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Mairangi
Nail Mall
TUESDAY 11th
Papakura
Hobson
WEDNESDAY 12th
Ara
Otago
Tauri
Piko
Plunket
THURSDAY 13th
Beta Waka
Abercorn
Mairangi
Tauri
TUESDAY 19th
Abercorn
SUNDAY 20th
Otago
MONDAY 17th
Whangarei
Walton
Wairangi
TUESDAY 18th
St. Andrew
St. John
TUESDAY 25th
Abercorn
WEDNESDAY 26th
United Services

RUAPEHU—Cont.

THURSDAY 13th
Abercorn
St. Andrew Kij
Kimbolton
Knapen
FRIDAY 14th
Knapen
MONDAY 17th
Wellington
Waimarino
WEDNESDAY 19th
Rongotea
THURSDAY 27th
Moutoa

WELLINGTON

MONDAY 3rd
Denison
WEDNESDAY 6th
Brooklyn
THURSDAY 6th
Tobago
SATURDAY 8th
Whangarei
MONDAY 10th
Waterloo
St. John
TUESDAY 11th
St. Mark
Otago
WEDNESDAY 12th
Masterton
Wairangi
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Wairangi
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THE M.W. GRAND MASTER'S ADDRESS.

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AT THE ANNUAL COMMUNICATION OF THE G.L. OF NEW ZEALAND.

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It is a regular and very proper custom that the after his installation, should place before the brethren his opinions on those questions he may deem of the most vital importance to the welfare of his own jurisdiction in particular, and Freemasonry in general. At the last meeting of the G.L. of New Zealand the newly enthroned G.M. followed: the usual practice in so far as a general address was concerned, but he adopted a new departure in pointing out the weak spots and strongly urging remedial measures. This particular line of address requires no little courage, as mankind, either individually or collectively, does not like being reminded of its sins, and the foibles of Freemasonry are only human. The G.M. aimed at no flights of oratory, nor did he conclude his address with any attempt at a brilliant peroration. It was simply a carefully thought out, earnest address, fearlessly touching the weak spots of Freemasonry in this jurisdiction, without giving a shadow of offence, and pointing the remedy. Though the homily has been spoken and printed, it should be read in every Lodge in the jurisdiction, and were it read several times during the year it would lose none of its freshness, while its influence for good would be materially increased.

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We purpose at this time very briefly referring to some of the points specially mentioned, not for the sake of reiteration, but rather to emphasise the moral the G.M. has so ably endeavoured to deduce. In saying that he is a "staunch believer in practical Freemasonry," the G.M. grips us with hooks of steel. Theoretical Freemasonry is a delusion and a snare, a system of hypocrisy which will speedily cease to impose on anybody, even its own members. Exception is properly taken to estimating success on financial and numerical progress, and the G.M. measures true success "by the extent to which the community generally is being benefited and by the manner in which individual Masons are exemplifying in their daily lives the principles inculcated by the institution." The question is asked, can we truthfully say that this has been done in the past? or, in other words, do we individually practice outside the Lodge the principles inculcated in it? The G.M. is pessimistic on the subject, and we share his pessimism. This is one of the weak spots in Freemasonry which the world is quick to notice. The simple attendance at Lodge once a month is theoretical Freemasonry, and is of little use either to the individual or the institution.

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The G.M. rightly claims that only the best material should be used in the building up of Freemasonry. Probably no subject has so exercised the minds of the Craft in New Zealand generally during the past few years. This has been evinced in the desire to establish Boards of Enquiry and to make full use of their powers. But even with this aid slips are made, and the finger can still point to unsuitable admissions. One careless Lodge that estimates success on the numerical and financial basis can undo the efforts of a dozen careful Lodges that seek to purify the Craft. We were pleased to note that the question of "first impressions" received prominence. It is always pleasurable to receive what may be termed a thoroughly suitable candidate into Freemasonry, one whose intellectual and perceptive faculties are calculated to impress him with a due appreciation of Freemasonry. It is not sufficient to admit a person into Freemasonry, but it is essentially necessary to secure his future adhesion. And it is here the advice is good to have due regard to first impressions. Firstly, in respect to the solemn and impressive rendering of our ritual ceremonial, and, secondly, that in the after festive gathering there shall be nothing said or done to jar on the sensibilities of the candidate, who has just received his first impressions, which, if they are to be durable, nothing must be

allowed to weaken the effect of the solemn ceremonies. Our festive board can always be hilarious without being vulgar ; indeed, it is a distinct reflection on the W.M. to permit the slightest suspicion of vulgarity.

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We cannot do better in concluding this brief article of emphasis than by quoting verbatim one clause of the G.M.'s address, which should appeal to the brotherhood, humanity, and nobility of every Freemason.

" Now, brethren," said the G.M., " I have already stated that to achieve success in our work we must find our Masonic principles permeating the civic and domestic lives of the people. Masonry will only fulfil its true mission when this desired result takes place, and it rests with ourselves to bring it about. As a help to its achievement, may I for a moment direct your attention to the motto or belief with which Masonry confronts the world and endeavours to blend the race into unity—viz., the common Fatherhood of God above and the common brotherhood of man below. What are we doing in support of this motto or belief ? Indifference generally marks our conduct. I would like to see the brethren of every Lodge once at least in each year attend a united church service in the locality where it is situated, and there in the sacred precincts of His House evince to the world their unfailing belief in the Fatherhood of God. By way of exemplification of your belief in the brotherhood of man I would urge you as brethren to take a more active interest and participation in all matters pertaining to the uplifting and betterment of humanity. Thus you will be instrumental in averting, or at least lessening, much of the social unrest that exists to-day, as the principles for which we stand, actively and sincerely practised, must have their influence in bringing men of all classes to a truer conception of their duties and responsibilities to each other."

What is the greatest gift with which Freemasons could be endowed? To imbue them with a proper conception of the potentialities of the institution and to awaken them to a sense of their individual responsibilities. To uplift the Craft is not a difficult operation, and to achieve the highest ideals is not an impossible conception. If a spirit of fatalism supervenes, and the uplifting process is regarded as impossible, or the Masonic ideal unattainable, then the ulterior purpose of the organisation is misconstrued, and members refuse to acknowledge their possibilities and responsibilities. It is this view, we take it, that the M.W.G.M. desires to combat, and he has successfully achieved his purpose.

BRETHREN ON SERVICE AND DIPLOMAS.

For some time past complaints have been made as to the difficulty of Freemasons on service including the Masonic diploma in their kit. It is pointed out that to take it means folding in a very small compass, and the great contingent risk of loss and damage. This was substantiated at a recent Masonic function, where a diploma was produced that had been at Gallipoli, and which was irretrievably damaged. Then there is the greater danger of loss beyond recovery, and of Masonic diplomas floating about in England and on the Continental war front. An idea is abroad that the G.L. of New Zealand has provided for the contingency by the issue of duplicate diplomas, though how such a course would surmount the difficulty is not clear. But what could, and, in our opinion, should be done, would be the issue of small cards fitting the soldiers' pocket book, vouching for the brother named therein as a Freemason and commending him to the good offices of any brother who might find him either in good circumstances or in distress. The " ne varietur " would be an indispensable part of the card. The obverse side might contain a request that, should the card be lost, the finder would confer a favour by returning it to the Lodge in New Zealand, which would, of course, be stated. In referring this matter to some of our soldier brethren, they state that this is exactly what is required, would be of inestimable value, and quite meet the present difficulty.

Since writing the above we notice from the " Freemasons' Chronicle," London, that such a plan has been adopted by one Lodge and sanctioned by the G.L. of England. The Deo Dante Dedi Lodge, No. 2885, which is the Masonic representative of the Charterhouse, has been authorised to issue to its members on active service a card printed in English, French, Italian, German, and Turkish, commending them to the care of any Mason who may find them in distress or need. It is stated that the idea of this card was suggested by that which was issued to many of the Masons serving in the Canadian Expeditionary Force, under the jurisdiction of the G.Ls. of the Dominion. The "Chronicle" further states that other Lodges desirous of issuing such cards

must apply to the G.Sec., who will designate the printers from whom the cards are obtainable. Such cards are made to fit the soldier's pocket book, and must be signed by the bearer, the W.M., and Sec. of the Lodge issuing them. If the G.L. of New Zealand would adopt the idea, we think it would be better for that body to issue all cards, even as they now issue diplomas. But we do not attach much importance to the printing in different languages, and, so far as German is concerned, it would indeed be surplusage. In any case, on the battle front, wherever it may be, an interpretation would not be difficult to obtain. However, these are all details for G.L. to decide if it accepts the suggestion we have thrown out. If the B. of G.P. takes a favourable view, it can rest assured it will give the greatest satisfaction to a large number of Masonic brethren on service.

A TIMELY WARNING.

The Warden of a Lodge in New Zealand under the E. C., who is now in Egypt, in writing to a brother Mason, sends the following warning with reference to what he terms "cheap-jack Lodges," which appear to be fairly prolific in the land of the Pyramids. He says : "With regard to Lodge matters, I have been invited to attend one meeting here (Cairo), but was informed that it was a very cheap sort of a business and would be sorely disappointing, so stayed away. A party of us, however, intend to visit the 'Grecia', which is the English Lodge of Cairo, attended by Sir John Maxwell and men of his calibre, so should be good enough for yours truly. One matter I mention to you is in regard to soldiers who are becoming Masons—or, I should say, becoming members of cheap-jack Lodges—learning signs, etc., and masquerading as square men. It is possible in Cairo to pay three pounds and become a member of an Italian order, and go through the three degrees in one night. Great care will have to be taken in future in admitting strangers to our assemblies (in New Zealand), as these men are sure to try, and make use of the scanty knowledge they have gained and in time get admitted as members in their home land. It is a pity such a condition of things exists, but you can do and become anything in Cairo for money."

News and Notes

SPECIAL NOTICE.

The financial year of the New Zealand Masonic Newspaper Company, Ltd., which is responsible for the publication of the "New Zealand Craftsman," expired on 31st May. All accounts were posted from the office during the month of June, or early in July, and any subscriber who does not receive an account is earnestly requested to communicate with the Manager. Complaints occasionally come to hand, some time after June, that accounts have not been received, and it is then too late to institute postal enquiries. Every subscriber will be notified as to his financial position with the paper, and we hope no subscriber will take umbrage at receiving an account for only one or two months, as the intention will be to give him an opportunity of snaking an advance payment if he so desires, and thus save the 25 per cent, discount.

R.W. BRO. F. KEARSLEY, P.D.G.M., when visiting Wellington last month, kindly favoured our sanctum with a visit, and all interesting Masonic chat resulted.

R.W. Bro. GEO. H. POWLEY, P.D.G.M., has been elected President of the Annuity Board of G.L. At the meeting held on 9th June preliminary steps were taken with reference to formulating rules for the administration of the Special War Relief Fund.

LODGE MANGONUI, No. 78, has removed its habitation to Kataia, after having received the sanction of the B. of G.P.

LODGE ST. AUGUSTINE, Waimate, the winner of the surgical instruments which were raffled by G.L., decided to accept the sum of £100 in lieu of the instruments, but donated £50 of that amount to the Special War Fund of G.L.

SOME little misconception exists with regard to the Roll of Honour kept by G.L. Only the names of those military brethren who actually leave the shores of New Zealand on service will be recorded. The present roll has now to be revised, in conformity with the resolution.

W. BRO. HEDGES, the I.P.M. of Victory Lodge, has enlisted for service, and leaves for Trentham shortly. This makes Victory's sixth enlistment. One brother has died on service.

BRO. W. A. GILES, 32 deg., of the Agricultural College, Mississippi, writes as follows :—" I am in receipt of the N.Z. CRAFTSMAN, and appreciate it very much. Last meeting I read some extracts in the Lodge from it, and quite a deal of interest was manifested. In this part of the country it is extremely hard to get the members to attend, and I have adopted this measure of awakening more interest. [We shall be pleased if the N.Z. CRAFTSMAN is only a small means towards that end.—ED. C.]

THERE was a record attendance at Lodge Ulster on the occasion of the annual meeting on .the, 17th ult., 150 brethren, including thirty-five P.Ms., being present. As the day selected was Saturday, it was a matter of regret that the meeting was not commenced an hour earlier, which would have obviated the rush of the Wellington visitors to catch the last train (10.30). We are pleased to note that W. Bro. Wylie has returned to the Sec.'s chair.

THE many friends of R.W. Bro. T. A. Peterkin will regret to learn that he has been confined to his room for two weeks with an attack of bronchitis, consequent on a chill contracted at a Masonic function at Featherston on 1st June. Unfortunately, Sister Peterkin was also hors de combat at the same time ; consequently the late Dep.Prov.G.M. had a busy time as head nurse. From latest advices we learn that both invalids were progressing, though slowly.

MR. O. NICHOLSON (says the " Free Lance"), who has been elected G.M., New Zealand Freemasons, was a keen cricketer in his younger days. There are many fellows scattered up and down New Zealand who will remember with pleasure the old National Club, and the fine skipper "Oily" was. An old-time fellow-player congratulates him on having received the highest office his fellow Freemasons could elect him to.

THE annual P.Ms.' night of Waterloo Lodge (Wellington), held on the 12th ult., was most successful. R.W. Bro. Geo. Wilson occupied the chair, and all the chairs were filled by the ancients and "has beans," who gave a most creditable rendition of the Third. Prov.G.M. Ellison was in official war paint, and veteran P.G.M. Williams was included in the list of visitors.

THE total contributions to the G.L. of New Zealand Special War Fund to 31st March, 1916, amounted to £8,510 10s. 2d. Of this amount, three Lodges subscribed over. £200 each, Otaihape taking pride of place with £288 18s., Abercorn Lodge, Gisborne, being a good second with £254 10s., N.Z. Pacific taking third place with £201 17s.

THE " Dominion" is responsible for the annout cement that W. Bro. S. C. Basil Jones, late of Hastings, has taken up his residence in Christchurch. Bro. Jones was the S.E. of the Heretaunga R.A. Chapter.

ON 5th July the M.W.G.M. will unveil the Roll of Honour ie Lodge Manukau, Onehunga, and at the same meeting the cancelled Charter of Manukau Lodge, No. 586, S.C., will be presented by M.W. Bro. M. Niccol, P.G.M. and G.Sec., who was the first Master of the Lodge. The event will be most unique, and no doubt there will be a very large attendance.

THE Prov.G.M. of Wellington, B.W. Bro. J. W. Ellison, has been very active in visting Lodges since his assumption of office. His presence at Lodge Masterton installation contributed towards a record meeting, 133 brethren signing the appearance .book.

THE B. of G.P. of the G.L. of New Zealand has decided to provide undress clothing for G. officers in districts other than that in which G.L. is located for the time being, and an order has been sent to Lamb and Co., London. The estimated cost is £100. This clothing will be placed in charge of the Prov.G.M. of districts.

A PETITION has been presented to the M.W.G.M. for the erection of a new Lodge at Otorohanga, 114 miles from Auckland, on the Main Trunk Line. The petition has been referred to the Prov.G.M. for report.

A CIRCULAR is to be issued to Lodges under the N.Z.C., inviting further contributions to the Special War Fund.

TARANAKI TRIFLES.

An interesting event in Masonic circles was the installation of Bro. Percy J. H. White as W.M. of Mount Egmont Lodge, E.C. The ceremony was carried through with a simplicity and confidence that were refreshing. The installing officers were W. Bro. P. Lewis, P.D.S.G.W., and W. Bro. D. Meldrum, P.D.J.G.W.

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A strong contingent were present from Tongariro Lodge; No. 705, E.C., Wanganui, and the officers of Tongariro gave the various charges and presented the W.Ts. Most of the Taranaki Lodges were represented.

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Mount Egmont Lodge has been in existence for sixty-three years. During that time 'thirty-seven brethren have occupied the chair. The record is held by W. Bro. J. Newland, who has filled the office nine times, another brother five times, another four times, three others three times each, and four others have twice held the office.

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The late W. Bro. P. F. Ralfe, P.G.S.B., was the second Master of Lodge Stratford, and retained an active interest in the Lodge until his death. He never missed a meeting if he was in the district, and despite his eighty years was always glad to take part in the work. By the present generation he was looked up to as a father of the Lodge, and his genial and kindly presence will be sorrowfully missed.

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Ngamotu Lodge were expected at Eltham on the 28th to work a degree, but I hear that the visit is postponed for the present.

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Sir Donald MacLean, E.C., Waitara, held their installation meeting on Thursday, 15th June.

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Egmont R.A. Chapter held their meeting in Inglewood this month, only routine business being done. The balance-sheet and auditors' report thereon were discussed, and satisfaction expressed at the condition of affairs. In this connection the Chapter is indebted to E. Comp. A. M. Spilman, S.E., for the thoroughness of his work.

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Takahoa Chapter held their monthly meeting at Eltham on 15th June. Two brethren were advanced. With some officers residing in Patea, some in Hawera, and others in Eltham, and S.E. in Kaponga, instruction meetings are few and far between, but the companions well maintain the R.A. spirit, and are a very happy family. More power to them.

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To avoid clashing with Show week, the Hawera, installation meeting is being held a week earlier than due date. Special interest attaches to this gathering, as I understand the W.M.elect proceeds almost immediately to Trentham training camp.

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The Prov.G.M. paid an official visit to Pates Kil. on 14th June, where he was greeted by a good assembly. The object of the visit was primarily to invest G.L. officers, and advantage was taken of his presence to unveil a Roll of Honour.

