monday nearest full moon. Installation July. W.M., Bro. W. A. Bailey; S.W., Bro. N. G. Bray; J.W., Bro. E. H. Fisher; Sec., W. Bro. Gordon Elliott, P.M., Feilding.

Leinster, No. 44:—Founded 1882, meets in Masonic Hall, Wellington, first Monday, each month, 7.30 p.m. Installation July. W.M., Bro. D. Ritchie; S.W., Bro. Fred. G. Cooper; J.W., Bro. Alfred Longmore; Sec., Bro. W. A. Baudinet, P.M., 17 Caroline Street. "Copper" collection each meeting for W. and O. and A.M. Fund.

Manawatu Kil., No. 47:—Founded 1883, meets in Masonic Hall, Church Street, Palmerston N., second Thursday in each month. Installation April. W.M., Bro. C. S. Rush; S.W., Bro. H. Hopwood; J.W., Bro. W. Mundy; Sec., Bro. W. H. Collingwood, P.M.

St. Mark, No. 53:—Founded 1884, meets in Freemasons' Hall, Carterton, second Tuesday every month, 8 p.m. Installation April (St. Mark's Day). W.M., Bro. A. J. Reynolds; S.W., Bro. H. E. Hart; J.W., Bro. W. H. Ballie; Sec., Bro. Arthur Phillips, P.M.

Ulster, No. 62:—Founded 1888, meets in the Masonic Hall, Petone, third Wednesday every month. Installation June. W.M., Bro. G. D. McKewen; S.W., Bro. W. H. Richards; J.W., Bro. C. A. Strong; Sec., Bro. A. G. Steffensen, 108, Richmond-street.

Tararua, No. 67:—Founded 1890, meets at Masonic Hall, Pahiatua, Thursday nearest full moon. Installation November. W.M., Bro. W. Scott; S.W., Bro. T. Bacon; J.W., Bro. T. Riddell; Sec., Bro. G. Moore, P.M.

Otagaki, No. 70:—Founded 1891, meets in Masonic Hall, Ashhurst, on Tuesday before full moon in each month, at 7.30 p.m. Installation August. W.M., Bro. G. R. Lovelock; S.W., Bro. D. Howie; J.W., Bro. H. W. Smart; Sec., Bro. J. T. Robson, Ashhurst.

Rangitira, No. 71:—Founded 1891, meets in Masonic Hall, Hunterville, Rangitikei, Friday on or before full moon. Installation March. W.M., Bro. T. Chisholm; S.W., Bro. W. H. Maclean; J.W., Bro. A. S. Jonson; Sec., Bro. R. A. Campbell, P.M.

Otaki, No. 72:—Founded 1891, meets in Masonic Hall, Otaki, on Tuesday nearest full moon, at 8 p.m. Installation November. W.M., Bro. A. Thorne; S.W., Bro. D. J. Howell; J.W., Bro. E. Allen; Sec., W. Bro. Swaby, P.M.

Greytown, No. 74:—Founded 1877, meets at the Masonic Hall, Greytown, on second Friday in each month, at 8 p.m. Installation St. John's Day (June). W.M., Bro. Alexander Murray; S.W., Bro. Sven Polson; J.W., Bro. John B. Brickell; Sec., Bro. Edgar Larkin, P.M., Box 32, Greytown.

St. Andrew Kil., No. 79:—Founded 1868, meets Freemasons' Hall, Wanganui, second Thursday each month (excepting Dec., first Thursday). Installation second Thursday in July. W.M., Bro. A. Doig; S.W., Bro. L. Craig; J.W., Bro. A. E. King; Sec., Bro. D. McFarlane, P.M., P.O. Box 159, Wanganui.

Eketahuna, No. 92:—Founded 1893, meets in Masonic Hall, Bengtson-st., Eketahuna, Friday nearest full moon each month (except May, Installation, on Thursday nearest full moon), at 7.30 p.m. W.M., Bro. W. M. Wilson; S.W., Bro. A. Rowden; J.W., Bro. J. Renment; Sec., Bro. T. M. Page.

Hinemoa, No. 122:—Founded 1901, meets in Masonic Hall, Wellington South, on second Thursday, at 7.30 p.m. Installation August. W.M., Bro. J. Reid; S.W., Bro. F. Robinson; J.W., Bro. A. A. George; Sec., Bro. C. Foster.

Kimbolton, No. 123:—Founded 1902, meets in Masonic Hall, Kimbolton, on Thursday nearest full moon. Installation Feb. W.M., Bro. E. Nix; S.W., Bro. F. A. C. Baddeley; J.W., Bro. J. M. Turnbull; Sec., Bro. W. Beedie.

Coronation, No. 127:—Founded 1902, meets at Masonic Hall, Johnsonville, Saturday on or before full moon, 7.30 p.m. Installation July. W.M., Bro. O. Jerusalem; S.W., Bro. E. Harp; J.W., Bro. R. Turner; Sec., Bro. W. S. Radcliffe, Ngāro.

Ruapehu, No. 128 (formerly No. 2317, E.C.):—Founded 1885, meets in Masonic Hall, Marton, Thursday nearest full moon. Installation Feb. W.M., Bro. W. R. Snellgrove; S.W., W. Bro. J. Robson; J.W., Bro. H. J. Cameron; Sec., Bro. J. Mogridge, P.M.

Brooklyn, No. 132:—Founded October, 1903, meets in Masonic Hall, Brooklyn, on first Wednesday in each month. Installation October. W.M., Bro. S. M. Arcus; S.W., Bro. H. V. Futter; J.W., Bro. W. J. Westwood; Sec., Bro. W. P. Carter, 11 Jefferson Street, Brooklyn.

Te Awahou, No. 133:—Founded 1906, meets in Masonic Hall, Liddle Street, Foxton, Tuesday nearest full moon. Installation May. W.M., Bro. John Ross; S.W., Bro. G. O. Barber; J.W., Bro. B. Deny; Sec., Bro. J. W. Hodgson.

Horowhenua, No. 135:—Founded 1906, meets in Druids' Hall, Levin, on Thursday nearest full moon, at 8 p.m. Installation Wednesday nearest in September. W.M., Bro. T. Brown; S.W., Bro. Wm. Jamieson; J.W., Bro. J. Bagrie; Sec., W. Bro. James McIntyre, D.H. School, Levin.

