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**GRAND LODGE OF NEW ZEALAND.
SEMI-JUBILEE.**

ON Wednesday, the 12th inst., the G.L. of New Zealand will celebrate its twenty-fifth birthday, and it is perhaps fitting that Wellington should have been selected as the place for holding the communication, as the first meeting held for the purpose of considering the question of the formation of the present G.L. for New Zealand was held in that city on the 1st February, 1889. And that occasion will ever have Masonic historic value, as the resolution adopted there constitutes the basis upon which the present superstructure of G.L. was built. The scope of the anniversary celebration is not very great, and so far as G.L. is concerned will be confined to an address by the M.W.G.M., whom we are assured will do ample justice to the importance of the occasion. And we hope he will be followed by the M.W. G.Sec., who will have one advantage in that he was an active participant in all the minutiae of the work which led to the actual inauguration of G.L. and of which he was the second presiding officer. We had intended, as previously announced, giving a brief history in this issue of G.L., but as such a course would probably anticipate speakers at the annual meeting, we have decided to allow history to be recorded by others, and their addresses we hope to publish later. There is, however, one phase of the position to which we may allude, and which causes infinite sorrow in the contemplation. On the 11th September, 1889, the first conference of representatives of Lodges from all parts of the then colony was held, and when we metaphorically call the roll, the record of the tribute paid to the Grim Reaper is appalling, in the number that has passed to the Great Beyond. Another matter to be deplored

will be the absence of those well-known worthy brethren who are with the New Zealand Expeditionary Forces serving the Empire. Quite a number have expressed their deepest regret that they will be unable to participate in the celebration of the semi-Jubilee of the G.L. of New Zealand, but though absent in body we know they will be with us in spirit, and by the same token it will be impossible for G.L. to forget " Its Absent Brethren."

If the business paper is any criteria, which in many instances it is not, it does not appear that there is any contentious matter. This is a desirable consummation as being more in accordance with the eternal fitness of things on such an occasion, besides allowing more time for the actual intention of the anniversary.

With regard to the festivities which will form part of the gathering, we could have wished that one function had taken different form, though we may be denounced for selfishness. We think that this is an event which should have been confined to brethren around the festive board, as was the case in Victoria in April last when celebrating a similar function. It is the one occasion when visitors from afar may be present, when fraternal felicitations could be exchanged, and mutual experiences be recited. It is quite different from the usual communication, and only occurs once in the average brother's life-time.

We do not yield to anyone in our admiration for the ladies, or appreciation of the assistance they give to Freemasonry, but on this occasion we think that even they would have appreciated our feeling, and desire to be excused their company. The intended arrangements of the Wellington brethren do not appear to provide any opportunity for an essentially Masonic reunion, the co-mingling of experiences, and the mutual expressions of good wishes. However, we express the cordial hope that the meeting will be one of instruction and enjoyment, as marking a distinct epoch in the history of G.L.

PERSONAL MASONIC DISPLAY.



At the April meeting of Lodge Hinemoa, Wellington, there being no ritual work, Bro. S.W. read a very interesting paper, interspersed with personal comments, in which several matters of Masonic moment inadvertently occurred, to which we propose to shortly refer. No discussion was invited, which was regrettable, but three brethren, including the W.M., said a few words in comment. The addresser prefaced his paper with the explanation that his intention was to deal with the officers' jewels; but he found it would require the whole of his first paper to illustrate the jewel of the W.M. Inter alia, he said that it had astounded him to find how little actual knowledge there was on what might be termed the most trivial. Masonic questions. A brother had asked him if he could explain the reason for the rosettes on the apron, and had stated that he had asked nine brethren, but not any of them could answer. The S.W. also commented on the practice of wearing jewels on one's clothing in everyday life, and unhesitatingly denounced it ; and on this question we propose saying a few words, but would first briefly refer to the inability of skilled brethren to answer what may appear at sight as very simple questions. It is by reason of their simplicity that they are not always held in mind by even " bright brethren," who devote their reading and research to more abstruse subjects, and failure to answer such queries on the spur of the moment even by skilled brethren conveys no disgrace, but is rather absence of mind on questions that do not frequently recur, besides being assumed to be the subjects of general knowledge. As an example, the writer once heard this question once made the subject of discussion amongst a number of well-informed and deeply interested brethren, and the following questions were submitted as cases in point :—" Give me the points of your entrance." " What is the allusion to the knocks of the First Degree?" " To whom do the Compasses and the Square belong ?" "What is the first point in Freemasonry ?" And the attempts at answering were of the crudest character. While the S.W. condemned the wearing of jewels in everyday life, and his opinion was upheld by the G.Lec., the W.M. had something to say in favour of the practice, while a brother who is engaged in mission work said that the practice had been very helpful to him in locating brethren. In America, we believe, the practice is very general, and there are few persons who do not wear a button or device of some secret society. But in other parts of the world the bulk of opinion does not appear to be favourable to this form of Masonic publicity. Generally speaking, this ostentatious display of membership is not a guarantee of good brotherhood. During the writer's twelve years of official supervision of the Wellington district, he came into close contact with all sorts and conditions of Freemasons, and latterly was forced to regard all strangers prominently displaying Masonic emblems with suspicion, on the good old principle of experientia docet sapientiam. There is no difficulty, even for a stranger brother, to find out all Masonic particulars on arriving in any of our larger towns, as there is generally a central Masonic Hall with a resident custodian, who will supply legitimate

information. With regard to our aforesaid brother who is engaged in mission work, we are well assured that his desire is to give all possible assistance to those requiring it, and especially to the stranger on his arrival within our gates. His motives and work are alike most worthy. But the opinion has long been forced on Masonic almoners that there is a great danger in indiscriminate Masonic relief. And it was this opinion, based upon practical Masonic benevolent work, that was primarily responsible for the institution in our principal centres of proper Boards of Casual Relief, and we here suggest to those brethren who are engaged in mission work, that if in their peregrinations they discover deserving Masonic cases of distress, they at once communicate with the local Board of Casual Relief, the members of which we are assured will be only too pleased to act in concert with them. The reader of the paper will be fortified in his opinion from the fact that the display of Masonic jewellery is rarely seen in New Zealand, especially on the persons of those brethren who are active workers and Masonic enthusiasts.

THE FREEMASONS' HALL CO. OF WELLINGTON.



The annual meeting of the company was convened to meet on the 29th April, and a perusal of the report and balance-sheet is not good reading. It is not our intention to comment on the various items of account further than to say that a net loss of 2127 on the year's working requires very serious consideration and prompt action. We are quite aware of the many difficulties which the directors have to contend with, not the least being the initial blunder that was made when the hall was reconstructed. It is no use entering on that phase now, as the evil has been done, but we think the time has arrived for some suggestion being put forward by the directors that may be tried with the hope of reducing existing pressure. It would seem that with an authorised capital of £10,000, the amount subscribed, £2,755, is a very small proportion. And as the major part of these shares are held by Lodges, the individual members cannot be said to have overloaded themselves with liability. It would not require any great sacrifice if each brother in Wellington city become responsible for an average of two or three shares, which would probably mean an increase of 22,000 in the share capital. We are told that this would not affect the assets and liabilities of the company, but it would lessen the interest charges by at least £100 per annum, which would materially alter the aspect of the expenditure account. We have also heard optimistic brethren assert that the present property could be sold to advantage, and much more favourable arrangements for housing the brethren could be made elsewhere. In any case, we are of opinion that the Wellington brethren are not doing themselves or the Craft justice in being satisfied to allow the present unsatisfactory position to go on from year to year. In the capital city of the Dominion there should be a Masonic Hall at once a credit to the Brotherhood and a convenience as a home.

If the directors of the company would make a special effort to take the brethren into their confidence, it might have the happy effect of getting a practical scheme suggested which would extricate the company from its very unpleasant position.

THE INVASION OF TRENTHAM.



On the evening of the 29th March some three hundred persons detrained at Trentham and made their way in solid phalanx to the military camp. As it was after dark it was anticipated that the sentries would bar their progress, but whether it was that the said sentries were acting under instructions, or seeing that the visitors were clothed in immaculate evening dress, they were not deemed dangerous, your deponent sayeth not. Having entered the military lines, the visitors proceeded as it by intuition to a specially prepared hall, where they were received by Bro. Major Geo. Barclay, V.D., Major Chaplain Bro. Rev. McKenzie Gibson, and other officers and brethren. Having clothed themselves, admission was gained to the "Lodge-room," where Lodge Waiwhetu was open and holding session. After the transaction of some formal business, addresses were delivered by M.W. Bro. Herbert J. Williams, P.G.M., and R.W. Bro. T. A. Peterkin, Prov.G.M., which were replied to by R.W. Bro. Major Geo. Barclay, P.G.W. The Lodge having been closed, the invaders were entertained by the brethren of the Expeditionary Force, after which a number of toasts were honoured. To W. Bro. Geo. Allport was allotted the pleasing duty of proposing the brethren of the Expeditionary Force, and he acquitted himself most admirably. W. Bro. Major Chaplain McKenzie Gibson replied in his characteristically humorous manner and delighted the gathering. One of the most pleasing features of the meeting was that all

the speakers avoided striking the rock of prolixity, which added zest to their addresses. The train was scheduled to leave at 11 p.m., and although some of the younger members—including the Prov.G.M. —had some difficulty in tearing themselves away from the soldiers, and had to make a bolt for it, the train left on time, thus terminating the exceedingly pleasant invasion of the military camp at Trentham.

News and Notes

THE last candidate for initiation in Lodge Moa was announced in due form and received by the I.G., according to ancient usage and custom. When asked if he felt anything he tested the initiative of the worthy I.G. by replying, " Y-yes, I feel a bit n-nervous."

A GENEROUS donation to the Belgian Fund has been made by Dr. E. E. Porritt, of Wanganui. He is the owner of a block of land near Hamilton, consisting of 150 acres, and he has given the whole of this property to the Belgian Fund. The land will be sold, and it is estimated that it will realise £1,000.

IN our correspondence columns we publish a letter taken from the "Freemason's Chronicle," London, on the subject of " Masonic Grace," which we think has as much application in New Zealand as in England.

IN another column in this issue we publish a report of the W.M. of Manawatu 101. Lodge for the year ending 31st March last, as an example of what can be done by determined effort to put one's house in order. From it we find that interest charges have been considerably lessened, the mortgages have suffered material reduction, the arrears of brethren, which at the beginning of the year were abnormally large, have been reduced to less than normal, and a scheme has been agreed to which will enable the Lodge to clear its property from debt in nine years. Further; the register has been written up as far as possible. We heartily congratulate W. Bro. Rush and his officers on the success that has attended their efforts.

WE thank the G.Sec. of the G.L. of Victoria for copy of proceedings, with which is incorporated the report of the semi-Jubilee celebration.

FROM the report of Lodge Rawhiti, Dannevirke, we regret to learn that our esteemed Bro. W. Dobson has suffered a bereavement in the death of his mother. The Lodge at its last meeting ordered a letter of condolence to be sent to him. The CRAFTSMAN also tenders its deepest sympathy to Bro. Dobson in the loss he has sustained.

WE regret to find that our private communications to M.E. Comp. J. J. Esson have not reached him, though the N.Z. CRAFTSMAN is safely transmitted. We therefore take the opportunity of informing him through this medium that five private letters have been despatched up to date, and as they were all of an entirely private and personal character there is no reason why they should have been censored out of existence.

W. BRO. C. R. CRITCHLEY, who for a number of years past has been sub-editor of the Napier " Daily Telegraph," has purchased the " Waipawa, Mail."

THE services of W. Bro. Captain W. G. Wray, of Greymouth, have been accepted for the front. Captain Wray has seen service in South Africa, and has taken a prominent part in the West Coast National Reserve (mounted section). He is a P.M. of Lazar Lodge, and a member of N.Z. Pacific Lodge, Wellington.

RECENTLY, R.W. Bro. W. W. De Castro, District Land Registrar and Deputy Commissioner of Stamps at Invercargill, completed forty years of duty in the public service (says a Press Association message), but though Bro. De Castro can now retire at will on full pension, he does not contemplate taking that step immediately. Bro. De Castro joined the Government Life Insurance Office on 14th April, 1875, at Wellington, and three years later transferred to the Lands and Deeds Office. In 1880 his first move came, when he went to Christchurch. After two years in the Canterbury capital, he was transferred to Hokitika, where he remained until July, 1886. Then he went to Blenheim as chief clerk in the Lands and Deeds Office and Deputy Commissioner of Stamps, and was moved in May, 1892, to Nelson, as Deputy Land Registrar and Deputy Commissioner of Stamps. In Nelson, Bro. De Castro remained for twenty years, leaving in 1912 for Invercargill, where he succeeded the late Mr. Panting as Deputy Land Registrar and Deputy Commissioner of Stamps. Bro. De Castro has an excellent record in the department, and in Invercargill has won the respect and esteem of all doing business with him.

THE CRAFTSMAN tenders its thanks to Mr. Howard Edie for card of invitation to reading of "Hamlet." Also to the Messrs. Cherniaysky for two places at their initial concert in Wellington.

WE understand that arrangements have been concluded for opening Heretaunga R.A. Chapter at Hastings on Monday, 10th May. M.E. Comp. A. C. Andrews, G.Z., will preside.

ARRANGEMENTS were made for laying the foundation stone of the Christchurch Masonic Hall on the 24th April (after we went to press). The ceremony was to have been performed by M.W. Bro. J. J. Dougall, G.M., assisted by members of G.L. Per favour of a local brother a full report, will appear in the next issue of the CRAFTSMAN.

W. BRO. RUDMAN, of Nelson, has now gone on a few weeks' visit to Wellington and Christchurch.

THE installation of Victory Lodge will take place on 27th May (fourth Thursday), and it is probable the whole of the installation ceremony will be conducted by R.W. Bro. Rudman and the P.Ms. of Lodges Wairau, Unanimity, Waitohi, and Havelock. An invitation in this direction has gone forth. A cordial invitation is extended to visiting brethren.

EIGHTEEN members of Victory Lodge paid a visit to Lodge Havelock on the occasion of its installation last month, and had a real Masonic reception. It was said to have been the biggest installation held in Havelock. Victory had no work to do inside the Lodgeroom, but afterwards the brethren gave a creditable exhibition by being able to sandwich the very fine speeches by songs, instrumental items, and side-splitting yarns, in which the member for Nelson (Bro. T. A. H. Field) and the Mayor (Bro. W. Lock) joined. The Nelson visitors supplied the whole of the items at the festive board.

SOUTHLAND NOTES.

At the last regular meeting of Lodge Mataura, W. Bro. Frank Young gave a very instructive lecture on the life and works of King Solomon. The speaker dealt with the temple in a masterly manner, conveying briefly a fund of information on this ancient but always interesting subject. "Multum in parvo" is characteristic of W. Bro. Young's discoveries, hence his popularity and oft solicited presence at our meetings.

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While Lodge Mataura offers hearty congratulations to W. Bro. Rev. W. Brown on his preferment to the charge at Oamaru, general regret is felt at his departure. His connection with the Lodge made in every way for its betterment.

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Practical Freemasonry was exercised by St. John's Lodge at last meeting. A brother, owing to continued ill-health and consequent loss of source of income, paid up and applied for his demit. The application was, in the circumstances, promptly turned down, and a motion to make him good on the books for twelve months unanimously carried.

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Lodge Victoria's promised visit to Lodge Fortitude eventuated on the 14th inst. There was a good meeting, and the visitors thoroughly enjoyed themselves.

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W. Bro. Frobarth was deservedly congratulated on his performance as Installing Master at Lodge Harvey's installation meeting. He was ably assisted by the P.Ms. of Lodge Harvey, and the work was excellent from beginning to end. The Prov. G.M., R.W. Bro. Wm. Timpany, was present, and announced the appointment of W. Bro. D. McFarlane as our future Prov. G.M. Needless to say, the information was well received. Congratulations to W. Bro. D. McFarlane were many and sincere.

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The speeches at the banquet in connection with Harvey installation were notable for the absence of anything approaching undue adulation and for the wholesome and friendly criticism indulged in.

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W. Bro. E. C. Smith's speech at his installation as Master of Lodge Harvey was full of promise, and gave evidence of sound knowledge of Masonic affairs.

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The need of better ventilation for the Lodgeroom is engaging the attention of Lodge Winton. This will be appreciated by visitors on installation nights.

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There was a good attendance of visitors at Lodge Wairaki installation. W. Bro. Jas. McKenzie, first Master of the Lodge, was installed W.M. The ceremony was performed by the Prov. G.M., R.W. Bro. Wm.

Timpany. R.W. Bro. De Castro, on behalf of the Lodge, presented a handsome P.M.'s jewel to W. Bro. Applegarth.

AN UNIQUE MEETING.

On 29th March, by special dispensation from the M.W. the G.M. Lodge Waiwhetu, 176, held an emergency meeting at the Military Camp, Trentham, which turned out to be one of the most successful Lodge meetings held in the Wellington district, both from the number of visitors and from the pleasure derived by those who attended it. The visitors, to the number of nearly 300, journeyed from Wellington, Petone, and Lower Hutt by special train, and arrived at the camp just before 8 o'clock, and were conducted to the Salvation Army Hall, where the members of various Lodges in camp, about eighty in number, were waiting to receive them. The W.M. of Lodge Waiwhetu (W. Bro. Guineas) presided, and the officers of that Lodge occupied the various chairs. The Lodge was then opened in the First Degree, and R.W. Bro. Peterkin, Prov.G.M., was announced, and was escorted into the Lodge and received with honours. He then assumed the chair, and received M.W. Bro. Williams, P.G.M., who was accompanied by a large number of G. and P.G. officers. The Sec. (W. Bro. H. Hobbs) read the special dispensation authorising the Lodge to be held. The W.M. then called on M.W. Bro. Williams to address the meeting (a synopsis of which is published by special request in another part of this issue), who impressed upon them the great necessity of upholding the name of Freemasonry in all their actions, and gave them some very excellent advice. R.W. Bro. Peterkin then explained the reasons leading up to the holding of the meeting that evening. He also presented W. Bro. Clifton, of Lodge Tararua, with his P.M. certificate and Bro. Richardson, of Lodge Hawera, with his M.M. certificate. R.W. Bro. Seaton, J.G.W., and Bro. Robinson, of Lodge Hinemoa, then gave an excellent demonstration of the method of proving a brother, both as done in the Lodges in America and in those on the Continent of Europe. This was very interesting, and was a good object-lesson to those brethren going away, and also to a large number of the Wellington brethren. R.W. Bro. Barclay, P.G.W., thanked the brethren of Lodge Waiwhetu and the Wellington brethren for having attended that evening, and on behalf of the brethren in camp stated that the pleasure they had derived that evening would long remain in their minds as a very pleasant memory when far away from New Zealand. A very pleasant part of the evening was the giving of hearty good wishes by the members of the various Lodges represented. Fifty-four Lodges were represented from all parts of the Dominion, as well as from Lodges overseas. The Lodge was then closed in L.P. and harmony at 9.45 p.m.