SOUTHLAND NOTES.

R.W. Bro. A. le H. Hoyles was invested with the regalia of his office of Prov.G.M. at St. John's Lodge annual meeting on 19th May. W. Bro. R. Prentice was also invested as G.D. of C. The investiture was fittingly carried out by R.W. Bro. Wm. Timpany, P.Prov.G.M.

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R.W. Bro. Hoyles, Prov.G.M., has had a busy time since his appointment, he having visited and conducted the installation ceremonies of Lodges St. John, Waihopai, Southern Cross, Victoria, Fortitude, and Waikaka.

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The large Masonic Hall in Forth Street, Invercargill, was taxed to its utmost for seating accommodation on the occasion of the installation meeting of St. John's Lodge. An undoubted attraction was the first appearance of the M.W. Prov.G.M., R.W. Bro. Hoyles. He has only to continue on the lines of the admirable sentiments he gave expression to in his maiden speech to establish himself one of the best Prov. G.Ms. the Southland District has had.

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A glorious spell of fine weather gave place to torrential rain on the occasion of Lodge Waihopai's annual meeting. Inclement conditions have militated so persistently against attendance at the annual function of this Lodge that members are earnestly searching for the "Jonah." However, the faithful braved the elements, and a fairly good attendance was registered. The installation ceremony was carried out to the accompaniment of vivid lightning, peals of thunder, and deafening hail showers.

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Southern Cross Lodge's annual meeting was not as well attended as could be wished. The installation ceremony was quite a treat. The "Fourth" was something above the usual, and was very much enjoyed.

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The annual meeting of Lodge Victoria was in all respects successful. The installation ceremony was expeditiously carried out—almost a record. At the "Fourth" a collection was made for the War Fund, which will be materially benefited thereby.

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Lodge Fortitude's installation meeting invariably attracts a large attendance of visitors, and this year was no exception to the rule. A notable feature was the presentation of a case of cutlery to W. Bro. E. Parker, Sec. for the last six years. The presentation was made on behalf of the Lodge by R.W. Bro. Wm. Smith, who referred in eulogistic terms to Bro. Parker's service to Lodge Fortitude and Freemasonry in general, he having only missed three meetings during his thirteen years' connection with Lodge Fortitude, and then only because on two occasions he was attending G.L. communication, on the other because of a bereavement in his family.

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The lady friends of the members of Lodge Fortitude were deservedly congratulated on their entertainment of brethren on the evening of the annual event, of the Lodge. R.W. Bro. Hoyles, Prov.G.M., in proposing a vote of thanks to, and R.W. Bro. Smith, in replying on behalf of, the ladies, evoked much merriment by their efforts to tell the ladies a great deal, but nothing in particular.

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W. Bro. C. H. Roberts was invested as G.P. at Waihopai annual meeting by R.W. Bro. Wm. Timpany, P.Prov.G.M.

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P.Ms.' jewels were presented to W. Bros. A. S. Cookson, Jos. Critchfield, and W. R. Rusden, of Lodges St. John, Southern Cross, and Fortitude respectively.

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R.W. Bro. W. W. de Castro has retired from Government service, and has bid good-bye to Southland, much to our regret. While amongst us he was a constant visitor at town and country meetings, and his services and genial companionship will be much missed. He has decided to settle in Dunedin for some time, and we cordially commend him to the fraternal love of our Otago brethren.

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The balance-sheet of Lodge Winton is a cheering document. Liabilities practically nil, assets £609 14s. 5d. Some years ago this Lodge began a benevolent fund, and it now has a credit cash balance in bank of £134 15s. 4d.

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R.W. Bro. Hoyles is raising his voice in a manner calculated to bring the 1916-17 contributions of Southland Lodges to the Annuity and War Funds to a sum commensurate with the importance of the district.

SPURIOUS MASONRY.

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At the last meeting of the B. of G.P. of the G.L. of New Zealand mention was made of the fact that a spurious form of Masonry, or something purporting to be allied with Freemasonry, was practised in Auckland, and that instances were known in which admission had been gained to regular Lodges by unqualified persons through knowledge of our ritual gained in the spurious or clandestine Lodges.

After considerable discussion it was resolved that the attention of all Lodges be directed to the necessity for strict compliance with the rule requiring the production of a G.L. certificate or other proper vouchers before oral examination of any visitor who is not vouched for by a well-known brother.

It was resolved also to forbid members of N.Z.C. Lodges visiting or in any way holding intercourse with these spurious Lodges or any persons connected therewith.

ANCIENT FREEMASONRY.

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(By W. BRO. OTTO JERUSALEM.)

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Freemasonry is generally divided into three periods—namely, Ancient, Middle Age, and Modern. Ancient Freemasonry dates back at least 6,000 years, while Middle Age Freemasonry brings us to about the seventeenth century, and modern Freemasonry from that period up till to-day. I intend to deal to-night with Ancient Freemasonry, not only because the least is generally known of this period among our brethren, but also because it is by far the most interesting. Those who think that Freemasonry to-day is at its zenith have very little conception of the order in the olden days, for not only was the power and prestige of Freemasonry far above what it is to-day, but our ancient brethren conducted their initiation and other ceremonies with such beautiful impressiveness as could only be attained by a lifelong training and devotion to the order.

I said that Ancient Freemasonry dates back for at least 6,000 years. In fact, it dates back much further than that, but we have positive proofs in relics and hieratic papyrus dating back even before the time of Bantams II. Some of these relics show men in Masonic attire, and give passwords to which I will allude directly.

I need hardly say that the home of Freemasonry is ancient Egypt, and the most ancient period of Freemasonry was called the "Stellar Cult." These were the first people who calculated time, going by the stars and moon. These were followed by the "Solar Cult," calculating time by the sun and counting four seasons to the year. After these came what is known as the "Christian Cult," which, of course, is of more modern date. The signs and symbols of these various periods are practically the same as they are to-day, only that some have been slightly modernised, and that during the "Christian Cult" Hebrew words were substituted for the Egyptian words, the meaning, however, being the same.

Ancient Freemasonry in Egypt was of two distinct classes, and had two distinct purposes—namely, the first and second degree, also called the "lesser mysteries"—which were quite apart from the higher degrees. The persons initiated in the Apprentice and F.C. Degrees were of a different caste entirely, and could not enter the higher degrees. Although this may appear as a paradox, I want you to keep this well in mind. The Apprentices and F.Cs. were craftsmen employed in the building of the sacred temples and pyramids, and were initiated in these two degrees in order to keep the secrets of these sacred edifices. Egypt in those times was divided into provinces or "names," and all these craftsmen were drafted from the "17th name" or

province, and were called " Companions," because they worked in companies. These Companions had as chief a Head or High Priest, who was in reality the first W.M., his Egyptian title being "Ura-Herp-Kum." Later on a higher degree was formed, the master of which was called " the most illustrious," meaning " Master of Masters," equal to our present G.M. As I said, these craftsmen or companions were initiated in the mysteries of the first and second degrees, but could never advance any further. They were the first operative Masons. But these were not the Freemasons with the ritual of old Egypt. They were simply the men who built the pyramids and temples, and it was the priests who were the learned men, and who initiated them in order to preserve the secrets and mysteries of the temples. The priests in ancient Egypt were the supreme rulers, ruling even the kings. For those obelisks, sacred to the sun by their conical form like that of a flame, those labyrinths, those sphinxes, those hieroglyphics which for long remained secrets, and always were secrets to those Egyptians who erected the pyramids in fear and silence—all these symbols constituted one of the vastest, most powerful, and most elaborate secret orders that the world has ever known.

I have now explained to you the two castes in Ancient Freemasonry—the one the workers (apprentices and craftsmen) or operative masons, who were initiated in the " lesser mysteries " ; and the other the priests (the ruling caste) or speculative masons, practising " the greater mysteries." You can now easily understand why these Fellow Crafts who are supposed to have slain H.A.B. were so anxious to obtain the secrets of a M.M., and although H.A.B. promised them that they would receive these secrets " if found worthy," they must have known only too well that there was no chance of this being so. The object of initiating these men in the first and second degree, of course, is obvious : the priests obtained entire control over these men, and knew that the secrets of the temple were safe. These were really the only objects of these two degrees. The degrees of the priests were entirely different. Admittance. was most difficult, and the rites and ceremonies most exacting. The mysteries and secrets of these higher degrees are most astonishing, seeing they were practised and taught over 6,000 years ago. The great secret of the third degree was the teaching of the principles of the eternal truth, the true doctrine of the Unity of God. To try and impart these teachings to the common masses, who, like a common Zulu, worshipped the sacred serpents of his hovel or the sacred cat of his village, would not only have been futile, but dangerous. How dangerous such teachings were can easily be estimated, when we consider that many centuries later a great man (Socrates), who had grasped this eternal truth of one God, was put to death for teaching this doctrine. This secret, therefore, was only imparted to a select few, who after many trials and approbations had been initiated into these great teachings, surrounded by such mysteries as only ancient Egypt could produce. As I already explained, the mysteries were of two kinds—the greater and the lesser. The greater was the mystery of Osiris, and the lesser that of Serapis and Isis. So that you may better understand later on, I will now explain to you in a few words the mystery of Osiris. They were celebrated at the autumn equinox, while the Serapis mystery fell on the summer solstice, and the mystery of Isis at the spring equinox. Osiris was represented by a sceptre with an eye above it representing the sun, signifying "that which rules and sees," or " the all-seeing eye." The word "Osiris" means the "Supreme Lord." Osiris was born by Nut. Seb and Nut, the Gods of Earth and Heaven, were husband and wife. The sun fell out with Nut, and cursed her that she should have no child for months and years. But Seb and Nut outwitted them, for Osiris was born on the day added to the year (what we now call the 29th February). Osiris had two sisters (Isis and Nephtys) and one brother (called Typhon). Osiris becomes a great hero, and Typhon, his brother, is very jealous of him. He therefore decides to kill Osiris, and gives a great feast in order to celebrate his brother's greatness. During the feast he has a tremendous-sized coffin brought in that everybody has to try. It proved, of course, too big for everybody until Osiris laid in it, and Typhon quickly put on the lid and nailed it down, after which he drew it into the Nile. Isis, his sister, searches for her brother's body, and at last finds it near an acacia tree. As she was removing it Typhon comes on the scene, takes it from her, and tears it in fourteen pieces. Isis again searches for these pieces, and whenever she finds one she buries it in a tomb. This accounts for the fact that to-day in Egypt there are fourteen tombs of Osiris. Isis represents the moon, and her image was worshipped in Sais under the emblem of "Isis veiled," with this inscription, " I am all that has been, all that is, and all that ever will be, and no mortal has drawn aside my veil."

The place of initiation was always a pyramid, erected over a subterranean cavern. One of the most famous places of initiation was "the great pyramid," one of the tombs of Osiris. Unfortunately, time does not permit me to give you the details of the first degree in the lesser mysteries, or the mysteries of Isis, as they are most

interesting. The second degree, or the mystery of Serapus, is very much like the first degree. The third, or divine, degree (so called because it contained the teaching of the Divine Being) contained the mystery of Osiris. In this degree is introduced the legend of the murder of Osiris by his brother, Typhon, and the candidate was made to represent the murdered God. The candidate initiated in the third degree was called "Alloniack," from the name of that deity, and the great eternal truth of one God was the chief secret imparted in this degree. But there was still a higher degree, called "Crata Repoa," the recipient of which was the most illustrious "Master of Masters." Whosoever wished to enter this degree had to be recommended by the King himself, who introduced the candidate to the priests. These directed him from Heliopolis to the priests of Memphis, thence he was sent to Thebes. Here he had to undergo all sorts of hardships, and was forbidden to eat meat or fish or drink wine. For months he was kept in subterranean caves in order to contemplate and prepare his soul. He had to undergo many trials, demanding all his strength and will power. After successfully going through all these difficulties, he took a most solemn obligation with a sword pointed to his throat, vowing fidelity and secrecy. Raised to this highest degree, he became a priest of Osiris, a privilege bestowed only on a select few, and a position equal to that of the King himself.

The form of the temples in which these ceremonies were held was a double square—the same as our Lodgeroom to-day. In the centre of the temple were three cubes, the same as in R.A. Masonry to-day, one above the other, representing the three degrees. At the entrance of all temples were two pillars; one was called "Set," and the other "Horus." On the one was inscribed the word, "Tatt," meaning "in strength"; on the other "Tattu," "to establish." You see how closely we copied these words, and although we translated them into Hebrew, the esoteric symbolism is the same. All temples throughout the world, and especially in ancient Mexico, are built in this fashion, and have these two pillars. The temple had two "watchers," one inside called "the watcher," and one outside called the "herald." The candidate was divested of nearly all clothing, and with a chain round his neck, signifying that he was led from darkness to light, from ignorance to a knowledge of the true God. He was blindfolded and led by a brother called "Au-e-rf" to the door of the temple. He was asked by the Watcher who he was, and he answered "Shu"—"the kneeler." He was given the P.W., which was "Ra-Girit," meaning from "Earth to Heaven." He always started off the left foot, which was taken from the legend of the destruction of "Apap," the greatest serpent of evil. Osiris is supposed to have placed his left foot on the serpent, symbolising our journey through life by putting all evil thoughts and actions away and under us. The destruction of Apap is given in the Papyrus of Nesi in these words: "His body shall be cut in pieces and burnt to ashes, and these ashes scattered over the face of the earth and water by the four winds of Heaven."

The W.M., or High Priest, was put in the chair by the same grip and token as we use to-day, except that it was the other arm. The word was "Maat-Heru"—"One whose voice must be obeyed."

As I have already explained, the death of Osiris is introduced in the third degree, and is very similar to the death of H.A.B. But I am sorry to say that the death of H.A.B., as taught by our ritual, is not borne out by facts. If you will look up 2nd Citron., iv., 2, you will see these words: "And Hiram finished that work which he was to make for K.S. for the House of God," and Josephus mentioned that "he lived at Tyre long afterwards."

Another deviation is the "substitute secrets" of a M.M., which really were the secrets of the underworld in the Stellar Cult. The reason why we travel from E. to W. in search of that which is lost is that when Osiris lost his life, his manes (soul) travelled from E. to W., and after travelling through danger and difficulties his soul was regenerated or raised." This was the origin of that part of the ritual we have substituted. Isis and Nephtys, his sisters, tried to raise him, but failed; then "Anubi" raised him as at present, only it was not the mortal body that was raised, but the spiritual body, and it returned to the E., taking with it all the secrets of the Anenta (underworld). The true and original answer to the question, "what is that which was lost?" was "the secrets of Anenta," and these were the genuine secrets of M.M. The beautiful ceremony in the M.M. degree is symbolical of this part of Egyptian mystery, which the old Masters of Egypt worked in a much more beautiful and impressive ceremony than we do. It was really combined with the 18th degree in R.A. It was the teaching symbolical of the life we should lead in this world and all that you have to pass through in the next to obtain that grand life eternal.

The Aprons and Collars were much the same as to-day, only that the Aprons; were triangular; and as there were various degrees, so the Aprons and Collars varied as they do to-day.

Our 24 gauge is the "old cubit" of the ancient craftsmen, and was called "Mat "—that which is straight. With this the work of the craftsmen was kept straight and measured. It was used by our ancient brethren in the physical as well as the moral sense, and was an important instrument, by which the lives and actions of men were kept straight and governed.

The "Blazing, Star" was the Egyptian " Sothos." It is typified by "Orion," meaning "the highest," and the star was given to Horns and his followers, Therefore we, as the descendents of the old brethren and followers of Horus, still retain this emblem.

The Masonic Square is depicted in many of the ancient temples and great pyramids. In the entrance of the Hall of Judgment Osiris is seated on a square. It is also portrayed as the corner stone of the building and as a foundation of Eternal Law. The Egyptian name is "Neka," and it was first employed in squaring the stones of buildings.

The rough and smooth Ashlars were used by the ancient brethren as much as we do to-day. The smooth Ashlar or Cube symbolically represented and signified Truth. None of our Passwords are pure Egyptian, for these were lost thousands of years ago. We use many Hebrew words which were substituted during the Christian Period, but which have really the same meaning.

The P.S. of the First Degree is also the same, and even to-day negroes coming from the Upper Nile can be seen swearing in court by drawing their right hand with fingers extended across their throat, saying " Nisho i nkiso e- perzulu"—" God cut my throat if I break this oath or do not tell the truth." It is the most binding oath of natives in Africa.

I have shown you, brethren, that thousands and thousands of years ago these people coming from the very heart of Africa brought with them—God only knows from where and when—the eternal teaching of one united God. What matters whether they called Him "Aman Ro " or any other name; suffice it to say that 6,000 years ago, if not more, there existed a race that had grasped the eternal truth, a race that could teach our present generation arts that have been lost and forgotten, a race that has left behind monuments that will exist until the very earth is no more, and in these, monuments has buried its dead in such imperishable frame that their bodies will preserve until the very Day of judgment itself. And remember that these were our brethren, and those pyramids and temples were built by these brethren. And in these pyramids and temples were practised rites and ceremonies 6,000 years ago almost identical with those we practise here to-night. And remember, brethren, that the fundamental principles of Freemasonry are the same as they were in ancient Egypt—namely, the teachings of G-.A.O.T.U. I sometimes think that the genuine S. of a M.M. are really not lost, but have simply ceased to exist as secrets. The greatest of Egyptian secrets—namely, the knowledge of one united God—has become a universal knowledge.