Otaihape, No. 142:—Founded 13th December, 1905, meets in the Masonic Hall, Taihape, on Tuesday on or before full moon, at 7.45 p.m. Installation May. W.M., Bro. A. James; S.W., Bro. H. Jaggard, P.M.; J.W., Bro. J. Kloth; Sec., Bro. T. A. Garratt, P.M.

Rongotea, No. 146:—Founded 1906, meets in Masonic Hall, Rongotea, Wednesday after full moon. Installation April. W.M., Bro. J. McMin; S.W., Bro. E. T. Glover; J.W., Bro. R. M. Matheson; Sec., Bro. T. McGee.

Puketoi, No. 148:—Founded 1907, meets in Masonic Hall, Pongaroa, Tuesday nearest full moon, 7.30 p.m. Installation Feb. W.M., Bro. F. Armstrong; S.W., Bro. C. Liverton; J.W., Bro. T. A. Yeoman; Sec., W. Bro. W. Sounness, P.M.

Waibenga, No. 150:—Founded October, 1907, meets in Masonic Hall, Martinborough, on first Wednesday in each month at 7.30 p.m. Installation Oct. W.M., Bro. A. Nicol; S.W., Bro. A. D. McLeod; J.W., Bro. W. McKay; Sec., Bro. H. Kershaw, P.O. Box 12, Martinborough.

Tutanekahi, No. 156:—Founded 1908, meets in Masonic Hall, Adelaide-rd., Berhampore, first Friday each month, 7.30 p.m. Installation Feb. W.M., Bro. P. C. Watt; S.W., Bro. E. D. Alexander; J.W., Bro. A. A. Whitelaw; Sec., Bro. J. P. Sland, P.M., Cuba-st., Wellington.

Huia, No. 171:—Founded 1910, meets at Masonic Hall, Church-st. E., Palmerston N., on first Thursday each month. Installation March. W.M., Bro. W. S. Smith; S.W., Bro. R. McNab; J.W., Bro. W. Turner; Sec., Bro. C. J. Hewlett, Courthouse, Palmerston N.

Waimarino, No. 175:—Founded 1910, meets in Masonic Hall, Ward Street, Raetihi, on Monday nearest full moon. Installation Oct. W.M., Bro. E. Blugridge; S.W., Bro. D. H. Grant; J.W., Bro. W. H. Tustin; Sec., Bro. A. Mabbott, Raetihi.

Waikare, No. 176:—Founded 1910, meets in Masonic Hall, Huia Street, Lower Hutt, on second Wednesday in every month, at 7.30 p.m. Installation October. W.M., Bro. E. J. Guinness; S.W., Bro. J. McLachlan; J.W., Bro. H. E. Leighton; Sec., Bro. H. Hobbs, Lower Hutt.

Manga-te-Weka, No. 178:—Founded 1910, meets in Masonic Hall, Mangaweka, on Monday on or before full moon in each month at 8 p.m. Installation February. W.M., Bro. D. M. Watkin; S.W., Bro. R. B. Turnbull; J.W., Bro. G. Kregger; Sec., Bro. S. M. Dixon, Box 10, Mangaweka.

Otari, No. 190:—Founded 1912, meets in the Freemasons' Hall, Ngāro, second Friday, each month, 7.30 p.m. Installation July. W.M., Bro. S. P. Curtis; S.W., Bro. J. H. Jerram; J.W., Bro. D. J. Watson; Sec., Bro. W. A. Tanner, Khandallah.

Installed Masters Lodge, No. 194:—Founded 5th October, 1912. Meets in Freemasons' Hall on fourth Friday in November, February, April, June, August, October. Installation in October. W.M., Bro. H. B. Bridge; S.W., Bro. F. Levi; J.W., Bro. A. Erskine; Sec., Bro. Morris Fox. (*Open to visiting M.M.s.)

Mouton, No. 195:—Constituted 24th April, 1914, meets Masonic Hall, Gonville, fourth Thursday in each month (excepting December, third Thursday). Installation fourth Thursday in April. W.M., Bro. J. W. Deem; S.W., Bro. J. D. W. McBeth; J.W., Bro. J. Fowler; Sec., Bro. F. Symes, Avenue, Wanganui.

Whetu Kairangi, No. 201:—Founded 1914, meets at Methodist Church, Worser Bay, on second Friday in each month, at 7.30 p.m. Installation October. W.M., W. Bro. Rev. T. Porritt, D.D.C.; S.W., Bro. Thos. Boon; J.W., Bro. C. Silvester; Sec., Bro. F. Aston, Karaka Bay.

SOUTH ISLAND.

MARLBOROUGH AND NELSON: 8 LODGES.

(R.W. Bro. Dr. W. E. Redman, Prov.G.M.)

Victory, No. 40:—Founded 1881, meets in Freemasons' Hall, Collingwood-st., Nelson, second Thursday every month (except May—fourth Thursday), 7.30 p.m. Installation May. W.M., Bro. E. W. Rudman; S.W., Bro. A. E. Hedges; J.W., Bro. J. L. Ching; Sec., W. Bro. R. W. Stiles, Box 105, Nelson.

Wairau, No. 42:—Founded 1881 (formerly 688, S.C.; joined N.Z.C. 1890); meets Masonic Hall, Andrew Street, Blenheim, Tuesday before full moon each month, 7.30 p.m. Installation June. W.M., Bro. N. Paton; S.W., Bro. J. McKinley; J.W., Bro. J. Reid; Sec., Bro. W. C. Lucas, P.M., Redwood Street.

Havelock, No. 104:—Founded 1896, meets in Masonic Hall, Havelock, Friday, before full moon, 7.30 p.m. Installation March. W.M., Bro. W. H. Buckman; S.W., Bro. R. W. Price; J.W., Bro. W. A. Russell; Sec., Bro. J. R. A. Gifford, Havelock.

Marlborough Unanimity, No. 106:—Founded 1869 (formerly 1296, E.C.), joined N.Z.C. 1896, meets Masonic Hall, Charles Street, Blenheim, Thursday nearest full moon each month, 7.30 p.m. Installation August. W.M., Bro. C. H. Mills; S.W., Bro. C. A. Eckford; J.W., Bro. A. Weaver; Sec., Bro. S. A. Edinger, Blenheim.