The brethren then adjourned to the Lecture Hall, where light refreshments were partaken of, and the usual loyal and patriotic toasts were given, V.W. Bro. McKenzie Gibson responding to the toast of the military brethren in a very able and humorous speech. Songs and recitations were given by Bros. Meredith, Bell, and Meets, and items by the orchestra of St. Andrew's Lodge. The full programme, owing to the lateness of the hour, could not be carried through, but all arrived home in Wellington about midnight, after a very pleasant evening, which they will long remember.—[Lodge Correspondent.]

OPENING OF EGMONT CHAPTER, No. 37.

CONSECRATION CEREMONY.

The dedication and constitution of the above Chapter took place at Stratford on 25th March, at 2.30 p.m. The ceremony was both interesting and impressive, and is not likely to be forgotten by those privileged to be present. The consecrating officer was M.E. Comp. Herbert J. Williams, P.G.Z., and he was assisted by R.E. Comp. Palmer, G.Supt. W.C.N.I., as G.H.; M.E. Comp. Rev. T. Porritt, P.G.Z., G.Supt. W. as G.J.; V.E. Comp. G. S. Gordon, A.G.S.E.; V.E. Comp. T. E. Hammerton, 1st G.Soj.; V.E. Comp. N. Roulston, 2nd G.Soj. ; V.E. Comp. J. Ashwell, 3rd G.Soj. The office of -D. of C. was entrusted to V.E. Comp. H. Priestley, and Comp. G. J. Shepherd acted ably as Organist. The feature of the whole ceremony of dedication was the able address by M.E. Comp. Williams. He very thoughtfully took into account the fact that most of the companions were young in Chapter work, and so dealt with the subject that the matter of the address was understood thoroughly by the youngest companion, and at the same time enjoyed and appreciated by the most experienced. The address led up to the ceremony of consecration, and that portion was fittingly and impressively performed. The venerable appearance and the reverend manner of the acting-G.J. greatly

impressed the companions, and endeared him still more, if that were possible, to all present. The music was carefully chosen and sympathetically rendered, and the Egmont companions felt grateful to Comp. Shepherd for coming from Hawera to preside at the organ. The installation ceremony took place the same evening, when R.E. Comp: G. W. Palmer officiated. Comp. F. E. Dobson was installed and enthroned as 1st Prin. Z., Comp. George Young as 2nd Prin. H., and Comp. J. McAllister as 3rd Prin. J. The other offices were filled by Comp. A. M. Spilman as S.E., V.E. Comp. Hamerton as Treas., Comps. F. Copestake, W. H. Besley, and C. H. Speek as 1st, 2nd, and 3rd Sojs. respectively. Comp. G. Smart was elected to the office of S.N., but unfortunately could not attend owing to illness. M.E. Comp. Rev. T. Porritt, P.G.Z., gave the address to the 1st Prin.; the address to the officers was given by V.E. Comp. G. S. Gordon, 3rd G.Soj.; M.E. Comp. H. J. Williams, P.G.Z., addressed the companions. Comp. Shepherd again had charge of the musical portion of the ceremony, and managed it with the judgment and ability for which he is noted. Before the Chapter closed a resolution was passed expressing the thanks of the Egmont companions to the Wanganui Chapter for the use of furniture and regalia. In the refectory at the after meeting the G. Chapter representatives and the visitors were entertained by the local companions, and a very pleasant time was spent. All the speeches were interesting, some amusing, and most were instructive. Much good advice was tendered, especially by M.E. Clomp. Williams, and doubtless the companions of the new Chapter made many good resolutions. May they be enabled to fulfil them all. V.E. Comp. G. S. Gordon, in replying to the toast of the visitors, offered on behalf of the Wanganui companions to come up at some future time and work a degree. The offer was most cordially received, and the spirit which prompted it much appreciated. Altogether the occasion was a red letter day in Masonry in these parts, and the newly-launched Chapter has a fair prospect before it. Meetings are to be held alternately in Stratford and Inglewood, and both Lodge Stratford and Lodge Moa have generously given the companions the free use of the Lodgerooms.-[Chapter Correspondent.]

GRAND LODGE OF NEW ZEALAND.



ANNUAL COMMUNICATION.

The following are the arrangements in connection with the annual meeting of G.L., to be held in Wellington on Wednesday, 12th May.

The first business meeting will open in the Concert Chamber of the Town Hall at 10 a.m., and will adjourn at 1 p.m., resuming at 2.30. During the lunch adjournment a photograph of officers and members of G.L. will be taken, and the place and time will be notified before the adjournment.

At 5 p.m. G.L. will adjourn until 7.30, when the ceremony of installing the M.W.G.M. and investiture of G. officers will take place in the Town Hall, after which G.L. will be closed, and business (if necessary) will be resumed in the Concert Chamber at 9.30 a.m. on Thursday.

FESTIVITIES.

Indirectly the war has hampered the operations of the Committees very considerably, and should there be any diminution of the hospitality usually offered on such occasions, the visiting brethren are asked to remember the special circumstances under which we are meeting.

After the installation on Wednesday evening light refreshments will be tendered to G. and P.G. officers, and it is hoped to include actual delegates of Lodges, but this point was not finally decided at the time of going to press. The Executive deeply regrets that it cannot extend an invitation to all visitors, but want of space alone precludes such a possibility.

On Thursday afternoon a chartered steamer will leave the Ferry Wharf at 2.30 for Day's Bay (weather, of course, permitting), where afternoon tea will be provided. All visiting brethren and their lady friends are invited.

At 8 p.m. a conversazione will be held in the Town Hall, and will comprise a short concert, supper at 10 p.m., to be followed by a dance.

Tickets for all functions may be obtained from the Secs. (W. Bros. H. B. Bridge and G. Russell), whose office will be the first room on the left hand-side of the main entrance of the Town Hall. Entrance tickets, signed with the name and Lodge of the brother must be presented to the Tyler at the first business meeting, or, if not attending the first, at the second session, and attendance sheets must be signed by every brother

present at the installation meeting. An Examining Committee will be in attendance at 6.30 on Wednesday for the purpose of proving stranger brethren.

THE LADIES.

Special arrangements have been made for the entertainment of lady visitors in addition to the foregoing functions. On Wednesday afternoon the ladies will be taken to Kelburn and entertained at afternoon tea at the Kiosk. On the evening of the same day a theatre party will be arranged, particulars of which are not yet available. A Committee of ladies has been set up who will take charge of these functions, and details will be announced later.

VICTORY LODGE, No. 40.



VISIT OF GRAND MASTER.

On 25th March the brethren of this Lodge were delighted to receive a visit from the G.M., M.W. Bro. J. J. Dougall, and the brethren from the various Lodges in the vicinity of Nelson gathered in good numbers for the purpose of giving him a suitable reception. Southern Star Lodge, E.C., shared in the welcome, and withal there was a happy gathering. The Prov.G.M., R.W. Bro. W. E. Redman, was also present. There was no degree working, which the G.M. seemed to regret, as he had hoped to see the Lodge under working conditions. However, a specially prepared programme was arranged, and, as evidenced by the remarks of the G.M., he was satisfied with the capabilities of the Lodge. Words of welcome were extended by W. Bros. E. W. Rudman (Victory Lodge, No. 40), J. A. Wallace (Motueka, No. 117), D. Mackay (Southern Star, No. 735, E.G.). The G.M. referred to the unremitting hospitality he had received during his short stay, and referred to the attention paid him by the Mayor (Bro. W. Lock). He also took occasion to refer to the presence of R.W. Bro. L. G. Boor, who is in his ninetieth year, and he held this brother up as one for the emulation of all brethren. Reference was also made to another aged brother (Bro. C. W. Moore), who had tyled the Lodge for many years, and who has long since passed the allotted span of life. He said he hoped to pay another visit to the city of sunshine, and would then make an effort to see the suburban Lodges at work. Both at Lodge meeting and at the very enjoyable gathering which followed M.W. Bro. Dougall made eloquent reference to the need of brethren making sacrifices and self-denying themselves in order to assist those who were now serving their country at war, or if unfortunately it should happen the dependents of those brethren who may fall or be injured. His remarks created a fine impression, and the brethren were satisfied that if the War Benevolent Fund does not reach the desired amount it will be through no fault of the G.M. The following brethren contributed to the harmony of the evening :— W. Bros. Rudman, Moller, Dimaut, and Richards, and Bros. Field, M.P., Edwards, Thompson, Wilmot, and Whelan. W. Bro. H. J. Harris provided an excellent supper.

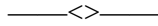
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Jas. McKenzie (Nightcaps), J. McLauchlan 17/6 (Wyndham).
(All 7/6 except those noted.)

OBITUARY.



W. BRO. DAVID PRESTON PLAYER, P.M.

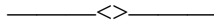
Though our deceased brother was unattached at the time of his death, he attended the Masonic meeting at Trentham on the 29th March, and met with a tram accident on his return home, which contributed to his death. We have no knowledge of Bro. Player's early Masonic history beyond the fact that he was W.M. of St. Andrew's Lodge, Wellington, under the S.C., in the year 1880, when the writer of this notice was initiated in that Lodge, and later was Sec. of Lodge Greytown, E.C. For many years he took an active and intelligent interest in Freemasonry, and probably no one regretted more than himself in later life that he had ceased his work as a Craftsman. Though unknown to the present generation of Freemasons, he for a time played well his part, and never disgraced the badge he wore.



V.W. BRO. D. A. BAXTER, G.TREAS.

Late telegraphic information has just come to hand that V.W. Bro. D. A. Baxter, G.Treas., died suddenly on Saturday last (24th ult.), from heart failure.

ADDRESS TO BRETHREN OF THE EXPEDITIONARY FORCES.



The following is the text of an address delivered by a M. W. brother at the special meeting of Waiwhetu Lodge, held at the Trentham Camp, and is now published by special request of the Prov.G.M. and a large number of brethren.

After referring to the object of the gathering, the speaker explained what appeared to him to have been a general misconception of the position of Freemasonry with regard to the war in its earlier stages. It had been very generally assumed that, because Freemasonry was essentially a peace society, it should have no part in assisting the conflict by giving any monetary aid to the patriotic funds, other than those promoted for relief purposes. Were that principle carried to a logical conclusion, it would be equally wrong—or more so—for brethren to give personal service for fighting the enemies of their country. And in case there were any who held that Freemasons should not participate in the struggle now going on, he (the speaker) would point out that Freemasons made an especial point of proclaiming their loyalty to their country and their allegiance to their Sovereign. Loyalty and allegiance could never be construed as passively watching from afar a colossal struggle which threatened the very existence of the Empire. If any stimulus was required to excite a just indignation, it was supplied in the ruthless butchery of a brave and unoffending nation, the demolition of sacred buildings and historic art treasures which all the efforts of the world could not replace, and the debauchery of a virtuous womanhood. The speaker then quoted the following lines, sent to, and published in, an American Masonic journal from a German Freemason :

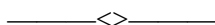
" We are serving our country as citizens and as soldiers, but it is surely not wrong to argue because of this we are not good Masons. We are with our Emperor and the Empire because we hold their position is right. We have not only the right to stand with our countrymen, but it is our highest duty to do so."

The M. W. brother contended that if this view was tenable to the German Freemason, how much more so was it to the brethren of the British Empire, who had so just a quarrel. The speaker then explained the intention with regard to the G.L. of New Zealand War Fund, and made a stirring appeal in its behalf, pointing out that, no matter how large it became, it would be totally insufficient to meet all calls once the New Zealand Forces entered the firing line. The brother concluded his address as follows : " We all fully

recognise the great sacrifice you are making in responding to the call of your country, and that you do so with a full knowledge of the danger you incur, but should the God of Battles give victory to your cause, to those who survive it will be a lifelong pleasure to remember that your gallant efforts contributed to the making of a new epoch in the world's history. And with the dawn of a higher and better civilisation your children may celebrate with joy and rejoicing the recurring anniversaries of the termination of that great historic tragedy and sacrifice, which we must all fervently hope will be the means of opening up the vista of universal peace, the commencement of that era when nations and peoples shall learn to war no more. You are going forth in the pride of your manhood to battle for the cause that needs assistance, and we ask you to bear with you our heartiest greetings and warmest good wishes, and when you are far away remember that every brother here to-night has joined in the fervent prayer—may our Great Architect have you all in His good keeping until we meet again."

Correspondence

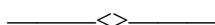
NOTICE TO CORRESPONDENTS.



We have received a number of letters from R.A. companions with reference to the signed letter appearing in our last issue. After consideration we have arrived at the conclusion that the only result of publication would be to accentuate the bad feeling that has been engendered. We still have faith in the R.A. motto, "Magna est veritas et prevalebit."

C. H. JENKINS.—Shall be pleased to hear from you at any time.

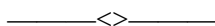
EXPRESSION OF THANKS.



TO THE EDITOR.

DEAR SIR AND BRO.,—Would you please, through your paper, express the thanks of Lodge Waiwhetu to those brethren at the camp who so ably assisted in making the meeting on 29th March such a great success; also those who assisted at the meeting, and the musical brethren, and brethren of the different Lodges who journeyed from Wellington. in such large numbers.—Yours fraternally, HENRY HOBBS, Sec.

AN ACKNOWLEDGMENT.



TO THE EDITOR.

DEAR SIR AND BRO.,—I have just come from the Hospital, where I submitted to the serious operation, the result of which my wife and family so anxiously awaited six weeks ago to-day. Fortunately, by the blessing of Providence and the inheritance of a sound constitution, my system withstood the shock, and I am again in my own home.

I have just read yours and other good friends' sympathetic enquiries, and my heart is touched by the kindness accorded me. Will you kindly accept my grateful thanks for your valued sympathy and good wishes for a speedy recovery, which you will see have been realised.—Yours fraternally,

"Bromley," 135 Don Street,
Invercargill, N.Z.,

W. B. SCANDRETT.

Easter Monday, 1915.

HISTORY OF GRAND LODGE.

TO THE EDITOR.

DEAR SIR AND BRO.,—Seeing you are trying to get G.L. to publish its history, and seeing there are so many calls on G.L. funds, I would be very pleased to forward a donation of one guinea towards the publishing, if it would be accepted. It is a pity that all the M.W. and R.W. brethren who founded G.L. and worked so hard to make it a success could not be present with you next month and see what a great work it is now.— Yours fraternally,

JOHN McMILLAN,

Nightcaps, Southland, 12th April, 1915.

LODGE MANAWATU KIL., No. 47.

ANNUAL REPORT.

I have the honour to report that the financial result of last year's work is very satisfactory, and the Lodge is now in a better position than ever before.

The year was commenced with a credit balance of £17 3s. 4d., and it ended with a credit balance of £116 2s. 11d., notwithstanding that the sum of £251 15s. 11d. has been paid away in interest and reduction of mortgage, against £119 15s. 5d. last year.

The mortgage to the local Building Society, which had a year 'to run, has been paid off, and £11 5s. saved in interest, while £100 has been paid off the mortgage held by the Wellington Trust and Loan Company. The actual debit on the building has been reduced by £200, and the mortgage, which stood at £1100 on 31st March, 1914, now stands at £900.

When last year ended there were sixty-nine brethren in arrear, who owed, collectively, no less a sum than £252. Many of these brethren had been lost sight of, some for as long as four to six years, and it was presumed that their arrears would never be paid—in fact, the previous year's balance-sheet made provision for writing off £120 as unrecoverable. However it was decided not to lose so large an amount without making an effort to collect. Accordingly, a systematic search was instituted, and, with the exception of one brother, the address of each was discovered. Correspondence followed—in fact, no less than 544 letters were written between 2nd May and 31st March, a copy of each being recorded. The result is seen on the balance-sheet attached. Several brethren who were some years in arrear had to be compromised with to enable them to obtain their demits, and only four had to be struck off—two because they absolutely declined to pay, one because his address could not be ascertained, and the fourth at his own request and on his promise to pay when he finds it convenient. The result of the repeated efforts made is the reduction of the number of members in arrear to ten, representing a total of £35, a portion of which has since been paid.

The dues actually collected amount to £483 2s., an increase of over £200 on last year.

On the expenditure side, in addition to a reduction of mortgage by £200, £21 0s. 6d. has been spent for new regalia, and £14 17s. 1d. in renovations to building.

A list showing the date of admission of every member into the Lodge since its inception, together with the dates of their initiation, passing, and raising or joining, has also been prepared, and this entailed the arduous work of perusing the minutes extending over thirty-two years. Now there is a complete record showing the present roll of membership, the dates of admission of all members as set out above, and an alphabetic roll of all the members who have ever been connected with the Lodge since its inauguration. The only record which is not procurable is the dates of resignation of past members. This, however, is not important.

A scheme has been propounded, and agreed to by the Lodge, which in nine years or less will enable the property to be freed from debt. To achieve this laudable object, however, it is necessary that the brethren should promptly pay their dues, because each year £100 has to be paid off the mortgage. The prompt payment of dues also greatly decreases the work of the Sec., and facilitates payment of accounts.

VALEDICTION.

On Tuesday evening, 13th April, the members of Lodge Piako, No. 160, met in their hall to entertain and bid good-bye to W. Bro. G. P. Armstrong, who leaves shortly for California. There was a large assembly, included amongst whom were visitors from various parts of this Dominion and one from Aberdeen.