The existence and progress of Freemasonry through thousands of years is solely and entirely due to these great and sound fundamental principles. We find throughout history that nothing will endure, nothing will stand the test of time, unless it is founded on principles of truth and justice. No order in existence can show such a record as the annals of Freemasonry, for, indeed, it is more ancient than the Roman Fleece, or the Golden Eagle, having existed from time immemorial. We have therefore every reason to be proud of our institution, with its ancient traditions handed down to us through sixty centuries. We do not know whence they come nor in what period they have their origin; but like the Nile—a big, mysterious river flowing through Egypt—so one great myth from a distance unknown flows through 'Egyptian Freemasonry. Its mysteries are graven on imperishable monuments, and when we think of these gigantic temples which *seem* the work of an extinct race, those cloisters which after many windings lead to the innermost sanctum sanctorum, we cannot help thinking with admiration and veneration of those ancient brethren who built them, and must come to the proud conclusion that Freemasonry is "that which has been, that which is, and that which ever will be."

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(By Bro. Rev. W. J. SIMKIN, Chaplain, Lodge Waikaremoana, No. 158.)

W.M. AND BRETHREN,—

It is with considerable hesitation, on account of my youthfulness in Freemasonry, that I have ventured to prepare a paper to read to you, who are much older and doubtless more worthy craftsmen than myself, but I have been buoyed up with the earnest desire to be of some service to the great cause and brotherhood in which we are united in general, and to you, my brethren of Lodge Waikaremoana, in particular.

The choice of a subject for this paper was no small difficulty, and in this again I was hampered by my inexperience and ignorance, and I can only hope that any Words which may fall from me will find acceptance with you, not in any way as a lecture or an admonition, but merely as a leading thought pointing to the great ideals of our common profession. I have been bold enough to call my paper "The Distinguishing Characteristic of a Freemason," taking the title from that most impressive address in the First Degree wherein the candidate is instructed in the greatest of all virtues, "Charity."

You will remember that this address is given to the candidate in the N.E. corner of the Lodge, and this for a very special reason, as set forth in the address, viz. :—

"It is customary, at the erection of all stately and superb edifices to lay the first or foundation stone at the N.E. corner of the building; you being newly admitted into Freemasonry, are placed at the N.E. corner of the Lodge figuratively to represent that stone, and from the foundation laid this evening may you raise a superstructure perfect in its parts and honourable to the builder."

The symbolical position of the candidate and the tenor of the opening words of the charge indicate the 'great importance of that which is to follow—viz., an address on Charity, which is to be the distinguishing characteristic of the candidate's heart. But is this all? The position of the candidate and the opening words imply much more than a characteristic, or even a distinguishing characteristic. The words surely imply—nay, mean quite clearly—that Charity is the foundation, the only foundation, upon which the beautiful structure of a Masonic life and character can be built up. Need I enlarge upon the importance of a good foundation where one desires to raise a stable and lasting superstructure? Remove the question from Freemasonry entirely, and apply it to any walk of life or any knowledge or science.

The man in the parable who would build his house on the sand met with Divine disapproval for his rashness. A man who desires to be a draftsman or an 'artist must first learn to draw accurately. The engineer must first be an apprentice and learn thoroughly the principles of the profession he desires to follow. It is unnecessary to multiply examples of the absolute importance of a true foundation. The fact remains that the solemn words spoken to you and me at one of the most sacred moments of our life state quite clearly that the only foundation upon which we can hope to raise that beautiful superstructure of a true Masonic character is Charity.

Now, I believe I am correct when I say that the meaning of the word Charity is widely misunderstood. The meaning of the word has by misuse degenerated, and is now very often associated with the mere giving of money ; but to imagine for a moment that the liberal dispensation of wealth is Charity is to miss the real meaning of the word, and consequently to begin to build up the Masonic character upon a wrong foundation. It is my purpose, therefore, to endeavour to give you the meaning of the word, in the hope that you and I may see something of its beauty and be inspired to strive more and more to adorn ourselves therewith.

Sometimes it is more easy to grasp the meaning of something by contrasting it with its opposite, and this is the method I have adopted. Let us contrast Charity with other graces and virtues that men think much of. With eloquence : No doubt you have often listened to a great speech or even a good sermon ; you have admired the beauty of language or the sequence of thought; you have been impressed with the correct arrangement of facts and figures; and yet what effect has the speech left in you? None. In a short time it was forgotten, and why? Because there was something lacking, and that something was Charity, that fellow-feeling which draws men and leaves its effect in their lives and its impress upon their daily actions. With liberality : Liberality is only an avenue by which we reach Charity, or perhaps an avenue through which Charity manifests itself. Liberality, indeed, is possible without Charity, and is often only the result of desire to stand well in the eyes of men. Sometimes, indeed, real Charity may compel us to withhold our hand when the giving of money or its value might result in positive harm. With leniency in judgment and action : How often do we hear the word used with regard to the position we must sometimes take upon some important moral question. A wrong has been committed, and we gladly overlook it, and thereby imagine that we are charitable, when really Charity would demand plain speaking and strong action.

Having applied the contrast thus far, we see that Charity is not eloquence, it is not liberality, it is not leniency. What, then, is Charity? The word is analysed in a well-known chapter of Holy Scripture, and I see no reason why that analysis cannot be applied to the word so far as its association with Masonry is concerned. You know how a scientific man can take a beam of light and pass it through a crystal prisma, whence it emerges broken up into its component atoms of red, blue, yellow, and violet and orange; so, too, Charity may be analysed by passing it through the prism of human experience or human intellect, and when we do this we find the component parts emerge therefrom, and they are designated by very ordinary names. The passage of Holy Scripture may or may not be familiar to you, but let me quote :-

" Charity suffereth long and is kind—envieth not—vaunteth not itself, is not puffed up—doth not behave itself unseemly—seeketh not her own—is not easily provoked—thinketh no evil—rejoiceth not in iniquity, but rejoiceth in the truth."

There is the analysis, and we can give to each component part a homely name for Charity. It is Patience—it is Kindness—it is Generosity—it is Humility—it is Courtesy—it is Unselfishness—it is Good Temper—it is Guilelessness—it is Sincerity. These make the supreme thing. These compose the perfect character, and are the attributes and qualities that we as Freemasons are to acquire and practice. I do not know what your thoughts about the matter are, but I know what my own are. As I look down that catalogue, I am conscious of the fact that I am very, very 'far from the attainment of the ideal. Do you say that I have made the picture too clear, or included too much detail? Do you say that much of it is old-fashioned and out-of-date? If you do, my answer must be that it is no more old-fashioned than Masonry itself, and not one whit more exacting.

I expect you, too, are conscious, like myself, of failing to reach the ideal, and maybe you feel it is too much for you; but remember this, that you are not asked to acquire it all at once or attain to perfection, but you are asked. to practice these things, that thereby you may at length attain them. Freemasonry is no arbitrary thing which commands you to do this or that; it is, as it were, a gentle parent, mapping out a course for you to follow, and asking you to walk therein.

There is an old proverb which says, "Souls are made sweet not by taking the acid fluids out, but by putting something in—a new spirit, the spirit of love or Charity." How true this is of the Masonic character. As a candidate we come to the Lodge to be initiated, doubtless with much that is unlovely in our lives, with different motives, with varying hopes and fears; and to-night we look back and ask ourselves how far the acid fluids have been superseded and sweetened by the beautiful virtue of Charity. "The world is not a playground; it is a schoolroom. Life is not a holiday; it is an education; Masonry is not a mere society or friendly brotherhood; it is a university or advanced school, where we in common may assist each other to learn better the lessons of life and of the world." This, brethren, is what I believe to be the true Masonic character, this the superstructure which we as draftsmen are to build, "perfect in its many parts and honourable alike to the Builder and the Craft."

I have little more to say to you now; but this I must add: Is there a purpose lying behind all this? or, in other words, has Freemasonry a mission to the world at large? I believe it has, and I believe it has a Divinely appointed mission, and, being so appointed, I believe, too, that it cannot fail. Wanderers and black sheep there will always be, not only in Masonry, but in all organisations which have a high ideal, but this does not affect the ultimate purpose; it may hurt the cause for a time, it may even hinder the onward progress, but it cannot supersede. "The mission of Masonry is a universal mission for the betterment of mankind, and as such it has some peculiar features." I will only speak of two of these. The first is that Masonry is open only to men; the other is the restriction preventing a Mason from asking another man to offer himself as a candidate. Beneath these two features there lies a wonderful and surpassing wisdom, reflecting the prudence and the insight of human nature possessed by our brethren of old.

The order is open only to men. Why is this? May it not be because man is designed by the G.A.O.T.U. to be stronger than woman? Is he not designed to be the leader of the human race? Is he not made God's vice-regent to rule and subdue the world? Now the mission or purpose of Freemasonry is, I believe, to aid man in the carrying out of these Divine plans. He is to better the world. He is to leave behind him sons and daughters inspired with the same ideal. He is to protect woman, as one of the Masonic lectures points out. But he cannot do any or either of these things unless he himself is good and strong and pure. Here Masonry comes in to help him by assisting him to build up a character which in itself shall be a rebuke to all that is evil and unworthy, and an inspiration to all mankind to follow his example.

The restriction preventing the canvassing of those who are still in darkness is, one might say, one of the bulwarks of Masonry. Our ancient brethren were especially wise in this matter, for this restriction provides a sifting process whereby the order is kept pure and good; but this is not all, for this same restriction increases our responsibility, and exhibits what is, I think, "the mission of the individual Freemason." "We wish to enlarge our order, if we think at all; we want to see it universal, including all men and ushering in the reign of peace and unity between all mankind. How is this to be done? We may not ask another to join the order. No, not by word of mouth; but we can ask him, and we must ask him, by the outward evidence of the something which is within us, and that something is the spirit of Charity, blossoming and bearing its fruit and attracting those in darkness to desire that they, too, may participate in its richness and share its fragrance.

I have finished, brethren, and I trust that I have been enabled by the G.A.O.T.U. to trace a simple line or two which shall help you and me to draw the perfect square in every action of daily life, until at length we pass into His unveiled presence to view for ourselves the finished superstructure.—SO MOTE IT BE.



R.W. BRO. T. A. PETERKIN, DEPUTY GRAND MASTER.

BIOGRAPHICAL.



R.W. BRO. T. A. PETERKIN, DEP.G.M.

R.W. Bro. T. A. Peterkin was born in London and came to Australia nearly forty years ago. He was initiated into Freemasonry on 25th January, 1876, in the Leinster Marine Lodge of Australia, No. 266, I.C., Sydney; took Second Degree 25th February, and Third Degree 3rd March. This Lodge was one of the most influential in Australia, and was the first to move in the direction of forming the G.L. of New South Wales, in which Bro. Peterkin took an active part. On his removal to New Zealand he joined the Phoenix Lodge, No. 1690, E.C., at Westport. He was S.W. when he left to take up duties in Christchurch, where he was one of the first to profit by the Lodge of Instruction formed by Bro. H. Thomson, our first G.M. He there took the Mark, Excellent, and R.A. Degrees in the Canterbury Chapter, S.C. As his residence was at Papanui, the distance from town was too much to enable him to attend all the Lodges he would like. He discussed the matter with others in the neighbourhood, and formed the now prosperous Lodge of Concord. He was J.W. in 1881, S.W. in 1882, and W.M. in 1883. He was next transferred to Dunedin, where, after looking about and visiting every Lodge within a radius of 28 miles, he joined the Lodge of Otago, No. 844, E.G., and was Treas. in 1885, 1886, and 1887, until the Lodge was in a good financial position. He was W.M. and Preceptor of the Lodge of Instruction during these three years at Dunedin. At the same time he was made Pres. of the B. of G.P., Pres. of the B. of B., and G.Reg. in the Dist. G.L. of Otago, E.G. During the period the D.G.M. entrusted him with the duty of opening Wyndham Lodge, and installing Bro. Bree as W.M., and on many occasions he officiated as I.M. About this time he joined Lodge Hiram, No. 2008, E.C., then held at Green Island, and there being such a poor attendance, Bro. McKelvie and he got it removed to its present site at Caversham. Subsequently he was made W.M., and after installing his successor, he was again transferred to Westport. Before leaving, the Dist.G.M. and all his officers, with a great number of visitors from sister Constitutions, met him. It being the day of the foundation of the exhibition and his birthday, the hall was packed, and he will never forget the kindly expression then used by all the Craft—English, Irish, Scotch—although he had been a prime mover for the N.Z.C., and helped it by his three Lodges joining. On his arrival at Westport he joined his old Lodge again, and was W.M. in 1892. He was then asked by a number of brethren to hold a Lodge of Instruction at Denniston, which he did each Saturday night for two years. It was quite a journey each week, and our brother did not get home till Sunday midday. They then built a Lodgeroom there, and Bro. Dr. Boor installed him as W.M. in 1892. Our brother was again elected W.M. in 1894, and was installed by M.W. Bro. H. J. Williams, who went down from Wellington specially for this purpose. The brethren of Mokihinui, twenty miles from Westport, were desirous of having a Lodge, and held a Lodge of Instruction for a time, when a Lodgeroom was built, and in 1896 a Charter was granted, and he was installed W.M. by P.D.G.M. Bro. H. J. Williams, in the presence of our departed Bro. R. J. Seddon. Our indefatigable brother then went to Granity, and held some instruction, which led to the formation of "Tama." A later achievement was the very successful consummation of Waiwhetu Lodge at the Lower Hutt, of which Bro. Peterkin was W.M. In 1894 Bro. Peterkin was appointed J.G.W. ; in 1912, Prov.G.M. of the Wellington District; and in May last he was raised to the high position of Dep.G.M. of New Zealand. Bro. Peterkin is also a member of the A. and A. Rite. Few brethren are better known in the Dominion than our venerable brother, who is now in his seventy-ninth year. But though somewhat frail physically, his vitality is extraordinary. To him Freemasonry is the breath of life, and it will be to the end. Only his closest Masonic friends can fully appreciate his many lovable qualities and his eccentricities. May he long be spared to adorn the Compasses and the Square.



AN INTERESTING FUNCTION.

Since a military camp has been established at Featherston, Lodge St. John has borne the brunt of entertaining the large number of military brethren. Recently a movement was set on foot in the camp, promoted by Bro. C. J. Danahey, to make some recognitions of the kindness experienced at the hands of the members of the Lodge. It was decided to entertain the members of Lodge St. John and to offer a presentation in appreciations of the Masonic goodwill and hospitality experienced in the Wairarapa district. The gathering was held in the St. John's Lodgeroom on Thursday, 1st June, and Bro. Lieut.-Col. Adams, Camp Commandant, presided. He was supported on his right by M.W. Bro. H. J. Williams, R.W. Bro. T. A. Peterkin, and N. Bro. J. P. Shand, and on his left by V.W. Bro. Capt. N. Newcombe, D. S.G.W., Auckland, E.C. (Camp Adjutant), and W. Bro. J. B. Henry, of Masterton Lodge. The large array of solid and fluid creature comforts having suffered severe diminution, the chairman gave the toast of the King and the Craft, which was honoured as only Freemasons know how. "Grand Lodges" was submitted by W. Bro. J. P. Shand, and was acknowledged by M.W. Bro. Williams, R.W. Bro. Peterkin, and V.W. Bro. Capt. Newcombe. Recourse was then had to the fragrant weed, and harmony—vocal and instrumental—prevailed. Bro. Danahey, a civil member of the camp, then sprung a surprise by presenting a handsome J.W.'s chair to the St. John Lodge. In a very happy speech he voiced the appreciation of the military brethren for the hospitality, instruction, and many kindnesses received from the members of the Wairarapa Lodges, especially Lodge St. John, which was in close proximity to the camp. Hence the military brethren desired to offer some small mark of appreciation and fraternal esteem. The following inscription was engraved on a silver plate let into the chair :—

" Presented to Lodge St. John, No. 37, by
the Masonic brethren of the Military
Camp. Featherston. June 1st, 1916."

Accompanying the chair was a parchment scroll which read as follows :—

" To the Worshipful Master, Officers, and Brethren of Lodge St. John, No. 37.

" On behalf of the- Masonic brethren of the Military Camp at Featherston, we ask your acceptance of the accompanying JUNIOR WARDEN'S CHAIR, as a token of our appreciation of the generous hospitality and the many acts of kindness we have received at your hands during our sojourn here, and also as a mark of high esteem of the fraternal association we have always enjoyed in your Lodge. Our best wishes go out to you, with the hope that your Lodge may long continue its work of Masonic usefulness, and we hope that our small offering may remind future members of your Lodge that we were not unmindful of the many favours you so generously bestowed upon us.

" We are, Dear Brethren.

"Most Fraternally Yours,

[Here follow the signatures.]

" 1st June, 1916."

W. Bro. Everton, W.M. of Lodge St. John, in replying on behalf of the Lodge, said he was quite taken by surprise, and found himself at a loss for words to fittingly express the feelings of the members of the Lodge. He would therefore just thank the military brethren, and ask the oldest P.M. of the-Lodge present (M.W. Bro. Williams) to help him out of his difficulty. This brother then addressed the military brethren at some length, and on resuming his seat was greeted with hearty applause. The toast of the visitors was responded to by R.W. Bro. T. A. Peterkin ; and the W.M. present, Bro. Lieut.-Col. Adams, in response to the toast of his health, which was received with great enthusiasm, said that he was more accustomed to address a military audience, where he was more at home. He however, supplied any deficiency of oratory by relating a "little story," which fairly brought down the house. The Tyler's toast was given shortly after 11 p.m., and terminated a most successful and joyous meeting.

