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OUR BRETHREN ON -SERVICE.

AN excellent custom has obtained in many Masonic Lodges in New Zealand in offering tribute to those brethren who have voluntarily placed their services at the disposal of the Defence Department during the great war crisis. The general practice is to give prominence on the toast list at the festive board to a special toast in honour of our soldier brethren. In some instances the distinction is only accorded to "Brethren at the Front," but without any intention of seeming invidiousness. All those who have donned khaki, whether as fighting men or non-combatants, are equally entitled to our respect and esteem, and we are assured that there is not a man doing garrison duty in Samoa, or who is attached to the permanent staffs of the training camps, who would not infinitely prefer active service at the front. Therefore we think that a toast for our brethren on military and naval service would be sufficiently general and justly comprehensive. Another good feature in connection with the submission of these toasts is that they are invariably prefaced by a few remarks of an interesting character, which form a pleasing change from the ordinary toasts invariably so stereotyped.

The continuous publication of heavy casualty lists recently has brought the war more closely home to 'us' in New Zealand than at any previous time. Gallipoli was bad, but the Western front appears to be very much worse, and the lists are accruing, and each succeeding announcement induces the utmost sympathy from Freemasons in the Dominion for those of their brethren who have been bereaved. Unfortunately, we learn from the public pronouncements of those who should know that the end is not yet. "The true and amiable philosophy of optimism" is an excellent characteristic, and may help to cheer the downhearted for a time. But an undue exhibition will inevitably be followed by a revulsion of feeling of a depressing character. We are led to make this comment from the fact that that jubilation which loudly pronounced for a three-months war at the outbreak of hostilities, is now speculating—in consequence of the advances made on both Eastern and Western fronts—on a speedy peace and the prospect of our brethren being reunited with us here in the near future. Without being unduly pessimistic, we do not think that such unity is any nearer than it appeared to be twelve months ago, though no doubt excellent progress has latterly been made. The warnings of British Ministers as to the dangers of a premature peace are significant, and must prepare us for inevitable sacrifices in the future. A leading British statesman quite recently said :—

" Regarding the present position, we had sufficient men, but we must look ahead to the possibility of a prolonged campaign. It would be folly to do otherwise. If the war ended at an earlier date than anticipated, our preparations for a prolonged campaign would not interfere with trade and commerce, but if it was longer than some people anticipated, and we had not made preparations, the result would be exceedingly disastrous for us. We must lay the foundations for the war extending over a long period. That is how to ensure victory."

And still more recently, speaking in the House of Commons, a member stated that "if Rumania was over-run, Germany might never be defeated." So that however much we may yearn for the end of the war and the return of our brethren, it is useless to buoy ourselves up with false hopes, which at present do not appear to be approaching realisation. If it is a long way to Tipperary, it is still longer to Berlin. We are very sure that every Lodge and every brother in New Zealand will not only feel the deepest sympathy and commiseration for all those worthy brethren who have suffered bereavement of any kind by the casualties of war, but we have full confidence that that sympathy will be extended to every New Zealand family whose members are weeping for their relatives or children to-day, and they may now be numbered by their thousands. But even to the suffering parents and relatives of the wounded and the slain there will be some little consolation in the knowledge that the bright lustre achieved by New Zealand's manhood will never be dimmed. And, as one writer has it, the glow of pride is over New Zealand to-day, which needs it to help her bear the sorrow the great deeds of her valiant sons have brought upon her. Her sorrow is as great as their sacrifice, and our pride is even greater in their high courage, their valour, their heroism, their tenacious endurance, and their sublime devotion to duty. It is some solace to know that they have died in the defence of their country, for truth, for liberty and freedom, and even for righteousness' sake. Is it not marvellous to think that three years ago New Zealand had no soldiers in the ordinary acceptation of the term? Yet to-day her sons are fighting side by side and in friendly rivalry with Britain's proudest regiments, and have taken pride of place in defeating some of the most superb soldiers the world has ever raised, the flower of the German army. There is indeed but too much reason to sorrow with the sorrowing, but our sorrow will never overshadow the pride that must be felt that our soldier brethren are helping to make history that shall never fade away. A hundred years hence the heroic deeds of New Zealand's sons, who travelled thousands of miles to lay down their lives for their

Mother Land, will be told in the gloaming or by the evening fireside, stimulating the youthful minds in the cause of honour, of justice, and of freedom.

Let us then, as Freemasons, drink heartily to the toast, think heartily and practically in the consideration of our special war fund, in the full assurance that no matter how great our efforts may be, they will, in all probability, be utterly insufficient to meet the calls that will soon be made, and that will increase as time goes on. Let us remember it is for the boys who are defending our country and our homes. Let our sympathy be practical, even if it allows the heart to run away with the head. The same opportunity will never again occur in our time—then let us make the most of it, thus demonstrating that we fully realise the full force of the toast, "To our Brethren on Service."

THE PRINTED PROCEEDINGS OF GRAND LODGE.

The proceedings of the G.L. of New Zealand for the year 1916 have been printed and circulated, and the book is characterised by the strictest economy. Not one photo or picture graces its pages, which is probably due in a measure to the innate modesty of the M.W.G.M., who invariably evades all requests for a "picture," and the volume is shorn of its usual proportions by the elimination of the foreign correspondence report, for which the B. of G.P. is to be congratulated. The loss, if there is any, is infinitesimally small, as this class of literature, apart from its ancient nature, does not appeal to the average Mason, and there is no very good reason why it should, as the criticism, when not barbed, has little value either from a literary or Masonic point of view. The three G.Ls. of Great Britain have carefully avoided the practice in the past, and we think there has always been considerable method and good reasons for their abstention.

Notwithstanding the contrast in volume and appearance with previous editions of Proceedings, the 1916 work contains all similar information furnished in former years. The minutes of the annual communication are ably reported, nothing is lacking with reference to the ceremonial function, the G.M.'s report is verbatim, and all the statistical tables are complete, and for this the M.W.G.Sec. is deserving of all praise. We hope that in connection with the communications that are to be held during the war, the strictest economy will continue to be observed, especially as G.L. refused to accept the main scheme suggested. If the governing body does not offer an example, the stirring appeals to Craft Lodges lose much of their force, as precept without example is not a good anchor to hold by in these days.

UNPUNCTUALITY.

We regret the necessity of calling the attention of brethren to the discourtesy that is sometimes shown by some visitors, especially at the installation meetings of Lodges. A very recent case will illustrate the position. A Lodge was convened to meet at 5.30 on a Saturday afternoon, which is the general half-holiday in the town referred to. It was provided that visiting Lodges and visitors should be admitted at 6 o'clock, and G. officers at 6.30. This allowed an ample margin for all. Yet at twenty minutes to seven brethren sauntered slowly in, smoking the inevitable pipe or cigarette, and though the position should have been perfectly clear to them, they did not make the slightest effort to expedite their own entry, and G. officers were allowed to cool their heels and subdue their feelings as best they might. And even after the official admission, reports continued to be made at the door, until the presiding officer—the Dep.G.M.—very properly refused to allow any more to be taken. When visitors are invited by a Lodge to attend a meeting at 6 o'clock, it is an absolute discourtesy not to present themselves until 6.40, and the discourtesy is enhanced when distinguished G. officers are kept waiting an unconscionable time after the hour appointed for their entry. The best way to cure the evil would be for G. officers to insist on entering at the time appointed. Then the presiding officer could decide as to what should be done with the dilatory late arrivals.

News and Notes.

IN connection with the meeting of New Zealand Freemasons, held in France, particulars of which have already been recorded, it is interesting to mention the experience of Bro. Captain G. K. Hutchinson, who was

entrusted with the task of having the resolution of greeting put into print. Captain Hutchinson was visiting the printing office in the fulfilment of the duty entrusted to him, and was in company with the printer, examining the fonts and discussing as to the most suitable type to use for the job, when an eight-inch German shell landed in the premises adjoining. Fortunately a stout brick wall prevented any serious injury to the I.P.M. of Lodge Onewa, who, no doubt with his nerves somewhat on edge, and amidst a shower of bricks, plaster, dust, and glass, took refuge with the printing staff in the garden at the rear of the premises.

WITH the sanction and approval of G.L., Lodge Mangonui, No. 78, has since last May been moved to Kaitaia, and now holds its meetings on the Wednesday nearest full moon.

LODGE TARINGATURA, Lumsden, had a balance of £1078 2s. 10d. assets over liabilities at the end of its financial year (30th September). The Lodge, though not one of the largest in the Dominion, is an exceedingly live one, and this result is a tribute to its excellent administration. It is only a few years ago since a new Lodgeroom was erected, the liability on account of which has been liquidated, and the Lodge has the nucleus of an excellent library. Very much of the credit is due to the energetic Secretary, W. Bro. W. H. Clark.

V.E. COMP. E. HOSKING, who only retired from the chair of Manawatu Chapter on the 21st September, was installed as 1st Prin. of the Bedford Chapter on 27th of same month.

WE learn with the deepest regret that Mrs. Nicholson, wife of our esteemed M.W.G.M., has passed through a most serious illness, but latest advices indicate that she was slowly progressing. The CRAFTSMAN earnestly hopes that her convalescence will be speedy and effectual.

THE R.A. Chapters in the Hawkes Bay district are exhibiting very much life and activity. The installation meeting of Victoria Chapter was very largely attended and was easily the best of all those attended by the CRAFTSMAN representative during the month of September, and the enthusiasm was equal to the attendance.

AT the September meeting of Aorangi Lodge, E.G., Wellington, a presentation was made to Bro. A. E. Colmer on his retiring from the custodianship of the Masonic Hall and the office of Tyler of the Lodge. In presenting a substantial cheque, the W.M. referred to the excellent manner in which the joint duties had been performed, and offered the best wishes of members for the future happiness and prosperity of Bro. and Mrs. Colmer.

THE consecration of Bedford Chapter on the 27th September was a most successful function greatly enjoyed by those privileged to be present. There was an excellent attendance from each of the Hawkes Bay Chapters, and the conduct of the ceremony being in the hands of such experienced companions, was a sufficient guarantee of its success. The CRAFTSMAN ventures the hope that the promises of good service made by the members of the new Chapter will be amply redeemed in the future.

THE "Masonic Home Journal," in its September issue, republishes an article on "Freemasonry and Craft Guilds," and credits it to the "Masonic Journal of South Africa." The article in question was written by W. Bro. Albert Erskine, P.M., of this city—Wellington, New Zealand—and the article was published by the NEW ZEALAND CRAFTSMAN.—"Render unto Caesar the things that are Caesar's."

THE refreshment function of Brooklyn Lodge was subject to the irreducible minimum. The Lodge was not closed until 10.10, and then supper tables had to be laid. Those Lodges which persist in devoting the whole evening to ceremonial installation work should provide other means for celebrating the annual festival of the Lodge. Under the present system it is money and energy absolutely thrown away.

W. BRO. A. ERSKINE, who has just retired from the chair of Waterloo Lodge, was installed on 3rd October as W.M. of the Installed Masters' Lodge of Wellington. Bro. Erskine received very hearty congratulations on so speedily getting into harness again.

DAYLIGHT meetings are becoming a fashion in Chicago. The Sunrise Lodge is now summoning its members for 10 a.m., but a R.A. Chapter—the Logan—has gone one better, having passed a resolution that its meetings shall in the future begin at 7.30 a.m. It may soon be possible for Chicago brethren to attend meetings at all hours except from midnight until dawn.

FREEMASONRY is not simply an outward form and ceremony, but something to take into and live up to in our daily lives. Only by this can we make it a world-wide influence for good, and this should be our constant aim.

THE combined installation of Otago and Maori Chapters will take place in the Freemasons' Hall, St. Kilda, during the present month.

AT the September communication of the G.L. of N.S.W., a G.M.'s banner was presented to M.W. Bro. W. Thompson, G.M., by R.W. Bro. W. E. Shipway, P.D.G.M., on behalf of the brethren. Bro. Thompson is now entering upon his third year of office.

THE Cromwell Coronation Chapter, No. 20, seems to have taken a new lease of life. One or two enthusiastic companions have shaken things asp, with the result that during the past year several new members have been exalted. And at the installation meeting on the 9th ult., others were proposed and prospective members mentioned. We wish the Chapter every success.

VISITING companions from Oamaru journeyed to Alexandra by car, picking up the "bulk" of the Dunedin contingent at Palmerston. Fine weather and goodly fellowship made the journey most enjoyable. But on dit that "Charles" does not want to see "cold roast beef" for lunch again for ages.

LIEUT. ARTHUR P. CASTLE, reported killed in action in France, was the son of Mr. J. G. A. Castle, of Petone. He went to Wellington College from Petone School as a Queen's Scholar, and from Wellington College to Victoria University College with a Turnbull scholarship. Lieutenant Castle graduated M.A. with honours in 1913. After two years at the Wellington Training College he was appointed a resident master at the Gisborne High School, where he remained until he enlisted as a private in the Fourth Reinforcements. He received his commission as a 2nd Lieutenant in the 2nd Battalion of the Rifle Brigade, and gained his full lieutenancy before his battalion left Egypt for France. Lieutenant Castle was twenty-five years of age.

W. BRO. J. G. A. CASTLE, the father of Lieut. Castle referred to above, is a very old member and P.M. of Lodge Ulster. W. Bro. Castle has also another son now fighting in France, who went with the Third Reinforcements.

THE meeting of Hinemoa Chapter on the 19th October was well-attended, though there was no ceremonial work. V.E. Comp. J. Critchfield, Z., Southern Cross Chapter, and E. Comp. A. T. Peterkikn, H., of Kawatira Chapter, were present. M.E. Comp. H. J. Williams, G.S.E., read a paper on Mark Masonry, which resulted in some very flattering eulogies. The hope was very strongly emphasised that the companion would reconsider his expressed determination of retiring from the office of G.S.E. at the end of year.

A NUMBER of distinguished brethren were visitors to Wellington last month in connection with special Masonic meetings, and included .M.W. Bro. C. J. W. Griffiths, P.G.M., R.W. Bro. Claude H. Mills, Prov.G.M., Nelson and Marlborough, R.W. Bro. T. Hobson, P.Prov.G.M., Hawkes Bay, W. Bros. Gordon, Ashwell, and D. Porritt, from Wanganui, R.W. Bro. J. Moncrieff, P.D.G.M., W. Bro. E. Husking, Ormondville, and quite a number of other rulers in the Craft.

THE annual meeting of Lathom Rose Croix Chapter, Wanganui, will be held during the present month, and Ill. Bro. Surgeon-General Henderson, M.W.S. of Wellington Chapter, will act as the installing officer. He will probably be accompanied by other members of his Chapter.

M.E. COMPS. REV. T. PORRITT AND H. J. WILLIAMS were announced to attend the annual meeting of Victory Chapter, which was held after we went to press. The meeting promised to be especially arduous for the visiting companions, as, by special request of the Chapter, they were invited to confer the degrees of Ark Mariner and Red Cross Knights, and conduct the ceremony of installation.

THE deepest feelings of sorrow and sympathy have been tendered by many Lodges and brethren to R.W. Bro. Murdock McLean, Prov.G.M. of Auckland, on the heavy loss he has sustained by the casualties of war. The N.Z. CRAFTSMAN joins in offering its deepest sympathy to our esteemed and bereaved brother.

SOUTHLAND NOTES.

After a period of dormancy, Waikaia Lodge of Instruction is again an active force, thanks to the zeal of W. Bro. Smith, W.M. of Lodge Harvey, who exercises careful supervision over it.

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The double event at Wyndham—the installation of officers of Mokoreta and Mark No. 1. Lodges—passed off successfully. The attendances were quite up to those of former years. The Wyndhamites as usual entertained the visitors in a right royal fashion. The new Master, W. Bro. Winning, is a very popular member of the Craft, and will doubtless have a happy and prosperous term of office.

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At the annual meeting of Mokoreta Lodge, R.W. Bro. Wm. Timpany was presented with a usit of P.Prov.G.M. regalia. The presentation was made, on behalf of the Southland Lodges, by **R.W.** Bro. Hoyles, Prov.G.M.

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The seating accommodation of Winton Lodgeroom was taxed to the utmost on the occasion of the installation of W. Bro. F. Lilley and his officers. If this Lodge continues to attract such large audiences to its annual meetings, it will have to consider the advisability of holding the ceremony in a much larger building.

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Southern Cross R.A. Chapter is to be congratulated on the fine attendance at its yearly event. It was a matter much appreciated by the older members, and created a feeling of optimism and warmth among all concerned. The installing Principals were :—M.E. Comp. Wm. Smith, P.G.Z., V.E. Comp. C. J. Ronaldson, and V.E. Comp. F. A. Steens. The new Principals are :— V.E. Comps. J. Critchfield, J. M. Aitken, and C. Illingworth.

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Masonically, and in one way and another, R.W. Bro. Hoyles, Prov.G.M., has had a strenuous time lately, but he has met and dealt with all matters right well, and is still as keen as mustard.