Waitohi, No. 111:—Meets Masonic Hall, Pictou, last Friday each month, 7.30 p.m. Installation last Friday in April. W.M., Bro. J. W. Burgess; S.W., Bro. H. A. S. Martin; J.W., Bro. J. E. Atkins; Sec., Bro. R. C. Branch, P.M.

Forest, No. 116:—Meets at Wakefield on second Monday in month. Installation November. W.M., Bro. W. Fawcett; S.W., Bro. H. Franklyn; J.W., Bro. A. D. Syder; Sec., Bro. F. B. Pearle.

Motueka, No. 117:—Founded 1900, meets in Lodgeroom, Motueka, on Wednesday nearest full moon in each month. Installation October. W.M., Bro. R. H. Shaw-Thompson; S.W., Bro. J. A. Wallace; J.W., Bro. W. K. Poole; Sec., Bro. L. E. Rhodes.

St. Outhbert's, No. 144:—Founded 1905, meets in Masonic Hall, Collingwood, on Saturday nearest full moon, at 7.30 p.m. Installation Oct. W.M., Bro. A. Walker; S.W., Bro. W. J. Shaw; J.W., Bro. Jas. Phillips; Sec., Bro. R. H. Lash, P.M., Rockville, Collingwood.

PROVINCE OF WESTLAND: 12 LODGES.

(R.W. Bro. J. H. Harkness, Prov.G.M.)

Robert Burns, No. 50:—Founded 1883, meets in Burns' Masonic Hall, Kelly-st., Reefton, third Thursday each month, at 7.30 p.m. Installation 25th Jan. W.M., Bro. W. H. Nicholas; S.W., Bro. R. Tadehope; J.W., Bro. F. S. Willis; Sec., Bro. Roy Liddelow.

Advance, No. 61:—Founded 1871, meets in Masonic Hall, Brunton, Thursday on or nearest full moon every month, 7.30 p.m. Installation January. W.M., Bro. John Cook; S.W., Bro. W. Dando; J.W., Bro. A. C. Angel; Sec., Bro. F. Jacobs.

Kumara, No. 65:—Meets in Freemasons' Hall, Seddon-st., Kumara, Tuesday nearest full moon, 8 p.m. Installation Feb. W.M., Bro. W. E. Richards; S.W., Bro. S. T. Peters, P.M.; J.W., Bro. J. Steel; Sec., Bro. W. H. Evenden, P.M.

Westland Kil, No. 88:—Founded 1907, meets in Freemasons' Hall, Hokitika, on Wednesday nearest full moon in every month, at 7.30 p.m. Installation St. Andrew's Day. W.M., Bro. H. M. Coulson; S.W., Bro. W. H. Shannon; J.W., Bro. H. A. Thompson; Sec., Bro. J. McMillan, P.M.

Aorangi, No. 69:—Founded 1893, meets in Masonic Hall, Denniston, on first Wednesday in every month. Installation April. W.M., Bro. W. Thawley; S.W., Bro. W. Henderson; J.W., Bro. W. Cooper; Sec., Bro. T. Peacock, P.M.

Mokihinui, No. 96:—Founded 1896, meets in Masonic Hall, Seddonville, first Saturday every month, 7.30 p.m. Installation December. W.M., Bro. Chas. A. Boyd; S.W., Bro. W. J. Munro; J.W., Bro. William McIndoe; Sec., Bro. Chas. M. Johnston, P.M.

Torea, No. 121:—Founded 1900, meets at Masonic Hall, Granity, third Saturday each month, 7.30 p.m. Installation December. W.M., Bro. A. Franklin; S.W., Bro. H. G. Webster; J.W., Bro. J. Taggart; Sec., Bro. W. S. McEwan.

Mawhera, No. 126:—Founded 1904, meets in Masonic Hall, Tainui Street, Greymouth, second Thursday each month. Installation November. W.M., Bro. J. Hales; S.W., Bro. E. F. Guinness; J.W., Bro. E. P. Peters; Sec., Bro. J. C. Duncan.

Kawakiri-Westport, No. 152:—Founded 1907, meets Masonic Hall, Russell Street, Westport, second Monday in each month, at 8 p.m. Installation May. W.M., Bro. F. Hobbs; S.W., Bro. W. Panckhurst; J.W., Bro. S. Paul; Sec., Bro. A. Gifford, P.M.

Rananga, No. 159:—Founded 1908, meets in Masonic Hall, Seddon-st., Rananga, on Tuesday nearest full moon in each month, at 7.30 p.m. Installation Oct. W.M., Bro. W. Hall; S.W., Bro. W. Wick; J.W., Bro. T. Latimer; Sec., Bro. A. A. Shannon.

Waro, No. 178 (Blackball).

Connaught, No. 187 (Karamaea).

PROVINCE OF CANTERBURY: 35 LODGES.

(M.W. Bro. F. C. Burns, Prov.G.M.)

Unanimity, No. 3:—Founded October, 1851, meets at Masonic Hall, Sumner Road, Lyttelton, first Tuesday each month, 7.30 p.m. Installation February. W.M., Bro. J. A. Borthwick; S.W., Bro. A. R. W. Preeney; J.W., Bro. D. E. L. Collett; Sec., Bro. W. H. Brown, Box 34, Lyttelton.

St. Augustine, No. 4:—Founded 1852, meets in St. Augustine Masonic Hall, Christchurch, second Tuesday every month, at 7.30 p.m. Installation March. W.M., Bro. C. W. Bingham; S.W., Bro. T. H. Ker, junr.; J.W., Bro. H. H. Wauchop; Sec., Bro. F. C. B. Bishop, P.O. Box 572, Christchurch.

Southern Cross, No. 6:—Founded 1858, meets in Masonic Hall, Kaiapoi, on first Thursday in each month, at 7.30 p.m. Installation December. W.M., Bro. W. A. Gribble; S.W., Bro. T. Hoskin; J.W., Bro. W. C. McPherson; Sec., Bro. R. H. Croft, Box 15, Kaiapoi.

Caledonian, No. 16:—Founded 1871, meets in Caledonian Masonic Hall, Sophia-st., Timaru, first Monday every month, 7.30 p.m. Installation June. W.M., Bro. J. H. Harrison; S.W., Bro. R. McAnerny; J.W., Bro. A. Kennedy; Sec., Bro. James Simpson, 126 North-st., Timaru.