Correspondence.

PAYMENT OF REPRESENTATIVES.

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TO THE EDITOR.

DEAR SIR AND BRO.,—I take a new interest in New Zealand Masonry since Bro. E. Norden, of Christchurch, visited this Lodge last summer. We shall never, forget him.

Referring to one of your editorials in the number of 1st April, it will interest you to know the unusual experience of this Lodge in the matter of conferring degrees for other Lodges. In February and March we conferred all three degrees for a. Lodge in the State of Washington; 14th April we gave the Third Degree for a Lodge in Indianapolis, and upon another candidate for a Lodge in Rhode Island. With these out of the way we have now the following cases on the docket :—

1. The Third Degree for a Lodge in Ohio.
2. All three for another Ohio Lodge.
3. The Second and Third for a Lodge in Illinois.
4. The Second and Third for a Lodge in New York.
5. The Second and Third for a Lodge in Indiana.

We have never accepted a cent. for doing such favours, and not long since the Lodge ordered me to return a cheque sent us by a Lodge in Wisconsin for work which we did for them. In the eight cases enumerated above the fees at our rates would aggregate 390 dollars. This sort of work seems to be steadily increasing in our experience, but the present situation is not excessively different from what it is with us all the time. I am curious to know whether any Lodge in New Zealand has so many such calls made upon her. We do not complain; perhaps we are rather proud of our record. It is evident that we do as much work for sister Lodges as the average Lodge does for herself.

I cannot resist telling you how much I like your editorial upon "The Constitution of Grand Lodge." I have preached it-in-this State until I am tired—that it is criminal to spend so much money to get so little business done. My suggestion has always been to cease to pay the expenses of delegates. I think no G.L. of Great Britain or of Canada pays anything. About half of those of the United States pay, and half do not. I have always insisted, and I verily believe, that those that pay nothing have meetings much better and more valuable than those that pay. I always point to the example of Ontario, just across the border from us. They have a wider territory than we, they pay nothing, and they have as good attendance as we who pay six cents a mile and three dollars a day, and infinitely superior meetings. I hope New Zealand will cut off all payments as a war measure, and then keep up that practice because of the great improvement which it will work. It is none of my business, but it would gratify me exceedingly to see my theories justified. These theories are (very briefly) that paying delegates demoralises them, that at once they think of nothing but earning their pay as easily as possible, that they hurry through the business and hurry home as soon as they can ; that if they are not paid they make the annual visit to G.L. a social and fraternal outing, that they in that case go to G.L. for the good and the pleasure they can get for themselves, and that going with that idea they get a lot of both. I insist that a comparison of the G.L. meetings of Michigan and of Ontario shows these differences most markedly.

I have never been listened to in this State, where it is believed that very few would go to G.L. at their own expense. Very likely this would be the case at the start, but the experience of Ontario proves that this is because the G.L. of Michigan has given its constituents so bad an education. I have always rejoined : (1) That in time the habit and the fashion of attending would grow up as it has in Canada; (2) that in the meantime no great harm would be done; (3) that representation by proxy might be provided for ; and (4) that the constitution and regulations might need to be amended without notice to the Lodges. This latter reform has lately been put into effect in this State, and Lodges have a chance to instruct their representatives how to vote upon such matters, and could instruct their proxies. The other legislation of G.L. is simply trivial. The truth is that the emphasis ought to be taken off the business transacted at G.L. meetings, and laid upon the social opportunity of G.L. meetings ; and the only way to shift the emphasis is to cease to hire men to come, and to begin to invite them to come (at their own expense), and to insist upon the pleasure and the profit they will find in it. I have not overlooked the fact that New Zealand has once tried this plan, but I gather that it was long ago, when the people were poor and scattered and less advanced in every way.

I am quite sure that if you print this, it will seem to many of your readers a piece of Yankee impertinence. But I earnestly believe that it would be most useful and most interesting if brethren would exchange views in this fashion across the world.—Yours fraternally,
A. G. PITTS.
Detroit, Mich., 27th April, 1916.

" DELEGATES. "

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TO THE EDITOR.

DEAR SIR AND BRO.,—In the June CRAFTSMAN there appear two letters criticising proceedings of the recent communication of G.L., one being signed " W.M.—A Delegate," and the other "A Delegate." The first writer frankly describes himself as a young Mason, whence one is led to hope that lengthier membership in the Craft and more intimate connection with its rulers may enable him to realise that it is scarcely good Masonic form to denounce as " humbug " the views of older men whose opinions happen to differ from his own, or to apply to the utterances of our late esteemed G.M. a term which is, to say the least, exceedingly disrespectful.

Will either of these good brothers explain what they mean by terming themselves "delegates" ? There is no such appointment in connection with G.L., in which the representatives of the Craft Lodges exercise absolute freedom of debate and vote—a very different position from that of a delegate.—Yours fraternally,

A TARANAKI P.M.

[Though our correspondent is technically correct, the word "Delegate" is more frequently used, both in and outside G.L. Further, it is a custom in many Lodges to issue instructions to the " Representative " how to vote, especially on important questions.—Ea. C.]

Poetry.

WHAT CAME YOU HERE TO DO?

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" What came you here to do ?"
" To learn my passions to subdue,
And thus become an honest man,
Reflecting God's own perfect plan.
" To learn the law of brotherly love,
As taught by the Grand Master above;
To live an honest upright life,
To avoid all contentious strife.
" To shield the orphan from the storm,
To protect the widow from all harm,
To share a brother's heavy load,
To smooth his rough and ragged road.
" To go on foot, no matter where,
On bonded knee to offer prayer,
And in my breast to ever keep
A brother's secret secure and deep.
" With strong hand behind his back
To keep him steady on the track,
And tenderly whisper in his ear
Words of counsel and good cheer.
" To be a master and rule the self,
To stand for right and not for pelf,
To be a Mason kind and true;
That is what I came here to do."

— [Contributed.]

A MASONIC INCIDENT ON THE " APPAM."

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Bro. F. Oliver, second steward on the Appam, in the course of an interview with a "Liverpool Daily Post" representative, gave some interesting particulars with regard to the capture of the Appam. "A Prussian officer saw that I was wearing a Masonic charm," he said, and remarked, 'You are a brother of mine.' Pretending at the same time that I did not know what he meant, he tackled me on Masonry. He was quite satisfied, and I took him through the third-class accommodation, whereupon he stated : 'Masonry has saved the lives of the members of the Appam and the captured tramp steamers, as I find that the captain of the Corbridge, the captain of the Drombesy and the Trader are brothers. 'You are going to be put into a port of safety, and no lives will be lost; but should we meet a British cruiser we will signal, 'We have British prisoners of war on board,' and should they show fight, all hands will have to abandon the ship, and the Appam will never go back to Liverpool, as she is a German prize ship.' — ["Masonic Home Journal."]

NOVEL LICENSE.

An unusual case was heard recently before the West Kent Appeal Tribunal at Gravesend, where a wine and spirit and beer merchant named Frith appealed for exemption on the Around that he held a Freemason's license to supply on and off the premises, and that if he personally left the premises he would lose it and be disenfranchised.

Judge Parry asked how he came possessed of such a license.

Frith : It is a Freemason's license granted by the Vintners' .Company of London, and is gained by patrimony or servitude.

But how did you get yours ?—By patrimony; from my father after he died.

Judge Parry said that this kind of license was quite new to him.

Appellant explained that he was not in the ordinary way bound by the licensing laws, and he could not be prosecuted for selling on or off the premises. He handed Judge Parry his charter.

Judge Parry : It is a most novel case. But I should have thought that if he applied to the Vintners' Company of London they would have found a substitute for him.

Frith : It is impossible. I wrote to the Board of Inland Revenue, and they said I should lose my privilege.

Judge Parry said he would himself write to the Vintners' Company.—Case adjourned.

THE STABILITY WORKING.

(By DR. ALBERT CHURCHWARD, P.M., etc.)

It has been proposed by some members of the Craft that another demonstration of this working should be given. I think it would be much more interesting and instructive to the brotherhood if an arrangement could be made to have the Irish Freemasons come here and give a demonstration of their working in G.L., on the same lines as the Stability Brothers have done. The interest that the brotherhood have taken of late years, and are taking in increasing numbers, in the origin of our signs, symbols, and rituals, proves conclusively that they are anxious to fathom to the original, and to obtain a true insight into the primary meaning of the same.

I attended both demonstrations of the Stability working, which were carried out in excellent perfection, but as a student of Freemasonry I can say this, that the small differences between the Stability and the Emulation working, which these demonstrations portrayed, is that the Stability has more of the "operative working" in it than Emulation, and this "operative working " is an innovation within the last few centuries to the so-called "speculative working," and is probably one of the reasons why some brothers think we took our origin from the operatives, which we did not (see "Arcana of Freemasonry " for proofs). The Irish working is a much older ritual than any of the workings portrayed in the English or Scottish Lodges, and is a truer copy of the original Egyptian than any other at present in existence.

I feel quite sure that if the "powers that be " could induce our Dublin brothers to come over and give a demonstration of their working, arranging to have depicted their Lodge here, it would be not only most interesting but very instructive to the brothers generally, more especially those who are groping in the dark for the gnosis of the past, and are still unwilling to accept the key that would admit them to that gnosis.

I do not wish to be misunderstood in the above suggestion, and would therefore add that as the English G.L. has laid down a ritual for all English brothers to adopt and follow, there is no reason to alter this except and until the G.L. itself considers it necessary. To the English and Scottish students of Freemasonry it would teach them that there is an older ritual still in existence than any of those they use, which are more or less contaminated by "operative working," which is quite an innovation, not having been in any way a connection or part of the eschatology of the Egyptian, or doctrine of final things.

The brotherly feeling emanating from these fraternal inter courses would also stimulate and be a great help to cement still more the brotherhood together. —" The Freemason," London.

[Bro. Churchward here says that " the English G.L. has laid down a ritual for all English Lodges to adopt and follow." Does he refer to the Emulation ritual ?—ED. C.]

STOP AND THINK.



Vance Thompson wrote recently : " The only way really to get the better of another man is to understand him more fully than he understands you."

Some time ago a man entered a sleeping car holding a little girl by one hand and carrying a small baby on his other arm. During the night the baby cried so loudly as to disturb and awaken a number of other passengers. There were murmurs and even muttered curses. Finally a harsh-voiced man across the aisle shouted, " Where is that child's mother?" The father replied, in a voice choked with sobs, " She is in the baggage car in her coffin."

We can well believe that the very atmosphere of that car was changed as in the twinkling of an eye. The murmurs and muttered curses were transformed into words of sympathy and offers of help. There was not one unwilling to do all he could for that stricken man, because all had come to understand. And we believe that if we could only perceive the secret struggles and difficulties and heartaches of one another it would not be possible for us to think and speak so unkindly.

"How pleasantly we would agree if we knew you and you knew me!" And what a happy world this would be if from this very day of grace all unkind remarks would cease! One of the greatest commands of God's word is this : " Speak not evil one of another, brethren."—" Masonic Fraternalist."

Reports.

[Secretaries and Scribes are requested to forward Reports.]

CRAFT LODGES.

SOUTHLAND.

Taringatura, No. 100.—The monthly meeting on 12th June was well attended. Correspondence and accounts were dealt with, and one re-joining member proposed. W. Bros. Johnson and Clark were re-elected members of the United Board of Enquiry, and the W.M. gave a most interesting account of his visit to Auckland and the G.L. meeting. For this report he was accorded the thanks of the brethren. The special business was the passing of two brethren. The ceremony was performed by the W.M. (Bro. D. Walker), assisted by W. Bro. T. Campbell (Retro.), Henderson, of Lodge Ophir (Exhort.), Johnson (T.H. and Secrets), J. J. McMath (Ancient Charge), while Bro. S. E. Griffiths presented the W.Ts. Apology for absence and H.G.W. closed the meeting at about 10.30 p.m.—[Lodge Correspondent.]

OTAGO.

Dunstan, No. 103.—At the regular monthly meeting, held on 13th June, one brother was affiliated, and general business was gone through, W.M., Bro. J. E. Menzies occupying the chair. The following evening the W.M. and officers paid an official visit to Lodge Cromwell Kil., when they passed a candidate to the Second Degree. The W.M. was assisted by Bro. J. L. Davidson, J.W. (Secrets); Bro. J. E. Bodkin, S.D. (S.E. Charge); W. Bro. Turnbull, I.P.M., Lodge Manga-te-Weka (W.Ts.); Bro. R. Holden, S.W., giving the Final Charge. There was a big attendance of local and visiting brethren. Bro. D. Middleton, S.W., of Lodge Cromwell, gave an interesting resume of his visit to the G.L. communication, and a pleasant evening was spent. The Stewards of Cromwell Lodge are workers. Clyde brethren reached home per motor about 1 a.m. A good night; may we have many more.—[Lodge Correspondent.]

Kurow, No. 164.—At the regular meeting on 15th June the chief work was initiating Mr. C. W. Ensor, of Hakataramea. The W.M. presiding was assisted by W. Bro. Hays, P.M. (Prep.); W. Bro. Appleby, P.M. (Final Charge); Bro. H. Barclay; S.W. (Investiture and N.E.); I.P.M., W. Bro. Taylor (Secrets) ; while W. Bro. Ayson obligated. There was a very large attendance of brethren and five or six visitors, among whom was Bro. J. W. Frew, P.M., of Lodge No. 70. W. Bro. Gilis acted as S.D. The ceremony was very impressive, and the candidate showed by his special interest that it was no impulse that led him to seek the mysteries and privileges of Freemasonry. After the Lodge was closed a pleasant hour was spent in the "Fourth." In replying to the toast of the Visitors, W. Bro. Frew, P.M., Otangaki, No. 70, made a very able speech, and spoke of the last visit to Kurow, when no Lodge was nearer than Waitaki, No. 11. He spoke of the pleasure it gave him to meet their schoolmates in the Craft. Bro. Sinclair, who has returned from the front, spoke lightly of his wounds, and said he hoped soon to return to help finish this terrible war.—[Lodge Correspondent.]

CANTERBURY.

Unanimity, No. 3.— The W.M. (W. Bro. A. G. W. Pearson) presided over a good attendance of members at the meeting on 6th June. Amongst the visiting brethren was the W.M. of Avon Lodge (W. Bro. J. R. Buchanan), whom the brethren of the Lyttelton Lodges are always pleased to welcome. A considerable amount of business having been disposed of, including the election of a candidate for initiation, the Second Degree was worked, the W.M. being assisted by W. Bro. J. R. Buchanan, W. Bro. C. Flavell, Bro. Collett, S.W., and Bro. Connal, J.W. In the refectory the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were honoured, including the "10.20" (absent and seafaring brethren, and those at the front). Musical fare was provided by Bros. Postgate and Robinson and W. Bro. Hatton.—[Lodge Correspondent.]

Southern Cross, No. 6.—The regular meeting was held at Kaiapoi on 1st June. W. Bro. Hoskin, WM., presided over a fair attendance of members. This was the first meeting for some time on which there was no degree work, and the opportunity was taken to deal with matters of particular interest to the Lodge. The new by-laws as revised by the committee were submitted and approved by the Lodge, and instructions were given to have them printed and distributed to each member. Bro. Croft, J.W., delivered an address upon one of the three grand principles, "Brotherly Love," and was accorded a hearty vote of thanks by the Lodge. Two candidates for initiation were elected. There being no further business, the Lodge was closed at an early hour, and a quiet hour was spent in the refectory.—[Lodge Correspondent.]

Christchurch, No. 91.—P.Ms.' night was held by the Christchurch Lodge on 23rd May. After the W.M., Bro. Kiddey, had opened the Lodge and disposed of routine business, he invited W. Bro. G. Yemm to take charge of the Lodge and raise a brother to the H. and S. degree of M.M. The following W. brethren filled the various offices :—S.W., W. Bro. G. Ferguson ; J.W., W. Bro. D. Round; Chaplain, W. Bro. F. Adams ; D. of C., W. Bro. R. Torrance; I.P.M. R.W. Bro. Bingham; S.D., W. Bro. H. Hopkinson ; J.D., W. Bro. G. McLean; LG., W. Bro. Parks; D.M. W. Bro. W. F. McLean. The first part of the Exhortation was given by the W.M., the second part by W. Bro. Thomas. The first part of the T.H. was related by R.W. Bro. Bingham; the Raising and communication of the Ss. was performed by the W.M. ; the T.H. was resumed by W. Bro. Roberts; the T.B. was explained by W. Bro. Torrance ; the W.Ts. were presented by W. Bro. Andrews; the Final Charge being delivered by W. Bro. Maxey. After the Lodge had been closed in due form, a pleasant hour was spent in the refectory, the toast of the " Old Buffers " being proposed by the W.M., who expressed appreciation at the support received from the P.Ms., the toast being heartily received and responded to.—[Lodge Correspondent.]

NELSON AND MARLBOROUGH.