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The annual report and balance-sheet of Lodge Taringatura just received is a very creditable and satisfactory statement. It shows an excess of assets over liabilities (which are practically nil) of £1078 2s. 10d., an increase of £57 8s. 10d. during the year. A notable feature, too, is that the number of members 100, corresponds exactly with the registered number of the Lodge, No. 100.

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The death of the late R.W. Bro. William Horatio Hall, P.D.G.M., removes an old and highly respected figure from our midst. By request of our late brother, obsequies were of a purely Masonic nature. On Sunday, 8th October, a Lodge of Sorrow was opened by W. Bro. W. A. Stout, W.M. of Southern Cross Lodge. On adjourning brethren were conveyed in vehicles to deceased's late residence. On arrival the pall bearers, Present and Past Masters of G.L., removed the body to the hearse, and on arrival at the grave it was deposited in its last resting place by the officers of Southern Cross Lodge. The service was impressively performed by R.W. Bro. Wm. Smith, P.D.G.M., assisted by W. Bro. C. H. Roberts, G.P. On returning to the Lodge, many brethren gave expression to their esteem for our late brother.

CANTERBURY CHIPS.

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A curious coincidence was noticed at the installation of Lodge Phoenix, Akaroa. The number of the Lodge is 43, there are 43 members on the Lodge roll, and 43 visitors and brethren attended the ceremony.

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The term "white elephant" will never be applicable to the new Masonic Hall in Christchurch. It is already well and favourably known to outside bodies as a suitable hall for entertainments and meetings, and is in increasing demand for this purpose. Whereat the heart of W. Bro. E. Norden, to whose persistency the existence of the building is largely due, rejoiceth exceedingly.

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W. Bro. J. Gillanders, of Methven, has been appointed Asst.-P.G. Sec. The announcement was made by R.W. Bro. J. Thornton, Prov.G.M., at Akaroa. In reply to the congratulations extended to him, W. Bro. Gillanders said that he "considered his duties were mostly humorous—to keep the Prov.G. Sec. and the Prov.G.M. in good humour." The quality of good humour is certainly valuable in an assistant-secretary, but a little bird has whispered that the genial Prov.G. Sec. does not intend that his new assistant should hold a sinecure. In other words, there's work afoot, the work in one direction being to supply the CRAFTSMAN with a record of the doings of Prov.G.L.

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A large number of Christchurch brethren intend visiting Timaru on 20th October for the meeting of the Prov.G.L. to be held there under the banner of Lodge Timaru. For the busy brethren of the City of the Plains the trip will be somewhat in the nature of a holiday, particularly as Labour Day falls on the following

Monday. It is credibly reported that the brethren of Timaru are laying themselves out to give the visitors a royal reception.

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The innovation of leaving it open to members other than the one set for a particular passage to follow him in the Lodge of Instruction worked well at its first trial in Lodge Avon. Several members came forward to "try their paces," and the result was an enthusiastic and helpful Lodge. The attendance, too, was larger than usual.

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The question of providing a Master's collar with shields of Past Masters was raised at the last meeting of Lodge Avon, and a committee was set up to enquire and report.

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In the very happy "Fourth" which followed the installation of Bro. J. Kerridge as W.M. at Akaroa recently, some very gallant and humorous efforts were made to secure a suitable condensation of the phrase, "brethren of Akaroa." W. Bro. Kennett, one of the large party of Christchurch visitors, led the way with the fearsome "Akaronians," but he was easily outdone by W. Bro. Morland, who followed him and declared, amidst a roar of laughter, that, as the name of the Lodge was "Phoenix," obviously the brethren should be called "Phoenicians!"

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The acquisition of their splendid new hall has given all the Lodges of Christchurch a fillip, and the vitality being displayed on all sides is noticeable. W. Bro. Bottrell, W.M. of Civic Lodge, aims at giving his Lodge a year of interesting work, and intimated at his first meeting that he intended to revive the system of ten-minute papers in the refectory. In his opinion, he said, the "Fourth" should be used not only for the purpose of refreshment, but as a means of enlightenment for brethren. The "talk" at the next meeting is to be given by Surgeon-Captain Bro. W. H. Simpson, whose recital of experiences at the front should be of great interest.

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It is not often that the request for "any further questions" after the answering of the usual enquiries before the raising to the Second Degree is responded to. At the last meeting of Lodge Avon, however, Bro. L. B. Hart, W.M., was asked to consider asking the candidate to answer what were the "perfect points." The request was acceded to and the question duly answered. The incident was observed with interest by Lodge members as being quite a novelty and it is certain that the information given in the answer was new to some.

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War Certificates to the amount of £75 are to be taken up by Avon Lodge, No. 185. The Lodge balance-sheet, just issued, shows the reserve account to be £412.

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The question of the relationships between British and German Masons was discussed in a paper read by W. Bro. E. Nordon at the last meeting of Civic Lodge. At the conclusion of the paper W. Bro. W. J. Hunter remarked that they were indebted to W. Bro. Nordon for dealing with this question with "the gloves off." He concurred in the idea that it was the duty of the G.L. of New Zealand to formulate a rule similar to the one in vogue in England in order that Masters of Lodges might be in a position to know how to act in event of a German attempting to visit.

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For the installation of Bro. J. Kerridge as W.M. of Lodge Phoenix, Akaroa, a party of visitors consisting of five members of Prov.G.L. and six members of Lodge Avon attended from Christchurch. A car-load of brethren from Lincoln also put in a welcome appearance. The trip from Christchurch was made by motor and the experience was in every way most enjoyable. The hospitality extended to the visitors was most comprehensive, and included a journey round the beautiful harbour of Akaroa in a launch and a picnic at Tikau Bay. Glorious weather graced the outing, of which pleasant memories will long linger in the minds of the Christchurch brethren. A cordial invitation was extended by W. Bro. L. B. Hart to the brethren of Phoenix to visit Lodge Avon, and this offer was heartily accepted.

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"No, I wasn't racing. Only, you see the man in the car ahead of me had to look after a man in my car, and I didn't know where he was going, so I just had to open out and chase." This explanation is good so far as it goes, but it doesn't explain why the leading cars on Avon's run to Lincoln made the return journey at a rate

that, in places, must have left thirty miles an hour way in the rear. However, they were all good drivers, and if some of their passengers did feel inclined to recall that potent exhortation to caution which is prominent at initiations, all overlooked the point when safety was reached. Still, it is consoling to know the scratch man wasn't racing.

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Avon Lodge seems to be out for records this year. There was a record attendance at the installation of the new Master in September, and last month a record was established for the number of brethren participating in a visit to another Lodge. No fewer than thirty-four brethren joined in an official visit to the Lincoln Lodge for the installation of Bro. Street as W.M., the previous record being thirty-two, held by a Lyttelton Lodge. The cars to convoy the visitors were all supplied by Lodge members. After the installation an adjournment was made from the Lodgeroom to the Druids' Hall, where refreshments were dispensed. A presentation was here made to W. Bro. J. Graham, who has been Secretary of the Lodge for eight years, on the occasion of his transfer to another position in the Railway Department. W. Bro. Graham's services have been highly valued, and the esteem in which he is held was marked by the presentation to him of a fine wristlet watch. The townspeople had previously presented this popular Craftsman with a substantial cheque, and his wife with a piece of jewellery. Harmony was lent to the evening by the quartette party from Avon Lodge singing "The Soldier's Farewell," besides other- items.

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It has been decided that the brethren of Canterbury shall do something collectively for the Red Cross Funds. At the conclusion of the business at a Board of Inquiry held in the Masonic Hall on 2nd October, W. Bro. E. Nordon brought up the question of the Freemasons of Canterbury making a combined effort in aid of the Red Cross Funds. He referred to the work that members of the Craft were doing in England in this connection, and stated that the English Freemasons had just recently equipped a hospital and handed it over to the War Office. A strong committee of sitting Masters was formed and the project is being taken up enthusiastically— indeed, it is expected that a sum of between £500 and £1,000 will be raised. It was arranged that a special delegation should visit the various Lodges, which are to be asked to form committees for the direct canvass of their members.

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Promises of twenty guineas were received in Avon's Lodge-room at last meeting in response to W. Bro. E. Nordon's appeal on behalf of the Red Cross Fund. A motion for a donation from the funds of the Lodge will be considered at next meeting, and it is expected that the contribution from Avon will be considerable.

TARANAKI TRIFLES.

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What was probably a record number of brethren to attend an installation visited Ngamotu Lodge at their annual meeting, when Bro. W. P. Nichol, S.W., was duly installed as W.M., the attendance book showing the names of over one hundred and twenty brethren.

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Masonry is strong in New Plymouth, three constitutions—English, Irish, and New Zealand—all have healthy Lodges, all working harmoniously, and yet there is not a convenient place available in which to hold an installation.

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The Lodgeroom, which is used in common by all the Lodges, is a dainty, snug little Masonic home, but much too small for an installation, where visitors from far and near are expected, and neighbouring lodges are urged to attend in force.

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The inconveniences of the meeting places are, however, not of such a nature as to mar the enjoyment of the visitors, the local brethren sparing no efforts to overcome every deficiency.

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The foregoing remarks must not be taken as fault-finding. They are made rather in a spirit of mild surprise that New Plymouth, so progressive in other ways, should lag behind in this matter.

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Ngamotu installation was a triumph of organisation. In W. Bro. Ewing the Lodge has a D. of C. who makes the work a study, and is well worthy of emulation.

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The R.W. the Prov.G.M. was present and was to deliver the address to the Master, but gracefully stood aside for W. Bro. McDiarmid, who gave an earnest and finished rendering.

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Lodge Moa is having a busy time, and emergency meetings are the rule rather than the exception.

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Before this issue is in circulation the only Scotch Lodge in Taranaki (Hinemoa, No. 786) will have held their annual meeting, and the Master-elect, Bro. Willdon, S.W., will have been installed as W.M.

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The casualty lists now being published are bringing sorrow into the homes of many Taranaki brethren. Among the names of those reported killed in action this week appears that of the eldest son of W. Bro. Percy White, W.M. of Mt. Egmont Lodge, E.C., New Plymouth. This is but one instance of many. We trust the affectionate sympathy of the brethren will help those bereaved.

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Lodge Ikaroa, Opunake, is just a little too far off for the other Lodges to visit often, but for that reason no doubt many will try to reach the seaside town for the installation meeting in November.

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THE RELATION BETWEEN ENGLISH AND GERMAN FREEMASONS.

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[Read in Lodge Civic, Christchurch, by W. BRO. E. NORDON.]

In the brief space at my disposal this evening I propose to deal with a question which is at the present time causing much discussion amongst members of the Craft in England, and it is the vital one of the relationship which is to obtain for the future between British and German Masonry. This matter was considered at a recent meeting of the G.L. of England, when a Colonel Cassell moved on the broad and drastic lines that Germans should be excluded from the membership of any Lodge under the G.L. jurisdiction. After discussion, this proposal was rejected in favour of one submitted by the B. of G.P., which provided that, for the period of the war and for such time thereafter as the M.W.G.M. shall direct, no German shall be allowed to visit any Lodge in the territory, and that the membership of such Germane shall be suspended until the G.M. shall otherwise direct.

In considering this question of the treatment of German Masons I desire to be guided by reason rather than swayed by passion. In the first place, therefore, we have to note that the mere fact that we are at war with Germany is no justification in itself for the severance of Masonic relationships, Masonry, as a universal brotherhood, should know nothing of war. Even though two nations be at war the one with the other, and though the Masons of each, by reason of their vows of loyalty to their king, be constrained to bear arms in battle against each other, there could still be room for Masonic amity under the banners of the Craft, and the discharge of acts of fellowship as opportunity offered, even between foes. Records of such actions on the part of chivalrous Masons have come down to us from the Napoleonic wars, and in the American War of Independence a very grateful and chivalrous action was performed by George Washington, one of the most

distinguished of American Masons. In the 46th British Regiment there was a travelling Lodge, and after an engagement in which the British were defeated the private chest of the Lodge, containing its jewels, furniture, and implements, fell into the hands of the Americans. This circumstance coming to the knowledge of General Washington, that brother, with true Masonic courtesy, ordered the chest to be returned, under a guard of honour, to the British regiment. This shows that Washington, even in the stress of a campaign against his most bitter foes, was mindful of his obligations. Even in the present war one incident has been recorded which shows that war, per se, would not warrant a severance of Masonic relationships. A steward on the "Appam" records that an officer from the "Moewe," noticing that he was wearing a Masonic charm, accosted him, and, on being satisfied that the steward was a genuine brother, said : "Masonry has saved the lives of the people on the 'Appam' and of the captured tramp steamers, as I find that the captain of the 'Corbridge,' the captain of the 'Drombery' and of the trader are all brothers. You are going to be put into a port of safety, and no lives will be lost." I cite these two instances to show that war, properly conducted, offers no reason for the passionate severance of Masonic bonds. But here we come to the dividing line. This war has not been properly conducted by our chief opponents, the Germans. The catalogue of their crimes has time and again filled the civilised world with loathing and disgust. There was the initial violation of Belgium, with the unspeakable brutalities of a licentious soldiery, only too certainly verified in the reports of Lord Bryce and of the French Government. There was the toleration, if not the direct encouragement, of the Armenian massacres, by which nearly one million people were ruthlessly slaughtered. There was the cold-blooded murder of the victims of the "Lusitania" and the "Arabic," the callous martyrdom of Nurse Cavell, the deliberate shelling of sacred edifices in an orgy of wanton destructiveness, the sacking of Louvain and the consignment of her art treasures to the flames, the recent murder of Captain Feyett, and the crime of Wittenberg Camp, where British prisoners were left without aid to the ravages of typhus. These have been the outward manifestations of that "policy of frightfulness" conceived in Germany as a weapon by which to impose her will on the world. And it is by consideration of these horrible crimes that Masonry, which is compact of the highest ideals of human brotherhood and friendship, feels itself impelled to act and to challenge relationship with members of a nation guilty of such misdeeds. The action of the British G.L. is not the product of passion, but is a reasoned detestation of specific horrible crimes perpetrated by Germans.

Some American Masonic writers have charged the British G.L. with un-Masonic behaviour in the action it has taken. For instance, in the latest number of the "American Freemason" to hand, I find an article by Jos. E. Eggleston, P.G.M., in which some views typical of this American attitude are expressed. Says this writer : "I am deeply distressed by the English and German desertion of our most cherished ideals," and he goes on to refer to some incidents of the American civil war when Masonry triumphed over enmity, as, I have already pointed out, it should do in normally conducted wars. The writer goes on to say : "There is no use in arguing with men whose passions have rendered them for the time insane. To call their attention to our higher course in war, North and South alike, would only make them once more call us cocky," as they love to do. Personally, I am sorry for them both—English and German. The Australasian and Canadian Masons are my hope for bringing those of the British Isles to their senses when the time is ripe. As for Germany, we must wait." The writer makes some gratuitously insulting references to the interest taken by royalty in British Freemasonry, but, as they are beside the question at issue, I ignore them here. Now to deal with Bro. Eggleston's remarks. His whole argument is based on the normal conduct of war. This war has not been normally or honourably conducted, and therefore his whole position collapses like a pack of cards. The stand I take is this : War itself does not warrant a breach in Masonic relationship ; but the gross and criminal abuse of war, the wanton violation of the laws of humanity and God alike by our German foe most certainly do warrant the most decided breach. Bro. Eggleston says he is "deeply distressed" by the English and German desertion of cherished ideals. Does he think British Freemasons have not been "deeply distressed" at the sight of relatives in the agonies of gas; that they have not been "deeply distressed" at the crimes of Belgium; "deeply distressed" at the murder of wounded brethren or the starvation of brethren who are prisoners in the enemy's hand ; or "deeply distressed" at the thought of upwards of two thousand inoffensive British non-combatants—aged women and babbling children amongst them—cruelly slaughtered in the red ruin wrought by the bombardment of Scarborough or the various Zeppelin raids upon British towns? Let Bro. Eggleston reflect upon these things, and he will have more occasion for his "deep distees" than at any imagined lapse of British Masonry from his cherished standard of high ideals. There is, I repeat, absolutely no foundation for a charge of un-Masonic behaviour on the part of British Masons. I agree with Bro. Eggleston in his "deep distress" at such a lapse on the part of German Masons, and it is simply because there has been such a wholesale and universal lapse that the British Masons have taken the stand they have done. As for Australasian and Canadian Masons bringing their British brethren "to their senses," I can imagine that

their reply will be that the British Masons have never been out of their senses; they will approve rather than disapprove of the action that has been taken, Bro. Eggleston wastes his "deep distress" on British Masonry.

Chivalry is not absent from the breast of the British soldier. Particularly is it inculcated in the British Mason. But what chivalry can condone these ruthless crimes? What British Mason would take in fellowship the hand of a Hun dripping with the blood of Nurse Cavell, or the hand that directed the "Lusitania" torpedo, the hand that fired Louvain, or the hand that at any master's bidding ravaged Belgium, violating alike motherhood' and virginity? To do any such thing would require a capacity for hypocrisy of which no British Mason is capable. The remarks of Bro. Eggleston show most conclusively that he has absolutely no idea of the question he presumes to discuss. He has not felt, nor realised, the real horrors of the actions of the Hun, the deeds that have caused Britons to spurn Germans from their midst, and therefore his writings must be dismissed as those of one not competent to discuss the matter. America may dote and bask in her own attitude of sentimental aloofness, and prate of a breach of ideals, but experience is the only real teacher, and till she shall have lived through the emotions of British Masonry her judgment upon this issue cannot be a sound one.