In proposing the toast to the guest, W. Bro. Chas. M. Gummer referred in eulogistic terms to the many good qualities of their departing brother. In matters Masonic, Church, or business he had always proved himself a most conscientious worker, and no duty was a burden to him, his readiness to assist being characteristic of the man. As a personal friend he would miss him, and his place in the Lodge would be difficult to fill. W. Bro. Gummer then asked the guest to accept a handsome travelling rug and set of straps from his fellow-brethren, and he trusted that when the warmth of it was felt in other lands that it would remind him of his associations with them in Morrinsville, and convey to him some idea of the warmth of their esteem.

In replying, W. Bro. Armstrong was deeply moved by the tokens of regard, and expressed his great regret at having to leave the country, and Morrinsville in particular, where he had so many friends, but health reasons necessitated a trip to other climes. No one could foretell the future, and should he ever venture a return to New Zealand again he would wish for no better place to make his home in than Morrinsville.

Other toasts honoured were : " The King and the Craft," " Army and Navy," " The Visitors," and " The Press." Lodge Piako orchestra rendered several selections, and items were also given by W. Bros. Gummer, Armstrong, and Ashwood, also by Bros. J. S. Reid, M'Causland, J. Wilson, Teni Tuhakaraina, and Arnold.

Complimentary greetings to W.M. Bro. Gummer brought a most pleasant gathering to a close.

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A TRIBUTE TO ABSENT BRETHREN.

A TOAST PROPOSED BY W. BRO. A. J. GRAHAM, P.M., LODGE HUIA.

To the call of King and Country, in what was perhaps one of the most solemn hours of our national history, members of the Masonic fraternity have rallied in recent months in large numbers. The peril in which our Empire stood, from an enemy mighty, masterful, cunning, unscrupulous, who had led his hosts into some of the busiest and fairest lands of Europe, and carried fire and sword, devastation, and destruction wherever he marched, has brought many of our bravest and best into the ranks against him. Probably every Lodge represented here tonight has some brother, either on the battlefields of Europe, exposed to the impartial fate of suffering and death, or in Egypt, where so many New Zealanders had been called upon to play their part

and run the risk of the wounds and death that war extorts from all who go forth to do battle with the enemy. The three local Lodges each has some absent soldier brother ; Lodge United Manawatu, E.C., being represented by Bro. A. A. Martin (of the Royal Army Medical Corps), whose distinguished services at the front have earned for him honourable mention in despatches; Bro. Haycock, of Lodge Manawatu Kil., and Bros, Jones and Ingram, of Lodge Huia. It is fit and proper that on an occasion such as this, we, who are living in peace and comfort should thus honour our absent brethren, and from the quietude of our inmost souls, humbly supplicate the G.A.O.T.U. to guard and protect them. I am certain that in the midst of all their difficulties and dangers our absent brethren will worthily uphold the honour of their King, their Country, and the Craft, and ever strive

"To set the cause above renown,
To love the game and not the prize,
To honour, while they strike him down,
The foe that comes with fearless eyes ;
To count the life of battle good,
And dear the land that gave them birth;
And dearer yet, the Brotherhood
That binds the brave of all the earth."
—Published by request..

EARLY SCOTTISH FREEMASONRY.

[A Paper read at the WELLINGTON INSTALLED MASTERS' LODGE by W. Bro. G. Menzies.]

The study of early history in connection with any organisation or society is one of great interest to those connected with such organisation or society, and the study of the history of early Freemasonry is no exception to the rule. This evening I will try to lay before you some facts in connection with early Scottish Freemasonry, in the hope that they may be of interest to the members, and also that, when the paper is criticised, further additional light may be thrown by the worshipful brethren on the subject under discussion.

David Murray Lyon, in his book, " Freemasonry in Scotland," states in the preface that, although Scotland possesses the oldest authentic Masonic records that are known to exist, great misconception prevails as to the condition of the Fraternity prior to the institution of the first Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons. This may be ascribed to the fact that the minutes of the more ancient of the Scotch Lodges have been almost totally neglected, and to a tendency on the part of early Masonic authors to represent the traditions of the Craft as historical facts, or so to embellish facts as to distort, if not altogether obliterate, them. In reading various histories it is hard to determine where operative Masonry ceased and speculative began, but it is stated that the minutes of Canongate KW Lodge contain the earliest Scottish record extant of the admission of a Master Mason under the modern Masonic Constitution. This occurred on 31st March, 1735. The Third Degree is not referred to in the records of the Lodge of Kil. until 1736. nor in those of Lodge of Edinburgh until 1738. A historian of Scottish Freemasonry is, however, of the opinion that the degree was first practised in the Edinburgh Scots Arms Lodge, the first purely speculative (Scottish) Lodge, constituted in 1729.

In 1736 it was felt that the time had arrived when a G.L. should be constituted and a G.M. elected. A form of circular was agreed upon by four out of the six Lodges in and about Edinburgh, and these were sent to all Scottish Lodges, inviting their attendance either in person or by proxy. According to this arrangement the first general meeting of Scotch Symbolical Masons was held in Edinburgh on 30th November, 1736, thirty-three of the hundred Lodges being represented by their Master and two Wardens. Each Lodge was placed on the roll in the order in which they entered the hall, and the roll could not have been compiled without due consideration to the claims of the Lodges attending and the rights of certain ones for priority. The first six in order were : Mary's Chapel, Kilwinning, Canon-gate Kilwinning, Kilwinning Scots' Arms, Kilwinning Leith, and Kilwinning Glasgow. It will be noticed that out of these six Lodges five had Kilwinning as name or part of name, showing the popularity of this title, a popularity that still exists, as can be readily seen by a glance at the Directory of Lodges in any country where charters have been granted by the G.L. of Scotland.

At the meeting held in 1736 no amendments were offered to the form of procedure or to the draft of constitution of G.L. which had been submitted to the several Lodges. The percentage of Lodges represented was small, but no mention is found in the various histories of direct opposition to the movement. The

election of a G.M. must have been a question of considerable interest, for, according to a writer, "Laurie," it is stated that King James II of Scotland, who died in 1460, invested the Earl of Orkney and Caithness with the dignity of G.M., and subsequently made the office hereditary to his heirs and successors in the Barony of Roslin. D. Murray Lyon, however, regards this statement with doubt, and gives his reasons fully in dealing with the St. Clair Charters, stating that previous to the constitution of the G.L. the designation of G.M. was, in a general sense, unknown to any Masonic body in Scotland. The election of a G.M. by the Lodge of Edinburgh in 1731 is the earliest instance of the title being used at all in connection with Scotch Masonry, and it was then employed in a strictly local sense. The second of William Shaw's Masonic titles, "Chief Master of Masons," is the nearest approach to G.M. which has been met with in any Scotch Masonic M.S. prior to 1736. The title, however, appears to have been held, for at the meeting held in the year mentioned a document was tendered by William St. Clair renouncing any hereditary claims he might possess "to be patron, protector., judge, or Master of the Masons in Scotland." The deed was accepted, and so pleased were the brethren present, at the withdrawal from an obsolete office in operative Masonry that it was the ground for St. Clair being chosen to fill the post of first G.M., a fact that must have afforded great pleasure to Lodge Canongate Kil., at whose instance the deed was drawn. Although St. Clair only filled the Grand Throne during the first year of the G.L.'s existence, yet he continued to take an active interest in its affairs. Forty-two years elapsed between his retirement from the chair and his death, and it is stated that during that long period he was nearly always present at the annual festival of St. Andrew. He was there at the one preceding his death, which took place in 1778, he being then in his 78th year.

Gould, in his history, states that for a great many years the G.L. of Scotland stood on a very anomalous footing with regard to the Ancient Lodges in that kingdom. There were several Lodges which never joined the G.L. at all, while others did so and retired, though of the latter some renewed their allegiance.

The claim for precedence of Lodges was one that gave considerable trouble after the G.L. was formed, the two Lodges concerned being those of Edinburgh (Mary's Chapel) and Kilwinning respectively. Lyon, in his history, states that :— " Though from its ancient political importance Edinburgh is more likely to have been the centre of an association of builders than an obscure village. in the provinces, the legend which points to Kilwinning as the original seat of Scotch Masonry is more widespread, and has hitherto been more generally accepted than that which accords the palm of priority to the ancient metropolitan Lodge on account of its alleged descent from the artisans whom, in 1128, King David imported from Strasburg to build Holyrood Abbey." Leaving this early date, we find that in the Supplementary Statutes issued in 1599 for the regulation of Lodges the designation of "Heid and Secund Lodge of Scotland " was applied to the Lodge of Kilwinning. Gould, in his history, quotes the following :-

" It is quite possible, of course, that Kilwinning may have been the seat of the first Scottish Lodge, without that old court of operative masonry being the Supreme Lodge of Scotland. To the curious reader, however, who is desirous of considering the rival pretensions of the two leading Lodges, of the world at greater length, I would recommend the admirable " Histories " of Mr. D. Murray Lyon and the Rev. W. Lee Ker, in each of which (though with conflicting result) the whole evidence is carefully marshalled and summed up." It is interesting to note the diversity of opinion in regard to the claim for priority that the historians quoted. Rev. W. Lee Ker states that, " No other Lodge, as we are rightly told, has such traditions as the Lodge of Kilwinning. Such traditions declare that the Kilwinning Temple of Freemasons was the temple which was first instituted, and that its foundations were laid about the year 1180." The same writer assures us " That Kilwinning Lodge is the true Mother Lodge of Scotland is not a mere legend; on the contrary, a fair reading of Shaw's Statutes shows it to be a solemn truth." In support of this the code of 1509 is quoted, which states explicitly that Kilwinning was the Reid Ledge; but for matters of expediency this was to be changed, and that the Lodge of Edinburgh (Mary's Chapel) was to be principal and Kilwinning was to be second Lodge. Such is the diversity of opinion between the historians, although in each history the Shaw's Statutes are quoted.

The question of adjustment of places on its roll early attracted the attention of G.L., for in 1737 the following resolution appeared :—" Resolved, that the Lodges who have produced documents be enrolled according to their dates." The oldest records produced under this arrangement were those of the Lodge of Edinburgh (Mary's Chapel), bearing the date July, 1599, which were forty-three years older than those produced by the Lodge of Kilwinning. In accordance with the principle laid down, the first place on the roll was assigned to Mary's Chapel and the second to Kilwinning. If not acquiesced in, this arrangement was not formally objected to by the Lodge of Kilwinning, which was then, and for several years afterwards, represented at Edinburgh by proxy. In 1744 a complaint was made in G.L. that this Lodge was only called second in order and another Lodge preferred before them. After due consideration the former resolution was confirmed, and

Lodge Kilwinning, without entering into any dispute or argument, withdrew from G.L. and resumed its independence. This state continued for a considerable time, until in 1807 G.L. approached the Lodge of Kilwinning by a letter from the G.Sec., with a view to having the breach healed. The letter was considered at a special meeting, and a conference arranged at which an agreement was come to, the chief points being that the Mother Lodge Kilwinning shall renounce all rights of granting charters, and come in, along with all the Lodges holding under her, to the bosom of G.L. ; that the Mother Kilwinning shall be placed at the head of the roll of G.L. under the designation of Mother Kilwinning, with a number now given as 0. As far as I know, this is the only instance in the world where a Lodge on the roll of a recognised G.L. has this number. Naturally this agreement was satisfactory to the one Lodge but unsatisfactory to the other (Mary's Chapel), which entered a strong protest, and the dispute was under consideration by G.L. and that Lodge for a period of about five years. Eventually, in 1816, the matter came before the quarterly communication, and the agreement being again ratified, the Master of Mary's Chapel Lodge withdrew the petition.

But this was not the only trouble of G.L. In 1808 an attempt is stated to have been made to introduce politics into G.L., this being in connection with a Bill introduced by the British Parliament, allowing all persons who professed the Roman Catholic faith to serve in the Army and Navy with the free exercise of their religion. This Bill was withdrawn, at the suggestion of the King then reigning, and his opposition called forth resolutions of approval from many public bodies. At the quarterly communication of G.L., held in May, 1807, Dr, James Mitchell, the Master of Lodge Caledonian, sought to identify the G.L. of Scotland with this movement, but was defeated by 28 to 27. This vote, as might be expected, gave rise to considerable feeling, and the after-proceedings of Caledonian Lodge intensified this, their whole proceedings being reviewed by G.L. early in 1808, when the Master was suspended from all Masonic privileges. This caused a large section of the members of this Lodge to secede, but the section which adhered to G.L. met soon afterwards and filled the offices that had become vacant through the disruption. Lodge Caledonian was not the only one to suffer, for sentence of suspension was pronounced against certain members of Mary's Chapel and other alleged abettors of the schism. The suspension caused considerable feeling, and in a motion proposed it was declared " That these violent measures, instead of diminishing, would increase the ferment existing in the Craft, and create schism and division among the brethren," Certain Lodges then seceded, but some of the Edinburgh Lodges remained firm to their allegiance to G.L., and also a number of the members of the seceding Lodges, in which, it is stated, the secession was attributed solely to political motives. The dispute had hitherto been confined to the Masonic Courts, but it was soon removed to the Civil Courts, and in July, 1808, the secessionists organised themselves into a separate body under the designation of " The Associated Lodges seceding from the present G.L. of Scotland," and the Master of Mary's Chapel was appointed G.M. Eventually the seceding Lodges were charged with sedition, and after full reasons and answers had been given the decision was announced against the G.L. Whatever may have been the feeling with which the judgment of the Court of Sessions was received by the Associated Lodges, the event does not appear to have been signalised by any great demonstration, and very soon overtures for reconciliation were made in the name of a majority of the seceders. The G.L. met the Lodge in a conciliatory manner, and passed resolutions removing the sentences of secession and expulsion (except in the case of Dr. Mitchell), and appointing new elections of office-bearers to take place in the different Lodges.

The troubles of G.L. were by no means over, but a more peaceable time had come, and the G.L. has gone on and progressed up till the present time.

To conclude, it may be of interest to state that from 1736 to 1870 sixty-nine G.Ms. were elected, the majority of whom only held office for one or two years, but there is one noteworthy exception—that of George Augustus Frederick John, Lord Glenlyon, afterwards sixth Duke of Athole, who held office from 1843 to 1863.

There are many other points of interest in connection with the subject under consideration, but time will not permit further reference this evening.

R.A. TITLES.

The Constitution of the G. Chapter of Ireland has been amended so that in future the titles of the G. officers shall be : —" M.E.," applied to G. King, D.G. King, High Priest, and Chief Scribe of G. Chapter, and G. 1st Prins. of D.G. Chapters. " V.E.," to all other officers of G. and D.G. Chapters and Prov. G.Supts. of R.A.

Masonry. "E.," to the three principal officers of subordinate Chapters. Past officers to be entitled to the prefix applicable to the office formerly held by them.—" Masonic Sun."

WAR FUND.

The calamitous war in which the country is engaged has brought in its train sorrow and misfortune to many households, and the G.L., in common with other patriotic bodies, raised a fund for the alleviation of the general distress, and invited subscriptions from Lodges and other Masonic bodies, to which fund the G.R.A. Chapter responded with a grant of one hundred pounds. Considering the large number of Freemasons amongst our gallant sailors and soldiers, it is to be feared that in the near future heavy calls will be made upon our various Masonic charities, and it will require a special effort to adequately meet these calls.—G.R.A. Chapter, Ireland.

THE BLUE IN MASONRY.

Blue has nothing to do with the state of mind when used in a Masonic sense. The true Mason has no place in his emotions for the indigo feeling that so frequently possesses the profane.

Blue is the appropriate tincture of the ancient Craft degrees. It is to the Mason a symbol of universal friendship and benevolence, because, as it is the colour of the vault DA heaven, which embraces the whole globe, we are thus reminded that in the breast of every brother these virtues should be equally as extensive,

The Egyptians esteemed blue as a sacred colour, and the body of Amun, the principal god of their theogony, was painted light blue to imitate " his peculiar exalted and heavenly nature."

Among the medieval Christians blue was sometimes considered as an emblem of immortality, as red was of divine love. Portal says that blue was the symbol of perfection, hope, and constancy.—" Voice Review."

Poetry.

OLD FRIENDS.

There are no friends like old friends,
And none so good and true,
We greet them when we meet them
As roses greet the dew.

No other friends are dearer
Though born of kindred mould,
And while we prize the new ones
We treasure more the old.

There are no friends like old friends
To help us with the load,
That all must bear who journey
O'er life's uneven road;
And when unconquered sorrows
The weary hours invest,
The kindly words of old friends
Are always found the best.

There are no friends like old friends
To calm our frequent fears,
When shadows fall and deepen
Through life's declining years;
And when our faltering footsteps
Approach the Great Divide,

We'll long to meet the old friends
Who wait the other side.
—Brotherhood.

SUCH LITTLE THINGS.

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It was only a sunny smile,
And a little cost in the giving,
But it scattered the night
Like morning light,
And made the day worth living
Through life's dull as it slowly moves,
In shining colours of hope and love;
And the angels smiled as they watched above,
Yet little it costs in the giving.

It was only a kindly word,
A word that was lightly spoken ;
Yet not in vain,
For it stilled the pain
Of a heart that was nearly broken.
It strengthened a faith beset by fears,
And groping blindly through mists and tears,
For light to brighten the coming years,
Although it is lightly spoken.

It was only a helping hand,
And it seemed of little availing ;
But its clasp is warm,
And it saved from harm,
A man whose strength was failing.
Its touch is tender as angels' wings,
But it rolled the stone from the hidden springs,
And pointed the way to higher things,
Though it seemed of little availing.

THE STATE.

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What constitutes a State?
Not high raised battlement or labour'd mound,
Thick wall or minted gate;
Not cities proud with spires and turrets crown'd ;
Nor bays and broad arm'd ports,
Where, laughing at the storm, rich navies ride ;
Not starr'd and spangled courts,
Where low-brow'd baseness wafts perfume to pride;
No! MEN, high-minded MEN,
With pow'rs as far above dull brutes endued
In forest, brake, or den,
As beasts excel cold rocks and brambles rude;
Men, who their duties know,
But know their rights, and knowing, dare maintain,
Prevent the long-aim'd blow,
And crush the tyrant while they rend the chain'
These constitute a State,
And sov'reign Law, that State's collected will,

O'er thrones and globes elate
Sits Empress, crowning good, repressing ill;
Smit by her sacred frown
The fiend, Discretion, like a vapour sinks,
And e'en th' all-dazzling Crown
Hides her faint rays, and at her bidding shrinks.
—Sir William Jones, 1746-1794.