Victory, No. 40.—The installation meeting on 25th May was a very successful affair. There were over one hundred present, including forty-five P.Ms. ; and Lodges Southern Cross, E.C., Forest, and Unanimity paid official visits, Bro. Jno. L. Ching was installed as W.M. by the newly invested Prov.G.M., R.W. Bro. C. H. Stubbs. The latter was extended a hearty welcome, which he duly acknowledged. The officers invested for

the ensuing year are :—I.P.M., W. Bro A. E. Hedges; S.W., Bro. H. P. Stephenson ; J.W., Bro. W. Widdowson; Treas., R.W. Bro. W. Noyes; Sec., W. Bro. R. W. Stiles; S.D., Bro. C. M. Whelan; J.D., Bro. L. Reynolds ; D. of C., W. Bro. E. W. Rudman; Chaplain, W. Bro. W. H. Short; Organist, Bro. G. A. Edmonds; LG., Bro. A. G. Shrimpton; Tyler, Bro. C. W. Moore; S.S., Bro. H. IL Edwards; J.Ss., Bros. G. J. Robertson and G. A. Edmonds ; Auditors, Bros. H. Coltman and A. T. Davies. The investitures were conducted by W. Bros. Stiles, Scott, and Thomas, whilst the addresses were delivered by R. W. Bros. Mills and Mayes, P.P.G.M., and W. Bro. Stiles, P.G.J.D. The W.Ts. were explained by W. Bros. Orsman, W. H. Short, Eastcott, and Hobbs. W. Bro. H. H. Johnston was the D. of C. A collection in aid of the Annuity Fund realised £6 12s. When H.G.W. were expressed, representatives of no less than twenty Lodges rose and spoke. Good wishes were also forwarded by W. Bro. Menzies (Wellington) and Furness (Blenheim) and R.W. Bros. Gaukrodger, P.D.G.S.W. (Queensland). One proposition was made for membership, bringing the Lodge's strength to 100. At the festive board several splendid speeches were made, some of a patriotic character, whilst the musical programme was of the usual " Victory" standard.

The first working by the new officers took place on 8th June, when one brother was enlightened into the mysteries of the First Degree. Ballots were taken on behalf of two candidates, both receiving a favourable result. The balance-sheet for the year was read and adopted. The receipts were £238 15s. 10d., and the expenditure £190 11s. 1d., leaving a credit balance of £48 4s. 9d. The Sec. reported that another £50 had been paid off the Lodge's mortgage, which was being gradually reduced. The announcement was received with expressions of satisfaction. There was one application for membership. It was reported that the Lodge had forwarded £62 10s. towards the G.L. War Fund. [Since the meeting another £10 has been sent on.] In the refectory W. Bro. A. W. Oxley proposed the candidates' toast in a very telling and interesting manner, whilst Bro. C. W. Moore, the venerable Tyler, was congratulated on the fact that within a few days he would reach ninety years of age. This brother carries out the duties of Tyler of Victory, No. 40, and Janitor of Victory R.A.C., No. 12.

HAWKES BAY.

Victoria, No. 21.—The annual meeting was held in the Masonic Hall, Munroe Street, Napier, on the 7th June, W. Bro. W. A. Kirk, W.M., presiding over a large attendance. R.W. Bro. H. L. Trenton, Prov.G.M., conducted the ceremony, being assisted by the following W. brethren :—As G.S.W., W Bro. G. F. Roach ; as G.J.W., W. Bro. J. W. Ritchie; as G.S.D., W. Bro. W. A. Carter as G.J.D., W. Bro. C. L. Thomas; as G.S.B., W. Bro. L. Wright; as G.I.G., W. Bro. T. B. E. Hird. W. Bro. John Hobson in a very capable manner discharged the duties of G.D. of C. Bro. Harry Hill was presented as W.M.-elect, and having subscribed to the ancient charges was obligated. A B. of I.M was opened, and Bro. H. Hill was installed into the chair of K.S. The address to the W.M. was very impressively given by W. Bro. L. Freedman, P.G.S.D. The W.Ts. were presented as follows :—W. Bro. J. P. Thomson (W.M. of Scinde Lodge, No. 5), W. Bro. J. L. Coulburne (W.M. Heretaunga Lodge, No. 73), W. Bro. W. Pasco (Abercorn Lodge, No. 30). The W.M. invested W. Bro. W. A. Wilkie as S.W., and Bro. W. G. Jarvis as J.W. The remaining officers were invested by W. Bro. Archie Harrison (P.M. of Mantikau Lodge, No. 24), as follows :—Treas., W. Bro. E. Chegwiddden; Sec., W. Bro. Jas. Redshaw; Chaplain, W. Bro. W. A. Kirk; Organist, Bro. Jos. Rockell; S.D., Bro., H. Bate; J.D., Bro. H. F. Funke; D. of C., W. Bro. H. W. Whitton; I.G., Bro. E. W. Yates; S.S., Bro. Geo. Bennett; J.S., Bro. W. Johnson; Tyler, Bro. Geo. Robson. W. Bro. Basil Jones, P.G.S., addressed the Wardens, and R.W. Bro. H. L. Harston the brethren. The Prov.G.M. presented W. Bro. Jas. Redshaw with his patent of office as G. Steward, and on behalf of the Lodge presented W. Bro. Kirk with a handsome P.M.'s jewel. A notable feature in connection with the installation was that the whole of the ceremonial work was carried out by W. brethren not connected with Victoria Lodge, some of them having come upwards of seventy miles to give their assistance, and the manner in which the ceremonial work was carried out reflects great credit on the W. brethren who had the privilege of taking part in the proceedings, and is highly appreciated by the brethren of Victoria Lodge. An offertory taken up on behalf of the W. and O. and A.M. Fund realised a substantial sum. The brethren adjourned to the Foresters' Hall, where ample justice was done to the supper provided by W. Bro. J. B. Andrew in his usual first-class style. There were some fine speeches made, the Prov.G.M. being "out on his own," and it is to be hoped that the brethren will profit by his

remarks. The function was brought to a close shortly after midnight by the singing of "God Save the King."
—[Lodge Correspondent.]

Bedford, No. 25.—Before dealing with the ordinary business on the 14th inst., a resolution was passed that this Lodge place on record its sense of the irreparable loss sustained by the Empire through the death of R.W. Bro. Lord Kitchener, owing to the sinking of H.M.S. Hampshire in the North Sea, west of the Orkneys, on the 5th June, 1916. The ceremony of raising a candidate was conducted by the W.M. in an impressive manner, and he was ably supported by his new officers, who are to be complimented on the smooth and effective way in which each one carried out his part on this the first occasion they have worked a degree since investiture in office. W.M. Bro. Williams obligated the candidate, the Retrospect and Raising being entrusted to W. Bro. Elliott; Address after Raising and Secrets, W. Bro. F. W. Gore; Investiture and Final Charge, S.W. Bro. A. D. Gibson. The T.H. was given by W. Bro. W. A. Chambers. A ballot was taken for a candidate and proved clear. It was reported that Bro. E. Fee was an inmate of the District Hospital. Bro. Fee is a very old and respected member of Bedford, having been initiated in 1878. A vote of sympathy with him was passed, and several brethren expressed their intention of calling on him at the first opportunity. Advice was also received through W. Bro. Chambers of the death of an old P.M. in the person of Bro. Wilding. Bro. Sec. was instructed to convey a resolution of condolence to Bro. Wilding's widow, at present residing at Devonport, Auckland. The usual good fellowship was in evidence in the refectory, but proceedings were curtailed in respect for the passing of one of the Empire's trusted leaders, and in whose memory Will Lawson's appropriate lines were read. —[Lodge Correspondent.]

Rawhiti, No. 66.—Our annual installation meeting took place on the 31st May, and there was a very large attendance of visiting brethren, and the Lodge members were all in attendance with a few exceptions. The installation ceremony was conducted and carried out by R.W. Bro. H. L. Harston, Prov. G.M., and was done in a most impressive manner. Bro. J. C. Davidson, S.W., was obligated and placed in the Master's chair by the Installing Master. The W.Ts. of an I.M. were presented by W. Bro. Bugly (Lion Lodge), and the third W.Ts. by Bro. Wilson, the second W.Ts. by Bro. Walker, and the first by Bro. Williams (Lodge Bedford). The address to the W.M. was delivered by W. Bro. R. S. Chadwick, and the Wardens were addressed by Bro. Davys. The following officers were invested by W. Bro. W. Snell :—W. Bro. Harrison, D.M.; Bro. G. Anderson, Chaplain; W. Bro. J. Brown, Treas. ; W. Bro. Paton, Sec. ; W. Bro. R. A. Gillespie, D. of C. ; Bro. W. Dobson, S.D.; Bro. Mollyaard, J.D. ; Bro. A. H. Ross, I.G. ; Bros. Carston, Benson, and Hendy, Stewards; and Bro. G. Harris, Tyler. The W.M. invested Bro. C. R. James as S.W., and Bro. C. T. Brown as J.W. The Installing Master addressed the brethren, and also invested W. Bro. R. S. Chadwick as G.St.B. to G.L. R.W. Bro. Harston presented W. Bro. Harrison with a P.M.'s jewel, and in doing so conveyed to Bro. Harrison his best wishes, and hoped he would be long spared to wear the jewel. Bro. Harrison thanked the Lodge for the presentation, and stated that he would always be willing to assist as far as possible in all Lodge work. Two candidates were proposed for affiliation. After the Lodge closed about 106 brethren sat down to a banquet in the Town Hall, and a very pleasant time was spent in song and music. It was the unanimous opinion of all present that the gathering was one of the best held in connection with Lodge Rawhiti. The new W.M. is likely to have a very busy year, as a lot of work is coming forward. —[Lodge Correspondent.]

Heretaunga, No. 73.—The festival was held on the 14th June, and if it did not eclipse former meetings, it did at least equal them in the number present, and was not a whit behind in enthusiasm and all that goes to make a successful and satisfactory gathering. The W.M., Bro. J. H. Colebourne, was genuinely glad that everything pointed to a good meeting for his successor, Bro. J. A. Miller, W.M.-elect, to have a real welcome from the brethren. Bro. Miller has fairly and honestly earned the position now attained by his unflagging diligence and attention to all the offices he has held. R.W. Bro. T. Hobson, I regret to say, was not present owing to illness. The meeting opened at 4 o'clock for the despatch of routine work, and resumed at 7 o'clock. Punctually at that hour the special train from Napier arrived, bringing about 60 brethren, plus the arrivals from other directions, totalling 80 visitors who had come to honour Bro. Miller and the Heretaunga Lodge. The conduct of the meeting was in the hands of R.W. Bro. Harston, Prov. G.M., and his acting-G.L. officers. Our R.W. brother has a very just cause of complaint, inasmuch as he was at Ruahine Lodge the evening

before, at the extreme southern extremity of his district, 80 miles distant, and I think it is about time some alteration was made, in having a number of installations, now crowded into the June month, spread over a longer period. I know what I am urging, as for twenty years I travelled with former G.L. officers over the same ground, and met with the same discomforts, which require adjusting. In the selection of his officers many or all names are familiar :—W. Bro. L. Freedman P.G.D., as S.G.W. ; W. Bro. E. Hosking, P.G.D., as J.G.W., ; W. Bro. J. Redshaw, G.S., as S.G.D.; W. Bro. W. H. Hobin, as J.G.D. ; W. Bro. P. W. Tombs, as Organist; W. Bro. C. L. Thomas, as G.S.B. ; W. Bro. I. B. Hird, P.G.P., as G.I.G.; Bro. T. S. Dobson, as Trumpeter ; all under the immediate control of that excellent D. of C., W. Bro. C. H. Critchley. The proceedings went very smoothly throughout, and W. Bro. Miller must surely have felt a justifiable throb of pride in presiding over the 130 brethren who almost filled our spacious Temple. The W.Ts. were given by W. Bros. Freedman, Hill, and Thomson. The address to the Master was spiritedly rendered by R.W. Bro. de Lisle, P.Prov.G.M. ; address to the Wardens by W. Bro. E. Hosking; and the Final Charge to the brethren was a mellow exhortation by the R.W. Installing Officer. The W.M., assisted by W. Bro. Roach, invested the officers, and that brings the function nearly to a close. The musical arrangements were under the control of W. Bro. P. W. Tombs and his able instrumentalists, embellishing the proceedings greatly. W. Bro. Tombs was presented with a P.M.'s jewel, a suitable acknowledgment being made by that deserving brother. The collection for the Annuity Fund was £10. Ten of our brethren who have left or are leaving for the war front were not forgotten, as in the programme their names figured prominently. At 10 o'clock the brethren were invited to partake of a light collation at the adjoining hall, and for two hours music, song, and story finished a very full and pleasant evening for all concerned in it. The following is the list of officers :—W.M., W. Bro. J. A. Miller ; S.W., Bro. L. T. Cooper ; J.W., Bro. R. W. Jones; Treas., W. Bro. W. A. Carter; Sec., W. Bro. T. Morgan; Chaplain, W. Bro. E. J. Murray; D. of C., W. Bro. R. Shaw ; Organist, W. Bro. P. W. Tombs; S.D., Bro. J. E. Jones; J.D., Bro. W. R. Wright; I.G., Bro. J. Foot ; Tyler, Bro. T. S. Dobson; S.S., Bro. T. P. Short ; J.S., Bro. J. Burns.—[Lodge Correspondent.]—[We regret the exigencies of space have necessitated some curtailment of this report.—ED.C.]

TARANAKI.

Patea Kil., No. 18.—At the monthly meeting on 14th June a visit was paid by the Prov.G.M. (R.W. Bro. Sargent). During the course of the evening, W. Bro. Hamerton was invested as a G.L. officer. The W.M. requested the Prov.G.M. to unveil an Honours Board presented by the W.M. and Bro. Hemingway. The Prov.G.M. expressed great pleasure, and remarked upon the very appropriate words printed thereon, and to its quality as a piece of furniture. Touching reference was also made to the loss of so great a leader as Lord Kitchener, who had been taken away at the zenith of his power, and at a time when King and Country could least spare him. The brethren stood to order whilst the musical director (Bro. Johnson) played the " Dead March" in "Saul."—[Lodge Correspondent.]

Moa, No. 110.—The monthly meeting was held on 9th June, the ceremonial work being an initiation. The W.M., Bro. Roberts, has got his officers well instructed in their various duties, and as a result the working must be described as good. The W.M. was assisted in the ceremony as follows :—Secrets, W. Bro. Branch; N.E. Charge, W. Bro. Young; R. for P., Bro. Hogg; W.Ts., Bro. Hodges ; Final Charge, W. Bro. Olsen. The W.M. appears to believe that it is to the interest of a Lodge if the various addresses are not always given by the same brethren. Certain it is that we often get a fresh idea of the beauty of an address and its sound moral teaching when we hear it delivered by different brethren at successive meetings. —[Lodge Correspondent.]

RUAPEHU.

Huia, No. 171.—The monthly meeting took place on 1st June, and a good attendance duly recorded, the work consisting of short lectures on the 2nd. T.B., which related to the Creation and its wonderful works, when, as at the previous meetings, several floor members were privileged to take part. The ordinary Lecture on the 2nd T.B. was delivered by W. Bro. W. S. Smith. A ballot was taken for a candidate for initiation, proving successful. Consequently the W.M. and his officers look forward to degree work at the next meeting,

which is the first undertaken since the installation of the present W.M. few months ago.—[Lodge Correspondent.]

WELLINGTON.

Waterloo, No. 13.—Once a year the members of Lodge Waterloo invite their P.Ms. to conduct the ceremony at one of their regular monthly meetings. During the last few years the P.Ms.' meeting has come to be regarded as an important fixture, and arouses much interest among the brethren. The meeting held on Monday, 12th inst., proved to be no exception to the rule, judging by the large attendance, and by the great interest taken in the proceedings. The pleasure of the evening was further enhanced by the presence of R.W. Bro. Ellison, our newly-appointed Prov.G.M., who attended in his official capacity, and was accompanied by M.W. Bro. Herbert Williams and other officers of G.L. R.W. Bro. Geo. Wilson presided, and was supported by W. Bros. Godber, ald watt, Macmoran, Smith, Veitch, Palmer, Harton, and Erskine, who filled the various offices. The ceremony of raising was conducted in an able and impressive manner by the acting-W.M., who was assisted by W. Bro. Veitch (Retrospect), W. Bro. Palmer (W.Ts.), W. Bro. Smith (T.H.), and W. Bro. Godlier (Final Charge). A pleasant and instructive hour was then spent in the refectory, where R.W. Bro. Ellison received a particularly hearty reception, and the musical items rendered by W. Bro. Connell and Bros. Thompson and Greer were, much appreciated.—[Lodge Correspondent.]

St. Andrew, No. 32.—The regular meeting was held on 19th June, when a large attendance of members and visitors resulted, the latter including the Prov.G.M. (R.W. Bro. Ellison), the W.M. and officers and brethren of Lodge Pacific, and a number of P.Ms. W. Bro. A. Simpson, W.M., occupied the chair. In accordance with summons, two candidates were raised to the Third Degree by the W.M., assisted by his officers. The following delivered charges and addresses :— Exhortation, W. Bros. J. Rod and F. C. Broomhall; 15 F. Cs., Bro. J. C. Riddell, J.W. ; Charge after Raising and Secrets, W. Bro. J. Rod; Investiture Address, W. Bro. O. Neilson, P.G.D. ; T.H., W. Bro. C. W Neilsen; W.Ts., Bro. L. McGregor ; Final Charge, Bro. A. Schmidt, S.W. At request the Prov.G.M. presented the candidates with the copies of the V. of S.L. on which they had been obligated, and addressed them in appropriate terms. Before closing, four propositions were announced, three being for initiation and the fourth for affiliation. H.G.W. having been tendered, Lodge was closed, and brethren retired to the refectory, when a pleasant hour was spent, chiefly in speeches. It might be remarked that the candidates who had that evening attained the rank of M.M. are father and son, and promise well.—[Lodge Correspondent.]