I know that the plea may be made that German Masonry is not responsible for these crimes I have mentioned. I know that Germany in mediæval times was a valued nursery of Masonry. I know that of modern Germany it has been written: "German Masons are not very strong numerically, but they are made up of the best elements of the nation, are earnest students of Masonry, and are active and sincere in their work in and out of the Lodge, Their work in furtherance of the cause of education and their acts of charity are truly remarkable. There is no other country in the world where so many of the brightest minds have taken up Masonry and become active Maconic workers." I know all this, but it is no extenuation of the position. The nation as a whole must be judged by its doings in this war, and Germany in the field has violated every law of war, and has shown no respect for the laws either of God or man. She has a case to answer at the bar of civilisation. German Freemasonry similarly has a charge to answer at the bar of Freemasonry: Some portion of the stigma of German "kultur," wrapped up as it is in murder, rapine and plunder, must attach to German craftsmen, and until their character is cleared British Masons, to preserve their own self-respect, will prefer their room to their company. German Masonry has not condemned the ruthless and brutal crimes committed in the name of war by German soldiers. It must therefore be impeached with the German nation. And that being so, it must answer to the charge preferred by Masonry generally of having been guilty of wholesale and wanton breaches of the dearest privileges of the brotherhood of Freemasons, of having failed in its highest and most grave obligations. This question does not concern New Zealand so intimately as it does Britain, but it is still vital, and I hope that G.L. will soon deal with the matter on the lines adopted in England.

SOME PORTION OF OUR RITUAL, FROM TWO POINTS OF VIEW—Continued.

THE BUILDING OF KING SOLOMON'S TEMPLE.

We will now turn to the examination of the Masonic narrative of King Solomon's Temple, and see if, by the application of the symbols, we can obtain any light on its deeper meaning.

Now, the actual building of this Temple is well vouched for by historical records, and excavation has verified them, but whether its design was according to the description given in Freemasonry, need not occupy our attention, for it is plainly in use here as the main Masonic allegory, for the purpose of illustration and instruction. Indeed, the whole Masonic fabric is woven around this narrative of the Temple. It is the central subject, and all that the ritual contains belongs to, or bears on, its meaning.

I might just remind you that the dictionary meaning of the word allegory is a "discourse which conveys a meaning deeper or different than the literal one." Then, if this Temple is the main Masonic allegory, we can with certainty turn to it for some deeper meaning.

To sum it up briefly, we have this Temple of Solomon, built without sound of hammer or iron implement, all the stones being prepared at a distance, and fitted into their places with wooden mauls. It has three entrances: south, north, east. With the tragic incident connected with it you are all familiar; further, there is a central chamber mentioned, a sanctuary, reached by a winding stairway, and when the workmen visit this chamber to receive their due reward, they are reminded that it contains the symbol of God. These are the main features of the Temple, with which we will deal.

In the East, especially Egypt, it was the custom to build temples, not for the worship of one universal Deity, as we do, but, in many cases, rather to represent some sacred idea. The sphinx is one example of this, and we have records of one group of temples and monuments being built to represent the sun and its seven planets. The ancients built scientific knowledge and information into many of the monuments, in accepted symbolic form, as is evidenced by the Egyptian pyramids and many others.

Now, here we have this Temple of Solomon, which we are told was built without sound of implement—you might practically say, "built without sound"—and as the Masonic teachings deal so largely with the moral development of man, which is the foundation for his spiritual development, does not this narrative suggest to you that here we are dealing with an allegory representing the building up of the character of an individual, or, indeed, of humanity as a whole?—the gradual building up of the soul qualities, which must be accomplished by the improving of the moral character. You know how often in the V.S.L. the word temple is used to denote the human body. May we not apply it in the same sense here? Then it is evident that it is we ourselves who are this wondrous temple, each one of us, this temple built without sound, this temple where the inner chamber, the sanctuary, is the heart or consciousness. This is where the incomes or symbol of God is contained, while the actors in the tragic incident represent the struggle within this temple of man's higher and lower nature.

How shall we know we are right in our reading? We will apply the symbols.

The Temple has three entrances : south, north, east. That forms a triangle; and it is a triangle with the apex upward, for it points to the east, where rises the symbol of God, and as the action of the incident referred to takes place within the radius of the entrances, or within the limits of the triangle, then we know by what we have learnt of this symbol that we are dealing with the struggle of the soul in its effort to raise itself to higher things. The Chief Architect is the evolving soul consciousness, and his gradual development is the building of this Temple. The stones that are prepared away in the quarry are his daily acts, his clean life, his charity, and his willing service to his fellow man. These are the stones or faculties that are prepared and made perfect in the outer world, and, when brought to the building, find and fit into their right place. The architect's daily prayers at high noon point to the earnestness of his endeavours.

"The stones are fitted into their places with wooden mauls." Now we know sufficient of the building of Eastern temples to understand that any such implement as a wooden maul was not of much use for moving the class of masonry that the ancients built into their temples. But we have an analogy in the tragic incident. Then the maul stands for pain and suffering, and perhaps death, and the method by which these stones of character, these faculties, are made to fit into their places is by sorrow and suffering, by the efforts to do, and perhaps the failures, by the toil and self sacrifice, which are the lot of all, and which is pain, but which constitutes the experience to be gained here in the world.

And is not the symbolism of wood and stone an apt one? Wood is a material that is not permanent; it perishes and passes away, so do the pain and the sorrowful experiences, but stone is almost everlasting, and well represents the faculties that are being built into the individuality.

As a digression for a moment, I would like to draw your attention to the practice of "going to the temple at high noon to pray." This is still the custom in the mystic schools today, where all students are instructed at noon "to enter the sanctuary of the heart for a few moments to pray." I mention it because it bears on the interpretation of that "central chamber of the temple" which we have just considered, and also because it is one of the numerous records that point to the origin of Freemasonry, and to its connection with the occult schools.

[Here follows reference to the details and interpretation of a certain incident (or parts of the Masonic narrative), which, for obvious reasons, cannot be published.]

And who is "King Solomon" in this allegory ? The name of Solomon is a mystic one. It is said to be the name of the Deity in three languages : " Sol," " Om," " On." This information is given in that profound work, "The Secret Doctrine," written by "Blavatsky," a Russian mystic. But we know that the word "sol," the sun, now the property of the Latin language, comes originally from the Sanskrit, and its written form was "svar." "Om" is the same vocal sound as the Hindoo sacred word "aum," so here we have at least two of the syllables, Sanskrit and Hindoo, which are terms denoting Deity, and if we recognise two of them we may safely take the information as correct. Thus we have the information enclosed in the name of "Solomon" that the real cause and author of the building of this Temple was God. This reading does not affect the historical fact that a king of that period was so named, because most Eastern kings bore dignified names, but neither does the historic side affect in the least the mystic meaning of the name, or of its application here.

In the symbolic stairway that winds up to that central chamber containing the symbol of God, are we not plainly dealing with the instruments by which man progresses? The first three steps by which he commenced to ascend the scale of his evolutions are, as we saw in the symbols, his three soul qualities, will, intellect, and emotion. The next five steps represent his five senses, for humanity gained these senses one at a time, one step at a time, and they are the means by which he gains the experience here that builds up his character until he gains another step upward. And the last two steps that complete the seven, which complete the ascent to the symbol of God, are not these the two senses we spoke of as having yet to develop before humanity is perfect, completing the man of the seven senses, who, in his perfection, will resemble, or be the symbol of, God? And his ascent to that chamber but typifies his upward journey towards that perfection. It is the foreshadowing again of the destiny of man, with the description added of the means or scheme by which it is accomplished.

And does not our Lodge, which is the reflection of the Temple, verify our conclusions? We speak of it as the body of the Lodge. The W.M. in the chair of King Solomon represents the directing consciousness. The three lights in the form of a triangle give us the symbol of the soul. The five lesser officers, two of them "whose duty it is to carry messages to and fro," do they not represent the senses (for that is the work of the senses), with the consciousness (the Master) receiving those messages and directing operations for the proper guarding and functioning of the "body"? Also in connection with the Lodge there is a passage in the ritual which says "the canopy of the Lodge is of divers colours, even the heavens." Many suggestions have been made as regards the real meaning of this passage, but if we take the phrase "body of the Lodge" as representing the human body, we can get some evidence on this point from two sources.

Some scientists tell us that by instrument can be seen what is known as "the human aura." It is a magnetic emanation visible as a pale light, completely surrounding the human body, or the body of anything that has life ; it projects out on all sides several feet, meeting over the head in ovoid, or arch-like, form. It is composed of magnetic ether, "even the heavens," for the heavens also are filled with the same thing, and this magnetic ether is part of the life principle of the living body. The mystic teachings assert that the human aura flashes with splendid colour with every thought or emotion. So here we have some evidence of what this "canopy of divers colours" may be! I mention it here because when we examine the "pillars of brass" I want to recall that evidence to your mind, "that the human aura is part of the life principle of the body," and that we are offering this evidence as a probable solution of the meaning of the term "canopy."

THE PILLARS.

Now, as far as we have gone, we have seen that in the symbols, in the Masonic apron, and in the Temple, we have been dealing with man as a spiritual being, his destiny, his powers, and the gradual building up of the soul qualities which constitute his evolution.

In the "pillars of brass" we are dealing with man as he was constituted in the original scheme of things. We shall see here how the Deity provided him with a suitable body, and planted his feet on the lowest rung of the ladder of evolution. We shall also learn what class of being he was at the commencement of his long journey. This is the information contained in the pillars, according to our reading.

These pillars of brass were "the wonder of all nations, and were placed at the 'entrance' of the Temple," not by the design of the architect, remember, but by the order of King Solomon, by the Deity. Now the word "entrance" means more than a "door" or "pathway" to some given place; it also means "a, beginning," or "a coming in," so then these two "pillars" were something designed by God at the beginning, or at the coming into existence of something, and that something is the human type, for it is man and his body we are dealing with. Now we can get a glimpse of the reason of the fame of these pillars. It is this marvellous, complex, intricate wonder, the human being. This is the beauty of design. This is the thing that was, and always will be, "the wonder of all nations." Let us follow it out.

The metal which the ancients named "brass" was in reality copper. The brass that we know is a combination of zinc and copper, and was not used earlier than the 14th century. This information can be verified from Bible and other dictionaries. So it is copper these pillars were made of, and the ancient mystic meaning of copper is "stubbornness in sin, and strength." Now here we have the indication of the commencement of the human evolution, the stubbornness, the sin, the hate, the lust, the greed, the cunning, and the selfishness that we saw when we were dealing with the lower aspects or expression of the soul, the struggle for food, the struggle for life, the struggle with the fangs bared. This is how the early savage lived; this is the man as he was at the beginning. They were the children of struggle, and out of this he gained individuality and strength, the individuality he was destined to acquire, and the strength he so sorely needed.

The description of the pillars states that "they were surmounted by spheres representing the celestial and terrestrial worlds." This is a repetition of the information we read in the apron, that first of all man is a combination of spiritual and physical properties, or soul and body. "They were decorated with pomegranates denoting plenty, and lily work denoting purity and peace." The peculiar characteristic of the pomegranate is its abundance of seed, so here we have indicated the prolific seed that humanity is capable of, the creative power given him by God as a likeness of himself, and by which humanity hands on its accumulated powers. Its "lily work," denoting purity and peace, represents the soul in its original essence, before it was immersed in physical conditions.

The next description is that the pillars were "enriched by a net-work or mesh, denoting unity. Here we have indicated the physical body provided by God for man's use. The human body is completely enmeshed by a wonderful net-work of muscles, nerves, and arteries, that make it one united, living, moving thing. The pillars were "hollow" for the "purpose of acting as archives for the constitutional rolls of Freemasonry." Now the archives of a country, a community, or a family, are the records of the doings, the achievements, or the building up of that country, community, or family, so here we have these two pillars representing humanity in its dual aspect, "hollow," to be gradually filled up with the records, the achievements, and the building up of the human type, and this by the precepts and example, the knowledge, and the teachings, which belong to the constitution of, or are the rolls of, Freemasonry.

Lastly, "they were considered finished when the canopy was thrown over them." Do you remember the canopy we spoke of just now, "the canopy of divers colours," the human aura, the magnetic life principle? Here is the repetition of the word, so these pillars, these human bodies, were considered finished when life was imparted to them, when the canopy or aura was thrown over them.

In the pillars, then, we have a perfect picture of the living, .God designed, human being, as he sets out on his journey through the ages, or as typified in the ritual as being placed .at the entrance, or beginning, of the building of the Temple.

And, just before concluding, let me refer to certain solemn obligations. You all know them, how they are worded, and with what they deal, and I will just outline for you, from the astrological side, the teachings that are contained here.

Any elementary book on astrology will tell you that man's body, being formed of materials borrowed from the earth's crust, is affected by the influence of the planets around him, just as is the world itself. It will also tell you that for astrological purposes, man's body is divided into twelve parts, and that each part corresponds to one of the twelve houses, or divisions, of the Zodiac. Four of these astrological divisions are mentioned in the ritual, then follow the words, "body and centre," which are used in connection with each other, and there is also mention made of the "ebb and flow of the tide." Those few words will suffice for our purpose. In those four divisions of the body, we then have four of the houses of the Zodiac, or four astrological symbols. Then comes the wording, "the tide that ebbs and flows," and we know without referring to astrology that the tides are governed by the moon. Then we have the word "body," for which we take the Sanskrit symbol of the "cube," and lastly, the word "centre," which we have seen is "the point within the circle." These few features, then, of the obligations, this wording that at times seems to its so unnecessary, now reveals for us five astrological symbols and two of Sanskrit—they are "Faurus," "Cancer," "Leo," "Virgo," "the moon," "tire cube," and the "point within the circle."

It would require quite a long lecture to deal fully with this subject, but we can just glance at its meaning.

Now the moon in astrology is the first indicator of what reading is to be taken, and here it divides the astrological symbols from the Sanskrit, so it denotes that in the reading there are two subjects to be dealt with, and that they are both in connection with astrology.

Taking the "cube" first, then, we know by what we have learnt that for Masonic purposes we must deal with the cube as man's physical body, and the "point within a circle," which represents "Deity in manifestation," is the sun, for the son is the visible symbol of Deity. These, then, are the subjects: Man and the sun in relation to the Zodiac.

The first division of the body mentioned is governed by "Taurus." Taurus is responsible in its influence, or psychically, for "sensuality, stubbornness, and slothful tendencies." It is the same information as we read in the pillars. Stubbornness is sin. It depicts the commencement of the human character, but here it is also applied to the individual, so sensuality, stubbornness, and slothful tendencies are the first thing for a Freemason to examine in himself when he first commences his journey. And notice, as we proceed, how

these same qualities alter in their expression. As the individual progresses, they are not destroyed they are transmuted.

The next is governed by "Cancer," who is responsible for "morbid fancies and a desire. for strong sensations." Here we have made considerable advancement. . The lower expressions have practically disappeared, and are now morbid tendencies and a desire for sensation. It is a sort of ..yearning of the body for its old qualities, as though it were reluctant to give up its animal desires, but the advancing soul forces it to adapt :itself to altered conditions, and it must obey. The Architect is building and shaping His Temple out of the rough materials to hand.

The third division is governed by "Leo," and Leo influences " the generative passions, the emotions, pride, and earthly ambitions." Do you see the explanation it Offers, as to how the human character develops, using the lower qualities as the basis ? In the first revealed teaching, it was ' sensuality' we had to deal with, but it gradually changed to "morbid fancies." Now it re-appears nobly developed as "generative passions," an altogether different aspect; stubbornness has become pride, and pride is a proper attribute to a man. Slothful - tendencies awakened are shown to contain the germ of ambition, so that, although the essence of the lower qualities has not disappeared, they now take their place as the component qualities of a normal moral man. But the teachings point further. Passion, pride, and ambition, even at a high standard, mean to a certain extent selfishness, and this, in the advance towards Perfection, must be left behind. The fourth symbol, "Virgo," deals with this, for its psychic influence is for "selfishness." This last thing that is to be given up, for there is a high and subtle selfishness that may have place even in a saint, and it is this last conquering of self that is the aim of human perfection. So these teachings reveal not only the destiny of the soul, but the path by which it goes.