The New Age.

MASONRY AND THE MAINTENANCE OF THE REIGN OF MORAL LAW.

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[By BRO. R. DERWENT PARKER, M.D., LODGE CALEDONIAN, Caledon, C.P.]

As Freemasons we deal but little in dogma, we profess a few broad principles such as may be naturally expected from all good men. For these principles we may reasonably hope to see all Freemasons prepared to work. The measure of their activity is the measure of their real Masonic usefulness. Our expressed belief in a moral form of government of the universe is diametrically opposed to war, which is the failure of government by law and the substitution for it of brute force. Law has, however, always needed the support of force. The main support of law is moral force, but it needs physical force at its back.

Let us first consider what we mean by law. Law in a democratic community is the embodiment, so far as possible, by statesmen in statutes of what the majority of a people consider just and right. The sense of justice evolves with the growth of a nation, and the law is modified in accordance with it. Law must be taken, therefore, as the expression, for the time being, and as far as possible, of the feeling of a nation of moral law. It is justifiable to attempt by all constitutional means to alter the feeling of the nation as to what is right and so to modify the law. It is never right to attempt to gain by force what could not be gained by law, in a State where people make their own laws. It is never right in such a State to oppose physical force to prevent the State from carrying out the policy which its Government has decided to be right. Thus civil law, lynch law in a region where law is available, or duelling is not justifiable. Nay, further, it seems scarcely questionable that even if the judgment of Parliament is in opposition to the private judgment of a Freemason, or of any man who prefers the rule of law to anarchy, it is the duty of that Freemason to co-operate with the forces of his Government to frustrate any appeal to brute force. Most of you will agree at once with this statement while thinking only of South Africa. If you think of Ulster and the Government of the United Kingdom you will see that the principle is far-reaching. Representative self-government is the best means of government the mind of man has yet been able to devise. If men vote according to their conviction of right, a member of Parliament is elected expressing the conviction of his constituency. By a Parliamentary majority we get the best available expression of the conviction of a nation, the best available expression of the national conscience.

Whether representative government is not falling short of this ideal, whether by log-rolling and grouping of parties to forward the interests of sections, some other method is not necessary for learning the true verdict of a national conscience on great national questions is another, though very vital, consideration. Such questions never gain the interest they deserve; the minds of men have a curious preference for detail. Up to the present, however, we have only the National Parliament to express the national conscience, and apart from the colossal conceit necessary for individual men who would oppose armed force to that verdict, the duty of law-abiding people to frustrate any appeal to brute force seems clear. If men agree to the foregoing propositions, civil war becomes an impossibility.

How could international war become equally impossible? In the first place it is obvious that there can be no reign of law without an authoritative International Council to state that law. It is equally obvious that for the peaceful maintenance of the reign of that law the organisation of a practically insuperable force is required. How is that force to be obtained? There is a strong feeling that alliances are only temporary and untrustworthy expedients, that the only alliances of a trustworthy and lasting character are made by community of interest of race and of religion; in short, of wishes, desires, and sentiments such as we see among the self-governing British colonies, loosely federated who, however, are found to act together in time of war in direct proportion to their unity of sentiment. This indicates the only way in which the peace of the world will be secured. It can only be secured if nations are united in one sentiment, and that is the desire that their clashing

interests should be decided by law and not by brute force. Legislature may help for the efficient carrying out of this sentiment. If the sentiment were sufficiently strong it would act even in the absence of suitable Legislature. If the sentiment is absent, any Legislature for carrying it out is foredoomed to failure. If, however, sufficient force can be organised in support of law it can undoubtedly insist that law shall be obeyed. The history of the world clearly indicates the method. It is no matter of theory, but a simple, easily demonstrable historical fact, that force is only controlled by the organisation of a larger and practically insuperable force in favour of rule by law.

For countless ages every savage man fought for his own interests; he would consider no other method possible. Then families learned that by combining they could further their interests better than by fighting as units, and that the interests of the faintly were served by having a head, who directed members of a family to put down any lawless member of the family.

Later, tribal systems were formed, consisting of many families united to further the interests of a tribe. This was the condition of Europe only some few hundred years ago; the Clan McGregor fought the Clan McPherson, with the McGregor and the McPherson as leaders; the O'Grady's fought the O'Brien's, with the O'Grady or the O'Brien at their head. English Baron with his retainers fought English Baron. They attempted various combinations for increased power. They never realised the possibility of a combination in favour of rule by law, king, and Parliament, so powerful that war by any Baron would be an impossibility. For a much longer period of the day when war by a unit would be futile.

In the same way we find it difficult to realise that nation will combine with nation to prevent rule by force. That though their interests clash in the same way that the interests of individual men and classes of men clash, they will realise that it is to their greater interest to see that these clashing interests are decided by law. The method is simply a carrying on from the less to the greater as society becomes more organised. It has been carried further than I have indicated. English and Irish tribes, Scottish and Welsh tribes have not only ceased to fight within their borders, but England and Ireland, Scotland and Wales, though differing widely in race and religion, have ceased to fight one another and fight or refrain from war at the bidding of a common Parliament.

It would be easy to illustrate this principle by the history of any nation. Germany, for instance, in the time of Tacitus consisted of over forty independent States or tribes, not only constantly at war with one another, but also constantly fighting within the tribe. The most obscure soldier resisted with disdain the authority of the magistrates.

Nations now fight according to the old laws of inter-tribal warfare, in families or races, or according to what they conceive to be their interests. In the absence of an International Council to adjudicate upon disputes, this condition of affairs remains almost inevitable. If, however, a sufficiently large number of nations would join to form such a Council the rest would be compelled to come in; they could not afford to remain unrepresented on the Council. The representatives would have to be roughly proportional to the population they represented, with special arrangements for representation of small States. It may not be an ideal method. It is open to abuses in exactly the same way as Parliamentary Government. It is, however, the best that the mind of civilised man has hit upon up to the present, and is the only one to which the great civilised nation would be likely to agree.

Any nation which breaks the laws of nations as embodied in treaties, accepted by the Confederation, must be automatically at war with all the Confederate nations.

Any nation which declared war against one of the Confederate nations must be automatically at war with all the other Confederate nations, supposing the Confederate nation to signify its willingness to submit the dispute to the Confederate Council.

If two Confederate nations quarrelled and one agreed to submit the dispute to the Confederation Council and the other did not, the lawless nation would automatically be at war with the Confederate nations, and incidentally could be called upon to pay to the Confederates any expense incurred in restoring law.

If two Confederates quarrelled and neither would submit to the judgment of the Council, the Council would have the option of deciding to take no part, or could provisionally determine which was the more worthy of support, and support that one with its whole force. At the end of the struggle then they would both have to pay the cost of the war to the Confederates. The Council would then deliberate as to the merits of their quarrel and give a verdict, just as in a fight by units both are punished for a breach of the peace, after which

the magistrate can decide on the merits of their quarrel. It is not likely that any nations would think of going to war on these terms. Armaments would dwindle.

I have thought it better to indicate detail, as without detail a scheme seems vague and unreal. About detail, however, there is room for discussion. Only trained statesmen could be expected to formulate workable plans. The main statement that war will only be made impossible by the organisation of an insuperable force opposed to it, appears to me not a theory, but simply a law of human progress.

It is at basis a moral force, and the humblest of us can help to strengthen it. The present time may appear not to be the time for talk. Force is rampant, and it is the plain duty of every man to use what force he can on the side he considers right, except only that among self-governing people it is never right to oppose by armed force your own Government, because that means the failure of rule by law and the substitution of anarchy.

Never before has such a huge emotional force against war been in existence. The most powerful nations who, rejoicing in their physical strength, were the least likely to welcome a change from physical to moral methods, are experiencing the full horror of war. Nations not involved are trembling with the fear that at any hour they may be drawn into a quarrel, with nothing to gain and the certainty of loss. They are feeling the enormous losses they are sustaining from hampered trade, loss of workers and of money, from the necessity of mobilisation.

Never was a time so opportune for a sympathetic hearing for any proposals which would make a recurrence of such horrors impossible.

An emotional force fades.

It may, however, be used for carrying useful legislation, which remains when the force is lessened. Further, if this idea of federalising civilised nations for the purpose of preservation of peace was in the minds of statesmen when the final peace treaty comes to be signed they would invite representatives of neutral nations, probably not in any executive capacity, but to hear the views of their governments and find out to what terms they could get a large number of co-signatory nations, in order to make the terms of that settlement permanent. If it were known that the representatives of neutral nations would be invited in an executive capacity it would shorten the present struggle, as the combatant nations would feel that the final settlement was going to be made largely on moral grounds, leaving people wider the flag they desired. This in the present temper of Europe is almost certainly an impossibility. If, however, the present struggle is prolonged and neither side seems able to gain a definite advantage, and the fighting nations are feeling the exhaustion of the struggle, even this solution of difficulties, if it is present in the minds of nations, begins to loom as a possibility. Believe me it is not without a deep sense of my own insignificance that I suggest schemes of this magnitude. This appearance of conceit has in the past been too great for my moral courage, and I have felt that my insignificance excused any lack of courage in advocating what seemed to me wise. If you agree with me you will share my feeling that you are talking presumptuously when you are trying to convince others, but we are the small units of civilisation who by their progress in civilisation make possible the progress of the civilisation of the world. We belong to a great world-wide organisation., worrying but little about dogma, but having two great fundamental principles, of universal brotherhood and moral government of the universe. Among people who make their own laws, Law may be taken as the best available expression of the feeling of the majority of what is just and right. It embodies moral law so far as they can see it for the time, as they see better they can modify it. The appointed time for making their reign of moral law international may not be as far distant as we at present imagine. It may be that our brotherhood which has planted itself so quietly in the most remote corners of the civilised world may be a main instrument appointed to carry this out.— " The Masonic Journal of South Africa."

[With the general theory outlined in the above paper there will be much agreement, but to our minds the practical part leaves much to be desired. The writer of the paper suggests the formation of an International Council to adjudicate on all national disputes. But he entirely fails to show the binding force that will hold such confederation together. The history of the present war indicates the value that may be set on diplomatic agreements and national alliances. The " scrap of paper " has passed into a proverb, and one nation has withheld its support from the Triple Alliance it voluntarily entered into. Moral law may be very effective if supported by very big battalions, and the difficulty of propounding a satisfactory and workable peace confederation scheme is the supreme trouble of making the confederation a binding and indissoluble power. —ED.C.]

A SMOKE TALK.

[Written for the " NEW ENGLAND CRAFTSMAN " by ALBERT L MATHER.]

There is an old and dear friend of mine, a brother of the mystic tie, who was born on the west coast of Ireland, and passed the first twelve years of his life amid those enchanted spots which from time immemorial have been celebrated in story, song, and tradition, as the abiding place of the " Children of the Twilight," or fairy host, who nightly assemble and may be seen by those whose hearts are attuned to receive the mysteries of Nature, the common property of all.

He had a grand-aunt deeply versed in ancient Gaelic lore, and who possessed the gift of divination, could cure diseases by touch, and was sought and consulted by the people for miles about. This venerable woman lived to be more than a hundred years old. My friend would often sit by her and listen to those old traditions that had come down from the past, and became imbued with symbolic folk lore, which is indeed the heart of history.

We often have what we term " smoke talks," and with lighted pipes and in such quiet seasons, we cut loose from worldly cares and reveal in mystical and abstruse subjects.

One of our recent talks was on the mysticism of ancient Ireland, and after a time we relapsed into silence, and amid the clouds of smoke there was again vividly enacted some of the very scenes we had been discussing. There plainly to be seen, was an ancient Druidical temple, uncovered and open to the sky, for they taught that it was absurd to confine the Omnipotent Deity within the walls of a religious edifice. There were the tall, rough stones erected in a circle, the altar in the centre; the Cromlach,

" The mighty pile of magic planted rock
Thus ranged in mystic order, marks the place
Where, but at times of holiest festival
The Druid leads his train."

It was night time, and the full moon cast its rays over the scene, lighting all with a dazzling brilliancy. The Druids and attendants were ceremonially arranged, clothed in investments of white, crowned with ivy, and wearing the sacred amulet of the Crystal Egg. Their voices blended in unison as they chanted a hymn to the Sun. The Aspirants, ranged in rows of threes, fives, and sevens, were conducted nine times around the sanctuary, from east to west, first slow, accelerating their speed with each revolution,, accompanied by the clang of musical instruments.

We saw the lighting of the fire under the cauldron, representing the whole circle of science; the three blessed drops of spirit invoked ; the Oath of Secrecy ratified by drinking out of the sacred vessel, which fluid was caught directly from heaven, so as to be free from the contamination of the earth; the Aspirant applying to himself all the past states he had filled in former lives ; saw the blind neophyte struck a violent blow on the head with an oar, then darkness ensued, followed by a blaze of light, again chaotic darkness, and he emerged into the most dazzling coruscation of light, where he was instructed into the cabalistic knowledge of Druidism, and invested with the Sacred Crystal,

" The powerful gem condensed
Primeval dews that upon Caucasac
Felt the first winter's frost,
. . . it may have charm To blind or poison."

Then he was taught the art of divination; given the White Trefoil, symbol of union and everlasting Brotherhood.

The smoke cleared away, and a new scene came into view. It was the sixth day of the new moon. A multitude were assembled around the mystic oak, whose gnarled and spreading branches were entwined with the sacred mistletoe, not to be profaned by finger touch. The Arch Druid, clad in his white vestment and red tiara, having purified himself with consecrated water, removed his sandals, and ascended the tree with naked feet. Holding in his left hand the golden sickle, which had never before been used, he severed the branch of mistletoe, receiving it in his sash, or sacred vest, amid the acclamations and rejoicings of those assembled.

Then followed the sacrifice of the two white bulls, who for the first time were secured by their branching horns; prayers to the gods then followed.

The scene dissolved, instantaneously changing into a brilliant vision of fairyland. Ancient ruined abbeys grew again into symmetry, ablaze with light and life. The purple twilight spread o'er hills and dales, tinging the grey sands of the ever restless sea. The green sloping sward echoed to the invisible tread of fairy forms swarming from the raths and mountains, flitting along the darkening slopes; past the huts of the peat cutters in the bogs, came trooping the elves of the twilight through the purple haze, the tips of their spears ablaze with a sheen of silvery light. Across the lakes they sweep to join the Army of Light led by Queen Meave, the Queen of the Western Host, and array themselves against the dark riders from the north, waging fierce battles in the mists.

All the ancient magic was revived; the well at Balby Keels again had its votaries seeking for the magic cure; the trysting place at Rosses again was galvanised into activity ; the Banshee . once more flitted on her dismal errand of foreboding calamities ; the vision of the " Blessed Island," where the days end not and the summer lasts forever, where flowers fade not, and whose inhabitants know neither sickness or age—the long sought for Tir-na-noge, the promised land in the West, the land of perpetual youth, the land where all the dead had gone,

" E'en the dead—the bright, beautiful dead—there arise,
With their soft, flowing ringlets of gold;
Though their voices are hushed, and o'er their sweet eyes,
The unbroken signet of silence now lies,
They are with us again, as of old."

We saw once again the people of olden time turning their eyes westward, watching the declining sun go down into the wide waste of waters, setting in that land of promise, that land of perpetual peace, and the rapt expression on their faces showed they had lost their hearts in

" A city of temples and turrets of gold,
That gleam by a sapphire sea.
Like jewels more splendid than earth may behold,
Or are dreamed of by you and by ine."
Would their long cherished aspirations ever be realised?

Then appeared, looming up in brilliant proportions, " The Land of Promise," the fulfilment of the longings of ages, the Mecca of those dead and gone inhabitants of the past, and there, bright and vivid, was the day of Universal Brotherhood.

The fire died out in the pipes, we shook out the ashes, and our " smoke talk " has passed into history.

" And when I ponder it o'er
Grey memories only bide;
But their fading lips tell more
Than all the world beside."
—" New England Craftsman."

A SERIOUS TROUBLE.

There is one serious trouble with Freemasonry in the present day and age of the world. Instead of being a select society, recruiting its membership by careful methods, it has popularised itself, and now about the only requisite for membership is the necessary fees and a couple of recommenders.—" Illinois Freemason."

GRAND LODGE AND BOSWELL.

The two houses next to Freemasons' Hall in Great Queen Street, W.C., the demolition of which is necessary to permit of extensions to G.L. premises, are again the subject of anxiety on the part of those who take an interest in the preservation of ancient buildings and memorials. A letter of protest against the demolition of these houses appeared in the " Times" on the 29th ultimo, and this was supported by a short leading article

on the same date. These were replied to the next day by Bro. Sir Edward Letchworth, G.Sec., in the form of the following letter :—

BOSWELL'S HOUSE.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE "TIMES."

SIR,—The B. of G.P. of the United G.L. of England has authorised me to make a statement of facts in regard to the two houses known as 55 and 56, Great Queen Street, now in process of demolition for the purposes of extending Freemasons' Hall, concerning which a letter appears in your columns. It is not to be understood that the decision of the G.L. to proceed with this work is either sudden or secret. The premises in question were purchased in 1899 with the specific object of being dealt with in such manner as G.L. should afterwards deem fit, for the purposes now undertaken, and this was clearly stated at the time by Mr. Loveland Loveland, Q.C., then Pres. of the B. of G.P. As it was not intended immediately to proceed with the work of extending Freemasons' Hall, the two houses were let on leases. Those leases expired at the end of 1913, but temporary renewals were granted until the end of last year.

It was determined by the Board early in 1914, with the approval of G.L., that notice should be given to the tenants at the expiry of their agreements that the premises would be taken over for the purpose previously stated. Between those two dates, however, on 1st March, 1905, Mr. Vesey Fitzgerald, K.C., the Chairman of the Finance Committee of the Board, had reiterated in G.L. the statement of Mr. Loveland Loveland of six years previously, adding that it was intended to proceed with this work in about eight years from then. Nearly ten years have now elapsed, and the work is being proceeded with. Your correspondents aver that G.L. has taken these steps "in spite of the fact that the district surveyor has stated that, although he is unwilling to approve the incorporation of the existing front in the new buildings, as now designed and proposed to be erected on the site, he is quite willing to consider any other proposal."