Ulster, No. 62.—The regular meeting was held in the Masonic Hall, Petone, on the 17th May. The W.M., Bro. W. H. Richards, presided over the largest attendance for the year. By request of Lodge Caledonian, No. 16, Timaru, Bro. Sergt. W. A. Chappell, of the N.Z. Military Base Hospital, Trentham, was passed from the First to the Second or F.C. Degree, the ceremony being performed by the W.M. The Address in the S.E. Corner was ably given by Bro. Y. G. Carver, J.D., and the W.Ts. were presented by Bro. T. Mather, J.W., while the Final Charge was given in a very efficient manner by Bro. Strong, S.W. Officers for the ensuing year were elected. The outgoing and incoming officers were appointed a committee to make arrangements for the installation. It was unanimously agreed that the late Bro. J. Lee's name be placed on the Respect Board. H.G.W. were received from Lodges Otago, No. 7, and St. Andrew Kil., 785, S.C. The Lodge was closed at 9.45 p.m., and an adjournment made to the refectory, when the usual toasts were honoured.—[Lodge Correspondent.]

There was a record attendance of members and visitors at the annual meeting held in the Freemasons' Hall, Petone, on 17th June. The meeting was held on Saturday, in place of the usual Wednesday evening. Saturday being now the general half-holiday in this district, it was considered that the change would be more convenient for the visitors. The business was the installation of W. Bro. R. Jenkins, P.M., as W.M., and investiture of officers. R.W. Bro. J. W. Ellison, Prov.G.M., acted as Installing Master, and he was assisted by M.W. Bro. H. J. Williams, P.G.M., V.W. Bro. H. B. Bridge, P.G.L., and W. Bro. G. Allport. The W.Ts. in each degree were presented by W. Bros. F. Robinson, J. McLachlan, and H. E. Harrap respectively. W. Bro. H. Hobbs invested the following officers :—S.W., Bro. T. Mather ; J.W., Bro. A. G. Steffensen ; Chaplain,

W. Bro. F. L. Matthews ; Treas., Bro. D. M. Armstrong ; Sec., W. Bro. R. Wylie; S.D., Bro. Y. G. Carver ; J.D., Bro. P. MacBride; D. of C., W. Bro. W. Cox ; acting-Organist, Bro. B. W. Blakeley ; I.G., Bro. F. A. Bryant; S.S., Bro. R. Williams; J.S., Bro. A. C. Wright ; Tyler, Bro. H. Steinmuller. R.W. Bro. H. H. Seaton acted as D. of C., and the duties of Trumpeter were ably carried out by Bro. A. W. Bryan. The Lodge was tyled at 6 p.m., and the business of the evening was therefore over at a fairly early hour, after which the visitors were entertained at supper, laid out in the Oddfellows' Hall. The usual toasts were honoured, and some excellent musical items rendered.—[Lodge Correspondent.]

Tntanekai, No. 156.—The regular meeting was held on the 3rd June. The W.M., Bro. A. A. Whitelaw, presided over a good attendance of members and visitors. The latter included the W.M. of Hinemoa Lodge and several military brethren. The work was the initiation of two candidates. The ceremony was performed by the W.M., assisted by W. Bro. Watt (Secrets), W. Bro. Harrap (Charge in the N.E.), W. Bro. Alexander (Charge after Investiture), Bro. Martin, S.D. (R. for Prep.), Bro. Reid, (W.Ts.), Bro. Sexton, S.W. (Final Charge). W. Bro. Ivory presented the Lodge with six volumes of Gould's "History of Freemasonry" as a nucleus for a library. W. Bro. Watt presented a cupboard, and a committee was formed to make further arrangements. The W.M. gave his report on the G.L. proceedings. After apologies and H.G.W. had been received, the Lodge was closed, and a pleasant time spent in the refectory.—[Lodge Correspondent.]

Walwhetu, No. 176.—The regular meeting was held on the 14th June, when there was a good attendance of visitors and brethren. One ballot was taken and declared clear. W. Bro. Rishworth, the Lodge Representative to Auckland, gave a report of the proceedings. A certificate was presented to Chaplain Capt. Wilson on behalf of Lodge Oamaru Kil. W. Bro. Guinness, on behalf of Bro. Robertson, presented two volumes of Masonic works to the Lodge. On behalf of the brethren, W. Bro. McLachlan presented Bro. H. F. Ayson, J.W., with a set of military hair brushes on his leaving the district to take up the position of Native Land Court Judge at Cook Islands. Bro. Ayson will be greatly missed. He was the first candidate initiated into the Lodge, and has worked up to the position of J.W. We all wish him well in his new sphere. The work of passing Bro. Bale was carried out by the P.Ms. of the Lodge. W. Bro. Hobbs, acting-W.M., obligated and communicated the Ss., Ts. and Ws. W. Bro. Anson, S.W., invested; W. Bro. Rishworth, Chaplain, gave the S.E. Charge; W. Bro. Cameron, D. of C., presented the W.Ts. ; W. Bro. Guinness, J.D., explained the 2nd T.B. Regret was expressed at the illness of R.W. Bro. Peterkin and Bro. Gardner. Great regret has also been expressed since Lodge night at the sad accident which happened at the camp on Thursday. Both those who were in the accident were present at our meeting the night before. W. Bro. Capt. Beekman was a P.M. of Lodge Otago, and has been a constant visitor at our Lodge ever since he has been in camp, and has made many friends, and his rendering of Kipling's "Mother Lodge" on Wednesday night will be long remembered by the brethren. His sad ending was a great shock to them. Bro. Bale, the other officer who was injured, received his Second Degree the same night, and we are pleased to know he is progressing favourably. The sympathy of this Lodge is extended both to Lodge Otago and to Mrs. Beekman.—[Lodge Correspondent.]

Installed Masters, No. 194.—The regular meeting was held in the Masonic Hall on 6th June, W. Bro. P. Levi presiding. The attendance was most gratifying, and evinced that more interest is being taken in the work of the Lodge by brethren generally. One brother was elected an associate member, and four propositions were received for full and associate membership. The balance-sheet was submitted, and evoked some discussion on general finance. The paper read by V.W. Bro. H B. Bridge at the previous meeting, entitled "The V.S.L., the Compasses and Square," was very fully discussed, the consideration occupying the whole evening. As a sequence, the reading of a paper prepared by Bro. Queree was postponed until the August meeting. The S.W., Bro. Erskine, W. Bros. Neilsen, Seaton, Williams, and Levi took part in the discussion, and the reply of Bro. Bridge was most exhaustive and instructive. A very hearty vote of thanks was tendered to Bro. Bridge. The nomination of W.M. and Treas. for the ensuing year was taken, W. Bro. Erskine being the only candidate for the former office and V.W. Bro. Rod for that of Treas. A very pleasant hour was spent in the refectory, during which Bro. Williams addressed the brethren at some length, and offered several suggestions to increase the membership and to enhance the general success of the Lodge. In his opinion the publication of the discussions on papers read is of equal importance to printing the address.

Whetu Kairangi, No. 201.—The regular meeting was held in the Methodist Church, Worser Bay, on 10th June, W. Bro. Boon presiding over a large attendance of brethren and visitors. R.W. Bro. J. W. Ellison was received and accorded the usual honours, brethren being very pleased to welcome the new Prov.G.M. on this, his first visit to the Lodge. The ceremonial work, the passing of two brethren, was conducted by the P.Ms. of the Lodge. Unfortunately R.W. Bro. Peterkin, D.G.M., who was to have presided, was prevented by illness, W. Bro. Nathan also being an absentee from the same cause. The brethren, by resolution, expressed their sympathy with these two brethren. W. Bro. Boon performed the ceremony of passing, up to and including the Ob. ; V.W. Bro. Porritt communicated the S., T. and W. ; R.W. Bro. Ellison gave the Address after Investiture; Bro. H. J. Wyatt, the S.E. Address; Bro. J. A. Fraser presented the W.Ts. ; Bro. F. Aston gave the Charge after Passing; and Bro. T. O. Fox explained the 2nd T.B. W. Bro. Robinson, of Lodge Hineuma, briefly referred to the loss which the Craft has sustained by the death of Lord Kitchener, brethren standing in silence as a tribute of respect to the departed soldier brother. Votes of thanks were passed to Bro. T. S. Robertson for making and presenting very handsome pedestals for the Master and Wardens; to Bros. Robertshaw and Kircher, for having these beautifully polished; and to Mrs. Boon, for her kind gift of a cushion. Before the Lodge closed, W. Bro. Boon called attention to the religious service to be held in the Methodist Church on the evening of the following Sunday, and invited as many as possible to be present. The church service, held on the evening of 11th June, in the Methodist Church, was a great success. Arrangements had been made with Bro. Rev. G. Knowles Smith to conduct a service, Bro. Knowles Smith falling in most cordially and willingly with the wish of the members that he should give us his first available Sunday evening. His subject, "The 47th Problem," was handled in a most interesting and instructive manner, and was listened to with close attention throughout, members generally agreeing that the address was one of the best Masonic lectures they had ever heard.—[Lodge Correspondent.]

ROYAL ARCH CHAPTERS.

Manawatu, No. 11.—The monthly convocation was held on 15th June, V.E. Comp. E. Hocking, Z., presiding. Ceremonial work consisted of the exaltation of two brethren. E. Comp. Dawick conducted the ceremony, and also delivered the Secrets and W.Ts. V.E.Z. Comp. Hocking gave the Final Charge. The meeting was most successful ; nevertheless the writer would emphasise the fact that a good number who should attend were conspicuous by their absence, which is not in keeping with the vows and obligations they took when they were exalted to the degree of R.A. Masons. [Quite correct.—ED. C.] — [Lodge Correspondent.]

Wanganui, No. 23.—The regular convocation was held on the 1st June, V.E. Comp. G. G. Bullock presiding. The work was the exaltation of two candidates, the ceremony being carried out by the V.E. and the usual officers. The Principals and P.Prins. of the Chapter have had in their minds for some time a scheme for making this degree more realistic and self-evident. Their efforts have resulted in an attractive addition to the furniture, the use of which, on Thursday evening, proved that they have laboured to very good purpose. Next month it is intended to work one of the side degrees.—[Chapter Correspondent.]



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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 Mackereth; S.W., Bro. Walter Mountain; J.W. Bro. Herbert Mountain; Sec., Bro. Thos. Read, Kawakawa.

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Waipa, No. 119:—Founded 25th September, 1901; meets in Masonic Hall, Te Awamutu, first Friday after 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, Aratapu, Tuesday on or before full moon. Installation 29th January. W.M., W. Bro. D. Savident; 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. W. R. Phillips; S.W., Bro. W. H. J. Poole; J.W., Bro. C. H. Adams; Sec., Bro. C. Lowe, Tauranga.

Hikurangi, No. 140.

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

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Te Marama, No. 186:—Founded 1911, meets at Ngaruawahia, Monday nearest full moon. Installation October. W.M., W. Bro. R. L. Thomas; S.W., Bro. P. P. Bynon Powell; J.W., Bro. H. J. Sampson; Sec., Bro. Herbert M. Thorpe.

Tirau, No. 193:—Founded 20th March, 1913, meets in the Masonic Hall, Tirau, on Thursday nearest full moon. Installation March. W.M., Bro. H. Head; S.W., Bro. A. J. Tong; J.W., Bro. E. O. Amore; Sec., W. Bro. J. W. Anderson, P.M., Box 1, Piarere, via Tirau.

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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. W. Pasco; S.W., Bro. A. Parkin; J.W., Bro. G. H. Hunt; Sec., W. Bro. J. M. Watson, Bush Road, Waipawa.

Rawhiti, No. 66:—Founded 1890, meets in the Freemasons' Hall, High Street, Dannevirke, on third Thursday in each month, at 7.30 p.m. Installation May. W.M., Bro. John Cattanaich Davidson; S.W., Bro. C. R. James; J.W., Bro. C. T. Brown; Sec., Bro. T. Paton, Albert St., Dannevirke.

Heretaunga, No. 73:—Founded 1878, meets in the Masonic Hall, Hastings, H.B., on second Tuesday in each month, at 7.30 p.m. Installation June. W.M., Bro. J. A. Miller; S.W., Bro. L. T. Cooper; J.W., Bro. R. H. Jones; Sec., Bro. T. Morgan, P.M., Box 3, P.O., Hastings.

Ruahine, No. 80:—Founded 1886, meets in the Masonic Hall, Woodville, on Tuesday before full moon in every month, at 7.30 p.m. Installation June. W.M., Bro. G. D. Macfarlane; S.W., Bro. J. A. Fraser; J.W., Bro. R. E. Toogood; Sec., Bro. E. R. Bean, P.O., Woodville.

Lion, No. 114:—Founded 1899, meets in the Masonic Hall, Ormondville, Monday on or nearest full moon, at 7.30 p.m. Installation Wednesday nearest to April full moon. W.M., Bro. C. F. Barker; S.W., Bro. J. Snaddon; J.W., Bro. H. N. Benson; Sec., J. H. Morrison, P.M., Makotuku.

Waikaremoana, No. 158:—Founded 1909, meets in the Masonic Hall, Wairoa, H.B., on Tuesday nearest full moon in every month, at 7.30 p.m. Installation March. W.M., W. Bro. E. J. Green; S.W., Bro. J. W. Sargisson; J.W., Bro. J. W. B. Macdonald; Sec., Bro. Rev. W. J. Simkin, P.O. Box 63, Wairoa.

Ruataniwha, 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. R. A. Fraser; S.W., Bro. E. F. Stubbs; J.W., Bro. A. Chisholm; Sec., Bro. H. H. Weston, Orua Wharo, Box 80, Takapau.

PROVINCE OF TARANAKI: 7 LODGES.

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

Patea Kil, No. 18:—Founded 1873, meets second Wednesday in each month. Installation March. W.M., Bro. E. E. Wells; S.W., Bro. A. B. Christensen; J.W., Bro. E. C. Woods; Sec., Bro. F. G. Davies.

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., W. Bro. J. W. Harding; S.W., Bro. H. D. Caplen; J.W., Bro. G. J. Shepperd; Sec., Bro. F. G. Kimbell, P.M., High St., 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. E. W. Garner; S.W., Bro. W. P. Nicoll; J.W., Bro. Alex. Forbes; Sec., Bro. W. H. Haddrell, P.M., Westown, New Plymouth.

Stratford, No. 75:—Founded 1892, meets in the Masonic Hall, Stratford, on third Wednesday in every month. Installation March. W.M., Bro. C. H. Speck; S.W., Bro. W. H. Besley; J.W., Bro. J. H. Ashton; Sec., Bro. J. W. McMillan.

St. John's, No. 95:—Founded 1892, meets in Masonic Hall, Eltham, third Tuesday in each month, 7.30 p.m. Installation February. W.M., Bro. J. L. Weir; S.W., Bro. A. N. Rogers; J.W., Bro. C. H. Buckeridge; Sec., Bro. R. C. D. Lightbourne, P.M.

Moa, No. 110:—Founded 1896, meets in Freemasons' Hall, Inglewood, Taranaki, on second Friday in each month, at 7.30 p.m. Installation March. W.M., Bro. J. Roberts; S.W., Bro. L. de Launay, P.M.; J.W., Bro. G. H. Taylor; Sec., Bro. A. E. Surrey, P.M., Inglewood.

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

RUAPEHU DISTRICT: 15 LODGES.

(R.W. Bro. D. McFarlane, Prov.G.M.)

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

Feilding, No. 41:—Founded 1881, meets in Masonic Temple, Feilding, Monday nearest full moon. Installation July. W.M., W. Bro. N. G. Bray; S.W., Bro. E. H. Fisher; J.W., Bro. D. S. Thomson; Sec., Bro. B. E. Murphy, P.O. Box 11, Feilding.

Manawatu Kil., No. 47:—Founded 1883, meets in Masonic Hall, Church Street, Palmerston North, second Thursday in each month. Installation April. W.M., Bro. A. Hopwood; S.W., Bro. W. Mundy; J.W., Bro. D. Dustin.

Otagaki, No. 70:—Founded 1891, meets in Masonic Hall, Ashhurst, on Thursday before full moon in each month, at 7.30 p.m. Installation August. W.M., Bro. G. R. Lovelock; S.W., Bro. H. Smart; J.W., Bro. C. Simms; 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. W. Haydon Maclean; S.W., Bro. A. S. Jonson; J.W., Bro. F. C. Berry; Sec., Bro. R. A. Campbell, P.M.

St. Andrew Kil., No. 79:—Founded 1868, meets Freemasons' Hall, Wanganui, second Thursday each month (excepting December, first Thursday). Installation second Thursday in July. W.M., Bro. L. Craig; S.W., Bro. A. E. King; J.W., Bro. R. W. Green; Sec., Bro. N. G. Armstrong, P.O. Box 236, Wanganui.

Kimbolton, No. 123:—Founded 1902, meets in Masonic Hall, Kimbolton, on Thursday nearest full moon. Installation February. W.M., Bro. J. M. Turnbull; S.W., Bro. W. McKay; J.W., Bro. C. G. Hansen; Sec., Bro. H. F. W. Hansen, P.M., P.O. Box 11, Kimbolton.