In dealing with the sun in relation to the Zodiac, we are dealing with the great Egyptian mystery of the Sun God, the solar myth based on the annual course of the sun. The story is in reality far older than Egypt, and is briefly this " The hero of the solar myth is a god or demi-god. He is always torn at the winter solstice, after the shortest day of the year, at the midnight of the 24th of December, when the sign of 'Virgo' is rising above the horizon, and his death takes place at the spring equinox." The death date is not a fixed one, but is calculated by the position of the sun and moon at that time, so his birthday is really Christmas Day, and his death is on the same moveable date as our Good Friday, after which, conquering death, he rises to mid-heaven. There is much food here for deep thought, considering that we are dealing with a story older than Egypt. Then, if we apply this solar myth to the main allegory of our ceremonial, as we must, because all that is written around it bears, on its meaning, we then see that the Architect also represents the figure of the sun god. The three seasons, spring, summer, and autumn are the three agents that gradually wear his life away. This is just a hasty glance at what lies here to be studied, and, as it is not a subject that can be dealt with in condensed form, we must conclude our investigation at this point.

Now, what have we learnt from our brief and most incomplete attempt at mystic research? First, we have learn this, that although the surface teachings of our ritual are beautiful, lofty, and necessary for its purpose, beneath this surface lies a very different story, a different class of teaching. We have learnt that those old symbols, when correctly interpreted, reveal a complete philosophy of the creation and of man, unfolding all essences and possibilities, and that they are the key to the greater part of Masonic symbolism and allegory. We have seen, that for our purpose, the Masonic narrative of the Temple is pure allegory, veiling mysteries of deep interest; that the obligations, like every other part of the ritual, contain their own particular section of the teachings.

From this path of investigation we have seen the sciences necessary for our instruction revealing themselves, and one of these is the wonderful but still incomplete science of astrology. Astrology is the soul, as it were, of astronomy. Astronomy will tell you the size, weight, distances, and movements of the stars, but astrology deals with the influences of these worlds upon each other, and it is necessary for a student to have some grasp of this subject that he may understand where man is placed in relation to the universe, and how the influence of the stars affect him just as much as they affect the world beneath his feet.

But we have learnt more than this. We have discovered in Freemasonry the traces of a long-lost and almost forgotten science, "the science of the soul. " We have learnt that the philosophy offered by Freemasonry postulates, that the soul is not some pale, shadowy, intangible thing, belonging to the world of dreams, but it takes it and places it before you as the real man, who, by reason of his Divine origin, is an immortal being. It tells you that his body is but a dwelling place, given him by God, as an instrument to use for the purpose of ant earth life, and that this body of his is but common property With the animal, and not to be confounded in any way with the man himself. It demonstrates how the development at this soul may be hastened

scientifically, just as you would hasten the development of the human brain by properly selected education, pointing out the vast store of knowledge that is available for the purpose. It is the voice of the ancient wisdom of the East crying down through the ages to the younger peoples of the West, bidding them to remember in the time of their growth and struggle and darkness, the whence of their coming and the whither of their going. And this philosophy of the soul, does it interest us? Though the teachings of Freemasonry repeat so insistently that a life after death is a fact, a real thing, do we believe it? Or does the old question arise, "What proof have we that man is anything more than just what he seems?" Science tells us that man's body is composed of seventy-five per cent. of water, and the rest is made up of starch, lime, soda, iron, and a few other ingredients borrowed from the soil. Now these things of themselves we know are inert and incapable of motion or consciousness. Then what is this thinking, striving, loving, self-sacrificing something that dwells in us? The true answer, brethren, lies in our ritual. And if there be those who do not agree with my line of investigation, I would use a borrowed simile and say, "That truth after all is like a high mountain up which climbers are ascending, but a climber on the one side has necessarily a very different view of the mountain than the climber on the other side. But the summit is the aim and goal of all the climbers, no matter by which path they have chosen to ascend. And whether you agree with me or not, as to what lies concealed in the ritual, I can only repeat with the Hindoo teachers, who conclude by saying, "These things have we heard. Peace to all beings."

AS OTHERS SEE US.

At the recent communication of the G.L. of New Zealand a proposition was made that there be no meeting next year, the money thus saved to be given to the War Relief Fund. Now what possible harm could result to the Craft if there was no meeting of G.L. for one year, or more, is beyond this writer. But the I.P.G.M. urged that the very foundations of the Antipodal fraternity would drop out if the notion prevailed, and the brethren, obedient as usual to the voice of authority, put down the proposition. But not all were of like mind with the G.M., and some very emphatic letters have appeared in the NEW ZEALAND CRAFTSMAN On the subject, some of these voicing demand that the matter be referred to the Lodges for decision. In our country, it is often said that a state would profit if the legislature should for a term of years forego its annual or biennial sessions. And it is likely that the Masonry of some of our jurisdictions would get along just as smoothly and prosperously if G.L. dispensed with its annual period of routine and junketing.—"The American Freemason," September, 1916.

OBITUARY.

BRO. ALEXANDER GORDON STIRRAT.

I regret that I have to advise you of the death of one of our members, Bro. Alexander Gordon Stirrat, who I see by this morning's list (9th October) was killed in action on 16th September, 1916. He was the manager of the clothing department of the Wellington branch of the D.I.C. He was initiated in our Lodge on 2nd October, 1914, passed 6th November, 1914, raised 18th December, 1914. and, although a comparatively young member, he took a very deep and keen interest in his Lodge, and was always keen in his attention to his Masonic duties, and was very highly esteemed among us, and it is with the very deepest regret that we have to record his as the first of our twenty-three members, either in camp or on active service, to lay down his life for the great cause of honour, relief, and truth. He was a good Mason, and undubtably a good soldier, as he joined as a private and was quickly promoted to sergeant. —[Lodge Correspondent],

CORRESPONDENCE

THE ORIGIN OF OUR NUMBERS.

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TO THE EDITOR.

DEAR SIR AND BRO.—I came across a very interesting item, the other day, which may be of use to some of the brethren. The origin of our numbers probably came from the "Seal" of King Solomon. The device on the Seal—a square with crossed lines—gave the numbers : 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 0. The curved line did not come into use until about the fourteenth century.. —Yours fraternally,

HENRY F. FUNKE,

Lodge Victoria, No. 21, Napier..

17th October, 1916.

ANOTHER WAR VICTIM.

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TO THE EDITOR.

DEAR SIR AND BRO.,—Please find enclosed herewith a newspaper cutting in reference to Lieut. Bro. E. H. T. Kibblewhite, a member of this Lodge, killed in action. His father is our present W.M., and has been all his life a soldier. Another son, Lieut. J. T. Kibblewhite, Trentham Military Camp, is also a member of this Lodge. Thanking you in antiCipation.—Yours fraternally, J. A. PEEBLES, Sec.

Lieut. Kibblewhite, killed in action, was a son of Sergeant-Major Kibblewhite, of the Oamaru Defence Staff. Lieut. Kibblewhite was born in India, and on coming to Oamaru entered the North School, subsequently going to Waitaki Boys' High School, where he distinguished himself as a cycle racer and swimmer. He was apprenticed as an engineer on a dredge at Alexandra, and on completing his apprenticeship served some years as an engineer in the East Indies and Malay Peninsula. On his return to New Zealand he was appointed in 1912. to the Defence Staff, and was sent to Hawkes Bay as staff-sergeant-instructor. Only recently news was received that he had been decorated with the Military Cross for taking a machine-gun " mushroom" trench, leading his men after his seniors had been killed. The late officer was married and had one child.

CONSTITUTION AND CONSECRATION OF BEDFORD R.A. CHAPTER.

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R.A. Masons assembled in force at Waipukurau on the 27th September to assist in the ceremonies of launching a new Chapter on its Masonic career. Victoria, Rawhiti and Heretaunga Chapters sent large delegations, and various other visitors were present, even from as far as Wellington. Failing the attendance of either of the four G. Prins., the duty of consecrating Prin. devolved upon M.E. Comp. Herbert J. Williams, P.G.Z., G.S.E., whose efforts were ably seconded by M.E. Comp. Rev. T. Porritt, R.E. Comps. L. Freedman,, P.D.G.Z., T. Hobson, G. Supt., V.E. Comps. W. Dobson, G. Chancellor, R. Gillespie, P.G.D. of C., C. H. Critchley, A.G.D. of C., H. L. Harston, G. Organist.

The companions, having assembled in the Chapter Room, were called to order at 5 p.m. by the G.D. of C. (Comp. Critchley) to. receive the consecrating G. Prin. and. G. officers, who, after depositing the consecrating vessels, at once assumed' the chairs and opened a Chapter, R.E. Comp. L. Freedman acting as G.H., M.E. Comp. Rev. T. Porritt as G.J., V.E. Comp. W. Dobson as G.S.E. The authority of the presiding officer was then read, and G.S.E. stated the wishes of the companions and the proceedings they had taken with regard to the proposed Chapter, which being in order, the petitioners were assembled, on either side of the Chapter board and the G.S.E. read the petition and charter. An ode was sung, and the invocation was pronounced by G.J., who also read the appropriate Scripture lesson, The jewels and clothing were then unveiled, and G.H. and G.J. performed their duties at the altar. A further ode was sung, during which the elements were uncovered, and the consecrating officers knelt round the Chapter board, while G.J. offered

prayer. Perfume having been sprinkled, the consecrating vessels were distributed, and the procession perambulated the room four times. The elements were presented to the consecrating officer by R.E. Comps. L. Freedman (corn), T. Hobson (wine), R. Gillespie (oil), and W. Dobson (salt). Appropriate odes were sung, and invocations pronounced by the acting-G.J. (Rev. T. Porritt). The elements having been dispensed, M. E. Comp. Williams dedicated the new Chapter to the purposes of R.A. Freemasonry, and the G. officers resumed their seats. G.J. then censed the Chapter with the customary formalities, and offered up the dedicatory prayer. The presiding officer then formally constituted the Chapter, and proclamation was made by the G.D. of C. The benediction having been pronounced, the Chapter was called off at 6.30 for one hour.

Evening Meeting.

At 7.30 the Chapter was called on, and R.E. Comp. T. Hobson assumed the chair, with V.E. Comp. J. Redshaw as V.E. Comp. R. Gillespie as G.J., and V.E. Comp. Walter Dobson as G.D. of C. The usual charges having been recited and assented to, prayer was offered and V.E. Comp. E. Hocking was enthroned as 1st Prin. Z. and was addressed by M.E. Comp. Porritt on the duties and insignia of office, and having been presented to the brethren was duly proclaimed.

V.E. Comp. C. H. Critchley was then installed as 2nd Prin. by V.E. Comp. J. Redshaw, and R.E. Comp. L. Freedman as 3rd Prin. by V.E. Comp. R. Gillespie. The following officers were then invested by the 1st Prin.:— S.E., Comp. W. A. Chambers, P. 1st G. Soj. ; S.N., Comp. W. Hobson ; 1st Soj., Comp. David Milne; 2nd Soj. Comp. David Gardner; 3rd Soj., Comp. William Storah ; Treas., Comp. John Fleming; Janitor, Comp. John Hobson.

The address to the 1st Prin. was given by R.E. Comp. T. Hobson, that to the officers by V.E. Comp. W. Dobson, and to the companions by M.E. Comp. H. J. Williams. The consecration address, which was omitted at the afternoon function by reason of want of time, was delivered at the evening session by M.E. Comp. H. J. Williams, by special request, who was subsequently asked to allow the same to be printed.

Refreshments were subsequently served in the refectory, and a most enjoyable two hours and a half were spent. The full proceedings will always be recalled by those present with the most pleasant recollections.— [Specially Contributed.]

LADIES' NIGHT IN LODGE CIVIC, CHRISTCHURCH.

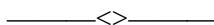
Bro. W. Bottrell was installed into the Chair of K.S. on 1st August by R.W. Bro. Thornton, Prov.G.M., and to mark the occasion the members of Civic decided to hold a ladies' evening, as it was considered it was about time the ladies of Christchurch had an opportunity of seeing our new Masonic temple.

The event came off on 5th September, when about 350 brethren and lady friends accepted the Lodge's invitation to spend the evening with them. M.W. Bro. J. J. Dougall, P.G.M. accompanied by several GeL. members, attended ; also R.W. Bro. John Thornton, Prov.G.M., with officers of Prov.G.L. The guests were received in the Lodgeroom, where they were addressed by M.W. Bro. Dougall, and he gave one of those interesting discourses upon Freemasonry which our brother is noted for when occasion demands. Several items of sacred music were rendered by, Bros. Lawn, Trewern, Cropp, Taylor, and Mrs. Taylor. Proceedings finished in the Lodgeroom, an adjournment was made to the refectory, where supper was partaken of, and the rest of the evening spent by our guests being entertained by very high-class musical items rendered by Miss A'Court, Mrs. Taylor, Mrs. and Miss Crome, and Bros. Crome, Cropp, Trewern, Taylor, and Lawn.

Before dispersing, the W.M. extended Civic's very hearty thanks to the musical friends for their great kindness in assisting to make the function such a huge success; and also, while thanking all the brethren of the Lodge for their loyal support, he felt he must mention Bro. Dr. A'Court, Organist, and Bro. Harry Williams, S.S., for the great interest they had taken in the organisation of the evening.

Civic goes about its Masonic duties very quietly, but when it moves it usually does something to the advancement of the Craft, and from the many expressions of appreciation heard from the ladies and brethren, their ladies' evening proved no exception, and already brethren are being canvassed by the ladies for it to be made an annual fixture.

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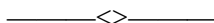


P. Stewart 18/4 (Tauranga), F. Hobbs, P. G. Bowater, W. H. Bowater, N. Jorgeson, S. Paul, W. Panckhurst, J. Madden, G. H. Gothard 13/- G. H. McElwee 17/6, R. Brown (Westport), W. H. H. Anderson, T. Dyer 40/- (Waimate), H. Wunsch 10/- (Midhirst), G. Fownes 20/-, W. H. Jones 17/6, A. Greening 14/2, H. B. Bridge; H. C. D. Wade 10/-, W. A. Fraser 20/- (Wellington), Rev. M. B. Harris (Levin), H. W. Trotman (Lyall Bay), A. T. Hookey, . C. Morse, J. J. Pickett, J. B. Wood, J. A. McDonald, F. J. Rowley (Gisborne), W. A. Gibson 10/- (Sydney), J. B. Bairstow (Carterton), D. Gardner 27/6 (Rotorua), W. Gunning (Porangahau), G. Johnstone 26/8 (Hukerenui), Lieut. W. Tailby (Trentham), T. S. Robertson (Worser Bay), A. Williams 10/- (Granity), J. B. Bricknell 29/2 (Greytown), F. S. Amsden 10/10 (London), Lieut. A. Stevens (Samoa), W. R. Hayward 20/- (Owaka), J. M. B. Sutherland 48/4 (Hawera), H. J. Newling 12/6 (Ormondville), W. C. Clarkson (Dunedin), J. W. Bates, R. Tucker, W. A. Carter, P. W. Tombs, A. Effingham 27/6, E. J. Murray, J. Munro 40/-, A. Ramsay 37/6, Arthur Spooner (Hastings), D. Smeaton 20/- (Waihi), T. Price (Athol), Dr. G. Gossett 10/- (Sumner), G. S. Taylor (Urenui, Waitara), W. H. Tustin, G. Powell, A. W. Ashwell (Raetihi), J. B. Andrew, H. Bate, A. E. Currie, A. Donald 30/-, E. Duncan 8/4, A. Erskine, S. J. Davys 20/10, H. L. Harston 7/-, F. Lowe 8/4, A. Pearson 15/- J. W. Ritchie, F. S. Smith 35/10, C. L. Thomas 11/8, H. White 30/- ; P. H. Harris, —McGoun, A. Hobson (Napier), G. H. Critchley 17/6, J. Milburn, N. C. McAffer 10d., W. Pasco, W. Pellow 17/6, R. W. Todd (Waipawa), D. Annand 8/4, W. H. Booth 20/-, W. A. Chambers 10/-, J. B. Curd, G. W. Banks (Waipukurau), J. W. Elliott 10/- .(Hatuma), Andrews and Lavelle, C. J. Annett, C. Badley 17/6, W. G. Benson, F. Craven, W. Dobson, C. J. Gardiner, R. A. Gillespie 27/6, C. R. James 10/-, C. A. Jensen, C. A. Mears, A. Nash, J. Prior 36/8, A. W. Ross 10/-, J. L. Scott, J. R. Simpson 17/6, H. G. Smith, W. Snell 15/-, L. Stein, D. N. Wilson 10/-, Geo. Harris, J. C. Davidson (Dannevirke), H. P. Horn 17/6, G. D. McFarlane, T. Taylor 15/-, John Elder (Woodville), R. V. King 10/-, W. H. Purdie 30/- A. Vaughan, J. H. Griffiths 37/6, Thos. Riddell (Pahiatua:), R. F. Hutchinson, F. E. Williams (Eketahuna), Geo. D. H. Smith (Mangamaire), A. G. Steffensen (Petone), O. Anderson (Christchurch), J. D. Ross (Warea), F. H. Hillier (Takapau).

(All 7/6 except those noted.)



A BUSY DAY IN VICTORIA R.A. CHAPTER.



The annual meeting of Victoria R.A. Chapter falling on the 28th September, it was decided to take advantage of the presence of G. Chapter officers being in the district to overtake arrears of work in the side Degrees.