Progress, No. 22:—Founded 1876, meets at Masonic Hall, Southbridge, Tuesday on or before full moon in each month, at 8 p.m. Installation regular night in December. W.M., R.W. Bro. R. B. Willis, P.G.D.; S.W., Bro. E. J. Hannah; J.W., Bro. J. S. Inwood; Sec., Bro. J. W. A. Walker, District High School, Southbridge.

Canterbury Kil, No. 23:—Founded 1875, meets at Masonic Hall, Canterbury Street, Lyttelton, third Thursday each month, 7.30 p.m. Installation July. W.M., Bro. N. W. Taylor; S.W., Bro. W. T. Lester; J.W., Bro. J. D. Plimmer; Sec., Bro. C. Kay, P.M., Oxford Street, Lyttelton.

Geraldine, No. 27:—Founded 1890, meets in Masonic Hall, Geraldine, third Wednesday each month. Installation March. W.M., Bro. C. T. Borrell; S.W., Bro. A. Wilkinson; J.W., Bro. A. A. Readdle; Sec., Bro. B. E. Hogg.

Ashley, No. 28:—Founded 1878, meets in the Masonic Hall, Rangiora, on second Thursday every month, 7.30 p.m. Installation March. W.M., Bro. P. J. Coates; S.W., Bro. H. Farrelly; J.W., Bro. T. J. Withers; Sec., Bro. B. A. McKeown, P.O. Box 12, Rangiora.

St. George, No. 29:—Meets in Masonic Hall, Wilkin Street, Temuka, on second Wednesday in each month. Installation December. W.M., Bro. A. E. Smith; S.W., Bro. Wm. Trigance; J.W., Bro. Geo. Tate; Sec., Bro. F. A. Joynt.

South Rakai, No. 31:

Lincoln, No. 33:—Founded 1880, meets in Masonic Hall, Lincoln, Tuesday on or before full moon in each month. Installation October. W.M., Bro. J. W. Kime; S.W., Bro. C. J. Morland; J.W., Bro. W. T. Street; Sec., Bro. Jno. Graham, P.M., P.O. Lincoln.

Concord, No. 39:—Founded 1881, meets in Masonic Hall, Papanui, fourth Wednesday every month. Installation May. W.M., Bro. R. Laurie; S.W., Bro. H. S. Wilson; J.W., Bro. T. H. North; Sec., Bro. R. Baldwin, 72 Alkman's Road, Christchurch.

Phoenix, No. 43 (Akaroa):

Methven, No. 51:

Kaikoura, No. 60:

Christchurch, No. 91:—Founded 1893, meets in St. Augustine's Hall, Christchurch, on fourth Tuesday in each month, at 7.30 p.m. Installation Nov. W.M., Bro. G. H. McLean; S.W., Bro. J. Thomas; J.W., Bro. W. Kidley; Sec., Bro. H. Hopkinson, P.M., 33 Clifton Street, Addington, Christchurch.

Mackenzie, No. 93:—Founded 1894, meets in Masonic Hall, Fairlie, on Thursday nearest full moon, at 8 p.m. Installation third Thursday in October. W.M., Bro. E. Saunders; S.W., Bro. C. Askey; J.W., Bro. W. J. Smith; Sec., Bro. J. H. Southwick, Fairlie.

St. Augustine, No. 99:—Meets Lodgeroom, Leonard Street, Waimate, Wednesday on or before full moon. Installation August. W.M., Bro. S. Bird; S.W., Bro. W. Manchester; J.W., Bro. Jas. Manchester; Sec., Bro. A. J. Hoskins, P.M.

Thisdie, No. 113:—Meets in Masonic Hall, Havelock Street West, Ashburton, on third Wednesday in each month, at 7.30 p.m. Installation 30th November. W.M., Bro. Bro. Saml. Crooks; S.W., Bro. A. L. Moore; J.W., Bro. T. J. Kennedy; Sec., Bro. C. Campbell, P.M., Box 6, P.O., Ashburton.

Cheviot, No. 124:

M. and P.M., No. 130 (Christchurch):

Mairaki, No. 131:—Founded 1903, meets at Masonic Hall, Cust, third Friday in each month. Installation April. W.M., Bro. H. J. Howell; S.W., Bro. F. H. Early; J.W., Bro. B. Yates; Sec., Bro. J. Forbes, P.M.

Parceon, No. 134 (St. Andrew's):

Crown, No. 138 (Christchurch):

Robert Burns, No. 139:—Meets at St. Augustine Hall, Christchurch, on third Tuesday in each month, at 7.30 p.m. Installation August. W.M., Bro. R. W. S. Eastwood; S.W., Bro. R. H. Taylor; J.W., Bro. T. W. N. Wilson; Sec., Bro. W. H. Wynt, 93 Worcester Street, Christchurch.

Waihora, No. 141:—Founded 1903, meets Oddfellows' Hall, Leeston, second Thursday in each month, at 8 p.m. Installation April. W.M., Bro. B. C. Jacobs; S.W., Bro. W. J. Lemon; J.W., Bro. F. J. Lemon; Sec., Bro. J. E. Carter, P.M.

Civic, No. 157:—Meets at St. Augustine Hall, Christchurch, first Friday each month, 7.30 p.m. Installation August. W.M., Bro. F. Stearns; S.W., Bro. W. J. Hunter; J.W., Bro. W. Bottrell; Sec., Bro. T. H. Williams.

St. Martin, No. 162 (Pleasant Point):

Ahurewa, No. 181:—Founded 1911, meets in Schoolroom, Dunstond, Monday on or before full moon—Installation Oct. W.M., Bro. F. Lill; S.W., Bro. T. Wright; J.W., Bro. J. Macpherson; Sec., Bro. G. Stapleton.

Amuri, No. 184:—Founded October, 1911; meets Masonic Hall, Rotherham, Friday nearest full moon, 7.30 p.m. Installation October. W.M., Bro. C. Thomson; S.W., Bro. J. J. Goulding; J.W., Bro. D. W. Hunter; Sec., Bro. W. E. Jenkins, Wairau.

Avon, No. 185 (Christchurch):

Towers, No. 188 (Oxford):

Timaru, No. 190 (Timaru):

Koranga, No. 197 (Timaru):

Erewhon, No. 209:—Opened 20th August, 1914. Mount Somers.