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

Te Awahou, No. 133:—Founded 1906, meets in the Masonic Hall, Liddle Street, Foxton, on second Tuesday in each month. Installation May. W.M., Bro. H. J. Berry; S.W., Bro. J. W. Stevenson; J.W., Bro. Jno. Speirs; Sec., Bro. J. M. Barr.

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. Geo. Wrightson; S.W., Bro. F. W. Somerville; J.W., Bro. F. Varnam; Sec., Bro. A. James, P.M., Box 5, Taihape.

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

Huia, No. 171:—Founded 1910, meets at Masonic Hall, Church Street E., Palmerston North, on first Thursday in each month. Installation March. W.M., Bro. W. C. Turner; S.W., Bro. A. W. Gallichan; J.W., Bro. J. F. Manning; Sec., Bro. C. J. Hewlett, Court-house, Palmerston North.

Waimarino, No. 175:—Founded 1910, meets in Masonic Hall, Ward Street, Raetihi, on Monday nearest full moon at 7.30 p.m. Installation October. W.M., Bro. W. H. Tustin; S.W., Bro. A. Mabbott; J.W., Bro. P. Hansen; Sec., Bro. J. C. Goodger.

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. Kreger; J.W., Bro. J. D. Munro; Sec., Bro. D. Galloway, P.M., Mangaweka.

Moutoa, No. 195:—Constituted 24th April, 1913, meets in Masonic Hall, Gonville, on fourth Thursday in each month (excepting December, third Thursday). Installation fourth Thursday in April. W.M., Bro. J. Fowler; S.W., Bro. G. L. McLean; J.W., Bro. F. Symes; Sec., Bro. Neil P. Svenson, P.M., 49 Ridgway Street, Wanganui.

PROVINCE OF WELLINGTON: 23 LODGES.

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

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

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

Masteron, No. 19:—Founded 1873, meets in the Masonic Hall, Bannister Street, Masteron, on second Wednesday in every month, at 8 p.m. Installation May. W.M., Bro. J. L. Hughes; S.W., Bro. H. Dixon; J.W., Bro. O. Pragnell; Sec., Bro. F. J. Hunn, Box 81, Masteron.

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. W. Simpson; S.W., Bro. A. Schmidt; J.W., Bro. J. C. Riddell; Sec., Bro. A. T. Wells, P.M., 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. Tinney; Sec., Bro. F. E. Merlet, Featherston.

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

St. Mark, No. 53:—Founded 1884, meets in Freemasons' Hall, Carterton, on second Tuesday in every month, at 8 p.m. Installation April (St. Mark's Day). W.M., Bro. R. Stout; S.W., Bro. G. S. Phillpotts; J.W., Bro. A. J. Rayne; Sec., Bro. Arthur Phillpotts, P.M.

Ulster, No. 62:—Founded 1888, meets in the Masonic Hall, Petone, on third Wednesday in every month. Installation June. W.M., W. Bro. R. Jenkins, P.M.; S.W., Bro. T. Mather; J.W., Bro. A. G. Steffensen; Sec., W. Bro. R. Wylie, 49 Victoria Street, Petone.

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

Otaki, No. 72:—Founded 1891, meets in the Masonic Hall, Otaki, on Wednesday nearest full moon, at 8 p.m. (September meeting Tuesday). Installation November. W.M., Bro. J. G. Hartgill; S.W., Bro. E. Allen; J.W., Bro. W. McKegg; 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. S. Polson; S.W., Bro. J. B. Brickell; J.W., Bro. H. Morison; Sec., Bro. Edgar Larkin, P.M., Box 32, Greytown.

Eketahuna, No. 92:—Founded 1893, meets in the Masonic Hall, Bengtson Street, Eketahuna, on Friday nearest full moon in each month (except May, Installation, on Thursday nearest full moon), at 7.30 p.m. W.M., Bro. J. Renment; S.W., Bro. T. Knight; J.W., Bro. J. Kerr; Sec., Bro. R. Dickson.

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

Coronation, No. 127:—Founded 1902, meets in Masonic Hall, Johnsonville, Saturday on or before full moon, 7.30 p.m. Installation July. W.M., Bro. H. E. Harpar; S.W., Bro. R. Turner; J.W., Bro. A. H. Mildenhall; Sec., Bro. W. S. Radcliffe, 29 Abbot Road, Ngalo.

Brooklyn, No. 132:—Founded October, 1903; meets in Masonic Hall, Brooklyn, on first Wednesday in each month. Installation October. W.M., Bro. H. V. Futter; S.W., Bro. W. J. Westwood; J.W., Bro. H. Parkin; Sec., Bro. M. W. Thew, 12 Washington Avenue, Brooklyn.

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. J. Bagrie; J.W., Bro. J. Middlemiss; Sec., W. Bro. James McIntyre, D.H. School, Levin.

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

Waihenga, 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. W. McKay; S.W., Bro. J. W. Kershaw; J.W., Bro. J. E. Tyler; Sec., Bro. Geo. W. Cobb, Box 6, Martinborough.

Tutanekai, No. 156:—Founded 1908, meets in Masonic Hall, Adelaide Road, Berhampore, first Thursday each month, 7.30 p.m. Installation February. W.M., Bro. A. A. Whitelaw; S.W., Bro. J. W. Sexton; J.W., Bro. G. F. Lenzen; Sec., Bro. Edwin Howell, 77 Rintoul Street, Wellington South.

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

Otari, No. 190:—Founded 1912, meets in the Freemasons' Hall, Ngalo, second Tuesday each month, 7.30 p.m. Installation July. W.M., W. Bro. J. H. Jerram; S.W., Bro. D. J. Watson; J.W., Bro. E. Meek; Sec., Bro. J. T. Mair, Khandallah.

Installed Masters Lodge, No. 194:—Founded 5th October, 1912; meets in Freemasons' Hall on first Tuesday in November, *February, *April, *June, *August, *October. Installation in October. W.M., Bro. P. Levi; S.W., Bro. A. Erskine; J.W., Bro. W. H. Jones; Sec., Bro. G. Menzies, 90 Abel Smith Street, Wellington. (*Open to visiting M.Ms.)

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

SOUTH ISLAND.

MARLBOROUGH AND NELSON: 8 LODGES.

(R.W. Bro. C. H. Mills, Prov.G.M.)

Victory, No. 40:—Founded 1881, meets in the Freemasons' Hall, Collingwood Street, Nelson, on second Thursday in every month (except May—fourth Thursday), at 7.30 p.m. Installation May. W.M., Bro. J. L. Ching; S.W., Bro. H. P. Stephenson; J.W., Bro. W. Widdowson; Sec., W. Bro. R. W. Stiles, Box 105, Nelson.

Wairau, No. 42:—Founded 1881 (formerly 663, 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, at 7.30 p.m. Installation March. W.M., Bro. A. Scott; S.W., Bro. A. B. Reade; J.W., Bro. B. Anderson; Sec., Bro. — Buckman, P.M.

Marlborough Unanimity, No. 106:—Founded 1869 (formerly 1236, E.C.), joined N.Z.C. 1896, meets in the Masonic Hall, Charles Street, Blenheim, second Thursday in each month, 7.30 p.m. Installation August. W.M., Bro. C. A. Eckford; S.W., Bro. A. Weaver; J.W., Bro. F. Bull; Sec., Bro. S. A. Edinger, Blenheim.

Waltoli, 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.

Motucka, No. 117:—Founded 1900, meets in the Lodgeroom, Motueka, on Wednesday nearest full moon in each month. Installation October. W.M., Bro. R. Shaw Thompson; S.W., Bro. C. L. Harvey; J.W., Bro. Geo. Heath; Sec., Bro. L. E. Rhodes.

St. Cuthbert's, No. 144:—Founded 1905, meets in the Masonic Hall, Collingwood, on Saturday nearest full moon, at 7.30 p.m. Installation October. W.M., Bro. J. Phillips; S.W., Bro. R. C. Cartner; J.W., Bro. Job Hughes; Sec., W. Bro. P. McCaffrey, P.M., Puponga, Collingwood.

PROVINCE OF WESTLAND: 12 LODGES.

(R.W. Bro. R. H. Richmond, Prov.G.M.)

Robert Burns, No. 50:—Founded 1883, meets in Burns' Masonic Hall, Kelly Street, Reefton, third Thursday each month, at 7.30 p.m. Installation 25th January. W.M., Bro. W. R. Hopcroft; S.W., Bro. F. W. Robinson; J.W., Bro. W. H. Thompson; Sec., Bro. R. A. Stewart, P.M.

Advance, No. 61:—Founded 1871, meets in Masonic Hall, Taylorville, Brunner, on Thursday nearest full moon, at 7.30 p.m. Installation last Thursday in January. W.M., Bro. John S. Georgehan; S.W., Bro. C. Angel; J.W., Bro. D. Swallow; Sec., Bro. John Watson.

Kumara, No. 65:—Meets in the Freemasons' Hall, Seddon Street, Kumara, on Tuesday nearest full moon, at 8 p.m. Installation February. W.M., Bro. James Steel; S.W., Bro. Archie Glen; J.W., Bro. J. E. Wade; 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. H. A. Thompson; S.W., Bro. J. Cameron; J.W., Bro. R. M. King; Sec., Bro. J. McMillan, P.M.

Aorangi, No. 89:—Founded 1893, meets in the Masonic Hall, Denniston, on first Wednesday in every month. Installation April. W.M., Bro. R. A. Fox; S.W., Bro. M. S. Montford; J.W., Bro. W. Smart; Sec., Bro. T. Peacock, P.M.

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

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

Mawhera, No. 136:—Founded 1904, meets in Masonic Hall, Tainui Street, Greymouth, second Thursday each month. Installation November. W.M., Bro. T. F. Guinness; S.W., Bro. E. P. Peters; J.W., Bro. J. C. Duncan; Sec., Bro. W. J. Watson.

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. W. Panckhurst; S.W., Bro. S. Paul; J.W., Bro. D. T. Gibbard; Sec., Bro. G. W. Jones, P.M.

Runanga, No. 159:—Founded 1908, meets in Masonic Hall, Seddon Street, Runanga, on Wednesday nearest full moon in each month, at 7.30 p.m. Installation October. W.M., Bro. T. H. Latimer; S.W., Bro. W. Mantach; J.W., Bro. J. Haderoff; Sec., Bro. A. G. Hildebrand, State Collieries.

Waro, No. 173 (Blackhall).

Connaught, No. 187 (Karamea).

PROVINCE OF CANTERBURY: 35 LODGES.

(R.W. Bro. John Thornton, Prov.G.M.)

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

St. Augustine, No. 4:—Founded 1852, meets in St. Augustine Masonic Hall, Christchurch, second Tuesday every month, at 7.30 p.m. Installation March. W.M., Bro. T. H. Ker, jun.; S.W., Bro. H. H. Wauchop; J.W., Bro. J. A. Stables; Sec., W. Bro. F. C. B. Bishop, Box 372, 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. T. Hoskin; S.W., Bro. C. E. Baynon; J.W., Bro. R. H. Croft; Sec., Bro. C. F. Sneyd, Kaiapoi.

Caledonian, No. 16:—Founded 1871, meets in the Caledonian Masonic Hall, Sophia Street, Timaru, on first Monday in every month, at 7.30 p.m. Installation June. W.M., Bro. A. Kennedy; S.W., Bro. W. Cranston; J.W., Bro. George Glue; Sec., Bro. James Simpson, 136 North Street, Timaru.

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

Canterbury Kil., No. 23. Geraldine, No. 27:—Founded 1890, meets in the Masonic Hall, Geraldine, third Wednesday in each month. Installation March. W.M., Bro. C. T. Borrell; S.W., Bro. A. Wilkinson; J.W., Bro. A. A. Readdie; Sec., Bro. W. A. Sherratt.

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. McKeown; 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. W. Trigane; S.W., Bro. F. A. Joynt; J.W., Bro. Geo. Tate; Sec., Bro. A. Calder.

South Itakaia, No. 31:—Founded 1879, meets in the Masonic Hall, Rakaiia, on Wednesday nearest full moon. Installation April. W.M., Bro. F. C. May; S.W., Bro. G. B. Edwards; J.W., Bro. W. E. Jenkins; Sec., Bro. C. E. Featherstone, Rakaiia.

Lincoln, No. 33:—Founded 1880, meets in Masonic Hall, Lincoln, first Tuesday in each month. No meeting in January. Installation October. W.M., Bro. C. J. Morland; S.W., Bro. W. T. Street; J.W., Bro. C. P. Agar; Sec., W. Bro. Jno. Graham, P.O., Lincoln.

Concord, No. 39:—Founded 1881, meets in the Masonic Hall, Papanui, on fourth Wednesday in every month. Installation May. W.M., Bro. L. H. North; S.W., Bro. J. W. H. Francis; J.W., Bro. A. J. Nicholas; Sec., Bro. R. Baldwin, P.M., 72 Aikman's Road, Christchurch.

Phoenix, No. 43 (Akaroa):

Methven, No. 61:

Kaikoura, No. 60:

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

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

St. Augustine, No. 99:—Established 1875. Meets Lodgeroom, Leonard Street, Waimate, Wednesday on or before full moon. Installation August. W.M., Bro. W. T. W. Manchester; S.W., Bro. J. Manchester; J.W., Bro. C. R. Bateman; 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., Bro. A. L. Moore; S.W., Bro. T. J. Kennedy; J.W., Bro. Jas. Smith, junr.; Sec., Bro. C. Campbell, P.M., Box 6, P.O., Ashburton.

Cheviot, No. 124:

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

Mairaki, No. 131:—Founded 1903, meets at Masonic Hall, Cust, third Friday in each month. Installation April. W.M., Bro. F. H. Early; S.W., Bro. D. Arnott; J.W., Bro. H. Garrett; Sec., Bro. E. W. Cooper, 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. H. Taylor; S.W., Bro. T. Kirker; J.W., Bro. A. Hunter.

Waihora, No. 141:—Founded 1905, meets in the Oddfellows' Hall, Leeston, on second Thursday in each month, at 7.30 p.m. Installation April. W.M., Bro. F. J. Lemon; S.W., Bro. G. W. R. Osborne; J.W., Bro. W. 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. W. J. Hunter; S.W., Bro. W. T. V. I. Bottrell; J.W., Bro. L. D. S. Maffey; Sec., Bro. T. H. Williams.

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

Ahurewa, No. 181:—Founded 1911, meets in Schoolroom, Dunsandel, Monday on or before full moon. Installation October. W.M., Bro. D. T. Wright; S.W., Bro. J. D. Cameron; J.W., Bro. W. K. Cameron; Sec., Bro. F. Lill, P.M., Box 1, Dunsandel.

Amuri, No. 184 (Culverden).

Avon, No. 185 (Christchurch).

Tawera, No. 188 (Oxford).

Timaru, No. 196 (Timaru).

Koranga, No. 197:—Founded 1913, meets in Caledonian Masonic Hall, Sophia St., Timaru, fourth Tuesday every month, at 7.30 p.m. Installation August. W.M., Bro. D. McCaskill; S.W., Bro. J. W. Souter; J.W., Bro. A. McKenzie; Sec., Bro. W. Gibb, Rhodes St.

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

PROVINCE OF OTAGO: 27 LODGES.

(R.W. Bro. A. W. Flett, Prov.G.M.)

Otago, No. 7:—Founded 1860, meets in the Freemasons' Hall, King Street (opp. Museum), Dunedin, on second Wednesday in each month, at 8 p.m. Installation October. W.M., Bro. E. T. Moller; S.W., Bro. J. W. Hardy; J.W., Bro. A. Griffiths; Sec., Bro. D. C. Cameron, P.M., 49 Duke Street, Dunedin.

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

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

Palmerston, No. 26:—Founded 1876, meets in Masonic Hall, Palmerston South, Friday on or before full moon every month, 8 p.m. Installation August. W.M., Bro. W. H. Hopkins; S.W., Bro. D. Guffie; J.W., Bro. T. Sneedon; Sec., Bro. Wm. McGregor.

Hercules, No. 36:—Founded 1880, meets in Masonic Hall, Tapanui, on Wednesday nearest full moon in every month, at 7.30 p.m. Installation April. W.M., Bro. J. A. Gillies; S.W., Bro. J. W. Nicholson; J.W., Bro. H. S. Jackway; Sec., Bro. A. H. Hawkins, Tapanui.

Hiram, No. 46:—Founded 1883, meets in the Masonic Hall, Cargill Road, South Dunedin, on fourth Tuesday in each month. Installation October. W.M., Bro. G. R. West; S.W., Bro. G. T. Lumsden; J.W., —; Sec., Bro. J. A. P. Frederic, No. 4 Union Street, Dunedin.

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

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

St. Thomas Kil., No. 83 (originally No. 659, S.C.):—Meets in Masonic Hall, Kaitangata, every fourth Wednesday. Installation February. W.M., Bro. S. Newburn, P.M.; S.W., Bro. T. Sharp; J.W., Bro. A. Fergusson; Sec., Bro. W. D. Paterson, P.M.

St. John, No. 84, Mosgiel.

Mount Ida, No. 97:—Founded 1868 (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. William Campbell; S.W., Bro. D. S. Middleton; J.W., Bro. J. P. Parcell; Treas., W. Bro. C. Philip; Sec., W. Bro. W. J. Ritchie, Box 27, Cromwell.

Dunstan, No. 103 (originally No. 407, S.C.):—Founded 1869, joined N.Z.C. 1895; meets in Town Hall, Clyde, on Tuesday on or nearest full moon in every month, at 7.30 p.m. Installation November. W.M., Bro. W. R. McKean; S.W., Bro. J. E. Menzies; J.W., Bro. R. Holden; Sec., Bro. H. E. Stevens.