A meeting was therefore convened at 2.30 in the Victoria Lodge Hall, when a conclave of installed principals was opened by M.E. Comp. Rev. T. Porritt, assisted by other G. Chap. officers, when the degree of 2nd .Prin. was conferred upon Comp. R. Bishop by V.E. Comp. Gillespie. After the conclave was closed an Ark Mariners' Lodge was opened by P. Comp. N., H. J. Williams, Rev. T. Porritt as S., and R. Gillespie as J. Sixteen companions were admitted to the degree, Bro. Porritt explaining the Signs and Bro. Gillespie presenting the W.Ts. On the Lodge being closed, a Council of Red Cross Knights was opened, Sir Knight Williams as Cyrus, Sir Knight Porritt being Conductor, Sir Knight Gillespie as S.G., Sir Knight Dobson as J.G. The three points of the degree were conferred on eleven companions, who received the order of knighthood in due form. After the ceremonial work was completed in each of the side degrees, several companions were installed into the chair of both by Comp. Porritt, assisted by Comp. Williams. The whole work was not concluded until 5.30 p.m., and was a somewhat severe mental strain on the two principal officers, and a fairly good tax on their memorising powers.

EVENING MEETING.

The Chapter was convened to meet at 7.30 for the purposes of installation, when some forty companions signed the appearance book. The number of visitors was not great, owing to distance, combined with the previous night's meeting at Waipukurau. V.E. Comp. H. L. Harston, Z., presided, and after routine business the G. Supt., R.E. Comp. T. Hobson, was received and assumed the chair. M.E. Comps. Williams and Porritt, accompanied by G. Chapter officers, were then admitted and honoured in the customary manner.

R.E. Comp. L. Freedman having been enthroned, was addressed by M.E. Comp. Porritt, who also presented the charter, V.S.L., and constitution, after which the newly-installed Z. was duly proclaimed. E. Comp. R. Bishop was next installed as 2nd .Prin. by V.E. Comp. E. Hocking, and Comp. H. W. Whitton was installed as J. by V.E. Comp. R. Gillespie.

The following officers were invested by V.E. Comp. E. Hocking :—S.E., V.E. Comp. Jas. Redshaw, P.Z. ; S.N., E. Comp. Harry Hill; Treas., E. Comp. Sam Wood; Organist, V.E. Comp. H. L. Harston, P.Z. ; 1st Son, E. Comp. Jas. Bowes; 2nd Soj., E. Comp. W. O. Jarvis; 3rd Soj., E. Comp. J. Webster ; Janitor, E. .Comp. George Robson.

The address to the 1st Prin., officers and companions respectively were delivered by R.E. Comp. T. Hobson, G. Supt., V.E. Comp. W. Dodson, G. Chancellor, and M.E. Comp. H. J. Williams, G.S.E.

Light refreshments were subsequently served in the refectory, when the usual toasts were honoured. Things were kept moving the whole time, and one of the best—if not the best—meeting of Victoria Chapter was brought to a close shortly after 11 p.m.—[Specially Contributed.]

Reports.

[Secretaries and Scribes are requested to forward Reports.]

CRAFT LODGES.

SOUTHLAND.

Taringatura, No. 100.—There was a large attendance and a full order paper for the meeting on 9th October. After routine business had been dealt with, W. Bro. H. Graham was appointed delegate to the meeting in Invercargill to discuss arrangements for reception of G.L. in May next. One candidate was balloted for and accepted. It was decided that meanwhile nothing more be done by this Lodge to augment the G.M.'s War Fund until it was ascertained what other Southland Lodges, whose contributions have hitherto been small to vanishing point, intend to do to increase their donations. Votes of sympathy were passed, firstly, with W. Bro. Campbell, in the death of his wife somewhat suddenly during last month ; secondly, with W. Bro. H. Graham, in the death of his brother, Lionel, recently killed in action in France; and thirdly, with Bro. Thomas Martin, in the death of his son, Bro. Dr. Arthur A. Martin, who was born and reared in our midst, and whose loss the whole Dominion now mourns. It was decided to hold the Masonic church service on Sunday, 12th November, our Chaplain, the Rev. Bro. D. K. Fisher, officiating. The election of W.M. for the ensuing year resulted in the return of Bro. Herbert Beer, S.W. For all other offices only one brother was nominated for each, and all were duly elected. The list will appear next month. One office, that of J.W., was allowed to remain vacant, as Bro. A. Rasmussen, the brother nominated, intimated that he had volunteered for active service. Two candidates were initiated. The ceremony was performed by the W.M., Bro. D. Walker, assisted by W. Bros. Craham (Secrets), Roxburgh (Charity Charge), Clark (R. for Prep.), Johnson (Ancient Charge), while Bro. Griffiths, J.W., presented the W.Ts. Before the election the annual report and balance-sheet were considered. Entire satisfaction was expressed with both documents. The value of assets over liabilities, which are practically nil, amounts to £1078 2s. 10d. During the year £180 had been invested in War Certificates. The membership roll now stands at 100. After H.G.W. from visiting brethren, the Lodge was closed after a strenuous evening at 11 p.m.—[Lodge Correspondent.]

OTAGO.

Oceanic, No. 154.—The monthly meeting was held in the Masonic Hall, St. Kilda, on the 20th September, when there was a large attendance of both members and visitors, W. Bro. A. McKenzie, W.M., presiding. Before beginning the regular business of the evening, the W.M. referred to the fact that since the Lodge had last met there had been two deaths in their membership. Bro. J. P. Steel, who had only recently affiliated from Lodge St. Martin, Pleasant Point, was not very well known to the majority of the brethren, but the circumstances of his tragic death would be fresh in their memories. R.W. Bro. D. A. Jolly, P.G.S.G.W., was known intimately to every member of the Lodge, of which he was one of the founders and the first W.M., and as long as his health permitted took an active and sympathetic interest in the Lodge and all its members. He would be remembered for his genuine hospitality, his cheeriness, and his readiness at all times to give advice and assistance to the younger members of the Craft. His genial presence would be missed from their gatherings, but his memory would be evergreen in the minds of the members of Lodge Oceanic. The deceased R.W. brother was buried with Masonic honours, and he, the W.M., had to thank so many of the officers and brethren for turning out to pay the last tribute of respect to departed merit. He was pleased to

notice at the graveside M.W. Bro. H. J. Williams, P.G.M., R.W. Bros. T. Ross, P.D.G.M., A. Flett, P.G.M., E. J. E. Watt and J. J. Clark, P.P.G.Ms., as well as the majority of the G.L. officers. The usual letters of condolence and sympathy had been sent to the relatives of both of the deceased brethren. At the request of the W.M. the brethren sang two verses of the hymn, "Now the labourer's task is o'er," and then took up the ordinary business of the evening. A brother was affiliated. The ballot was then taken for John Harris Ching, who was initiated under dispensation, the work being performed as follows: — Ob., the W.M. ; Secrets, W. Bro. H. C. Anderson ; Charity Charge, Bro. A. J. Couchman ; Mode of Prep., Bro. T. A. Rosevear ; W.Ts., Bro. Rev. A. Canter; Final Charge, W. Bro. J. A. Black. The election of officers was then proceeded with, Bro. A. Cannon, S.W., one of the earliest initiates of the Lodge, being elected W.M. Two candidates were proposed. It was decided to attend Holy Cross Chapel, St. Kilda, on the 15th prox., for the annual church service. Owing to the Lodge being in mourning, the usual social hour in the supper room was abandoned.—[Lodge Correspondent.] [Too late for insertion in last issue.—ED.]

Kurow, No. 164.—The Lodge had a very happy and moderately attended meeting on the 5th. It being Kurow race night, a larger gathering was expected. It was W. Bro. Hugh Barkley's first night in supreme command, and I am sure every one was delighted. He proved that real teaching at an instruction meeting is absolutely needed. Several of the brethren who were moderately good, but lacked precision—and, may we say, dignity, were absolutely drilled at our rehearsal meeting, and everyone marked with pleasure the wonderful improvement, and, I may say, those assisted were themselves delighted. The work was the initiation of one candidate. The W.M. Obligated and gave the Address after Investiture; W. Bro. Ayson, P.M., gave the Secrets; W. Bro. Appleby, S.W., gave the Final Address, as well as investing and R. for Prep.; W. Bro. Hayes, P.M. kindly acted as Tyler, and gave the N.E. Corner ; W. Bro. Todd, J.W., presented the W.Ts. All spent a half-hour in the "Fourth" after closing, and all acknowledged that W. Bro. H. Barkley made a first-class representation of K.S. That neat and handsome book full of information, "Proceedings of Grand Lodge, 1914," came to hand. It is highly appreciated. I would like to say that brethren not taking the CRAFTSMAN do not realise what they are losing. It is a paper that a Lodge. should push the circulation of.—[Lodge Correspondent.]

CANTERBURY.

Unanimity, No. 3.—The regular meeting was held on the 3rd October. the W.M., W. Bro. Pearson, presiding. The W.M. of Canterbury Kil. Lodge attended with a large number of his brethren, and several members of oversee Lodges were present. The Crown Lodge (Christchurch) was represented by the W.M. (W. Bro. Wise) and several of his brethren. Owing to Civic Lodge having changed its regular night to the first Tuesday, the visiting by Christchurch Lodges has greatly fallen off, and we are hoping that Civic Lodge will recognise that it has (no doubt quite unintentionally) injured the Lyttelton Lodge by the change, and will take steps to rectify the matter. One candidate was initiated, the W.M. being assisted by W. Bro. Wise (W.M. of Crown), W. Bro. Furneaux, P.M., and Bro. Collett, S.W. A musical programme was rendered in the refectory.

Since the regular meeting the brethren have met together to make a presentation to W. Bro. F. G. Taylor, P.M., who is leaving with the November Reinforcements. The W.M. proposed the toasts of "The King and the Craft," "Absent and Seafaring Brethren and Brethren at the Front," and "W. Bro. Taylor, " and with a few well-chosen remarks handed to him a wristlet watch. W. Bro. Taylor, in his reply, referred to the pleasure it gave him to recollect his experiences in the old Lodge, and concluded with references to the life of a soldier in camp. The meeting was well attended by P.Ms., officers and brethren.—[Lodge Correspondent.]

Southern Cross, No. 6.—The regular meeting was held at Kaiapoi on 5th October, the W.M., Bro. T. Hoskin, presiding over a good attendance. The First Degree was to have been worked, but, owing to the inability of the candidate to obtain leave from Trentham Camp, there was no Degree work to proceed with. However, the time of the Lodge was fully occupied with a large amount of other business, including the nomination of officers for the ensuing year. A large number of visitors were in attendance, and were duly admitted. The W.M. of Conyers Lodge, No. 1916, E.C., accompanied by a good following, paid their usual annual visit, and were cordially welcomed. The Lodge was closed at an early hour and the brethren retired to the refectory, where a social and enjoyable hour and a half were spent, after which the visitors travelled back to Christchurch.—[Lodge Correspondent.]

Christchurch, No. 91.—The monthly meeting was held on 26th September, W. Bro. W. E. Kiddey, W.M., presiding over a good attendance of members. Routine business having been disposed of, the ceremony of initiation was proceeded with. The two candidates were obligated by the W.M., receiving from him the Secrets of the First Degree. The Charge after Investiture was delivered by W. Bro. F. L. Adams ; the Charge in the N.E. was given by W. Bro. G. Maizey ; the W.Ts. were explained by W. Bro. Wise (W.M. Crown Lodge); the Final Charge being delivered by W. Bro. R. Torrance. The Degree work being finished, the nomination of officers and election of auditors took place, after which the Lodge was closed. The members and visitors afterwards spent a pleasant hour in the refectory.—[Lodge Correspondent.]

Robert Burns, No. 139—The monthly meeting was held in the Masonic Hall, Christchurch, on 17th October, W. Bro. T. Kicker, W.M., presiding over a good attendance of members and visitors. A motion of sympathy was passed to R.W. Bro. J. J. Dougall, P.G.M., on the loss of his son at the front, the brethren standing in silence. The ceremonial work consisted of the passing of a brother who is a member of Caledonian Lodge, Timaru, and now resident in Christchurch, and it was at the request of the Caledonian Lodge that the Second Degree was conferred. The W.M. was assisted during the course of the ceremony by W. Bro. Wise, W.M. Crown Lodge (Charge after Investiture), Bro. T. W. N. Wilson, S.W. (S.E. Corner), W. Bro. W. E. Kiddey, W.M. Christchurch Lodge (W.Ts.), Bro. A. Hunter, J.W. (Charge after Prep.). The candidate was commended for his very attentive behaviour throughout the ceremony. At the conclusion, W. Bro. Pengelly, Christchurch Lodge, gave the Lecture on the 2nd T.B. This beautiful lecture is being rather neglected by the Lodges, and the brethren who heard W. Bro. Pengelly were unanimously of the opinion that it should be delivered on every possible occasion. After H.G.W. had been received, the Lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to the refectory, where the usual pleasant hour was spent.—[Lodge Correspondent.]

Civic, No. 157.—The monthly meeting was held on 3rd October, when W. Bro. Bottrell and his officers made their debut in Degree work, initiating one brother. The W.M. has revived the custom which Civic launched at its birth, viz., ten-minute papers in the refectory, and was the recipient of many congratulations. W. Bro. Nordon started the ball rolling by reading a paper entitled, "The Relation between English and German Freemasonry," and the matter was well received and endorsed by those present. The W.M. invited criticism and several brethren took advantage of the opportunity.—[Lodge Correspondent.]

Ahurewa, No. 161.—The installation meeting was held on 9th October, when there was a large attendance, and W. Bro. D. T. Wraight presided. After the routine business had been concluded, R.W. Bro. J. Thornton, Prov.G.M., and officers of Prov.G.L., were admitted. Bro. John Donald Cameron was installed as W.M. for the ensuing year. The officers of the Lodge are :—I.P.M., W. Bro. D. T. Wraight; S.W., Bro. W.K. Cameron; J.W., Bro. F. Smith; Treas. Bro. Jas. Burgess; Sec., W. Bro. F. Lill, Prov.G.Supt. of Works; S.D., Bro. C. H. Chapman; J.D., Bro. J. Stuart; I.G. Bro. Frank E. Owers; Tyler, Bro. D. P. Cameron. W. Bro. C. B. Bishop invested the Wardens and officers, W. Bro. F. Lill addressed the Wardens and W. Bro. J. N. Du Feu, Prov.G.S.W., the brethren. Visitors were present from St. Augustine, No. 4, Ponsonby, No. 54, Rakaia, No. 31, Lincoln, No. 33, Progress, No. 22, Waihora, No. 141, Masters and Past Masters, No. 130. At the close of the ceremony a pleasant hour was spent in the banquet room.—[Lodge Correspondent.]

Amuri, No. 184.—A good attendance of members and visitors gathered in the Lodgeroom on 13th October, when Bro. D. W. Hunter was installed in the chair of K.S. W. Bro. J. J. Goulding presided. After the transaction of formal business, R.W. Bro. J. Thornton, Prov.G.M., accompanied by officers of P.G.L., were received, the usual honours being given. W. Bro. Goulding presented the Master-elect, who took the required obligation. A B. of I.M. being opened, Bro. Hunter was installed in the chair by R.W. Bro. J. Thornton, while W. Bro. G. Yemm, Prov.G.D. of C., presented the W.Ts. After the M.Ms. were re-admitted, the W.Ts. were presented by W. Bro. Johnston, W.M. of Lodge Kaikoura, W. Bro. Borrel (Lodge Cheviot), and W. Bro. A. H. Hobbs, Prov.G.W., G.Supt. of Works. The Prov.G.M. then presented the Warrant, Constitution, and By-laws, and addressed the newly-installed Master. The investiture of officers was placed in the hands of W. Bro. Bishop, P.Prov.G.D. of C., Prov.G. Sec., whose impressiveness on such occasions is well known. The officers were :—S.W., Bro. T. G. Thomson; J.W., Bro. C. E. Derrett; Chaplain, Bro. Rev. J. H. Thompson; Treas., W. Bro. Munro ; Sec., Bro. P. R. Dunbar ; S.D., Bro. H. R. Davison; J.D., Bro. W. H. Nicholson; I.G., Bro. E. Britton; Tyler, Bro. J. Wilson ; D. of C., Bro. R. J. Lewis. The address to the Wardens was given by W. Bro. Hobbs. R.W. Bro. Broadley, P.G.W., P.P.B.G.P., addressed the brethren. A collection taken up in aid of the W. and O. and A.M. Fund realised £3 5s. 6d. W. Bro. Hobbs made a sympathetic

appeal on behalf of the Red Cross Fund initiated by the B. of B. of Prov.G.L., and a fair sum was promised, to be collected by the Lodge Secretary by next meeting. The usual pleasant time was spent in the "Fourth," visitors from Methven, Kaikoura, Cheviot, Avon, and St. Augustine, No. 4, being present, also Bro. J. Nicholson, who was on final leave—[Lodge Correspondent.]