I do not find that any such intimation has been received at Freemasons' Hall from the district surveyor to that effect. He wrote to the G.L. architects on 28th August, 1914: "I have inspected these premises, and have to inform you that I entirely object to the incorporation of the front external wall in the addition you propose to make to Freemasons' Hall."

He proceeded in detail to state that in various parts the buildings were rotten and defective, and added: "The premises are, in my opinion, in a dangerous condition, and it will be my duty to notify the London County Council, under section 103, London Building Act, 1894, unless I hear from you in the course of a few posts, that measures will be taken to secure the safety of the premises."

This was followed, on 23rd September, by the service upon us by the district surveyor of a "dangerous structures notice" under the London Building Act, 1894, and the Amending Act of 1898, which instructed us to shore up the premises immediately. This direction was at once attended to; but, in consideration of our tenants, permission was requested to extend the date of the demolition, and an extension was granted until 7th January, when the steps already resolved upon by G.L. began to be taken.

Meantime the London County Council expressed a desire themselves to remove the old front for re-erection elsewhere, and it was agreed to allow this to be done under the joint superintendence of Mr. W. E. Riley, Superintending Architect of the Council, and Messrs. Brown and Barrow, the architects of G.L. This special work has been executed in accordance with a plan submitted by Mr. Riley, who writes: "I endeavoured to persuade the G.Sup. of W. (Mr. A. Burnett Brown) last year to incorporate the facade in the new design, but am now convinced that this is impossible, as the old facade is much decayed and out of the perpendicular. It is therefore not in a fit state to be incorporated in a public building, and with much regret the necessity of its early demolition is apparent."

At the same time Mr. Riley stated that it was desired by the Council to obtain the balustrade of the staircase in one of the houses and a portion of the facade, amounting to two bays and three pilasters, for exhibition in Geffrye's Museum in Kingsland Road, and to this the B. of G.P. has agreed, with the further intention of recommending G.L., at its next meeting, that the cost of the removal be defrayed out of G.L. funds. It is apparent, therefore, that every step which has been taken has been adopted after full notice and careful consideration. In regard to the sentimental associations which are invoked, it may be noted that, while one of the two houses was occupied by James Boswell, it was but for a short period after the death of Dr. Johnson and the dispersal of the great literary circle with which he was identified, and that it is only one of the many residences which Johnson's biographer occupied at one time or another in the metropolis.

Concerning the buildings generally, apart from their dilapidated condition it is to be added that, during the many years which elapsed between their purchase by G.L. and their demolition, so little interest was taken in them, either by the public or the learned societies, that no suggestion was at any time made for their retention until Freemasons' Hall was about to be extended in the direction throughout designed, while the plaque erected on the front of one of them, recording the brief residence therein of James Boswell, had become so encrusted with London grime as to be almost undecipherable from the street.

In all the circumstances, therefore, G.L. has felt that it was impossible to depart from the original intention and hinder for all time the practical extension of Freemasons' Hall for the sake of purely sentimental and temporary associations.

I am, Sir, yours faithfully,

E. LETCHWORTH, G.Sec.

In addition to the "Times," a few other daily papers have referred to the matter, hence it is as well to say that G.L. is quite aware of all the arguments used on both sides of the question. At the quarterly communication of G.L., in September last, the matter was debated on a motion by Bro. Henry Lovegrove, P.A.G. Supt. of W., and the position of the B. of G.P., based on the broad facts of the case, was explained very fully by Bro. Alfred F. Robbins, Pres. of the Board. The result was that G.L. negatived the proposal that the Board should reconsider the matter; hence the Board and the executive officers of G.L. are proceeding with their instructions. Let it be stated also that up to the present time the reasons for progressing with the work presented on behalf of the Board have not been controverted.—The Freemason."

FREEMASONRY IN CHINA.

A brother writes to the "Universal Freemason" on this subject

"If by Freemasonry we mean the comparatively modern society, 'in vogue among Americans, so-called York Rite, at the present day, with its ritual of doubtful date, its passwords, signs and books of constitutions somewhat mutilated,' then it has never existed in China, nor among the Chinese in America.

"If, however, by Freemasonry we mean that higher scheme of morality, veiled in allegory and illustrated by symbols, drawn from the operative craft which was initiated in prehistoric times when the human race, emerging gradually from savagery and barbarism, first turned to contemplate the wondrous works of the G.A.O.T.U. and began to recognise the mutual obligations existing between man and man, for this is the Masonry that every enlightened Mason should seek to cultivate—the Masonry, not of forms and ceremonies, but of the heart—the Chinese have gone a long way in that direction. Confucius says that only at seventy years could he 'venture to follow the inclinations of his heart without fear of transgressing the limits of the square.' The philosopher Mencius, who died nearly 300 years before the Christian era, says: A Master Mason in teaching his apprentice makes use of the gauge and square. Ye who are engaged in the pursuit of wisdom must also make use of the gauge, compasses and square.' The square and compasses have been used from time immemorial by Chinese writers, either together or separately, to symbolise the same phases of conduct as in our own system of Freemasonry. In the Book of History, an ancient record, are found these expressions: 'Ye officers of the Government apply the compasses.' Speak the man of the level.'

"The Chinese Society has 'working tools,' and among them a 12-inch gauge, a square, it has a M.W., a greater brother, 'a great brother,' corresponding to our S.W. and J.W.; a first point, 'a second point,' corresponding to our S.D. and J.D.; an inner and outer guard; it recognises three degrees, 'Affiliated younger brother,' 'Obligated older brother,' and 'Obligated father,' or the E.A., F.C., and M.M. degrees. It has a Book of Constitutions, and issues certificates and gives badges to each member in the form of a medal to be carried about with him. At initiation the candidate is first purified by ablution, he is then clothed in white. The obligation consists of thirty-seven articles. The candidate performs the eight salutations to Heaven, Earth, the Sun, the Moon, the Seven Founders of the Society, to Wan Yun Lung, the greater great Father, to the brethren present and absent, and to the glories of the Order. A white cock is sacrificed. This bird is in Masonry (see 'Ashes Masonic Manual,' page 65) an emblem of vigilance. I cannot here say any further about the initiation, as I do not permit myself to divulge any of their secrets."—Masonic Journal of South Africa.

WELLINGTON UNITED BOARD OF ENQUIRY.

At the annual meeting of the Wellington United Board of Enquiry, held on 20th April, R.W. Bro. H. Seaton retired from the office of hon. secretary, which he had filled for ten years. W. Bro. J. T. King was elected president, W. Bro. C. W. Nielsen vice-president, and W. Bro. H. Hobbs secretary. During the meeting a full and candid discussion took place regarding the recent balloting in a Lodge for a candidate who had not been submitted to the Board. The particular circumstances were apparently unusual, but the debate should serve to remove from the minds of representatives misconceptions as to the functions of the Board from the standpoints of both constitutional and unwritten law.

NEW CRAFT REGULATION.

At the December quarterly communication of G.L. a proposal was carried with respect to military and naval members of Lodges, the precise drafting of the resolution being left with the G.Reg. The following is the new rule as so drafted :-

Rule 176.—No Lodge shall pay the quarterly contribution or contribution to the Building Fund of G.L. under Rule 308 for a member who is in arrear, but his name shall nevertheless be returned with the words " in arrear " written against it, and when the arrears are received the contributions to G.L. shall be duly paid. Should a member be three years in arrear, he shall thereupon cease to be a member of the Lodge (unless the arrears arise by reason of his having been in the service of the Crown or its Allies for the time being during a state of war between Great Britain and any enemy, or his being a person whose employment in connection with naval or military operations may properly be treated for the purpose of this rule in the same manner as actual naval or military service, in which case such arrears shall be cancelled), and can only become a member again by regular proposition and ballot according to Rule 189. The Lodge may require payment of the arrears as a condition precedent to election. This rule shall not prevent a Lodge proceeding against any of its members under Rule 210 for non-payment of contributions according to its by-laws for a shorter period than three years, provided such non-payment shall not have arisen by reason of such members having been in the service of the Crown or its Allies for the time being as aforesaid, or having been persons whose employment was of the nature hereinbefore mentioned. When a brother ceases to be a member under this rule, or when he has fallen into arrear by reason of his having been in the service of the Crown or its Allies for the time being as aforesaid, or having been a person whose employment was of the nature hereinbefore mentioned, the fact shall be forthwith notified to the G.Sec., and if the Lodge be within a province or district, also to the Provincial or District G.L. The provisions of Rules 211, 212, and 213 shall apply to the case of a brother ceasing to be a member under this rule as if he had been excluded by vote. — " The Freemason."

MASTER'S RESPONSIBILITY.

The responsibility of a Lodge depends wholly upon the man who is at the helm. If the presiding officer is one who believes that " whatever is worth doing at all is worth doing well," then the success of the Lodge is assured. But if he belongs to that class of men who are being promoted by friends merely that he may have the coveted honour of being dubbed P.M., and who follows the policy of getting through with a thing the easiest way possible, then it is reasonable to suppose that the Lodge will decay, and its usefulness be greatly impaired. A live Master means a live Lodge, and the converse is equally true. In nine cases out of ten where it is found that a Lodge is not prosperous, and is barely existing, it will be found that the trouble is with the Master, who, lacking in interest, soon finds his example followed by his officers and members. On the other hand, the election of a live wire as Master of a Lodge has often resulted in restoring to usefulness an inactive Lodge, and brought prosperity and interest. The moral of all this is to properly officer your Lodge, and then there will be but little chance for stagnation.—" Brotherhood."

THE RIGHT SPIRIT.

The generous hospitality which has been shown to Continental refugees in England has been tendered without a taint of either religious or political animosity, and it would ill become the English Craft that any of its members should allow any party spirit to come between them and the nation's guests, provided that no inroad is made upon Masonic principles or laws. There is a slight barrier between complete fraternisation of English and Belgian Freemasons, but, as is suggested in the following letter, there are methods open to English Freemasons which they can adopt with complete freedom of action. This letter, from Bro. Charles F. Quicke, P.A.G.Supt. of W., was received too late for last month's issue :—

DEAR SIR AND BRO.,—Among the numerous Belgian refugees who have been driven from their native land to find a resting place in England, there are many members of Belgian Masonic Lodges who are only now discovering that they cannot be received into our Lodges as visitors, owing to the insuperable bar of want of recognition by the G.L. of England. It is, of course, not possible for private Lodges to vary the conditions obtaining, and, much as we should like to show our Belgian friends true Masonic hospitality, until their organisation has been brought into line with our own G.L., they cannot be received as visitors in our Lodges. There is, however, a very strong feeling that we should help them to bring this about, and to that end an informal, though influential, committee has been formed, under the chairmanship of Bro. Edward Roerich, P.D.G.D. of C., to whom communications should be addressed at 20 Cophall Avenue, E.C., and from whom every assistance and advice will be forthcoming.

We have already come in touch with some of these brethren, and found that many are members of Belgian Rose Croix Chapters under the A. and A. Rite. As the Sovereign Grand Commander of Belgium is the well-known Masonic author and archeologist, Bro. Count Eugene Goblet d'Ah'iella, and the Belgian Supreme Council is in amity with the Supreme Council of England and Wales, Belgian Masons should have no difficulty in finding Masonic intercourse.—"Trestle Board."

Reports.

[Secretaries and Scribes are requested to forward Reports.]

CRAFT LODGES.

SOUTHLAND.

Taringatura, No. 100.—The monthly meeting on 29th March was moderately attended, harvest and other meetings being responsible for a number of absentees. For the latter cause the S.D., Bro. S. E. Griffiths, was unable to be present to deliver the 1st T.B. Lecture. This will be given at the April meeting on 19th prox., the date being changed on account of many brethren being engaged on the 26th, the regular date.

The W.M. was appointed Lodge representative to G.L. meeting in Wellington, and his M.M. certificate was duly presented to a member. The motion of which the W.M. had given notice to set up a committee to consider various improvements to the hall and grounds was carried, and the committee set up is to report at next meeting. After a short meeting the Lodge closed at 9.15 p.m.

The monthly meeting was held on 19th April. Stormy weather accounted for a meagre attendance, while urgent business prevented both the W.M. and the I.P.M. from attending. The special business was the consideration of the report of the committee on hall improvements. The addition of a P.M.s' room, the asphaltting of the ground round the hall, and the improvement of the lighting by the introduction of acetylene gas were all approved, but it was deemed inadvisable to carry them out at the present juncture. It was, however, decided to procure several new kerosene lamps (banging), as a temporary means of securing better light. W. Bro. G. F. Johnston occupied the chair, and the business of the meeting was carried through with expedition, the Lodge closing soon after 9 p.m.—[Lodge Correspondent.]

Winton, No. 108.—The regular monthly meeting was held on 30th March. W. Bro. W. Young, W.M., occupied the chair. The attendance of members was smaller than usual, this being accountable to the number of country brethren who are busy harvesting. After the routine business £3 3s. was voted towards the War Relief Fund. Rev. Bro. C. E. P. Webb was presented with his M.M. certificate. W. Bro. T. Walker, I.P.M., was appointed representative to attend G.L. communication. Three candidates were then initiated into Free and Accepted Masonry by the W.M., assisted by W. Bro. T. Walker (Charity Charge), W. Bro. Jas. Watson (Mode of Prep.), Bro. J. R. Hamilton, S.W., delivered the Ancient Charge, and Bro. F. Tilley, S.W., explained the W.Ts. A very pleasant half-hour was spent at the "Fourth," where the usual toasts were honoured.—[Lodge Correspondent.]

Wairaki, No. 145.—The installation of W. Bro. James McKenzie as W.M. was held in the Masonic Hall, Nightcaps, on 31st March. R.W. Bro. W. Timpany, Prov.G.M. of Southland, was Installing Master, who was ably assisted by G.L. officers, W.Ms., and P.Ms. of sister Lodges. W. Bro. R. Prentice acted as D. of C. The brethren of 145 mustered in full force, but the nearness of Easter accounted for the somewhat sparse representation of visitors. The following brethren shared the work :—Presentation of Charter, Installing Master; address to W.M., by M.W. Bro. M. Thomson, P.G.M. ; investiture of Wardens, by W. Bro. O. Joyce (W.M. Victoria, No. 147); address to Wardens, R.W. Bro. W. Smith, P.D.G.M. ; Treas. and Sec. invested by W. Bro. Critchfield (W.M. Lodge Southern Cross, No. 9); D. of C. and Chaplain invested by W. Bro. Stewart (W.M. Lodge Wallace, No. 129); Deacons and Organist invested by W. Bro. Critchfield; I.G. and Tyler invested by W. Bro. McIntyre (W.M. Lodge Aparima, No. 77); Stewards, invested by W. Bro. W. Young (W.M. Lodge Winton, No. 108); address to brethren, R.W. Bro. Rankin, P.P.G.M. R.W. Bro. De Castro performed the pleasing duty of presenting a handsome P.M.'s jewel to W. Bro. G. E. Applegarth, who suitably replied. Following are the officers for 1915-16 :—W.M. W. Bro. Jas. McKenzie; I.P.M., W. Bro. J. O. Clapp; S.W., Bro. Geo. Cleveland; J.W., Bro. W. Dixon; Sec., W. Bro. J. O. Clapp, junr. ; Treas., W. Bro. J. Gray D. of C., W. Bro. R. Brown; Chaplain, Bro. M. Dixon; Bro. A. W. Clapp ; J.D., Bro. W. Winder ; Organist, W. Bro. G. E. Applegarth ; I.G., Bro. A. B. Boyd; Tyler, Bro. J. Hamilton; Stewards, Bros. W. Miller and C. F. Quester. A banquet in the Coronation Hall followed the ceremony. The usual loyal and customary toasts were honoured. The toast " Our Brethren at the Front " was enthusiastically received, and particular mention was made of those who had gone from Lodge Wairaki. Altogether a very happy evening was spent, and all felt it had been good to be there. — [Lodge Correspondent.]

OTAGO.

Dunstan, No. 103.—The regular meeting was held in the Masonic Hall on 13th April. W.M. Bro. McKean was in the chair, supported by P.Ms. W. Bros. Shelton, Roland, and Holloway. There was a good attendance of members. After the minutes were dealt with the D. of C. announced the arrival of W.M. (Bro. Rae), officers, and members of Lodge Cromwell KB. (eighteen all told). The visitors were received with Masonic honours. W.M. Bro. McKean then invited W. Bro. Rae and his officers to take over the working of the Lodge in the Second and Third Degrees. The invitation was readily responded to, and the visitors are to be complimented on the very fine interpretation of the work. Bro. Partridge, Organist, was a strong pillar of support. For the third time of asking H.G.W. were received from Lodges Cromwell Kil, Maori, Peninsula, Victoria, and Arrow Kil. At the conclusion of the business a Fourth Degree was held, and a pleasant couple of hours were spent in social chat, toasts, and songs. The usual toast list was honoured. Songs were contributed by Bros. C. Phillips, G. Shelton, W. Ritchie, J. Davidson, W. Delaney, D. Middleton, J. Parcell, and R. Cowan, and Bro. Wrightson gave a very good recitation. S.D. Bro. Davidson took up a collection for the D.M. Fund, and Bro. Treas. Shelton's face beamed at the satisfactory result. The Tyler's toast brought the ceremonial to a close. The visitors were travelling together in a motor coach, and received hearty cheers on leaving for home.—[Lodge Correspondent.]

Masters' Lodge, No. 161.—The monthly meeting was held in the Moray Place Hall on the 16th ult., when there was an extra large attendance of both members and visitors, included in the latter being six W.Ms., and all Constitutions were well represented. The lecturer for the evening was W. Bro. A. Boyd, of Lodge St. Patrick, who took for his subject " Some Notes on the Obligation as Conferred in Ireland." His address, which, of course, is not reportable, was in reality a practical demonstration, fully explained, of the manner in

which the Obligations and Secrets are given in the three degrees in Ireland. Bro. Boyd was assisted by the W.M. and three members of Lodge St. Patrick, and each and every part of the various ceremonies were faithfully carried out. At the close of his exposition W. Bro. Boyd answered several questions, and elucidated a number of doubtful points. Upon the motion of R.W. Bro. A. Fieldwick, seconded by W. Bro. T. Gallagher, Bro. Boyd was accorded a hearty vote of thanks and asked to come again. In the supper-room the W.M. (W. Bro. D. Harris Hastings) brought up as a subject for discussion "The Brethren when in the South," with special reference to the so-called Fourth Degree, "Fires" and other customs prevailing when 'the J.W. is in charge. This gave rise to a very interesting discussion, and when the brethren separated the unanimous opinion was that an evening at the Masters' Lodge was not an evening wasted.--[Lodge Correspondent.]