PROVINCE OF OTAGO: 27 LODGES.

(R.W. Bro. J. J. Clark, Prov.G.M.)

Otago, No. 7:—Founded 1860, meets at the Freemasons' Hall, King Street (Opp. Museum), Dunedin, on second Wednesday in each month, at 8 p.m. Installation October. W.M., Bro. J. E. Kogerson; S.W., Bro. E. T. Moller; J.W., Bro. J. W. Hardie; Sec., Bro. D. C. Cameron, P.M., 27 Manor Place, Dunedin.

Waitaki, No. 11:—Founded 1869, meets Masonic Hall, Wansbeck Street, Oamaru, Wednesday on or before full moon, 7.30 p.m. Installation May. W.M., Bro. J. M. Forrester; S.W., Bro. H. M. Roxby; J.W., Bro. F. W. Kibblewhite; Sec., Bro. J. A. Peebles, Newborough, Oamaru.

Clutha, No. 14:—Founded 1866, meets in the Masonic Hall, Douglas Street, Balclutha, second Tuesday in the month, at 8 p.m. Installation September. W.M., Bro. A. R. Lattimore; S.W., Bro. A. McDonald; J.W., Bro. J. H. Guest; Sec., Bro. B. Whiting, P.M., Box 18, P.O., Balclutha.

Palmerston, No. 26:—Founded 1876, meets Masonic Hall, Palmerston South, Friday on or before full moon every month, 8 p.m. Installation August. W.M., Bro. Geo. B. Smith; S.W., Bro. R. M. Peattie; J.W., Bro. T. Harrison; Sec., Bro. W. Diach.

Hercules, No. 36:—Founded 1880, meets in Masonic Hall, Tapanui, Wednesday nearest full moon every month, 7.30 p.m. Installation April. W.M., Bro. C. Keeley; S.W., Bro. H. Mackay; J.W., Bro. D. D. Cleghorn; Sec., Bro. R. G. Foster, Kelso.

Hiram, No. 46:—Founded 1888, meets at Masonic Hall, Cargill Road, South Dunedin, on fourth Tuesday in month. Installation October. W.M., Bro. H. E. Woodhead; S.W., Bro. R. V. Parker; J.W., Bro. Geo. R. West; Sec., Bro. Jas. T. Laing, P.M., 45 Lees Street, Dunedin.

Ngapara, No. 68:—Founded 1891, meets in the Masonic Hall, Ngapara, Oamaru, on Monday on or preceding full moon in every month, at 7.30 p.m. Installation October. W.M., Bro. Albert Robbie; S.W., Bro. Saml. Wilson; J.W., Bro. Wm. Simpson; Sec., Bro. E. McGilivray, P.M.

Oamaru K.L., No. 82:—Founded 1872, meets in Masonic Hall, Oamaru, on first Wednesday after full moon in each month. Installation October. W.M., Bro. J. Swindley; S.W., D. Herron; J.W., Bro. J. C. Dickinson; Sec., Bro. J. M. Brown, P.M., Thames Street, Oamaru.

St. Thomas K.L., No. 53 (Kaitangata):
St. John, No. 84 (Mosgiel):

Mount Ida, No. 97:—Founded 1895 (originally No. 1262, E.C.), meets in the Masonic Hall, Naseby, on Wednesday nearest full moon in each month. Installation February. W.M., Bro. D. Rankin; S.W., Bro. Geo. W. Bell; J.W., Bro. A. E. Brown; Treas., Bro. F. P. Christopher; Sec., Bro. A. E. Brown.

Cromwell K.L., No. 85 (originally No. 535, S.C.):—Meets in Lodgeroom, Melbourne-terrace, Cromwell, on Wednesday nearest full moon, at 7.30 p.m. Installation November. W.M., Bro. W. H. Parcell; S.W., Bro. R. M. Ray; J.W., Bro. W. Campbell; Sec., W. Bro. W. J. Ritchie, Box 27, Cromwell.

Dunstan, No. 103 (originally No. 407, S.C.):—Founded 1899, joined N.Z.C. 1895, meets in Town Hall, Clyde, on Tuesday on or nearest full moon in every month, at 7.30 p.m. Installation Nov. W.M., Bro. W. Holloway; S.W., Bro. W. H. McKean; J.W., Bro. J. E. Menzies; Sec., Bro. H. K. Stevens.

Maori, No. 105:—Meets in the Masonic Hall, Ravensbourne, Dunedin, first Monday each month, 7.30 p.m. Installation March. W.M., Bro. S. C. Hanlon; S.W., Bro. A. H. Crawley; J.W., Bro. Robt. Page; Sec., Bro. E. Tomkinson, Harbour Board, Dunedin.

Manuhirika K.L., No. 109:—Founded 1896, meets in the Masonic Hall, Alexandra South, on Friday on or nearest full moon. Installation Feb. W.M., Bro. A. E. Spooner; S.W., Bro. H. Munroe; J.W., Bro. G. W. Campbell; Sec., Bro. J. B. Arnold.

St. Nathans, No. 129:—Founded 11th Nov. 1904, meets in Masonic Hall, Becks, on Thursday nearest full moon every month, at 7.30 p.m. Installation Nov. W.M., Bro. T. H. Mee; S.W., Bro. C. Alexander; J.W., Bro. T. Sheppard; Sec., Bro. E. Wilson, P.M., Becks.

Otago K.L., No. 148:—Meets in Masonic Hall, Moray-place, Dunedin, on first Thursday each month at 7.30 p.m. Installation Dec. W.M., Bro. W. Farquharson; S.W., Bro. W. G. Hay; J.W., Bro. G. G. Adess; Sec., Bro. G. Watts, P.M., 53 Clyde-st., Dunedin.

Teviot, No. 146:—Founded 1907, meets in Masonic Hall, Roxburgh, on the Saturday on or nearest full moon, 7.30 p.m. Installation March. W.M., Bro. D. A. Mitchell; S.W., Bro. Wm. Donnelly; J.W., Bro. S. E. T. Vernon; Sec., W. Bro. Dr. J. R. Gilmour, P.M., Box 18, Roxburgh.