Avon, No. 185.—The monthly meeting was held on 5th October, when there was a very good attendance of members, presided over by W. Bro. L. B. Hart. A very great deal of Lodge business was transacted and two brethren were raised to the Second Degree. The working of the Degree was well done by officers of the Lodge. A complete list of the officers of the Lodge is as follows :—W.M., W. Bro. L. B. Hart; S.W., Bro. W. E. Scott; J.W., Bro. S. K. Bassett; Chaplain, W. Bro. W. G. Cookson; Treas., W. Bro. C. A. Myhre; Sec., Bro. B. Talck; S.D., Bro. A. L. Sutton; J.D., Bro. J. W. Hillary; D. of C., W. Bro. N. Wood; Organist, Bro. R. E. Lake; I.G.: Bro. W. H. Arrow; Asst. D. of C., Bro. H. Hatch; S.S., Bro. G. E. Billson (on active service); Acting-S.S., Bro. F. W. Cooper; Ss., Bros. A. L. Cropp, G. Judd, J. W. Barraclough, and W. Tuck; Tyler, R.W. Bro. H. F. Arnold.—[Lodge Correspondent.]

HAWKES BAY.

Abercorn, No. 30.—The regular meeting was held in the Masonic Hall, Waipawa, on 9th October, W. Bro. W. Pasco presiding over a good attendance of brethren. One candidate was balloted for and one proposed. It was decided to allot £25 to the reserve fund for building a new hall in the years to come. After the usual business, the brethren adjourned to the refectory, where a pleasant hour was spent in fare-welling Bro. Geo. H. Hunt, who is going into camp with the 22nd Reinforcements. W. Bro. W. H. Hobden, P.M., presented Bro. Hunt, our popular J.W., with a beautiful pocket wallet and fountain pen on behalf of Lodge Abercorn, No. 30, and wished him "Good-luck" and a safe return to us again. A very enjoyable evening was brought to a close by all joining in singing "Auld Lang Syne."—[Lodge Correspondence.]

AUCKLAND.

Ponsonby, No. 54.—The regular meeting was held on 4th October at the Masonic Hall, Jervois Road, and there was a very large attendance, including four visiting W.Ms. with brethren of their respective Lodges, and also a number of other brethren. A vote of sympathy was accorded R.W. Bro. Murdock, P.G.M., on the death of his son, also to W. Bro. A. P. Bowring, P.M. Lodge St. Andrew, No. 418, S.C., and also to relatives of the late W. Bro. Josiah Martin. Bro. Stancombe, who went away with the Main Body to the front two years ago, and who was twice wounded, returned home on the Willochra. He was elected S.D. at our last election in April last, and attended this meeting. He was announced by the I.G., received by W. Bro. Koenig, D. of C., presented to the W.M., and invested with the collar and jewel of his office, the W.M. assuring him how pleased he and all the brethren were at his safe return. There was no degree work. After receiving H.G.W. from visitors, and also from our own brethren at the front (of whom we have fifteen), Lodge closed at 8.35. The hour being early, all present stayed to the "Fourth" Degree, where a very pleasant time was spent. Bro. Stancombe, after his health had been honoured, gave a short description of his landing in Gallipoli, etc., his trip to France, and then to England, from whence he was invalided home. His account was listened to with very great interest.—[Lodge Correspondent.]

Tauranga, No. 125.—The regular meeting was held on 5th October, Bro. T. R. W. Philpott, W.M., presiding. One candidate was initiated into Freemasonry by the W.M., assisted by W. Bros; H. A. Sharp and R. S. Ready, Bros. W. H. Poole and C. H. Adam. It is some months since this Lodge has admitted a new member by initiation, and the ceremony was carried through in a manlier which would do credit to a Lodge having more frequent initiations. There was an extra large attendance. A cheerful hour was spent in the refectory after the labours of the evening were over.—[Lodge Correspondent.]

TARANAKI.

Moa, No. 110.—An emergency meeting, was held on 6th October, to initiate a local brother who has been in camp for some time, and who has now been posted to the 21st Reinforcement as a N.C.O. W. Bro. Roberts was assisted in the various charges and addresses by W. Bros. Young, de Launay, and Winfield, and Bros. Taylor, Johnston, and Petch.

At the regular meeting the following week, the business was raising, and on this occasion the W.M. was assisted by W. Bros. Surrey, Young, de Launay, Hamerton, Winfield, and Branch, and Bros. Taylor and

Hutton. In addition to the members of the Lodge mentioned in last month's notes as being on active service or in camp, there must now be added Bros. Laing and Sutherland. Out of a membership of 55, Lodge Moa has contributed seven brethren for active service.—[Lodge Correspondent.]

RUAPEHU.

Huia, No. 171.—The ordinary meeting was held on the 5th ult., a good attendance being duly recorded, including an official visit of the W.M., officers and members of United Manawatu, E.C., this being the second consecutive visit from our sister Lodge, and right glad were we to receive them. The ceremonial work consisted of raising, the work being allocated as follows :—Ob., W. Bro. Turner, W.M. ; Secrets, W. Bro. Smith; Retro., W. Bro. Spooner, I.P.M. ; T.H., W. Bro. J. Stone ; W.Ts., Bro. Hewlett, Sec.; Final Charge, W. Bro. Turner, W.M. At the conclusion of the ceremony special reference was made in the E. to the loss the Craft has sustained by the death of the late W.M. of our sister Lodge, Manawatu, E.C. The great loss caused by the death of W. Bro. Dr. Martin will be keenly felt by all brethren, as he was a genuine Mason and a most gallant gentleman, whose sympathies were extended to all classes. All men counted with him, but none too much. He could walk with kings, nor lose the common touch. H.G.W. being offered, a few minutes were spent in social intercourse after a profitable and well-spent evening's work in the interests of Freemasonry.—[Lodge Correspondent.]

Waimarino, No. 175.—The annual meeting, which took place on the 9th October, was a most pleasurable and instructive one throughout. After the formal business had been transacted, R.W. Bro. David McFarlane, P.G.M., took control of the Lodge. W. Bro. H. Jaggard, D. of C., then presented Bro. A. Mabbott for installation in the chair of K.S., the Ancient Charges being read by W. Bro. T. A. Harris. The W.Ts. of the three Degrees were presented by W. Bro. Browning (Third), W. Bro. Laurie (Second), and W. Bro. A. James (First), after which the P.G.M. presented the newly installed Master with the Charter, B. of C., and the By-laws. The D. of C. invested the following officers :—S.W., Bro. Peter Hansen; J.W., Bro. J. Goodger; D. of C., W. Bro. T. A. Harris; Treas., Bro. G. Powell; Sec., Bro. A. W. Ashwell; Chaplain, Bro. T. R. Dix ; S.D., Bro. A. C. Drury ; J.D., Bro. T. McArthur; Tyler, Bro. W. McCoubrie; Organist, Bro. G. Russell; S.S., Bro. W. E. Waldegrave. The investiture of Bro. W. Fraser as I.G. could not be proceeded with owing to his absence on account of the death of a close relative. The brethren were most gratified at having W. Bro. Jaggard again amongst them in the capacity of D. of C., he having been present at the Lodge's consecration and having taken a sympathetic interest in its progress since those early days. After R.W. the Prov. G.M. had given his addresses to the W.M. and brethren, and W. Bro. James had addressed the Wardens, the usual collection was taken up for the W. and O. Fund. The proceedings concluded with H.G.W. from the P.G.M. on behalf of G.L., Ruapehu District, and himself personally. H.G.W. were also given by the many visiting brethren on behalf of their Lodges, and apologies for unavoidable absence were received from W. Bro. Brownlee and Bros. S. S. Cox and W. Fraser. An adjournment was then made for refreshments, when the usual toasts were duly honoured. Musical items, songs and recitations, both grave and gay, enlivened the evening, the singing of " A Perfect Day " by one of the visiting brethren very appropriately closing a most enjoyable time. Being in an outlying district, we cannot expect frequent visits from R.W. Bro. McFarlane, but we certainly do appreciate him being here, and the Lodge fully recognises the uniformly sympathetic, kindly and tactful manner in which he has dealt with the matters laid before him for consideration.—[Lodge Correspondent.]

WELLINGTON.

St. Andrew, No. 32.—The regular meeting was held in the Masonic Hall on 16th October. The W.M., Bro. W. Simpson, presided over an unusually large attendance of members. A sum of £25 was voted to G.L. War Benevolent Fund. Two ballots, for initiation and joining respectively, were taken and proved clear. Reference was made to the loss sustained by W. Bro. G. Russell, whose son has recently been killed in action, and condolence was tendered to the bereaved brother. Bro. Leith, a member on the Lodge roll, was reported to be leaving the territory to join the patrol boat service as an engineer, and it was intimated that he hoped to be able to correspond with his Lodge from time to time. After the reception of a number of visitors, Lodge was opened in the Second and Third Degrees, and the gavel handed by the W.M. to W. Bro. J. J. Esson to perform the ceremonial work of raising, assisted by P.Ms. The offices were filled, and addresses given, by the following :—S.W., W. Bro. J. R. Scrimgeour (Investiture and T.H.); J.W., W. Bro. J. Rod (Exhort.); D. of C., W. Bro. F. C. Broomhall (Final Charge) ; Chaplain, W. Bro. W. Simpson, W.M. ; S.D., W. Bro. C. W. Nielsen (15 F.Cs.); J.D., W. Bro. A. W. Rowlands (Secrets); Investiture Add, W. Bro. F.

Davey ; W.Ts. and presentation of V.S.L., W. Bro. O. Neilson ; I.G., W. Bro. T. Jaffrey. At the conclusion of the ceremony the acting-W.M. returned the gavel and expressed the appreciation of himself and his colleagues at being afforded an opportunity of rendering the Degree. The election of W.M. for the ensuing year was taken, and after a ballot the only candidate, Bro. Albert Schmidt, S.W., was declared to have been elected. There was only one contest in the list of offices, that of S.D. Propositions of two candidates were announced, one for initiation and another for affiliation. Before closing the W.M. intimated that the installation meeting had been fixed for 29th November. H.G.W. having been tendered, Lodge was closed and brethren retired to the refectory for a brief sojourn.—[Lodge Correspondent.]

Ulster, No. 62.—The regular meeting was held on the 18th October at Freemasons' Hall, Petone. The W.M., Bro. R. Jenkins, occupied the chair, and there was a good attendance of members and visitors. One candidate was admitted for initiation, the ceremony being performed by the W.M., assisted by W. Bro. R. Colquitt, The Address in the N.E. was given by Bro. Steffensen, J.W.; the Mode of Prep. was explained by Bro. Bryant, I.G. ; the W.Ts. were presented by Bro. Carver, S.D. ; and the Final Charge was given by Bro. Mather, S.W. One brother was passed as a F.C., the ceremony again being done by the W.M., assisted on this occasion by W. Bros. Richards, I.P.M. and J. C. Davis. The Address in the S.E. was given by W. Bro. Matthews, Chaplain; the W.Ts. were presented by W. Bro. McEwen; and the Final Charge was given by W. Bro. Wylie, Sec. Bro. Forster, who is under transfer to Timaru, applied for his demit, and bade good-bye to the brethren. It was announced that two more of our members had enlisted, viz., Bros. C. N. Bradley and J. A. Bryant. This makes a total of seven members from this Lodge who have enlisted, five of whom are now at the front, and two in camp.— [Lodge Correspondent.]

Tararua, No. 67.—The regular meeting held on 12th October was the occasion of W. Bro. Major Clifton's first appearance since his return from the Western front and Gallipoli, and members rolled up in goodly numbers to do him honour, he having gained his majority whilst away, after being twice wounded. The initiation of one candidate brought a Masterton brother and W. Bro. Hughes, W.M., to see us. V.W. Bro. Porritt, P.G.C., who had been canvassing for the CRAFTSMAN here earlier in the week, was induced to return and grace our East, and afterwards he secured a very fair number of subscribers. W. Bro. W. McKay, I.P.M., Lodge Waihenga, No. 150, and now a resident here, was also a visitor. Other visitors were Bro. W. Thomson, No. 424, S.C., Bro. Robson (Major Clifton's step-father), Lodge Victoria, No. 21, and Bro. Hillas, Lodge No. 1137, E.C., Timaru. The ceremony of initiation was performed by the W.M., W. Bro. Bacon, and his officers, assisted by some of the P.Ms., as follows :—Ob. and Secrets, the W.M. ; N.E. Charge, W. Bro. A. Ross, Treas. ; R. for Prep., W. Bro. H. Griffith, D.M. ; W.Ts., W. Bro. T. F. Hewat, D. of C. ; Final Charge, W. Bro. W. Britland. The W.Ts. as given by W. Bro. Hewat were specially commented on by W. Bro. Hughes when giving H.G.W. Officers for the ensuing year were elected, every office being filled. After closing, a most enjoyable time was spent in the refectory, the usual toasts being honoured in "dry" style as this is the wet area. Our quartette was much in demand and new talent was brought out. Then W. Bro. Clifton gave us a recital of some of the incidents of war and of something that would not do in print, but which must make men stand up for the right at all costs. Everyone went home well satisfied and pleased to have seen him back with us.—[Lodge Correspondent.]

Brooklyn, No. 132.—The yearly festival was celebrated on 4th October, W. Bro. H. V. Futter being in the chair. Though the Lodge was convened to meet at 6.30, there was considerable delay, and it was nearly 8 p.m. before G. officers were admitted. R.W. Bro. J. W. Ellison was the installing officer, and had as his assistants V.W. Bros. Worboys, P.G.D., Veitch, S.G.D., Hobbs, P.G.S.B., and W. Bro. J. Firth, P.G.S.D., as G.D of C. Bro. W. J. Westwood was the Master-elect, and he was installed according to ancient Masonic custom by the Prov.G.M. The W.Ts. were presented by W. Bros. McLachlan (Waterloo), Whitelaw (Tutaneikai), and Longmore (Leinster). V.W. Bro. Bridge presented the Constitution, Bye-laws and Charter, and the following officers were invested by W. Bro. Worboys :—S.W., Bro. H. Parkin; J.W., Bro. F. J. Armstrong; Sec., W. Bro. M. W. Thew, P.M.. Treas., Bro. E. P. Campbell ; S.D., Bro. H. T. Furness J.D., Bro. W. G. Faulkner ; Chaplain Bro. J. E. F. Perry ; D. of C., W. Bro. J. B. Hopkirk, P.M. ; Organist, Bro. H. S. Claughton; I.G., Bro. A. J. L'Huillier ; Tyler, Bro. J. W. Richardson; Auditors, Bros. E. Campbell (for W.M.), J. W. Blackhouse, and A. E. Odlin. The address to the W.M. was in the hands of W. Bro. A. Veitch. W. Bro. Hobbs admonished the Wardens, and, in the absence of the Dep.-G.M., M.W. Bro. Williams stepped into the breach and addressed the brethren. The same brother also presented a jewel to the retiring Master in his own happy and inimitable manner, and R.W. Bro. H. H. Seaton made a presentation to the retiring Treasurer, Bro. Sturzaker, who is bound for the front. The Prov.G.M. having offered greetings, the G.L.

officers retired, and the Lodge was closed at 10.10. The room was then cleared expeditiously and supper laid, but the time for enjoyment was all too short, as a general rush was made for the tram just before 11 o'clock. However, taking it all round, it was an enjoyable evening, and we hope the visitors will not be long before they come again to the city on the hill.—[Lodge Correspondent.]

Waiwhetu, No. 176.—The installation meeting took place on 11th October, and in spite of the weather being wet and stormy there was a large attendance of visitors, and the whole of the ceremony went off with a go in it which was very pleasing to the members of the Lodge. So as to get the ceremony over early and to enable the visitors to have a little time at the "Fourth" before rushing for their train, till, Lodge was tyled at 5.30 p.m., and G.L. officers entered just after 6 p.m., when R.W. Bro. Ellison, Prov.G.M., was received with honours. R.W. Bro. Peterkin, D.G.M., was then received, and assumed the chair and conducted the ceremony of installing Bro. H. E. Leighton as Master. Brethren from town and from the Camp were then admitted in a body instead of coming in as separate Lodges, which saved a lot of time. Proclamations and salutes being given, the W.Ts. were presented in the three Degrees by W. Bros. Richards, Long-more, and Robinson, W.Ms. of Ulster, Leinster, and Waterloo Lodges respectively. The Warrant, Constitution and Bye-laws were presented and W. Bro. Hobbs invested the officers. The address to the Master was given by R.W. Bro. Ellison, to the Wardens by W. Bro. Rishworth, and in the absence through illness of M.W. Bro. Williams, P.G.M., who was to have addressed the brethren, R.W. Bro. Peterkin gave it in his stead. R.W. Bro. Ellison presented W. Bro. McLachlan with a P.M.'s jewel as a token of the appreciation of the brethren for the way he had worked the Lodge during his term of office. Numerous apologies were received for non-attendance, most of them sending congratulations to the newly installed Master. Great regret was expressed for the absence of M.W. Bro. Williams, and we trust and hope he will soon be able to be about again. After a collection had been taken up for the A.M. Fund, which resulted in £6 6s. 6d. being collected, and a little formal business transacted, two new members were proposed, and the Lodge closed in due form at 8.30 p.m. The brethren then adjourned to the Lyceum Hall, where refreshments had been provided, and a good programme of toasts, songs, and recitations was gone through. The proposing and replying of the various toasts were well worth listening to. The toast of "Brethren at the Front" was entrusted to Bro. T. M. Wilford, who did full justice to it. The Lodge wishes to heartily thank those brethren who so ably assisted in making the 1916 installation such a success.—[Lodge Correspondent.]