Clinton, No. 183.—The regular meeting was held at Clinton on 25th March, W. Bro. C. A. Capamagian, W.M., presiding. The Lodge was tyled at 6.30 p.m., in order to receive R.W. Bro. J. J. Clark, Prov.G.31. of Otago, and his officers, who had journeyed down for the purpose of installing a worthy brother into the chair of K.S. There was a record attendance of members and visitors, some, in fact, having travelled a distance of a hundred miles in order to be present. The Prov.G.M. was accompanied by R.W. Bro. A. Stoneham, P.P.G.M., R.W. Bro. Watts, P.P.G.M., W. Bro. C. W. L. Lischner, G.Supt. of W. W. Bro. A. E. Jenkins, P.G. Organist, and W. Bro. J. W. Raffills, investing officer. The following officers were duly installed for the ensuing year :—W.M. Bro. A. H. Charlton; S.W. Bro. J. Wright; J.W., McIndoe; Treas., Bro. D. Wallace; Sec., Bro. J. C. Borthwick; D. of C., Bro. R McIndoe ; S.D., Bro. Jas. Steven; j.D., Bro. Wm. Brown; I.G., Bro. R. Shepherd; Tyler, Bro. J. G. Clifford; Stewards, Bros. G. W. Bain and W. G. McHardy. The address to the W.M. was given by R.W. Bro. Stoneham, that to the Wardens by W. Bro. A. E. Jenkins, and to the brethren by R.W. Bro. Watts. The collection in aid of the W. and O. and A.M. Fund was well subscribed to. H.G.W. were tendered by G.L. officers, who then retired, followed by congratulations from representatives of visiting Lodges. The Lodge was duly closed at 10 p.m. At the conclusion of the installation ceremony the members entertained their visitors and friends at a ball, which has become an annual affair. Dancing and supper were heartily enjoyed, until 2 o'clock brought to a close the most successful function of its kind yet held in connection with Lodge Clinton, No. 183.—[Lodge Correspondent.]

CANTERBURY.

Southern Cross, No. 6.—The monthly meeting was held in the hall, Kaiapoi, on 1st April. The W.M., Bro. W. A. Gribble, presided over a fair attendance of brethren. There being no ceremonial work, the Lodge was closed early (9 p.m.), and a very enjoyable hour was spent in the refectory, several brethren contributing items. The hearty thanks of the members of the Lodge were conveyed to W. Bro. Dr. Crawshaw, who has generously offered to cover the floor of the refectory with linoleum. Several other brethren are supplying various articles of use and adornment, and by next Lodge night our refectory should be more comfortable and cheerful than ever. The Tyler's toast brought to a close another successful evening, notable for the perfect harmony prevailing.—[Lodge Correspondent.]

Concord, No. 39.—The regular monthly meeting was held in the Masonic Hall, Papanui' on 24th March, W. Bro. A. H. Hobbs in the chair. The business consisted of the nomination of officers for the ensuing year, which resolved itself practically into the promotion of the present officers one step. There being no degree work, the G.Lec., V.W. Bro. T. W. Rowe read a paper entitled "The Limits of Masonic Obligation." The paper was read in the inimitable style peculiar to the V.W. brother, and which is worth cultivating by many of our Masonic lecturers, as it would greatly help to relieve the tedium of listening to some papers, no matter how monotonous they were. The G.Lec. was warmly thanked for his interesting address. It was announced that as there would be no degree work for our next regular meeting, the Sec. had arranged for Bro. L. R. Birks to deliver an address entitled "Electricity : What it is, and what it can do for us." The Lodge also decided to admit lady friends to this lecture. It is doubtful whether it is in the interests generally of a Masonic Lodge to admit ladies to any part of its regular monthly meetings. Many think that the regular Lodge meetings should be reserved, particularly for the brethren alone. There are many other nights during the year on which our lady friends can be entertained, and without showing any want of courtesy to them, it might be said that perhaps even the opinion of the minority of the brethren of a Lodge should take precedence to the

entertainment of outsiders. In any case, it is hardly fair to the ladies themselves to be asked to a meeting where their presence is not desired by all the brethren. The usual adjournment to the " Fourth " brought the meeting to a close.—[Lodge Correspondent.] [We quite concur in your opinion.—En.C.]

Christchurch, No. 91.—The monthly meeting was held in the St. Augustine Hall on 23rd March, W. Bro. It. J. Thomas (Master) presiding over a large attendance of members. The ritual work consisted of passing three brethren. The W.M. obligated the candidates and communicated the Secrets, being assisted by R.W. Bro. Bingham and W. Bro. Russell (Master Conyers, E.G.). The Charge after Investiture was delivered by W. Bro. R. Eastwood (Master Robert Burns). The charge in the S.E. was delivered by W. Bro. J. Robertson, P.M.; the W.Ts. were explained by W. Bro. Wear (Master Canterbury Lodge, E.G.); the Final Charge being delivered by the S.W., Bro. Kiddey. After routine business had been disposed of Lodge was closed in due form, and a large number of visitors joined with members in a pleasant hour in the refectory.—[Lodge Correspondent.]

St. Augustine, No. 99.—The monthly meeting was held on 31st March, the acting-Master, W. Bro. Menzies, presiding over an average meeting. The business was the passing of Bros. Henderson, Fitch, and Barford, and was effected by the acting-W.M. Owing to a partial misunderstanding on the part of one of the candidates, who had to come some thirty odd miles, the ceremony had to be duplicated. Two of the candidates were passed. By the time the ceremony was all but concluded the other candidate turned up, and the ceremony had to be repeated up to the Final Charge, which was delivered to the three candidates by W. Bro. A. Colville, P.M. The two ceremonies were conducted by the acting-W.M., Ob. and S.E. Charge in the second ceremony ; W. Bro. D. A. Fulton, acting-I.P.M., the Secrets ; W. Bro. G. J. Shackleton, Treas., the S E. Charge in the first ceremony ; and Bro. C. A. Bateman, the W.Ts. The acting-W.M. was elected as the Lodge representative to the ensuing meeting of the G.L. Owing to the Lodge being in mourning a short and quiet meeting was held in the refectory afterwards, the only toasts given being " The King and Craft," "The G.M.," "The Visitors." The health of Bro. E. E. Casbolt, who is leaving the district to settle in Auckland, was proposed by the acting-Master.—[Lodge Correspondent.]

Robert Burns, No. 139. — The regular meeting was held on 16th March in St. Augustine Hall, Christchurch, when there was an exceptionally large attendance of members and visitors, presided over by the W.M., W. Bro. It. W. S. Eastwood. After the usual routine business, the ceremonial work was proceeded with. This consisted of the initiation of two candidates. The W.M. was assisted during the ceremony by W. Bro. Bush, I.P.M. (Charge in N.E. Corner), W. Bro. R. Brighting (R. for Prep.), W. Bro. Tapping, W.M. Crown Lodge (Charge after Investiture), W. Bro. Thomas, W.M. Christchurch Lodge (W.Ts.), and S.W. Bro. It. Taylor (Final Charge). After the Lodge was closed the brethren adjourned to the refectory, where a very pleasant time was spent, the usual toasts being duly honoured.

An emergency meeting was held on 3rd April, when there was a fair attendance of members. The business was to pass a brother who is leaving with the Expeditionary Force. The W.M. was assisted by W. Bro. Bush, I.P.M. (Address in S.E.), S.D. Bro. Kirker (W.Ts.), and W. Bro. Brighting, D. of C. (Final Charge). On behalf of the Lodge, the W.M. expressed the hope that our newly-passed brother would return after his experience of active service, and spend many profitable and enjoyable evenings with us.—[Lodge Correspondent.]

The April meeting was held in St. Augustine Hall, Christchurch, on the 20th ult., the W.M., W. Bro. R. W. Eastwood, in the chair. The W.M. and officers of Lodge Methven had agreed to come and work a degree, and the members of the local Lodges attended in full force to welcome their country brethren. Amongst those present were the W.Ms. and officers of Avon, Christchurch, Canterbury, Civic, Conyers, and Unanimity Lodges, also representatives of Crown, Albion, Coronation, and Erewhon Lodges. Additional interest was lent to the proceedings by the fact that the Prov.G.L. of Canterbury, under V.W. Bro. J. Thornton, Prov.D.G.M., were also paying an official visit. The total attendance was about 130. The W.M. invited the W.M. of Methven Lodge to take charge. The Lodge was then officered by the Methven brethren, as follows:—W.M., W. Bro. D. Duff ; I.P.M., W. Bro. A. Murray ; S.W., Bro. B. McKay ; J.W., W. Bro. J. Gillanders, P.G.j.W. ; S.D., Bro. Z. Mitchell ; J.D., W. Bro. W. Goodwin; I.G., Bro. R. Holland. The ceremonial work, consisting of the passing of two brethren, was then proceeded with. W. Bro. Duff, W.M. Ob. and Charge after Investiture; W. Bro. Murray, I.P.M., W.Ts. ; W. Bro. Goodwin, J.D., Charge in S.E. ;

Bro. Mitchell, S.D., Final Charge. The W.M. of Robert Burns then resumed charge of the Lodge. Before the Prov.G.L. retired, W. Bro. Eastwood, W.M., expressed the regret of himself and the members of the Lodge at the absence of M.W. Bro. F. C. Binns, Prov. G.M., which was occasioned through illness, and asked the D.P.G.M. to convey wishes for his speedy recovery. The Lodge was then closed, and the members entertained their visitors in the refectory, where the usual toast list was gone through. The visits of country Lodges to Christchurch are very few and far between, but the proceedings on this evening were enjoyed alike by both the visitors and the visited, and many hopes were expressed that this visit would be the forerunner of many similar ones.—[Lodge Correspondent.]

Civic, No. 157.—The usual monthly meeting was held on 9th April, a week later than the ordinary date, on account of the Easter vacation. A First Degree was worked, W. Bro. F. Steans being in the chair. It was announced that V.W. Bro. Rev. McKenzie Gibson, the Lodge Chaplain, was leaving with the reinforcements of the Expeditionary Forces. — [Lodge Correspondent.]

NELSON AND MARLBOROUGH.

Victory, No. 40.—The regular meeting was held on 8th April, and being the last night of the present Master (W. Bro. E. W. Rudman) in the chair, there was an especially large gathering. Two brethren were admitted to the mysteries and privileges of ancient Freemasonry, and there was the election of officers, Bro. A. E. Hedges being the chosen Master-elect. The brethren being satisfied with their present officers moved them all forward a step. There was keen competition for J.S., there being four nominations, and so arduous have been the duties of the Stewards during the past year that the Lodge wisely elected a 1st and 2nd J.S. The year has been very satisfactory, both financially and in the introduction of new members. The Lodge strength is now 95, and a very keen lot of members, too. A demit was granted to .W. Bro. E. Grove, who has gone to reside at Palmerston North. Bro. J. S. Nelson, serving with the Expeditionary Force in Egypt, sent his greetings to the Lodge. W. Bro. Captain Houliker is also with the Thirds. There was a splendid after meeting, when a bumper was drunk to the W.M., who has carried out his responsibilities in a capable manner, and has been a worthy contributor to the harmony side.—[Lodge Correspondent.]

Havelock, No. 104. — The annual festival took place on the 27th March at the Masonic Hall, Havelock, W. Bro.. R. W. Price presiding. The attendance was very large, the distinguishing feature being the large number of visitors from Nelson, Picton, and Blenheim. R.W. Bro. Dr. W. E. Redman, Prov.G.M., attended in his official capacity, and among the visitors were W. Bro. J. J. W. White, P.G.S.D.,, W. Bro. T. Kirby, P.G.Sd.B., and others. R.W. Bro. Dr. Redman filled the onerous position of Installino. Master, and most ably expounded the ritual ceremony. W. Bro. G. Logan, P.G.S., filled the role of D. of C., and materially contributed to the success of the work. Bro. W. A. Russell, the Master-elect, was installed with the customary ceremonies. Owing to the sudden illness of the ne'wly-installed W.M., a portion of the ceremony was curtailed. W. Bro. Price, I.P.M., and W. Bro. Buckman invested the following officers Bro. A. H. Scott ; Bro. A. Recede; Treas., Bro. E. H. Scott ; Sec., W. Bro. Buckman; Chaplain, W. Bro. F. Thomas ; S.D., Bro. Anderson; J.D., Bro. J. Gerrie; I.G., Bro. Pope; Tyler, Bro. W. H. Marriott. The charge to the Wardens was given by W. Bro. F. Thomas, G.Sd.B., and to the brethren by R.W. Bro. Dr. Redman. A very satisfactory collection was taken up in aid of the W. and O. and A.M. Fund. A dainty banquet to which full justice was done, was afterwards provided by W. Bro. Cowling in the refectory. The customary loyal and fraternal toasts, interspersed with songs and recitations, were duly honoured. R.W. Bro. Redman complimented the brethren on the Lodge being free from debt and a satisfactory balance in hand. The gathering dispersed at midnight, after a most successful and enjoyable installation meeting.—[Lodge Correspondent.]

HAWKES BAY.

Bedford, No. 25.—The regular meeting was held on the 30th March, and the attendance included several visitors, who were cordially welcomed. A communication from the G.Sec. in reference to the Special War Benevolent Fund was read, and the Sec. intimated that the sum of £21 11s. had been donated by Bedford

brethren, and that the amount would be remitted immediately. The ceremonial work consisted of passing two candidates. The W.M. Bro. W. H. Booth, was ably assisted therein by a visiting Bro. A. B. Franklin, of Lodge Torea, No. 121, Westland, who entrusted both candidates. The W.Ts. were presented by J.W. Bro. Williams, W. Bro. Elliott delivered the S.E. Address, and S.W. Bro. Gore gave the Final Charge. A sub-committee was appointed to make all necessary arrangements for the installation meeting to be held on the 27th April. One candidate was proposed, and notice given of intention to propose two others. W. Bro. Elliott brought forward the question of altering the regular meeting night from Tuesday on or before full moon to the second Wednesday in each month, installation meeting to be held on the second Thursday in April. An interim statement read by the Sec. disclosed the fact that the overdraft on the current account had been wiped out at last, and there was a small credit balance of £1 0s. 8d. Reference was made to this matter in the refectory, and there were many expressions of satisfaction in view of the efforts that had been made during several years past to extinguish the debt on the building account. The question of the proposed alteration of the date of meeting was also favourably commented upon. The visitors were particularly happy in the "Fourth," giving several items for the entertainment of the brethren. An old "Bedfordite" in the person of W. Bro. Witch, M.P., gave some interesting experiences of his early days in Bedford Lodge, and kept his hearers exceedingly amused with his witty sallies and stories. The newly-elected officers give every promise of worthily upholding the traditions of Bedford.—[Lodge Correspondent.]

Rawhiti, No. 66.—The March meeting was held on the 18th, and there was a very good attendance. The W.M., W. Bro. F. A. B. Harrison, presided. W. Bro. Soundy, P.M., moved a vote of sympathy to Bro. Win. Dobson on the death of his mother, and that a letter conveying the sincere sympathy of the officers and brethren of the Lodge be sent to Bro. Dobson. This was carried unanimously. It was also decided that the W.M. represent Lodge Rawhiti at the G.L. communication in May. The work was the initiation of one brother, the ceremony being carried out by the following brethren :—Ob., by the W.M.; Investiture, Bro. Snell, S.W.; N.E. Address, Bro. James, S.D.; Prep., Bro. J. C. Davidson, J.W.; W.Ts., Bro. Appleby, Chaplain; the Final Charge by Bro. Snell, S.W. Bro. W. Dobson gave a lecture on the 1st T.B., which was earnestly listened to by the brethren. W. Bro. I. Brown, P.M., presented the Lodge with an enlarged portrait of himself whilst in office, and the W.M. thanked him for his generous gift. W. Bro. F. Craven, P.M. was also thanked for presenting and putting up round the refectory a picture moulding. One joining member was proposed and will be balloted for at next meeting. Officers for the ensuing year were also nominated, and particulars will be sent out after our ordinary meeting, which will be held on the 15th inst.—[Lodge Correspondent.]

AUCKLAND.

Tauranga, No. 125.—The monthly meeting was held on 25th March. W.M. Bro. T. H. Phillips presided. There was only a medium attendance, the weather being unfavourable. The W.M. signified his intention of being present at G.L. conference. He is authorised to represent Lodge Tauranga. Hubert John Harrison, of Tauranga, was passed by ballot to be a candidate for initiation. The sum of £5 was voted from the Lodge Fund in response to a circular appeal from G.L. for contributions to establish a fund to assist dependents of brethren who have gone to the war. Bro. Sec. called attention to the fact that Bro. Dr. Fraser-Hurst, of Whangarei, was to accompany the next Expeditionary Force as medical officer. This is the first member of Lodge Tauranga who has volunteered and been accepted for active service in the present war. It was resolved to record this fact in the minutes. A pleasant hour was afterwards spent in the refectory.—[Lodge Correspondent.]

Prince of Wales, No. 1338, E.C. — At the regular monthly meeting held on 8th April, the question of alcoholic liquor was to the fore. W. Bro. F. H. Leonard moved the following resolution :—" That as long as the present war lasts this Lodge discontinue the use of alcoholic liquors, and that the amount usually expended for this purpose be donated to the Belgian, Servian, or other relief funds." He stated he had sent a circular letter to every Freemasons' Lodge in New Zealand asking them to co-operate with him in the matter. After discussion Bro. R. P. J. Ray moved as an amendment :—" That consideration of the motion be deferred for twelve months." Bro. Ray's amendment was carried by 35 votes to 6.

The Prince of Wales Lodge held a P.M.'s Night on Thursday, 8th April, when the Second Degree was undertaken by the following P.Ms., viz. :—W.M., W. Bro. W. S. Furby; S.W., W. Bro. S. Gilbert; J.W. Bro. W.