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

Manukerika 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. B. Arnott.

St. Bathans, No. 126:—Founded 11th November, 1902, meets in Masonic Hall, Becks, on Thursday nearest full moon every month, at 8 p.m. Installation February. W.M., Bro. R. Mee; S.W., Bro. R. L. Smith; J.W., Bro. T. McMath; Sec., Bro. Jas. Sheppard, 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. G. G. Adess; S.W., Bro. James Sinton; J.W., Bro. A. F. Browne; Sec., Bro. E. W. G. H. Watts, P.M., 53 Clyde Street, Dunedin.

Teviot, No. 148:—Founded 1907, meets in Masonic Hall, Roxburgh, on the Saturday or on nearest full moon, at 7.30 p.m. Installation March. W.M., Bro. Chas. S. G. Nicholson; S.W., Bro. Alex. F. Ridd; J.W., Bro. E. Frank Allen; Sec., W. Bro. Dr. J. R. Gilmour, P.M., Box 18, Roxburgh.

Oceanic, No. 154:—Meets in St. Kilda Masonic Hall, Dunedin, on third Wednesday in each month, at 7.30 p.m. Installation October. W.M., Bro. A. McKenzie; S.W., Bro. A. Cannon; J.W., Bro. A. Walker; Sec., Bro. W. Jacobsen, P.M., Musselburgh.

Haeremai, No. 155:—Founded 1907, meets in the Masonic Hall, Great King Street (opp. Museum), Dunedin, on third Monday in each month, at 7.45 p.m. Installation April. W.M., Bro. D. E. Booth; S.W., Bro. J. M. Rodger; J.W., Bro. R. Bennett; Sec., W. Bro. A. Allan, P.M., 325 King Street, Dunedin.

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

Owaka, No. 180:—Founded 1911, meets in the Masonic Hall, Owaka, on Thursday nearest full moon in every month, at 7.30 p.m. Installation March. W.M., Bro. Chas. Latta; S.W., Bro. A. T. Heydon; J.W., Bro. Jas. Logan; Sec., Bro. Geo. W. Geddes, Owaka.

Clinton, No. 183:—Founded 1911, meets in the Oddfellows' Hall, Clinton, on Thursday nearest full moon in every month, at 7.30 p.m. Installation March. W.M., Bro. J. Wright; S.W., Bro. W. McIndoe; J.W., Bro. J. Steven; Sec., Bro. J. C. Borthwick, P.M., P.O. Box 26, Clinton.

Ionic, No. 191 (Green Island).
Morning Star, No. 192 (Morningstar).
Strath-Taleri, No. 199:—Middlemarch, Otago Central.

PROVINCE OF SOUTHLAND: 17 LODGES.

(R.W. Bro. A. Le H. Hoyles, Prov.G.M.)

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

Harvey, No. 49:—Founded 1883, meets Masonic Hall, Gore, Wednesday nearest full moon, 7.30 p.m. Installation second Wednesday in April. W.M., W. Bro. E. C. Smith; S.W., W. Bro. J. Boyne; J.W., W. Bro. J. C. Ray; Sec., Bro. D. D. Stedman, East 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. Hislop; S.W., Bro. S. Rice; 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. E. Johnson; S.W., Bro. C. W. Bradshaw; J.W., Bro. G. Hast; 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. A. E. Ward; S.W., Bro. W. J. Robinson; J.W., Bro. E. R. J. Stevens; Sec., Bro. J. E. Robins, Riverton.

Lake Lodge of Ophir, No. 85:—Founded 1864, meets 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 Monday on or before full moon at Masonic Hall, Arrowtown. Installation February. W.M., Bro. A. J. Campbell; S.W., Bro. F. F. Dunlop; J.W., Bro. Thos. Pope; Sec., Bro. J. S. Jenkins, P.M., Box 16, Arrowtown.

St. John, No. 94:—Meets at Masonic Hall, Invercargill, third Friday every month. Installation May. W.M., Bro. Robert Smith; S.W., Bro. Wm. Robinson; J.W., Bro. Frank Bonifant; Sec., Bro. Chas. H. Poole, 169 Teviot Street.

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

Winton, No. 108:—Founded 1896, meets at Masonic Hall, Park Street, Winton, on Tuesday on or before full moon. Installation October. W.M., Bro. J. R. Hamilton; S.W., Bro. F. Tilley; J.W., Bro. J. A. Broom; Sec., Bro. T. Walker, P.M., Chemist, Winton.

Wallace, No. 129:—Founded 1904, meets in Masonic Hall, Otautau, on third Friday in every month, at 7.30 p.m. Instruction meetings every Friday. Installation October. W.M., Bro. A. Anderson Stewart; S.W., Bro. J. T. Brooker; J.W., Bro. E. C. Glen; Sec., Bro. E. Matheson, Box 10, Otautau.

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

Wairaki, No. 145 (Nightcaps).
Victoria, No. 147:—Founded 1883, meets in Masonic Hall, Forth Street, Invercargill, second Friday every month. Installation June. W.M., Bro. John Kerse; S.W., Bro. A. Wilson; J.W., Bro. J. Buchanan; Sec., W. Bro. N. J. Broken-shire.

Waikaka, No. 151:—Founded 1907, meets in Lodgeroom, Waikaka, Monday nearest full moon. Installation June. W.M., Bro. G. S. Rees; S.W., Bro. D. Cameron; J.W., Bro. R. H. Newman; Sec., Bro. A. G. Thomas, P.M.

Mataura, No. 174:—Founded 1912, meets in Masonic Hall, Grey Street, Gladstone, Invercargill, on the third Monday in each month at 7.30 p.m. Installation May. W.M., Bro. R. N. Todd; S.W., Bro. C. W. Tonkinson; J.W., Bro. G. A. Gilchrist; Sec., Bro. A. B. Edmonds, Box 188, 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. Burley; Sec., Bro. Nicholas Lawn, Walsh Street, Reefton.

Wellington, No. 1521:—Founded 1874, meets at the Masonic Hall, Wellington, on third Wednesday in each month except in January, February, and March. Installation June. W.M., Bro. F. J. Courtney; S.W., Bro. S. P. Andrew; J.W., Bro. T. Spratt; Sec., Bro. E. E. Coghlan, Box 819, Wellington.

BOARDS OF ENQUIRY.

MARLBOROUGH.—Meets in the Masonic Hall, Charles Street, Blenheim, first Thursday in each month. Pres., W. Bro. C. H. Mills; Sec., W. Bro. F. W. Smith, Market Street, Blenheim.

NEW PLYMOUTH.—Meets on first Wednesday in each month. Pres. and Sec., R.W. Bro. W. F. Brooking, Robe Street, New Plymouth.

WELLINGTON.—Meets in Masonic Hall, Boulcott Street, on third Tuesday in each month, except December. Pres., W. Bro. J. T. King; Sec. and Treas., W. Bro. Henry Hobbs, Haultana Square, Lower Hutt.

NORTH CANTERBURY.—Meets in the Masonic Hall, Gloucester Street, Christchurch, on the first Monday in each month, at 7.30 p.m. Pres., R.W. Bro. S. Clifton Bingham; Sec., W. Bro. R. Baldwin, P.Prov.G.W., 72 Aikman's Road, Christ church.

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. Ch. J. Brown; J.W., Bro. A. C. Rowland; Sec., Bro. Vi Gooding. [This Lodge, working in English, cordially invites brethren from New Zealand.]

L'Oceanic Française, No. 850.—Dormant.

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

(With jurisdiction over 34 active R.A. Chapters and 1 Mark Lodge.)

Annual convocation January or February. I.P.G.Z., M.E. Comp. A. C. Andrews (No. 1); G.Z., M.E. Comp. T. Ross (No. 28); D.G.Z., R.E. Comp. M. J. Harris (No. 17); G.H., R.E. Comp. Dr. E. D. Dunn (No. 21); G.J., R.E. Comp. J. Moncrieff (No. 10); G.S.E., M.E. Comp. H. J. Williams (No. 2); G.S.N., V.E. Comp. C. E. R. Rendle (No. 35); G.Treas., V.E. Comp. A. Veitch (No. 2); 1st G.Soj., V.E. Comp. G. H. Cooper (No. 31); 2nd G.Soj., V.E. Comp. A. H. Walker (No. 9); 3rd G.Soj., V.E. Comp. R. Prentice (No. 3); G.Reg., V.E. Comp. C. W. Neilsen (No. 2); G.Chanc., V.E. Comp. W. Dobson (No. 30); G.Supt. of W., V.E. Comp. H. Priestley (No. 32); G.D. of C., V.E. Comp. W. Miller (No. 8); G.Sd.B., V.E. Comp. G. T. Bull (No. 36); G.St.B., V.E. Comp. W. Moyes (No. 12); G.Organist, V.E. Comp. R. Haweridge (No. 28); Asst.-G.D. of C., V.E. Comp. C. H. Critchley (No. 4); Asst.-G.Sd.B., V.E. Comp. D. Darach (No. 21); Asst.-G. St.B., V.E. Comp. T. E. Hamerton (No. 37); Asst.-G.Reg., V.E. Comp. J. Menzies (No. 16).

Supreme G. Committee.

Chairman, V.E. Comp. H. H. Seaton; V.E. Comps. Dement, Jones, Parsons, Menzies, Shand; 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. C. Flavell.
Otago—R.E. Comp. E. Lane.
Southland—R.E. Comp. J. J. Hiskins.
Westland—R.E. Comp. Dr. E. D. Dunn.
Hawkes Bay—R.E. Comp. T. Hobson.

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, 537, Hereford Street, Linwood.

Waterloo, No. 2:—Founded 1875, meets in Masonic Hall, Boulcott Street, Wellington, fourth Wednesday in each month. Installation September. Z., Comp. J. Rod; H., Comp. C. P. Harton; J., Comp. C. W. Neilsen; 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 1870, meets in Masonic Hall, Munroe Street, Napier, last Thursday in the months of November, January, March, May, July, and September. Installation September. Z., Comp. H. L. Harston; H., Comp. H. W. Whitton; J., Comp. R. Bishop; 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. G. Hill; H., Comp. A. H. Thorpe, P.Z.; J., Comp. L. A. H. Gogoll; S.E., Comp. E. Eliot Chambers.

Otago, No. 7:—Meets in Oceanic Masonic Hall, St. Kilda, Dunedin, first Wednesday every month except December and January. Instruction meeting Friday before each meeting. Installation November. Z., Comp. R. V. Parker; H., Comp. G. T. Lumsden; J., Comp. A. Stoneham; S.E., Comp. M. J. Pierce, 89 Dowling Street, Dunedin.

Waitaki Kil, No. 8 (being Otago Chapter, No. 8, and Waitaki Chapter, No. 13, which were amalgamated 9th October, 1901):—Meets in Masonic Hall, Wansbeck Street, Oamaru, every second Wednesday after full moon. Installation September. Z., Comp. J. A. Peebles; H., Comp. D. Miller; J., Comp. G. M. Whale; S.E., M.E. Comp. J. M. Brown, P.G.Z.

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

Wairarapa, No. 10:—Founded 1892, meets in the Masonic Hall, Masterton, on third Friday in January, March, May, July, September, and November. Installation 23rd September. Z., Comp. W. N. Dempsey, P.Z.; H., Comp. C. W. Perrin; J., Comp. C. D. King; S.E., Comp. Jas. Milne.

Manawatu, No. 11.—Founded 1892, meets in Masonic Hall, Palmerston North, third Thursday each month. Z. Comp. P. Hosking, P.Z. H. Comp. J. Stone, J. Comp. A. W. Gallachan, S.E. Comp. W. T. Dunward, Palmerston North.

Victory, No. 12.—Founded 1892, meets in Masonic Hall, Nelson, on fourth Thursday in month as required, except in December and January. Installation October. Z. Comp. J. L. Ching, H. E. Comp. A. M. Hedges, J. H. Comp. W. Widdowson, S.E. V.E. Comp. R. W. Salles, Nelson.

Maidborough, No. 14.—Founded 1892, meets in Masonic Hall, Charles Street, Blenheim, on Thursday nearest new moon in October, December, February, April, June, and August. Installation 23rd September. Z. Comp. M. McKenzie, H. E. Comp. C. A. Lockford, J. Comp. C. H. Mills, S.E. Comp. J. W. Smith, P.Z. T. Hagar, No. 15.

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

Ohinemuri, No. 17.—Founded 1901, meets in Masonic Hall, Paeora, first Wednesday after full moon in September, October, December, February, April, June, and August. Installation September. Z. Comp. S. Allen, H. Comp. L. O. Seale, J. Comp. W. G. Wainman, S.E. Comp. J. E. Allen.

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

Orangwell Coronation, No. 20.—Founded 1900, meets in Masonic Hall, Alex. Anderson South, third Thursday in January, March, May, July, September, November. Installation September. Z. Comp. J. J. H. Dumaday, H. Comp. J. D. Thompson, J. Comp. A. H. Spooner, S.E. Comp. J. Adkins.

Kawahi, No. 21 (Westport).—Founded 1904, meets in Masonic Hall, W. Nelson, on first Wednesday in each month. Installation September. Z. E. Comp. D. Darroch, H. E. Comp. A. T. Paterson, J. Comp. H. Colligan, S.E. V.E. Comp. J. H. Harkness, P.D. G. Z.

Waikeato, No. 22.—Founded 1901, January, 1906, meets in Masonic Hall, Hamilton, Tuesday, on before full moon in September, October, December, February, April, June, and August. Installation September. Z. Comp. H. E. Wilson, J. Comp. G. G. Speight, J. Comp. G. G. Speight, S.E. Comp. S. B. Sims, Town Hall, Hamilton.

Wanganui, No. 23.—Founded 1906, meets in Masonic Hall, Wanganui, first Thursday in November, February, April, June, and August. Installation fourth Thursday in September. Z. Comp. G. G. Bullock, H. Comp. E. Hunter, J. Comp. A. W. Larsen, S.E. Comp. P. Stevens, Wanganui.

Brooklyn, No. 24.—Founded 1906, meets in Masonic Hall, Brooklyn, on second Wednesday in July, September, November, January, March, and May. Installation September. Z. Comp. J. B. Hopfner, H. Comp. T. E. K. Burgess, J. Comp. S. J. Moncrieff, S.E. Comp. G. P. Lenzini.

Alhambra, No. 25.—Founded 1906, meets in Masonic Hall, Daniel Street, third Thursday every month. Installation September. Z. Comp. J. Reid, H. Comp. E. G. Robertson, J. Comp. S. Martin, S.E. Comp. H. Ivory, Box 225, G.P.O., Wellington.

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

Manori, No. 28.—Founded 1907, meets in Masonic Hall, Ravensbourne, on fourth Wednesday in every month. Installation November. Z. Comp. J. W. Raines, H. Comp. W. O'Driscoll, J. Comp. Q. Ross, S.E. Comp. J. Ross, P.Z., Ravensbourne.

Westland Hill, No. 29 (Hokitika).—Founded 1908, meets in Masonic Hall, Dinnevirke, on first Monday each month, and 7.30 p.m. Installation September. Z. Comp. J. Draven, H. Comp. J. Craven, J. Comp. D. J. Gardiner, S.E. Comp. W. Dobson, P.Z.

Princes of Wales, No. 31 (Christchurch).—Founded 1912, meets on first Thursday in each month at Pathe Cinema and Hawera alternately. Installation September. Z. V.E. Comp. J. Phillips, H. E. Comp. T. G. Kimbell, J. Comp. A. B. Christensen, S.E. V.E. Comp. Horace Priest, Box 22, P.O., Kaponga.

Iviker, No. 34 (Dunedin).—Founded 1912, meets in the Masonic Hall, Douglas Street, Balclutha, on Friday nearest full moon in every month. Installation November. Z. Comp. H. Henderson, H. Comp. J. Wainman, J. Comp. W. G. Mincham, H. Comp. J. Gilmour, S.E. Comp. J. Gilmour, Balclutha.

Wallace, No. 35 (Otago).—Founded 1912, meets in the Masonic Hall, Ashburton, on fourth Tuesday in the months of February, April, June, August, September, October, and December. Installation September. Z. Comp. J. S. Allan, H. Comp. A. J. Ryan, J. Comp. D. S. Jamison, S.E. Comp. D. G. Robertson, Russell Street, Ashburton.

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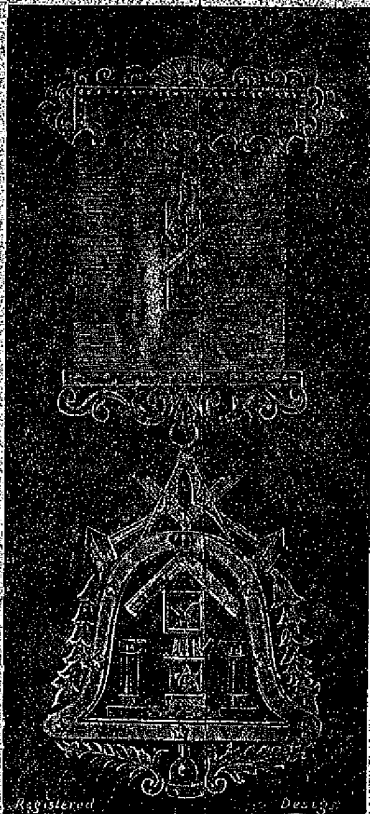
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