Oceanic, No. 151:—Meets in St. Kilda Masonic Hall, Dunedin, third Wednesday each month, 7.30 p.m. Installation October. W.M., Bro. J. Couchman; S.W., Bro. A. Cannon; J.W., Bro. A. McKuskie; Sec., Bro. D. H. Hastings, P.M., 33 Moreau Street, St. Kilda.

Hazersmai, No. 155:—Founded 1907, meets in Masonic Hall, Great King St. (opp. Museum), Dunedin, second Friday each month, 7.45 p.m. Installation April. W.M., Bro. J. W. Ratliff; S.W., Bro. C. F. J. Bell; J.W., Bro. D. E. Booth; Sec., Bro. A. W. Flett, 149 Queen St., Dunedin.

Masters, No. 161:
Kurov, No. 164:—Founded May 13, 1909, meets in Masonic Hall, Kurov, on Thursday on or before full moon, at 7.30 p.m. Installation May. W.M., Bro. A. N. Hayes; S.W., Bro. S. M. Taylor; J.W., Bro. C. L. Ayson; Sec., Bro. R. H. Appleby, P.M., Kurov.

Owaka, No. 180:—Founded 1911, meets in Masonic Hall, Owaka, on Thursday nearest full moon in every month, at 7.30 p.m. Installation March. W.M., Bro. R. McLean; S.W., Bro. W. H. Halley; J.W., Bro. A. Williams; Sec., Bro. Dr. J. S. Stenhouse, P.M., Owaka.

Clinton, No. 188:—Founded 1911, meets in Oddfellows' Hall, Clinton, on Thursday nearest full moon in every month, at 7.30 p.m. Installation March. W.M., Bro. C. A. Capamagian; S.W., Bro. A. H. Charlton; J.W., Bro. J. Wright; Sec., Bro. J. C. Borthwick.

Ionic, No. 191 (Green Island):
Morning Star, No. 192 (Mornington):—

Strath-Taleri, No. 199:—Middlemarch, Otago Central.

PROVINCE OF SOUTHLAND: 17 LODGES.

(R.W. Bro. Wm. Timpany, Prov.G.M.)

Southern Cross, No. 9:—Founded 1864, meets in Masonic Hall, North Street, Invercargill, first Friday each month, 7.45 p.m. Installation June. W.M., Bro. J. Critchfield; S.W., Bro. Geo. Kelly; J.W., Bro. W. A. Stout; Sec., Bro. S. Clark, Box 62.

Harvey, No. 49:—Founded 1884, meets in Masonic Hall, Gore, Wednesday nearest full moon, 7.30 p.m. Installation second Wednesday in April. W.M., Bro. L. Fretwell; S.W., Bro. B. Paterson; J.W., Bro. E. C. Smith; Sec., Bro. Walter Gee, Box 35, Gore.

Mokoreta, No. 63:—Founded 1888, meets in Masonic Temple, Wyndham, on third Thursday in every month, at 8 p.m. Installation third Wednesday in September. W.M., Bro. W. C. Bishop; S.W., Bro. S. Rice; J.W., Bro. A. T. Kirker; Sec., Bro. W. D. Palmer, Wyndham.

Fortitude, No. 64:—Founded 1888, meets at Masonic Hall, Bluff, second Wednesday each month, 7.30 p.m. Installation June. W.M., Bro. W. R. Kuden; S.W., Bro. E. Johnson; J.W., Bro. C. W. Bradshaw; Sec., Bro. E. Parker, P.M., Hazelwood, Bluff.

Aparima, No. 77:—Founded 1875, meets in Masonic Hall, Riverton, Tuesday nearest full moon each month, 7.30 p.m. Installation Aug. W.M., Bro. H. Akhurst; S.W., Bro. T. B. McIntyre; J.W., Bro. A. E. Ward; Sec., Bro. J. C. Robins (acting).

Lake Lodge of Ophir, No. 85:—Founded 1884, meets in Masonic Hall, Queenstown, third Tuesday each month. Installation Feb. W.M., Bro. J. McNeil, P.M.; S.W., Bro. A. Fraser; J.W., Bro. L. Curtis; Sec., Bro. W. D. Warren, P.M., Queenstown.

Arrow K.L., No. 86:—Meets at Masonic Hall, Arrowtown, Monday on or before full moon, installation February, same day as No. 85. W.M., Bro. John Duncan; S.W., Bro. E. H. Graham; J.W., Bro. A. J. Campbell; Sec., Bro. John Jenkins, P.M.

St. John, No. 94:—Meets at Masonic Hall, Invercargill, third Friday every month. Installation May. W.M., Bro. A. S. Cockson; S.W., Bro. R. Smith; J.W., Bro. Wm. Robison; Sec., Bro. C. H. Poole, 169 Teviot Street, Invercargill.

Taringatura, No. 100:—Founded 1887, meets at Masonic Hall, Lumsden, on Monday on or before full moon in each month. Installation third Wednesday in November. W.M., Bro. Henry Graham; S.W., Bro. D. Walker; J.W., Bro. H. Beer; Sec., W. Bro. W. H. Clark.

Winton, No. 108:—Founded 1894, meets at Masonic Hall, Park-st., Winton, on Tuesday on or before full moon. Installation October. W.M., Bro. T. Walker; S.W., Bro. W. D. Cowie; J.W., Bro. J. R. Hamilton; Sec., Bro. J. A. Broom, P.M., Box 3, Winton.

Waikaka, No. 129:—Founded 1904, meets in Masonic Hall, Otago, on third Friday in every month, at 7.30 p.m. Installation October. W.M., Bro. A. Anderson Stewart, M.D.; S.W., Bro. James Thomson; J.W., Bro. William Bird; Sec., Bro. E. Matheson, Box 10, Otago.

Orepuki, No. 137:—Founded 1905, meets at Masonic Hall, Orepuki, second Thursday each month, 7.30 p.m. Installation February. W.M., Bro. W. R. Hood; S.W., Bro. W. H. Portune; J.W., Bro. F. D. Portune; Sec., Bro. W. Crowther.

Wairaki, No. 145 (Nightcaps):
Victoria, No. 147:—Founded 1885, meets in Masonic Hall, North Street, Invercargill, second Friday every month. Installation June. W.M., Bro. G. J. Yule; S.W., Bro. G. O. Joyce; J.W., Bro. John Kerse; Sec., Bro. N. J. Brokenshire, Box 95.