Bro. W. S. Collins; S.D. W. Bro. E. Q. Haddock; J.D., W. Bro. J. S. Prince; D. of C., W. Bro. V. Dunne; LG., W. Bro. J. Lockie. W. Bro. Daw gave a lecture on the T.B., which was very much appreciated by those present.—[Lodge Correspondent.]

TARANAKI.

Hawera, No. 34.—At the monthly meeting on the 6th April Bros. Burge, and Sutherland were duly passed to the degree of F.C. by the W.M., assisted by the P.Ms.

The emergency meeting on the 20th was devoted entirely to the reading and revision of the by-laws. A Third Degree was arranged for, but unfortunately the brother was called away suddenly on account of illness. However, the evening was a full one, and considerable interest was taken in the revision, which had been prepared by a sub-committee, and the draft printed. Some minor alterations were made, and a couple referred back to the committee. One of the most important of the alterations brought down was in the direction of admission of candidates, making the rules much more stringent, and thus safeguarding the true interests of the Craft. Amongst our visitors on this occasion was our Rev. Bro. Porritt, who is always a welcome visitor. In the refectory the W.M. asked him to speak on behalf of the CRAFTSMAN, and it was pleasant to see that some few of the brethren enrolled themselves as subscribers. Next month's meeting will be held on the 4th, when the nomination of W.M. takes place, and an emergency meeting on the 8th, which will be a P.M.'s night to work the Second Degree.—[Lodge Correspondent.]

Moa, No. 110.—The installation of Bro. C. J. Allemann, S.W., as W.M., and investiture of officers, took place in the Masonic Hall, Inglewood, on the 5th March. R.W. Bro. Sargent, Prov. G.M., was installing officer, and there was a good attendance of members and visiting brethren. The installation ceremony was impressively rendered, and the W.Ts. in the several degrees were presented by W. Bro. Johns (Lodge Ngamotu), W. Bro. Copestake (Lodge Stratford), and W. Bro. Evans (Lodge Hawera). The address to the newly-installed Master was given by the Prov.G.M., that to the Wardens by W. Bro. Hamerton, P.J.G.D., Lodge Moa, and that to the brethren by W. Bro. Stratford, Lodge Moa. The W.M. invested his officers as follows :—I.P.M., W. Bro. E. Olson; S.W.' Bro. J. Roberts; J.W., Bro. Bowman Chaplain, W. Bro. G. Young; Treas., Bro. G. Kennedy ; Sec., W. Bro. A. E. Surrey ; S.D., Bro. Taylor ; J.D., Bro. Johnston; .G., Bro. Petch ; D. of C., W. Bro. De Launay; Organist, Bro. Sutherland; Stewards, Bros. Ross and Hogg ; Tyler, Bro. S. Spindle. W. Bro. Winfield officiated as D. of C. during the evening. An unusual feature of the gathering was the presence of a number of brethren wearing the King's uniform. About 60 brethren afterwards adjourned to the Town Hall, where the banquet was held. The usual toasts were honoured, and a couple of hours spent in harmony completed what was in every way a very successful gathering. — [Lodge Correspondent.]

WELLINGTON.

St. Andrew, No. 32.—The regular meeting we held at the Feemasons' Hall on 19th April, when the. Lodge was opened at 7.30 p.m., and W.M. Bro. A. W. Rowlands presided over a well-attended meeting, including the W.Ms. of Lodges N.Z. Pacific and Tutanekai. The minutes having been confirmed, the W.M. referred to the recent death of W. Bro. Player, who had been the second occupant of the chair of the Lodge, and owing to advancing years had retired from active Masonic life. The deceased brother had attended the Lodge meeting at Trentham camp recently, and stated his intention of attending the present meeting and submitting a proposal for rejoining his old Lodge. On his way home from the Trentham meeting, however, W. Bro. Player met with a seemingly slight tram accident, which evidently materially hastened his end a week later. The brethren carried a motion of condolence to the family, standing in silence. Two propositions of candidates for initiation were dealt with and resulted favourably. The ceremonial business set apart for the evening was to pass two brethren, and all the work was carefully performed by the W.M. assisted by W. Bro. F. Davy (S.E. Address), W. Bros. C. Ntr. Neilsen, F. C. Bromhall, and J. Rod (W.Ts.), and Bro. W. Simpson (Final Charge). Before closing two fresh propositions of candidates were announced, and H.G.W. having

been tendered, and the Lodge closed, the brethren adjourned to the refectory and honoured the usual toasts.—[Lodge Correspondent.]

St. Mark, No. 53.—The annual festival was held at Carterton on the 27th ult., W. Bro. A. J. Reynolds presiding. All available floor space was fully occupied. Amongst the visitors were M.W. Bro. H. J. Williams, R.W. Bro. H. H. Seaton, G.W., and W. Bro. H. B. Bridge, G.Lec. Most of the Lodges in the valley were represented, Masterton sending a delegation of 30. Owing to the absence of the Prov.G.M. who was installing at Wanganui, the chair was taken by R.W. Bro. J. Moncrieff, P.D.G.M., who conducted the ceremony. The B. of I.M. was presided over by M.W. Bro. Williams, who installed Bro. D. G. Sustins as W.M. W. Bro. Henry, of Masterton, acted most efficiently as D. of C., and made the usual proclamations. The W.Ts. were presented by W. Bros. Chapman (Masterton), Henry (Featherston), and Murray (Greytown). R.W. Bro. Moncrieff invested the following officers Bro. R. Stout; J.W., Bro. G. S. Phillpotts; Treas., W. Bro. T. H. Hughes, P.M.; Sec., W. Bro. A. Phillpotts, P.M. S.D., Bro. V. Higgins; J.D., Bro. T. V. Caverhill; D. of C., W. Bro. H. McPhee, P.M.; I.G., Bro. Knox Smith; Tyler, Bro. J. Stevens; S.S., Bro. A. J. Parton; J.S., Bro. F. C. Brockett. R.W. Bro. Seaton impressively addressed the W.M., W. Bro. Bride delivered the charge to the Wardens, and M.W. Bro. Williams gave the concluding charge to the brethren, and later presented a P.M.'s jewel to the retiring Master, who replied very happily. A very excellent repast was subsequently enjoyed in the refectory, where the usual toasts were honoured. A most stirring address was delivered by M.W. Bro. Williams, which was the subject of much after comment, and he was cordially invited to attend the installation meetings of the other Wairarapa Lodges. —[Lodge Correspondent.]

Huia, No. 171.—The monthly meeting was held on the 1st April, when a fairly good attendance was recorded, with numerous apologies tendered on behalf of brethren who had taken advantage of the Easter holidays, and gone a-field to benefit by the change, and no doubt will return with recuperated powers. The business consisted of the initiation of one candidate, by the W.M., W. Bro. Spooner, assisted by the I.P.M., W. Bro. Smith, and W. Bro. Stone, D. of C.; the W.Ts. by the J.W., Bro. Gallichan; Prep. Charge by the S.W., Bro. Turner; Final Charge by W. Bro. Hosking. One candidate was elected, also a member was proposed for affiliation; hence the outlook for the ensuing year, under the guidance of the recently-installed W.M. and officers, appears to be very promising.—[Lodge Correspondent.]

Waiwhetu, No. 176.—The monthly meeting passed off very successfully on 14th April. There was a large attendance of the brethren, no doubt owing to the fact that our sister Lodge from Patine was paying an official visit, and also to assist in the ceremony of passing a brother. This has now become the annual custom with the Ulster and Waiwhetu Lodges, to exchange visits once a year, and enable the W.M. and officers of the visiting Lodge to show what they can do in ritual work. This creates a keen rivalry, which is much appreciated by the brethren on the floor of the Lodge, as it creates a change to them, and a good break in the ordinary work, which otherwise must become very irksome to them. The work of passing was well carried out by W. Bro. McEwan and his officers, and went off without a hitch of any kind. W. Bro. McEwan obligated and communicated the S., T., and W. Bro. Richards, S.W., invested the candidate as a F.C. Freemason, W. Bro. Cox gave the S.E. Charge, W. Bro. Jenkins presented the W.Ts., and W. Bro. Davis gave the Charge after Passing. The Lodge was then closed in the Second Degree. W. Bro. McEwan then handed back the gavel to W. Bro. Guinness, at the same time thanking him for having given him the opportunity of performing the ceremony that evening. One candidate was elected. The W.M. was elected G.L. representative. A number of brethren from the camp at Trentham, under the wing of R.W. Bro. Major Barclay, P.G.W., were in attendance, and R.W. Bro. Peterkin took the opportunity of presenting the R.W. brother with a small present which had been forwarded by the brethren of his Lodge at Frankton Junction, showing the esteem in which he was held by them. R.W. Bro. Peterkin spoke very feelingly when making the presentation, and when R.W. Bro. Barclay responded he expressed his own appreciation, and also that of the other brethren in the camp, for the many kindnesses they had experienced at the hands of R.W. Bro. Peterkin while they had been in camp. W. Bro. Guinness, on behalf of the Lodge, also congratulated R.W. Bro. Peterkin on having passed his 78th birthday, and said it was the sincere wish of the brethren that he would live many years to attend his Lodge. A pleasant hour was afterwards spent upstairs, and on the military brethren retiring to catch their train many were the expressions of goodwill given in wishing them a safe return to their adopted country and the many friends they had left, behind them.—[Lodge Correspondent.]

Installed Masters of Wellington, No. 194.—The regular meeting was held in the Masonic Hall on 23rd April, W. Bro. Bridge, W.M., presiding over a fair attendance of members and visitors. One W. brother was admitted to membership, and a brother was proposed as an associate member. W. Bro. J. W. Jack was elected representative to G.L. A report of the Finance Committee was adopted with an amendment. Animated discussions took place on the papers previously read, (1) by W. Bro. Levi, "The Three Degrees"; (2) by W. Bro. G. Menzies, "Early Scottish Freemasonry." A paper was read by W. Bro. A. Erskine, "Freemasonry and Craft Guilds," which will be discussed at the June meeting. The brethren subsequently had a short foregathering in the refectory.—[Lodge Correspondent.]

ROYAL ARCH CHAPTERS.

Waterloo, No. 2.—The regular monthly convocation was held in the Masonic Hall, Wellington, on 24th March, V.E. Comp. G. Russell, Z., presiding, and there was a fair attendance of officers and companions present, although, considering the membership of the Chapter, the attendance at this and other meetings should be much larger. After the usual business had been transacted, V.E. Comp. H. H. Seaton delivered a lecture entitled "Ancient Jerusalem at the Time of King Herod." The lecture was very interesting, and more so as it was illustrated by a large plan which enabled the companions to follow the subject closely. The 1st Prin., in proposing a hearty vote of thanks to V.E. Comp. Seaton, expressed the hope that more lectures would be delivered in the future; this was endorsed by several members present. Apologies for absence were offered on behalf of several companions, and after H.G.W. had been tendered on behalf of Brooklyn Chapter and other visitors, the Chapter was closed at 9 p.m. — [Chapter Correspondent.]

Manawatu, No. 11.—The monthly convocation was held on the 15th April, V.E. Comp. Dawick presiding. The business consisted of the exaltation of two brethren. V.E. Comp. W. Dawick obligated, also from the Discovery; E. Comp. MacIndoe very effectively illustrated the Signs, also the W.Ts.; V.E. Comp. E. Grove delivered the Final Charge. Congratulations were tendered to the let Soj., Comp. Gallichan, for the efficient manner in which he performed the work allotted to him. One brother was successfully balloted for, also one eminent brother was proposed. A good number of companions arranged to pay a fraternal visit to Rawhiti Chapter, Dannevirke, on the 3rd May, when we anticipate not only an instructive but also a good time with the Rawhiti companions. — [Chapter Correspondent.]

Victory, No. 12.—The regular convocation was held on 17th April, when V.E. Comp. J. Bartlett presided. Successful ballots were taken on behalf of two P.Ms. from Golden Bay Lodge, E.C., Takaka, whilst two propositions were received for companionship. The strength of the Chapter is now 42, not including the newly-proposed brethren. For several years past the Chapter has met monthly, always having work to do. There seems to be a growing interest in "red" work in Nelson. After formal business was disposed of a Mark Lodge was opened, with the following officers :—W.M., Bro. W. Moyes ; S. W., Bro. J. A. Orsman J.W., Bro. B. H. Moller ; M.O., Bro. W. F. Pellew; S.O., Bro. A. E. Hedges ; J.D., Bro. J. Bartlett; S.D. Bro. J. L. Ching; I.G., Bro. W. Widdowson. The W.M. of Lodge Forest (Bro. W. Fawcett) was then advanced as a M.M., the degree being exceedingly well worked. At the supper table Comp. C. T. Scully, a mariner of some note, gave some interesting reminiscences of his earlier seafaring career, and as he had traded in almost every part of the present war zone his remarks were specially interesting, particularly his experiences in the Dardanelles.—[Chapter Correspondent.]

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LAND NOTICES.

MEMO.—My representative at Raglan, Mr. S. Pelham, having volunteered for active service (with my hearty concurrence), I have closed my office there pending his return, and all enquiries relating to Raglan or Kawhia lands should now be addressed to me at New Plymouth.—E. P. CORKILL.

Attention is invited to the following very desirable properties, now in my hands for disposal :—

SHEEP STATION, north of Stratford—3800 acres easy hill country, on main road and close to two railway stations; nearly all in grass; cultivations comprise swedes, rape, lucerne, and sundries; fenced in 25 subdivisions, sheep-proof totara posts; 7-roomed house, men's whare, roomy woolshed, with 4 stands fixed and engine for six; the place will winter this season 5500-6000 sheep, of which say 1500 breeding ewes; it is a payable proposition, and capable of considerable development. Price for freehold £7 10s.; terms as may be arranged.

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Sir Walter Scott, No. 15:—Founded 1870, meets in Freemasons' Hall, Thames, third Tuesday every month, 7.30 p.m. Installation March. W.M., Bro. L. McIlvride; S.W., Bro. A. L. Reid; J.W., Bro. W. E. Hale; Sec., Bro. A. Burns, P.M.

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. Pope; 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. R. Anderson; Sec., W. Bro. F. H. Hounsell, P.M., 68 Calliope-road, Devonport.

Te Aroha, No. 52:—Meets in Masonic Hall, Te Aroha, Tuesday nearest full moon, .30 p.m. Installation March. W.M., Bro. R. S. Hanna; S.W., Bro. A. J. Clarke; J.W., Bro. C. H. Richardson; Sec., Bro. G. E. Lovegrove.

Ponsonby, No. 54:—Founded 1890, meets in Masonic Hall, Jervois Road, Ponsonby, first Tuesday in month, 7.30 p.m. Installation May. W.M., Bro. F. A. Kornig; S.W., Bro. T. McNab; J.W., Bro. C. T. Haynes; Sec., Bro. H. R. Arthur, P.M., No. 31, Curran Street, Ponsonby.

Waikato, No. 55:—Meets in Masonic Hall, Ellerslie, Wednesday on or before full moon. Installation Oct. W.M., Bro. J. Wooler, P.M.; S.W., Bro. A. Clark; J.W., Bro. A. Hewson; Sec., Bro. R. W. Meers, P.M., Papakura.

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Waikato, No. 90:—Founded 1893. Ohaeawai, No. 101:—Meets in the Masonic Hall at Ohaeawai 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 Freemasons' Hall, John Street, Whangarei, Monday nearest full moon. Installation April. W.M., Bro. R. Worner; S.W., Bro. F. Stronell; J.W., Bro. E. E. McLennan; Sec., Bro. A. D. Lambly, Whangarei.

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Tauranga, 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 September, 1901; meets in Masonic Hall, Te Awamutu, Friday nearest full moon, 7.30 p.m. Installation October. W.M., Bro. G. Bishop; S.W., Bro. J. Browning; J.W., Bro. A. K. Bushy; Sec., Bro. W. Jeffery.

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 August. W.M., Bro. T. H. Phillips; S.W., Bro. E. E. Hammond; J.W., Bro. C. H. Adams; Sec., Bro. B. P. Andrews, Tauranga.

Hikurangi, No. 140.

Rotorua, No. 153:—Founded 1907, meets in Masonic Hall, Panton 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.

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Plunket, No. 163:—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. Wolf, Te Kuiti.

Karioti, No. 165 (Raglan).

Tawhiri, No. 166:—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. Flyer, P.M., Frankton Junction.

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Tirau, No. 193:—Founded 20th March, 1913; meets in Masonic Hall, Tirau, on the Thursday nearest full moon. Installation March. W.M., Bro. W. H. Allen; S.W., Bro. W. King; J.W., Bro. A. J. Tong; Sec., Bro. N. D. Clifford, Box 1, Tirau (Rotorua Lane).

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Ara, No. 348, I.C.:—Founded 6th September, 1942; meets in Freemasons' Hall, Princes St., Auckland, first Monday each month (January excepted), at 7.30 p.m. Installation 24th June (St. John's Day), high noon. W.M., V.W. Bro. C. J. Schmauer; S.W., Bro. S. I. Crookes; J.W., Bro. R. J. Lusher; Treas., V.W. Bro. E. K. Piggott, P.M.; Sec., W. Bro. W. H. Patterson, P.M., c/o P.O. Box 840.

PROVINCE OF HAWKES BAY: 10 LODGES.

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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.

Rawhiti, 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. B. Harrison; S.W., Bro. W. Snell; J.W., Bro. J. C. Davidson; Sec., Bro. Thomas Paton, Dannevirke.

Heretaunga, No. 73:—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.

Ruahine, 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. 155:—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.

Rutanuiwha, 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. E. A. Fraser; J.W., Bro. E. F. Stubbaj; Sec., Bro. W. Hobson, Takapau.

PROVINCE OF TARANAKI: 7 LODGES.

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

Patea Kil., No. 15:—Founded 1873, meets second Wednesday each month. Installation March. W.M., Bro. A. McFarlane; S.W., Bro. K. H. Wells; J.W., Bro. B. Christensen; Sec., W. Bro. G. H. Stephenson.

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. 48:—Founded 1883, 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. R. W. Garner; J.W., Bro. W. F. Nicoll; Sec., Bro. W. H. Haddrell, P.M., Westown, New Plymouth.

Stratford, No. 75:—Founded 1892, 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.

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Ikarua, No. 115:—Founded 1896, meets at Lodge room, Opunake, Tuesday nearest full moon, 7.30 p.m. Installation November. W.M., Bro. A. Clarke; S.W., Bro. K. Cannell; J.W., Bro. W. J. Todd; Sec., Bro. G. W. Rogers, P.M.