Installed Masters', No. 194.—The installation meeting was held at the Masonic Hall on 3rd October, W. Bro. P. Levi, W.M., presiding. The attendance was not in any way worthy of the occasion. The distinguished visitors included R.W. Bro. J. W. Ellison, Prov.G.M., and R.W. Bro. A. de B. Brandon, Dist.G.M. E.C. W. Bro. A. Erskine, W.M.-elect, was presented to W. Bro. P. Levi by W. Bros. Allport and Rod, and having assented to the Ancient Charges, was obligated by W. Bro. Levi. A B. of I.M. was formed and M.W. Bro. Williams inducted Bro. Erskine into the chair, and the W.M. was proclaimed and saluted. On the Lodge resuming in the Third Degree, proclamations were made by the D. of C. and R.W. Bro. Ellison presented the Warrant, Constitution and Bye-laws. The W.M. then invested the following officers :—S.W., W. Bro. J. J. Esson ; J.W. W. Bro. W. H. Jones ; Sec., W. Bro. G. Menzies ; Treas., W. Bro. J. Rod ; Chaplain, V.W. Bro. H. B. Bridge ; S.D., R.W. Bro. H. H. Seaton ; J.D., W. Bro. C. W. Nielsen ; D. of C., W. Bro. G. Allport ; I.G., W. Bro. A. Scott. An address to the W.M. was given by R.W. Bro. A. de B. Brandon, R.W. Bro. H. H. Seaton gave the charge to the Wardens, in the unavoidable absence of the Dep. G.M. through illness, and V.W. Bro. H. B. Bridge delivered the address to the brethren. It may be mentioned that these addresses were in each case of original composition. The usual refectory degree supervened and was extremely pleasant in character.— [Lodge Correspondent.]

Whetu Kairangi, No. 201.—The annual meeting was held in the Hinemoa Lodgeroom, Daniel Street, on Saturday, 14th ult., the members of Hinemoa Lodge, with that unfailing kindness which always characterises their dealings with Whetu Kairangi, having again given their building for the installation meeting. The meeting was a very successful and impressive one, and the brethren owe a deep debt of gratitude to the G.L. officers and others who so cheerfully and ably assisted, but especially to R.W. Bro. Peterkin, M.W. Bro. Williams, and V.W. Bro. Porritt, whose zeal would not allow them to be absent, but whose state of health quite warranted them being at home in bed instead of taking part in an evening meeting. We trust that the fact that their action was much appreciated by members of the Lodge will be some recompense for the sacrifice they made. R.W. Bro. Peterkin acted as I.M., and had the assistance of a large number of past and present G.L. officers. The W.M.-elect (Bro. Frank Aston) was presented by the D. of C. (W. Bro. Preston), and having been addressed by R.W. Bro. Peterkin, and signified his assent to the Ancient Charges, he was

duly obligated. A. B. of I.M. was formed, and Bro. Aston was duly installed into the chair of K.S. The W.Ts. were presented by W. Bro. Scott (Pacific Lodge), W. Bro. Whitelaw (Tutanekai Lodge), and W. Bro. Morice (Mawhera Lodge). The Warrant, B. of C., and Bye-laws were presented by R.W. Bro. Ellison, Prov.G.M., and after W. Bro. Connell had contributed a solo, W. Bro. Nielsen invested the following officers.—S.W., Bro. T. O. Fox ; J.W., Bro. E. Morris, junr. ; Chaplain, Bro. H. K. Robertshaw ; Treas., Bro. H. J. Wyatt ; Sec., Bro. S. A. Fraser ; S.D. Bro. T. S. Robertson ; J.D., Bro. G. F. Browne ; I.G. : Bro. C. E. Bennett ; Tyler, Bro. J. Kircher ; S.S., Bro. F.F. Mildenhall ; J.S., Bro. D. Carman. The address to the W.M. was given by R.W. Bro. Seaton ; to the Wardens by W. Bro. Rod ; and to the brethren by M.W. Bro. Williams. Bro. Laycock sang "Arm, Arm, ye Brave," after which the newly-installed Master briefly returned thanks to the I.M., G.L. officers, and W. brethren for their assistance in the installation ceremony, and to the brethren for having elected him to the highest office it was in their power to bestow. A collection was taken up, and £4 7s. 6d. in aid of G.L. Annuity Fund collected. R.W. Bro. Ellison then presented the retiring Master, W. Bro. Boon, with a P.M.'s jewel from members of the Lodge, who took this method of showing their appreciation of the zeal and energy shown by W. Bro. Boon during his term of office. W. Bro. Boon suitably replied. After H.G.W. from a large and representative number of visitors the meeting closed, and a very enjoyable time was spent in the refectory, where a short toast list, interspersed with songs and recitations, was gone through, after which the brethren dispersed, feeling that they could look back on the past year—the second in the history of the Lodge—with every satisfaction, and forward to the future with every confidence.—[Lodge Correspondent.]

ROYAL ARCH CHAPTERS.

Waitaki Kil., No. 8.—The installation convocation was held in the Masonic Hall, Oamaru, on the 20th September, and brought a very large attendance of members and visitors, the hall being more than well filled. The Chapter was honoured by the presence of the M.E. 1st G. Prin., Camp. Thomas Ross, accompanied by M.E. Comp. A. Clothier, P.Z., and R.E. Comp. E. Lane, G.Supt. of Otago, with several P.G. officers and officers of sister Chapters from north and south. The ceremony was well and efficiently performed by the Principals and Past Principals of the Chapter. The Charge to the 1st Prin. and the presentation of the Charter were performed by the R.E. G. Supt., to the 2nd Prin. by V.E. Comp. W. Whyte, P.G.Sd.B., and to the 3rd Prin. by V.E. Comp. W. G. Alexander, P.G. 2nd Soj. The M.E.G.Z. addressed the Principals, M.E. Comp. Clothier the officers, and V.E. Comp. J. Taylor, P.G. 1st Soj., the companions. E. Comp. Donald Miller was installed as 1st Prin. and invested by the retiring 1st Prin., V.E. Comp. J. A. Peebles, E. Comp. G. M. Whale as 2nd Prin. by V.E. Comp. D. Miller, and Comp. C. A. La Roche as 3rd Prin. by E. Comp. G. M. Whale. The newly-installed 1st Prin. then invested his officers as follows :—Treas., V.E. Comp. A. Mackay ; S.E., M.E. Comp. J. M. Brown ; S.N., E. Comp. H. G. Deal ; 1st Soj., Comp. J. Crombie ; 2nd Soj., Comp. T. Herron ; 3rd Soj., Comp. J. Wallace ; Mark Master, E. Comp. C. A. La Roche ; E.M., E. Comp. G. M. Whale ; D. of C., V.E. Comp. William Miller ; Organist, Comp. F. C. Burry ; Steward, Comp. H. Ross. At the conclusion of the ceremony the V.E.Z. tendered hearty thanks to the M.E.G.Z. and his officers, to the visitors for their attendance, and to the members for the honour they had conferred on him, and trusted that all would work harmoniously together as in the past to maintain the dignity, reputation and usefulness of the Chapter. The M.E.G.Z. gave hearty congratulations, and with his officers retired. The R.E.G.Supt. also expressed good wishes and congratulations, and retired. The V.E.Z. having risen for the usual enquiries, a candidate for exaltation was proposed, and there being no further business, the Chapter was closed in due form at an early hour. In the refectory the harmony was good, under the guidance of our worthy Organist, Comp. Burry. There were also some good speeches on Chapter matters, but the most interesting item was the address of the G.Z. on the war, and the duties of the Craft in connection therewith. The usual toasts were duly honoured, and our brethren at the front were not forgotten. Auld Lang Syne terminated a very pleasant and successful meeting, at what time this deponent sayeth not.—[Chapter Correspondent.]

Manawatu, No. 11.—The annual convocation was held on the 21st September. The installation and investiture of Principals having been performed, the investiture of officers followed. R.E. Comp. G. W. Palmer officiated as installing officer, assisted by V.E. Comp. Hosking, I.P.Z., and E. Comp. Grove, P.Z., R.E. Comp. Dawick, and E. Comp. Ashwell. The following officers were installed for the ensuing year :—Z., E. Comp. J. Stone ; H., E. Comp. A. W. Gallichan ; J., E. Comp. C. J. Hewlett ; S.E. Comp. W. F. Durward ; S.N., E. Comp. H. J. Canton ; Treas., E. Comp. S. Abrahams ; 1st Soj., E. Comp. J. J. Olliver ; 2nd Soj., E. Comp. E. R. B. Tucker ; 3rd Soj., E. Comp. A. Cook ; Janitor, E. Comp. Chrlon. At the conclusion of the ceremony R.E. Comp. Palmer made a very appropriate reference to the loss this Chapter

had sustained by the death of one of the past officers, viz., the late E. Comp. Dr. Martin, who was an enthusiastic member of the Chapter. The reference was ably supplemented by the V.E.Z. At the conclusion of the work, refreshments were partaken of in the refectory, many toasts being disposed of without honours, in commemoration of the death of E. Comp. Dr. Martin. H.G.W. were offered by many visiting companions, whom we are glad to welcome into the meeting whenever they may come along to see us.—[Chapter Correspondent.]

Waimate, No. 16.—The installation meeting was held on 20th September. There was a fair gathering of companions, but not a few were conspicuous by their absence. It is somewhat regrettable that in Capitular Masonry attendance at both Chapter and the annual function is not what it ought to be, and displays a sad want of enthusiasm on the part of companions.

After the opening ceremonies were discharged, V.E. Comp. F. C. B. Bishop, G.D.C., was admitted and announced the attendance of R.E. Comp. C. Flavell, G.Supt. of Canterbury, The R.E. Comp. was attended by the following retinue :— V.E. Comps. W. H. Hindmarsh, G.W., A. Colville, P.G.D.C., F. C. B. Bishop, P.G.D. of C., A. J. Hoskins, P.G.S.B., and J. Menzies, Asst.G.Reg. E. Comp. T. W. Manchester was presented for installation in the chair of Z. The conclave of P. Prins. being duly formed, the installation of 1st Prin. was effectively carried out by the R.E. G. Supt., that of 2nd Prin. by V.E. Comp. A. J. Hoskins, who conferred the office on E. Comp. James Manchester. E. Comp. O. H. Bateman, having previously served the office of 3rd Prin., was not again obligated. On re-admission of companions the investiture of the Principals was carried out by the two installing officers, by whom also were given the addresses to the Principals. The investiture of officers was most ably conducted by V.E. Comp. Hindmarsh. The addresses to the officers and companions were ably given by the R.E. Supt., on whom indeed fell the bulk of the work. The following is the list of officers for 1916- 1917 :—Z., V.E. Comp. T. W. Manchester ; H., E. Comp. James Manchester ; J., E. Comp. C. H. Bateman ; Tress., V.E. Comp. Shackleton ; S.E., E. Comp. J. W. Manchester ; S.N., E. Comp. C. Coventry ; 1st Soj., E. Comp. E. R. Burkett ; 2nd Soj., E. Comp. W. E. Evans ; 3rd Soj., E. Comp. E. J. Atwill ; Mark Mason, V.E. Comp. A. J. Hoskins ; E.M., V.E. Comp. Shackleton ; D. of C., V.E. Comp. Colville ; Organist, V.E. Comp. Menzies ; Stewards, Comps. W. Barford, J. King, and A. S. Blake; Auditors, V.E. Comps. Hoskins and Lee Janitor, V.E. Comp. H. P. Fraser. After the exchange of courtesies and the retirement of the R.E. G.Supt. and his officers, and the closing of the Chapter, an adjournment was made to the refectory, where an excellent spread was done justice to, followed by toast, song and chat. One toast in particular may be recorded. Comp. A. S. Blake, one of the new Stewards, had, after his nomination, been accepted for service with the Army, and advantage was taken of the occasion to wish him a good time and a safe return.—[Chapter Correspondent.]

Cromwell Coronation, No. 20.—The annual convocation of the Chapter was held in the Chapter room at Alexandra on the 9th October. There was a very fair muster of members, many of whom had travelled long distances to be present, and visitors both from Dunedin and Oamaru. The installation of the Principals was impressively carried out by R.E. Comp. E. Lane, G.Supt. of Otago, who also presided at the conclave of I.P. The officers were invested and addressed by M.E. Comp. Arthur Clothier, P.G.Z., and E. Comp. C. A. La Roche acted as D. of G. in a satisfactory manner. The addresses to the Principals and companions were both delivered by R.E. Comp. Lane, The officers invested and installed were :— V.E. Comp. J. D. Thomson (re-elected) as Z. ; E. Comp. J. J. McKnight as J. ; E. Comp. McDonald, as S.E.; V.E. Comp. Alex. McLean as Treas. ; E. Comp. T. Adams as 1st Soj. ; and E. Comp. J. L. Davidson as 2nd Soj. Comp. W. J. Alexander, H.-elect, and Comp. J. Cairns, S.N., were unfortunately unable to arrive in time for the ceremony, and will be invested and installed subsequently. The Chapter having been closed, the companions adjourned for some light refreshment, when patriotic and other toasts proper to the occasion were honoured, the speeches in every instance being becomingly worthy of the occasion. A very pleasant and successful function was brought to a happy conclusion at 11 p.m., a not unreasonable hour, seeing that some of the companions had twenty or thirty miles to drive home.—[Chapter Correspondent.]

Waikato, No. 22.—The regular meeting was held on the 10th September, and owing to bad weather the attendance was small. The business was the acknowledgment of one brother, the ceremony being performed by W.E.M. C. M. Glimmer, assisted by V.E. Comp. J. C. Williams. Comp. R. H. Webb acted as Captain of the 1st Veil ; Comp. S. B. Sims, S.E., as Captain of the 2nd Veil ; and Comp. W. O. McFadden as Captain of the 3rd Veil. V.E. Comp. H. T. Tristram delivered the lecture. Successful ballots were taken for three brethren. A motion to hold meetings monthly instead of each alternate month was not carried, companions

expressing the opinion that it would not be desirable to make a change at present. A short adjournment was made to the refectory, and the companions dispersed at 11 p.m.—[Chapter Correspondent.]

Wanganui, No. 23.—The installation meeting was held on 7th September in the Masonic Hall. The meeting was a most enthusiastic one, and probably the most successful in the history of the Chapter. The installation ceremony was ably conducted by R.E. Comp. G. W. Palmer, assisted by V.E. Comps. G. S. Gordon, G. G. Bullock, A. Gifford, J. Ashwell, N. Roulston, and J. G. Swan. E. Comp. E. Rummerstrum was installed as 1st Prin. Z., E. Comp. C. C. Moutray as 2nd Prin. H., and E. Comp. F. Symes as 3rd Prin. J., with the following officers :—I.P.Z., V.E. Comp. G. G. Bullock ; S.E., E. Comp. F. Stevens ; S.N., E. Comp. P. Higginbottom ; Treas., R.E. Comp. G. W. Palmer ; 1st Soj., E. Comp. C. P. Bates ; 2nd Soj., E. Comp. E. C. Fletcher ; 3rd Soj., E. Comp. T. G. Harle ; Janitor, E. Comp. J. K. Revell. After the Chapter had closed, a most enjoyable time was spent in the refectory, and various toasts were honoured. Very complimentary reference was made to the excellent work done during the year by the relieving 1st Prin., V.E. Comp. G. G. Bullock, and it is due to his enthusiasm that the Lodge is progressing so well. It is confidently expected that this year will also prove a very progressive one, as members of the Craft Lodges are showing an increasing desire to ascertain more about R.A. Masonry.—[Chapter Correspondent.]

A. AND A. RITE.

Wellington, No. 91. — The annual meeting on the 20th October was a very brilliant function, some forty brethren attending, including visitors from different parts of the Dominion, and one from England. The M.W.S., E. and P. Bro. Reid, presided. A large amount of correspondence was read, and one letter was referred to the Court of Honour for consideration, and action if necessary. Three brethren—from Blenheim, Hastings, and Napier, respectively—received the Rite of Perfection, the M.W.S. being assisted by his officers, Ill. Bro. Rev. T. Porritt, D. of C., giving the Second Point. At the conclusion of the business, Ill. Bro. H. J. Williams was invited to assume the chair and conduct the ceremony of installation, whereupon Ill. Bro. Surgeon-General R. S. F. Henderson, 30 deg., was presented by the E. and P. Marshall, Bro. R. Foss, and was addressed by the installing brother, and having assented to certain charges, he was obligated and duly installed as M.W.S. He then appointed the following officers :—Prelate, E. and P. Bro. Rev. A. M. Johnson; 1st General, E. and P. Bro. W. H. Jones ; 2nd General, E. and P. Bro. R. Foss ; Marshall, E. and P. Bro. J. Rod ; Raphael, E. and P. Bro. G. Allport ; Herald, E. and P. Bro. H. B. Bridge ; Captain of the Guard, E. and P. Bro. E. Hosking. Ill. Bro. Rev. T. Porritt then delivered the charge to the brethren, and the M.W.S. assumed control of the Chapter. Two propositions for candidates were made, and E. and P. Bro. G. Gordon, M.W.S., tendered greetings on behalf of Lathom Chapter, Wanganui, and E. and P. Bro. Chamberlain on behalf of an English Chapter. The Third Point was then solemnly administered by the M.W.S., and the meeting closed at 9.20 p.m. In the refectory, in response to the toast of his health, which was most ably proposed by E. and P. Bro. Rev. A. M. Johnston, the M.W.S. gave a most interesting resume of the Rite of the Rose Croix. Toasts to the newly-perfected brethren and the visitors were also honoured, and an exceedingly pleasant meeting was brought to a close at 11 p.m.—[Chapter Correspondent.]