Waikaka, No. 151:—Founded 1907, meets in Lodgeroom, Waikaka, Monday nearest full moon. Installation June. W.M., Bro. Jas. Broehan; S.W., Bro. T. Keating; J.W., Bro. W. Excel; Sec., Bro. A. G. Thomson, P.M.

Mataura, No. 174:
Walbopal, No. 189 (Invercargill):

ENGLISH CRAFT LODGES.

Pacific Lodge, No. 1463, E.C., Reefton.—Founded 1873, meets in the Masonic Hall, Reefton, on the Tuesday nearest full moon in every month. Installation in July. W.M., Bro. T. J. M. Perens; S.W., Bro. H. Smith; J.W., Bro. R. Burley; Sec., Bro. Nicholas Lawn, Walsh Street, Reefton.

Wellington, No. 1521:—Founded 1874, meets at the Masonic Hall, Wellington, on third Wednesday in each month except in January, February, and March. Installation June. W.M., Bro. F. J. Courtney; S.W., Bro. S. P. Andrew; J.W., Bro. T. Pratt; Sec., Bro. E. E. Coghlan, Box 519, Wellington.

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Veritas, No. 384:—Founded 1907, meets at the Freemasons' Hall, Mission-street, Papete, on fourth Saturday in each month, at 7.30 p.m. Installation December. W.M., Bro. J. Randall; S.W., Bro. G. Lamprecht; J.W., Bro. C. Brown; Sec., Bro. G. Lardard. (This Lodge, working in English, cordially invites brethren from New Zealand.)

L'Oceanic Française, No. 350:—Meets in the Masonic Hall, Mission-street, Papete, on first Tuesday of each month at 7.30 p.m. Installation December. W.M., Bro. H. Langomasino; S.W., Bro. Allain; J.W., Bro. G. Verhaeghe; Sec., Bro. M. Sue.

SUPREME G.R.A. CHAPTER OF NEW ZEALAND.

(With jurisdiction over 31 R.A. Chapters and 1 Mark Lodge.)

Annual convocation January or February. I.P.G.Z., M.E. Comp. J. J. Eason (No. 2); G.Z., R.E. Comp. A. C. Andrews (No. 1); D.G.Z., R.E. Comp. T. Ross (No. 7); G.H., R.E. Comp. M. J. Harris (No. 9); G.J., R.E. Comp. E. Dacre Dunn (No. 18); G.S.E., M.E. Comp. H. J. Williams (No. 2); G.S.N., Comp. W. M. Hindmarsh (No. 15); G. Treas., V.E. Comp. H. H. Seaton (No. 2); 1st G.Sol., Comp. T. Hobson (No. 4); 2nd G.Sol., Comp. W. G. Alexander (No. 7); 3rd G.Sol., V.E. Comp. G. S. Gordon (No. 23); G.Reg., V.E. Comp. C. W. Neilson (No. 9); G.Chanc., Comp. M. Blair (No. 9); G.Supt. of W., Comp. N. J. Brokenshire (No. 3); G.D. of C., Comp. G. J. A. Shaktleton (No. 10); G.Sd.B., Comp. W. H. Jones (No. 24); G.St.B., Comp. T. Gilmour (No. 35); G.Organist, Comp. A. W. V. Vine (No. 15); Asst.-G.D. of C., Comp. D. M. Jack (No. 17); Asst.-G.St.B., Comp. W. T. Simmonds (No. 32); Asst.-G.St.B., Comp. C. H. Dement (No. 25).

Supreme G. Committee.

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Westland—R.E. Comp. Dr. E. D. Dunn.

NEW ZEALAND CHAPTERS.

St. Augustine, No. 1:—Founded November, 1869; meets in the St. Augustine Hall, Christchurch, on second Wednesday in each month, at 7.30 p.m. Installation October. Z. Comp. W. Broadley; H. Comp. R. McFarlane; J. Comp. C. W. Bingham; S.E., Comp. J. W. Piper, 557, Hereford Street, Linwood.

Waterloo, No. 2:—Founded 1875, meets in Masonic Hall, Boulcott Street, Wellington, fourth Wednesday in each month. Installation September. Z., Comp. G. Russell; H., Comp. J. Rod; J., Comp. C. B. Harton; S.E., Comp. G. Menzies, 99 Abel Smith Street.

Southern Cross, No. 3:—Meets in Masonic Hall, Invercargill, on fourth Friday in each month, excluding December. Installation September. Z., Comp. R. Prentice; H., Comp. W. T. Waters; J., Comp. J. Critchfield; S.E., Comp. G. Gilmour, Invercargill.

Victoria, No. 4:—Founded 1879, meets in Masonic Hall, Munroe Street, Napier, last Thursday each month, except December. Installation September. Z., Comp. A. J. McGlashan; H., Comp. H. L. Harston; J., Comp. G. F. Roach; S.E., Comp. J. Redshaw, P.Z., Box 196.

Albert Edward, No. 6 (Lyttelton):—Meets third Monday in September, November, January, March, May, and July. Installation September. Z., Comp. T. C. Hatton; H., Comp. G. Hill; J., Comp. A. H. Thorpe, P.Z.; S.E., Comp. E. Elliot Chambers.

Otago, No. 7:—Meets in Oceanic Masonic Hall, St. Kilda, Dunedin, first Wednesday every month except December and January. Installation meeting Friday before each meeting. Installation November. Z., V.E. Comp. H. O. Anderson; H., E. Comp. R. V. Parker; J., E. Comp. G. T. Lumsden; S.E., E. Comp. M. J. Pierce, Dowling Street, Dunedin.

Waitaki Kil. No. 8 (being Otago Chapter, No. 8, and Waitaki Chapter, No. 12, which were amalgamated 9th October, 1901).—Meets in Masonic Hall, Wansbeck Street, Oamaru, every second Wednesday after full moon. Installation September. Z., Comp. W. J. Hill; H., Comp. J. A. Peebles; J., Comp. D. Miller; S.E., M.E. Comp. J. M. Brown, P.G.Z.

Auckland Prov. No. 9.—Founded 1892, meets third Wednesday every month, except December and January. Installation September. Z., Comp. A. H. Walker; H., Comp. R. White; J., Comp. A. I. Farmer; S.E., Comp. A. E. Ragnall.