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

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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. Moncrieff; S.W., Bro. A. McL. 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, Bannister-st., Masterton, 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 81, Masterton.

St. Andrew, No. 32:—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. Eowland; S.W., Bro. W. Simpson; J.W., Bro. A. Schmidt; Sec., Bro. J. B. Lea, P.O. Box 236, 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. Tunney; Sec., Bro. F. E. Merlet, Featherston.

Rangitikei, No. 38:—Founded 1880, meets at Masonic Hall, Bulls, Tuesday before full moon. Installation October. W.M., Bro. K. W. Delgton; S.W., Bro. G. Williams; J.W., Bro. R. Chisholm; Sec., Bro. Thomas King, P.O. Box 8, 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. K. 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 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. Bailie; Sec., Bro. Arthur Philipotts, P.M.

Ulster, No. 62:—Founded 1888, meets in the Masonic Hall, Petone, third Wednesday every month. Installation June. W.M., Bro. G. D. McEwen; S.W., Bro. W. H. Richards; J.W., Bro. C. A. Strong; Sec., Bro. A. G. Steffensen, 104, Richmond-street.

Taranua, 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. Hiddell; 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. K. 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.

Otahi, 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. Eli Allen; Sec., W. Bro. Swabey, 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 120, 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. Harrop; J.W., Bro. R. Turner; Sec., Bro. W. S. Radcliffe, Ngalo.

Ruapehu, No. 128 (formerly No. 2317, E.C.):—Founded 1885, meets in Masonic Hall, Marton, Thursday nearest full moon. Installation February. W.M., Bro. J. Robson; S.W., Bro. H. J. Cameron; J.W., Bro. E. R. Galpin; 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. Futtler; J.W., Bro. W. J. Westwood; Sec., Bro. W. P. Carter, 6 Crosby Terrace, Wellington.

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. H. Beny; 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. 148:—Founded 1906, meets in Masonic Hall, Rongotea, Wednesday after full moon. Installation April. W.M., Bro. J. McHinn; S.W., Bro. E. T. Glover; J.W., Bro. R. M. Matheson; Sec., Bro. T. McGee.

Puketoi, No. 149:—Founded 1907, meets Masonic Hall, Pongorua, Tuesday nearest full moon, 7.30 p.m. Installation February. W.M., Bro. C. Liverton; S.W., Bro. T. A. Yeoman; J.W., Bro. S. Gibson; Sec., W. Bro. W. Souness, P.M.

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

Tutanekai, 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. Whiteclaw; Sec., Bro. J. P. Shand, P.M., Cuba-st., Wellington.

Huia, No. 171:—Founded 1910, meets at Masonic Hall, Church Street E., Palmerston N., on first Thursday each month. Installation March. W.M., Bro. C. P. Spooner; S.W., Bro. W. C. Turner; J.W., Bro. A. W. Galliehan; 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. Mugridge; S.W., Bro. D. H. Grant; J.W., Bro. W. H. Tustin; Sec., Bro. A. Mahbott, Raetihi.

Waiwhetu, No. 176:—Founded 1910, meets in Masonic Hall, Huia Street, Lower Hutu, 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 Hutu.

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. R. B. Turnbull; S.W., Bro. G. Kruger; J.W., Bro. J. D. Munro; Sec., Bro. D. Galloway, P.M., Mangaweka.

Otari, No. 190:—Founded 1912, meets in the Freemasons' Hall, Ngāroa, 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. P. Levi; J.W., Bro. A. Erskine; Sec., Bro. Morris Fox. ("Open to visiting M.M.s.")

Moutoa, No. 195:—Constituted 24th April, 1913, 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, Worsley Bay, on second Friday in each month, at 7.30 p.m. Installation October. W.M., W. Bro. Rev. T. Porritt, D.G.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. Hudman; S.W., Bro. A. E. Hedger; J.W., Bro. J. L. Ching; Sec., W. Bro. R. W. Stiles, Box 105, Nelson.

Wairau, No. 42:—Founded 1881 (formerly 603, 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. A. Russell; S.W., Bro. A. H. Scott; J.W., Bro. A. Heade; Sec., Bro. — Buckman, P.M.

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. Franklin; J.W., Bro. A. D. Syder; Sec., W. Bro. F. B. Peart.

Motueka, No. 117:—Founded 1890, meets in Lodge room, 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. Cuthbert's, No. 144:—Founded 1903, 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.

(K.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. Tudhope; J.W., Bro. F. S. Willis; Sec., Bro. Roy Liddelow.

Advance, No. 61:—Founded 1871, meets in Masonic Hall, Dennistown, 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 1867, 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. W. H. Shannon; S.W., Bro. H. A. Thompson; J.W., Bro. J. Cameron; Sec., Bro. J. McMillan, P.M.

Aorangi, No. 89:—Founded 1883, meets in Masonic Hall, Dennistown, 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. Mumm; J.W., Bro. William McIndoe; Sec., Bro. Chas. M. Johnston, P.M.

Torea, No. 121:—Founded 1909, meets at Masonic Hall, Granity, third Saturday each month, 7.30 p.m. Installation December. W.M., Bro. A. B. 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.

Kawatiri-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.

Runanga, No. 159:—Founded 1908, meets in Masonic Hall, Seddon-st., Runanga, 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. 173 (Blackball).

Connaught, No. 187 (Karamea).

PROVINCE OF CANTERBURY: 35 LODGES.

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

Unanimity, No. 8:—Founded October, 1861, 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. Freestay; 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., W. Bro. T. H. Ker, jun.; S.W., Bro. H. H. Wauchop; J.W., Bro. J. A. Stables; Sec., W. Bro. F. C. B. Bishop, Box 272, 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 13, 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, 196 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., K.W. Bro. R. B. B. Willis, P.G.D.; S.W., Bro. H. J. Hannah; J.W., W. Bro. J. S. Inwood; Sec., W. Bro. J. W. A. Walker, District High School, Southbridge.

Canterbury Kil., No. 23.

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. R. 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. B. A. McKewen; S.W., Bro. T. J. Withers; J.W., Bro. N. W. Pavitt; Sec., Bro. Thos. Hills, 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. Triggance; J.W., Bro. Geo. Tate; Sec., Bro. F. A. Joynt.

South Rakia, 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., W. 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. 61:—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. Kidney; 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. Ankey; J.W., Bro. W. J. Smith; Sec., Bro. J. H. Southwick, Fairlie.

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

Thistle, 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., W. 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, Cuck, 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.

Pareora, 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., W. Bro. H. Wyatt, 98 Worcester Street, Christchurch.

Waihora, No. 141:—Founded 1906, meets Oddfellows' Hall, Leaton, 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. Steans; S.W., Bro. W. J. Hunter; J.W., Bro. W. Bottrill; Sec., Bro. T. H. Williams.

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

Ahurewa, No. 181:—Founded 1911, meets in Schoolroom, Dunandel, Monday on or before full moon. Installation Oct. W.M., Bro. P. 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. Judds, Wairau.

Avon, No. 186 (Christchurch).

Tawera, No. 188 (Oxford).

Timaru, No. 196 (Timaru).

Koranga, No. 197 (Timaru).

Erehwon, No. 200:—Opened 20th August, 1914. Mount Somers.

PROVINCE OF OTAGO: 27 LODGES.

(H.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. R. Rogerson; 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. Roaby; J.W., Bro. F. W. Kibblewhite; Sec., W. 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. H. M. Peattie; J.W., Bro. T. Harrison; Sec., Bro. W. Dlack.

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, Kaitio.

Hiram, No. 46:—Founded 1883, meets in Masonic Hall, Cargill Road, South Dunedin, on fourth Tuesday in month. Installation October. W.M., Bro. E. V. Parker; S.W., Bro. George R. West; J.W., Bro. G. E. Lumsden; Sec., Bro. J. A. P. Frederic; 19 Lockhampton Court, Caversham Rise, Dunedin.

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

Oamaru Kil, No. 83:—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. Dickson; Sec., Bro. J. M. Brown, P.M., Thames Street, Oamaru.

St. Thomas Kil, No. 83 (Kaitangata).

St. John, No. 84, Mt. Stuart.

Mount Ida, No. 97:—Founded 1865 (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 Kil, No. 98 (originally No. 535, S.C.):—Meets in Lodgeroom, Melbourne Terrace, Cromwell, on Wednesday nearest full moon, at 7.30 p.m. Installation February. W.M., Bro. R. Kay; S.W., Bro. W. Campbell; J.W., Bro. D. S. Middleton; Sec., Bro. W. B. W. J. Ritchie, Box 27, Cromwell.

Dunstan, No. 103 (originally No. 407, S.C.):—Founded 1869, joined N.Z.C. 1896; meets in Town Hall, Clyde, on Tuesday or on nearest full moon in every month, at 7.30 p.m. Installation November. W.M., Bro. W. H. McKean; S.W., Bro. J. E. Munzie; J.W., Bro. R. Holden; Sec., Bro. H. E. 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 Kil, No. 109:—Founded 1896, meets in the Masonic Hall, Alexandra South, on Friday or on nearest full moon. Installation February. W.M., Bro. R. D. Cox; S.W., Bro. G. Asquith; J.W., Bro. G. Smith; Sec., Bro. J. H. Arnold.

St. Bathans, No. 125:—Founded 11th Nov. 1902, 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. R. Wilson, P.M., Becks.

Otago Kil, No. 143:—Meets in Masonic Hall, Moray Place, Dunedin, on first Thursday each month at 7.30 p.m. Installation December. W.M., Bro. W. G. Hay; S.W., Bro. G. G. Adams; J.W., Bro. J. Shinton; Sec., Bro. G. Watts, P.M., 53 Clyde Street, Dunedin.

Teviot, No. 145:—Founded 1907, meets in Masonic Hall, Roxburgh, on the Saturday or on nearest full moon, 7.30 p.m. Installation March. W.M., Bro. D. A. Mitchell; S.W., Bro. Wm. Donnelly; J.W., Bro. S. R. T. Vernon; Sec., W. Bro. Dr. J. R. Gilmour, P.M., Box 18, Roxburgh.

Oceanic, No. 154:—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. McKenna; Sec., Bro. D. H. Hastings, P.M., 33 Moreau Street, St. Kilda.

Invercargill, 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. Raffles; 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 15, 1909, meets in Masonic Hall, Kurov, on Thursday or on 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. 183:—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. A. H. Charlton; S.W., Bro. J. Wright; J.W., Bro. W. McIndoe; Sec., Bro. J. C. Borthwick.

Ionie, No. 161 (Green Island).

Morning Star, No. 192 (Mornington).

Strath-Tairi, 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 1883, 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. Hieop; S.W., Bro. S. Nice; J.W., Bro. J. 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. Ruden; S.W., Bro. E. Johnson; J.W., Bro. C. W. Bradshaw; Sec., Bro. E. Parker, P.M., Hazelwood, Bluff.

Aparima, No. 77:—Founded 1876, 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. H. McIntyre; J.W., Bro. A. E. Ward; Sec., Bro. J. C. Robins (acting).

Laure Lodge of Ophir, No. 86:—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 Kil, 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. Cookson; S.W., Bro. R. Smith; J.W., Bro. Wm. Robison; Sec., Bro. C. H. Poole, 189 Teviot Street, Invercargill.

Taringatura, No. 109:—Founded 1867, 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. Lear; Sec., Bro. W. H. Clark.

Winton, No. 108:—Founded 1896, meets at Masonic Hall, Park-st., Winton, on Tuesday or on 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.O. Box 3, Winton.

Wallace, No. 129:—Founded 1904, meets in Masonic Hall, Otoutan, 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, Otoutan.

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

Wairaki, No. 145 (Nightcaps):—Victoria, No. 147:—Founded 1883, 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. Brown; S.W., Bro. T. Keating; J.W., Bro. W. Excell; Sec., Bro. A. G. Thomson, P.M.

Mataura, No. 174:

Waihopai, No. 180 (Invercargill):

ENGLISH CRAFT LODGES.

Pacific Lodge, No. 1453, 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. Ferens; S.W., Bro. H. Smith; J.W., Bro. R. Barley; 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. F. Andrew; J.W., Bro. T. Sprott; Sec., Bro. E. E. Coghlan, Box 819, Wellington.

ANCIENT AND ACCEPTED SCOTTISH RITE.

GRAND LODGE OF FRANCE.

Veritas, No. 384:—Founded 1907, meets at the Freemasons' Hall, Mission-street, Papeete, 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. Largarde. [This Lodge, working in English, cordially invites brethren from New Zealand.]

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

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

(With jurisdiction over 33 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.Soj., Comp. T. Hobson (No. 4); 2nd G.Soj., Comp. W. G. Alexander (No. 7); 3rd G.Soj., V.E. Comp. G. S. Gordon (No. 53); G.Heg., V.E. Comp. C. W. Neilson (No. 2); G.Hanc., 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. 16); G.Sd.B., Comp. W. H. Jones (No. 24); G.St.B., Comp. T. Gilmour (No. 33); G.Organist, Comp. A. W. V. Vine (No. 15); Asst. G.D. of C., Comp. D. M. Jack (No. 17); Asst. G.Sd.B., Comp. W. T. Simmonds (No. 32); Asst. G.St.B., Comp. C. H. Dement (No. 25).

Supreme C. Committee.

Chairman, M.E. Comp. R. Fletcher; V.E. Comps. A. Veitch, W. H. Jones, C. Dement, O. Neilson; the G.Prins., P.G.Zs., G.Supts., G.Treas., and G. Recorder (ex officio).

G. Superintendents.

Auckland—R.E. Comp. 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.

NEW ZEALAND CHAPTERS.

St. Augustine, No. 1:—Founded November, 1899; 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, 437, Hereford Street, Linwood.

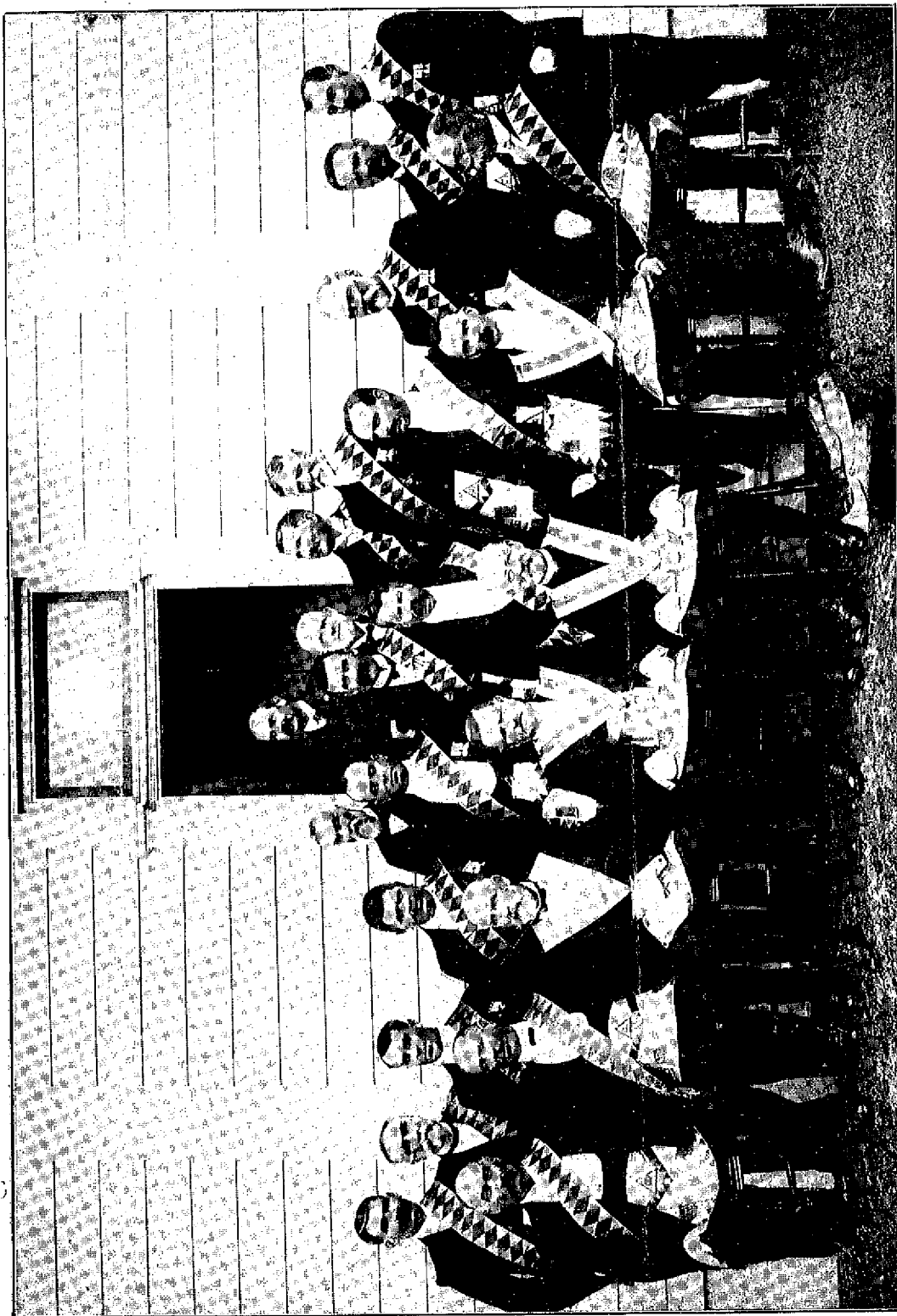
Waterloo, No. 2:—Founded 1875, meets in Masonic Hall, Boulcott Street, Wellington, fourth Wednesday in each month. Installation September. Z., Comp. G. Russell; H., Comp. J. Rod; J., Comp. C. B. Harton; S.E., Comp. G. Menzies, 90 Abel Smith Street.

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. Gilchrist, 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. Hutton; 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. C. Anderson; H., E. Comp. R. V. Parker; J., E. Comp. G. T. Lumsden; S.E., E. Comp. M. J. Pierce, 39 Dowling Street, Dunedin.



OPENING OF EGMONT R.A. CHAPTER, — STRATFORD, MARCH, 25TH, 1915.