Waikarapa, No. 10.—Founded 1892, meets in the Masonic Hall, Carterton, on third Friday in January, March, May, July, September, and November. Installation third September. Z., Comp. R. J. Foss; H., Comp. W. N. Dempsey, P.Z.; J., Comp. C. W. Ferrin; S.E., Comp. J. R. Baird.

Manawatu, No. 11.—Founded 1892, meets in Masonic Hall, Palmerston North, third Thursday each month. Z., Comp. W. Dawick; H., Comp. W. S. Smith; J., Comp. J. Stone; S.E., Comp. W. F. Dorward, Palmerston North.

Victory, No. 12.—Founded 1892, meets in Masonic Hall, Nelson, on third Thursday in month as required (except in December and January). Installation October. Z., E. Comp. J. Bartlett; H., E. Comp. J. L. Ching; J., E. Comp. Jas. Rouker; S.E., V.E. Comp. R. W. Hiles, Nelson.

Marlborough, No. 14.—Founded 1893, meets in Masonic Hall, Charles Street, Blenheim, on Wednesday nearest new moon in October, December, February, April, June, and August. Installation 23rd September. Z., E. Comp. G. J. Logan; H., E. Comp. M. McKenzie; J., Comp. C. A. Eckford; S.E., Comp. W. Norworthy, P.Z.

Timaru, No. 15.

Waimate, No. 16.—Founded 1891, meets in St. Augustine Masonic Hall, Waimate, on first Wednesday after full moon in the months of September (Installation), November, January, March, May, and July. Z., Comp. D. A. Fulton; H., Comp. S. Bird; J., Comp. T. W. Manchester; S.E., Comp. J. W. Manchester.

Ohinemuri, No. 17.—Founded 1901, meets in Masonic Hall, Paeroa, first Wednesday after full moon in September, October, December, February, April, June, and August. Installation September. Z., E. Comp. S. Allen; H., E. Comp. H. O. Searle; J., Comp. W. G. Wohlmann; S.E., Comp. V. R. Allen.

Inangahua, No. 18.—Founded 1892, meets in Burns Masonic Hall, Kelly Street, Reefton, on second Tuesday in each month. Installation September. Z., V.E. Comp. J. Banks, P.Z.; H., V.E. Comp. R. A. Stewart; J., Comp. R. Tudhope; S.E., E. Comp. W. H. Thompson. Ruapehu, No. 19.

Cremwell Coronation, No. 20.—Founded 20th November, 1905, meets Masonic Hall, Alexandra South, third Thursday in January, March, May, July, September, November. Installation September. Z., Comp. J. J. H. Dunsday; H., Comp. J. D. Thomson; J., Comp. A. E. Spooner; S.E., Comp. T. Adams.

Kawitiri, No. 21 (Westport).—Founded 1904, meets in Masonic Hall, Westport, on the third Wednesday in each month. Installation September. Z., F. Comp. Geo. H. Gotthard; H., E. Comp. D. Darrah; J., Comp. A. F. Peterkin; S.E., V.E. Comp. J. H. Harkness, P.D.G.Z.

Waiata, No. 22.—Founded 20th January, 1905, meets Masonic Hall, Hamilton, Tuesday on or before full moon in September, October, December, February, April, June, and August. Installation September. Z., Comp. J. C. Williams; H., Comp. H. E. Tristram; J., Comp. C. Speight; S.E., Comp. J. E. Herbert.

Wanganui, No. 23.—Founded 1906, meets in Masonic Hall, Wanganui, first Thursday in November, February, April, June, and August. Installation fourth Thursday in September. Z., Comp. N. Koulston; H., Comp. G. G. Bullock; J., Comp. E. Runnerstrum; S.E., Comp. F. Stevens, Wanganui.

Brooklyn, No. 24.—Founded 1906, meets in Masonic Hall, Brooklyn, on second Wednesday in July, September, November, January, March, and May. Installation September. Z., Comp. G. Luke; H., Comp. J. B. Hopkirk; J., Comp. T. E. K. Burgess; S.E., Comp. S. M. Arcus.

Huamoa, No. 25.—Founded 1906, meets in Masonic Hall, Daniel Street, third Thursday every month. Installation September. Z., Comp. H. B. Bridge; H., Comp. J. Reid; J., Comp. E. G. Robertson; S.E., Comp. H. Ivory.

Whangarei, No. 27.—Founded September, 1907, meets in Masonic Hall, John Street, Whangarei, fourth Thursday in February, March, April, May, June, July, August, September, October, and November. Installation September. Z., Comp. A. M. McLeod; H., Comp. R. Worner; J., Comp. J. Eades, P.Z.; S.E., Comp. C. McKinnon, Box 17, P.O., Whangarei.

Maori, No. 28.—Founded 1907, meets in Masonic Hall, Ravensbourne, on fourth Friday in every month. Installation Sept. Z., Comp. W. Crawley; H., Comp. S. Hanlon; J., Comp. J. W. Ruffin; S.E., Comp. T. Ross, P.Z., Ravensbourne.

Westland K.H., No. 29 (Hokitika).—Founded 1908, meets in Masonic Hall, Dannevirke, on first Monday each month, at 7.30 p.m. Installation September. Z., Comp. W. Dobson; H., Comp. J. Craven; J., Comp. C. A. Mears; S.E., Comp. D. J. Gardiner.

Prince of Wales, No. 31 (Christchurch).—Founded 1912, meets on the third Thursday in each month at Patea, Eltham, and Hawera alternately. Installation September. Z., Comp. T. E. Hamerton; H., Comp. J. Phillips; J., Comp. F. G. Kimbell; S.E., Comp. H. Priestley, P.Z., Box 33, P.O., Waverley.

Waikato, No. 32 (Balclutha).—Founded October, 1912. Z., Comp. H. A. Munro; H., Comp. W. Henderson; J., Comp. B. Whiting; S.E., Comp. T. D. Pearson, P.O. Box 34, Balclutha.

Wallace, No. 34 (Otago).

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Latham Chapter, No. 93.—Meets in the Masonic Hall, Wanganui, on the last Thursday in the months of February, May, August, and November, or as near those dates as possible. Installation November. M.W.S., E. and P. Bro. A. C. Mannington; Prelate, E. and P. Bro. R. R. Hatherly, P.M.W.S.; Recorder, H. and P. Bro. G. W. Palmer, P.M.W.S., 6, Parnell-street, Wanganui.

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