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

Ara, No. 1:—Founded 1842, meets in the Freemasons' Hall, Princes Street, Auckland, on second Wednesday in each month (except in the month of January), at 7.30 p.m. Installation June. W.M., W. Bro. A. G. Graham; S.W., Bro. W. A. Fairclough; J.W., Bro. J. Dawson; Sec., W. Bro. Alex. I. Farmer, P.M., P.O. Box 151.

St. Andrew, No. 8:—Founded 1861, meets in Freemasons' Hall, Auckland, on third Tuesday in every month, 7.45 p.m. Installation July. W.M., Bro. C. A. Coppins; S.W., Bro. F. L. Connolly; J.W., Bro. P. H. Cole. Sec., Bro. J. P. McPhail, 43 Phoenix Chambers, Queen Street, Auckland.

United Service, No. 10:—Founded 1864, meets in the Freemasons' Hall, Princes Street, Auckland, on last Wednesday in every month, at 7.30 p.m. Installation June. W.M., Bro. John W. William Talbot; S.W., Bro. John W. Swales, P.M.; J.W., Bro. Arthur W. Morris, P.M.; Sec., W. Bro. Thos. W. Allen, P.M., "Bryn Ael," Henderson.

Beta-Waikato, No. 12:—Founded 1865, meets in Masonic Hall, Hamilton, Waikato, Thursday on or before full moon, at 7.30 p.m. Installation Thursday on or after 24th June. W.M., Bro. C. E. B. Speight; S.W., Bro. G. P. Rogers; J.W., Bro. R. A. Grigg; Sec., W. Bro. J. E. Hammond, Hamilton.

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

Coromandel, No. 17:—Founded (456, I.C.), 1872. Manukau, No. 24:—Founded 1876, meets in Masonic Hall, Princes Street, Onehunga, on first Wednesday each month. Installation March. W.M., Bro. D. C. Fraser; S.W., Bro. C. Simpson; J.W., Bro. J. E. Cowell; Sec., W. Bro. C. M. Page, Quay Street, Auckland.

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

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

Ponsonby, No. 54:—Founded 1890, meets in Masonic Hall, Jervois Road, Ponsonby, first Tuesday in month, 7.30 p.m. Installation May. W.M., Bro. L. C. E. Hamann; S.W., Bro. C. T. Haynes; J.W., Bro. C. E. Dutton; Sec., Bro. F. A. Koenig, 30 Ponsonby Road, Auckland.

Wairoa, No. 55:—Meets on third Monday in each month, Lodge Room, Arthur Street, Ellerslie. Installation April. W.M., Bro. A. Hewson; S.W., Bro. A. J. S. D'Ewes; J.W., Bro. E. R. Pilkington; Sec., W. Bro. H. Nutt, Jubilee Road, Ellerslie.

Papakura, No. 56:—Founded 1855, meets in Masonic Hall, Papakura, Tuesday on or before full moon. Installation June. W.M., Bro. R. W. Mears; S.W., Bro. R. G. Mack; J.W., Bro. G. T. Bond; Sec., Bro. H. Willis, P.M.

Franklin, No. 58:—Founded 1891, meets at the Masonic Hall, Kohukohu, on first Thursday after full moon. Installation November. W.M., Bro. A. C. Wallace; S.W., Bro. A. A. Potter; J.W., Bro. G. Downs; Sec., Bro. H. A. Williams, P.O. Box 18, Kohukohu.

Abercorn, No. 76:—Founded 1886, meets in Abercorn Hall, Ormond Road, Gisborne, first Tuesday each month. Installation September. W.M., Bro. G. T. Bull; S.W., Bro. C. Blackburn; J.W., Bro. W. Ross; Sec., R.W. Bro. D. G. Robertson.

Mangonui, No. 78:—Founded 1892, meets in Masonic Hall, Mangonui, Wednesday in each month nearest full moon. Installation February. W.M., Bro. A. Warburton; S.W., Bro. T. Waifs; J.W., Bro. S. Foster; Sec., Bro. L. J. Matthews, P.M., Lake Ohia, Mangonui.

Alpha, No. 81:—Founded 1881, meets at Masonic Hall, Cambridge, on Wednesday nearest full moon. Installation March. W.M., Bro. J. C. Sowers; S.W., Bro. H. H. Speight; J.W., Bro. H. Lewis; Sec., Bro. G. H. Ollard, Cambridge.

Auckland, No. 87:—Founded 1893, meets in Masonic Hall, Eden Terrace, fourth Tuesday each month. Installation May. W.M., Bro. W. G. Mason; S.W., Bro. Fred Mason; J.W., Bro. E. H. Taylor; Sec., W. Bro. W. S. Williams, P.M., 12 Wynyard Road, Mount Eden.

Waikuku, No. 90:—Founded 1893.

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

Whangarei, No. 102:—Meets in Freemasons' Hall, John Street, Whangarei, on Monday nearest full moon in each month. Installation April. W.M., Bro. A. M. McLeod; S.W., Bro. R. K. McLennan; J.W., Bro. R. H. Allan; Sec., Bro. A. D. Lambly, Kensington Road, Whangarei.

Ohinemuri, No. 107:—Founded 1896, meets in Masonic Hall, Paeroa, on Wednesday on or before full moon each month. Installation Nov. W.M., Bro. Chas. B. Gentil; S.W., Bro. F. A. B. Cameron; J.W., Bro. L. F. Ott; Sec., Bro. G. E. Allen.

Waikato, No. 112:—Founded 1898, meets in Masonic Hall, Waikato, third Tuesday each month. Installation April. W.M., Bro. R. Hay; S.W., Bro. H. Fleming; J.W., Bro. J. Say; Sec., W. Bro. A. T. Ellis.

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

Waipa, No. 119:—Founded 25th 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. Savidant; S.W., Bro. S. L. Spahake; J.W., Bro. J. H. Bergman; Sec., W. Bro. C. E. Smith, Te Kopuru.

Tauranga, No. 126:—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. Webber; J.W., Bro. G. French; Sec., W. Bro. W. Montgomery, P.O. Box 2, Whakarewareware.

Piako, No. 160:—Founded 1908, meets in the Masonic Hall, Morrinsville, on Wednesday on or before full moon in every month, at 7.30 p.m. Installation March. W.M., Bro. A. H. Aitkin; S.W., Bro. S. B. Sims; J.W., Bro. R. J. McCausland; Sec., Bro. J. S. Reid, Morrinsville.

Plunket, No. 163:—Founded 1910, meets in the Masonic Hall, Te Kuiti, on Wednesday on or before full moon, at 7.30 p.m. Installation April. W.M., Bro. J. W. Cochrane; S.W., Bro. P. D. Hargreaves; J.W., Bro. A. F. Howarth; Sec., Bro. B. Wolff, Te Kuiti.

Karioti, No. 165 (Raigan).

Tawhiri, No. 166:—Founded November, 1909, meets at Frankton on Tuesday after full moon, at 7.30 p.m. Installation November. W.M., Bro. J. E. Herbert; S.W., Bro. F. W. Luxford; J.W., Bro. A. G. Sanford; Sec., Bro. C. N. Flyger, P.M., Box 6, Mail Room, Frankton Junction.

United Masters', No. 167 (Auckland).

Maungawhau, No. 168:—Founded 1909, meets in the Lodgeroom, Woodside Road, Mt. Eden, on the third Thursday in each month. Installation November. W.M., Bro. H. T. Surman; S.W., Bro. N. T. Williams; J.W., Bro. P. M. Macfarlane; Sec., Bro. F. H. Mueller, P.M., P.O. Box 796, Auckland.

Marsden, No. 169 (Maungaturoto).

Waitakerere, No. 170 (Henderson).

Nau Mai, No. 177:—Founded 1910, meets in Lodgeroom, Hakiaha Street, Taumarunui, first Wednesday every month. Installation November. W.M., Bro. E. T. Hughes; S.W., Bro. F. Fanthorpe; J.W., Bro. J. F. Strang; Sec., Bro. F. E. Grinlinton.

Waipu, No. 179.

Onewa, No. 182 (Northcote).

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.

Whakatane, No. 198:—

Takapuna, No. 202.

Pono, No. 203 (Dargaville).

Titirangi, No. 204 (Avondale).

Irish Constitution.

Ara, No. 348, I.C.:—Founded 6th September, 1842, meets in the Freemasons' Hall, Princes Street, Auckland, on first Monday in each month (January excepted), at 7.30 p.m. Installation 24th June (St. John's Day), high noon. W.M., W. Bro. R. J. Lusher; S.W., Bro. W. Wilson; J.W., Bro. A. J. Vercoe; Sec., W. Bro. W. H. Patterson, P.M., c/o P.O. Box 340.

PROVINCE OF HAWKES BAY: 10 LODGES.

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

Scinde, No. 5:—Founded 1858, meets in the Masonic Hall, Tennyson Street, Napier, on third Tuesday in each month. Installation Wednesday following the third Tuesday in June. W.M., Bro. B. Bishop; S.W., Bro. J. Bowes; J.W., Bro. A. E. Currie; Sec., W. Bro. L. Freedman, P.G.D., Emerson St., Napier.

Victoria, No. 21:—Founded 1871, meets in the Masonic Hall, Munroe Street, Napier, on first Tuesday in every month (except December and January), at 7.45 p.m. Installation first Wednesday in June. W.M., Bro. Harry Hill; S.W., W. Bro. W. A. Wilkie; J.W., Bro. W. G. Jarvis; Sec., Bro. Jas. Redshaw, P.M., P.O. Box 196, Napier.

Bedford, No. 25:—Founded 1878, meets at Masonic Hall, Waipukurau, on Wednesday nearest full moon, at 7.30 p.m. Installation April. W.M., Bro. W. H. L. Williams; S.W., Bro. A. D. Gibson; J.W., Bro. H. J. Newling; Sec., W. Bro. J. W. Elliott, P.M., Waipukurau.

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 Cattachan 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., W. Bro. E. F. Stubbs; S.W., Bro. A. Chisholm; J.W., Bro. J. W. Watkins; Sec., Bro. E. Johnson, P.M., 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. J. Harding; S.W., Bro. H. D. Caplen; J.W., Bro. G. J. Sheppard; Sec., Bro. F. G. Kimbell, P.M., High St., Hawera.

Ngamotu, No. 48:—Founded 1883, meets in Masonic Hall, Robe St., New Plymouth, fourth Wednesday each month (except December, second Thursday), 7.30 p.m. Installation September. W.M., Bro. W. P. Nicoll; S.W., Bro. A. Forbes; J.W., Bro. W. S. Gilbert; 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, meet 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. Buckridge; Sec., Bro. R. C. D. Lightbourne, P.M.

Moia, No. 110:—Founded 1896, meets in Freemasons' Hall, Inglewood, Taruaki, 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.

Ikaroa, No. 115:—Founded 1896, meets at Lodgeroom, 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. Mullon; 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 the Masonic Temple, Feilding, on Monday nearest full moon. Installation July. W.M., Bro. E. H. Fisher; S.W., Bro. D. S. Thomson; J.W., Bro. W. A. Bell; Sec., Bro. A. H. Maguire, P.M.

Manawatu Kil., No. 47:—Founded 1883, meets in Masonic Hall, Church Street, Palmerston North, second Thursday each month. Installation April. W.M., Bro. A. Hopwood; S.W., Bro. W. Mundy; J.W., Bro. D. Dustin; Sec., Bro. W. H. Collingwood, Box 7, Palmerston North.

Otagaki, No. 70:—Founded 1891, meets in Masonic Hall, Ashhurst, Thursday before full moon each month, 7.30 p.m. Installation August. W.M., Bro. H. C. Simms; S.W., Bro. J. T. Robson; J.W., Bro. S. H. Snell; Act.-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. A. S. Jonson; S.W., Bro. F. H. Powell; J.W., Bro. F. C. Berry; Sec., Bro. R. A. Campbell, P.M.

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

Kimboiton, No. 123:—Founded 1902, meets in Masonic Hall, Kimboiton, 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, Kimboiton.

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 Awaio, 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 18th 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, Courthouse, Palmerston North.

Waimarino, No. 175:—Founded 1910, meets in Masonic Hall, Ward Street, Raetihi, Monday nearest full moon, 7.30 p.m. Installation October. W.M., Bro. A. Mabbott; S.W., Bro. Peter Hansen; J.W., Bro. J. C. Goodger; Sec., Bro. A. W. Ashwell, P.O. Box 32, Raetihi.

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, second Wednesday every month, 7.30 p.m. Installation September. W.M., Bro. W. C. Robinson; S.W., Bro. C. B. Harton, P.M.; J.W., Bro. J. Gordon; Sec., Bro. G. E. Smith, P.M., Box 811, G.P.O.

Masterston, No. 19:—Founded 1873, meets in the Masonic Hall, Bannister Street, Masterston, 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 31, Masterston.

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, second Monday each month, 7.30 p.m. Installation October. W.M., W. Bro. F. C. Everton; S.W., Bro. W. Timney; J.W., Bro. M. H. Kendall; 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. A. Longmore; S.W., Bro. A. McLaren; J.W., Bro. R. J. Shakes; Sec., W. 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, Pahiata, 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. H. Morison, P.M.; S.W., Bro. J. B. Bricknell; J.W., Bro. D. P. Loasby; Sec., Bro. Edgar Larkin, P.M., Box 32, Greytown.

Eketahuna, No. 92:—Founded 1898, meets in the Masonic Hall, Bengston 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, second Thursday, 7.30 p.m. Installation August. W.M., Bro. A. A. George; S.W., Bro. Rev. G. Knowles Smith; J.W., Bro. S. R. Shannon; Sec., W. Bro. S. Martin, 11 Millward Street, Newtown.

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. Harrap; S.W., Bro. R. Turner; J.W., Bro. A. H. Mildenhall; Sec., Bro. W. S. Radcliffe, 29 Abbot Road, Ngaio.

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

Horowhenua, No. 135:—Founded 1906, meets in Druids' Hall, Levin, Thursday nearest full moon, 8 p.m. Installation Wednesday nearest in September. W.M., Bro. J. Bagrie; S.W., Bro. J. Middlemiss; J.W., Bro. A. J. Harding; Sec., W. Bro. J. McIntyre, D.H. School, Levin.

Puketot, 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, first Wednesday each month, 7.30 p.m. Installation October. W.M., Bro. J. W. Kershaw; S.W., Bro. W. F. Gundrie; J.W., Bro. J. C. Chapman; 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. Lenzi; Sec., Bro. Edwin Howell, 55 Glen Road, Kelburn.

Waiwhetu, No. 176:—Founded 1910, meets in Masonic Hall, Hula 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, Ngaio, second Tuesday each month, 7.30 p.m. Installation July. W.M., W. Bro. J. H. Jeram; S.W., Bro. D. J. Watson; J.W., Bro. E. Seek; Sec., Bro. J. T. Mair, Khandallah.

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

Whetu Kairangi, No. 201:—Founded 1914, meets at Methodist Church, Worser Bay, second Saturday each month, 7.30 p.m. Installation October. W.M., Bro. F. Aston; S.W., Bro. T. O. Fox; J.W., Bro. E. Morris, junr.; Sec., Bro. J. A. Fraser, Box 756, G.P.O.

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 in the Masonic Hall, Andrew Street, Blenheim, last Tuesday in each month, at 7.30 p.m. Installation June. W.M., Bro. J. Reid; S.W., Bro. A. Gibson; J.W., Bro. W. W. Taylor; Sec., W. Bro. W. C. Lucas, Redwood Street, Blenheim.

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 Masonic Hall, Charles Street, Blenheim, second Thursday each month, 7.30 p.m. Installation August. W.M., Bro. A. Weaver; S.W., Bro. T. F. Bull; J.W., Bro. R. H. Bagge; Sec., Bro. F. W. Smith, Blenheim.

Waihi, No. 111:—Meets in Masonic Hall, Picton, last Friday each month, 7.30 p.m. Installation last Friday in April. W.M., Bro. H. Aubry; S.W., Bro. J. Young; J.W., Bro. E. R. Lane; Sec., Bro. T. W. Bragge.

Forest, No. 116:—Meets at Wakefield on third Wednesday in each month. Installation November. W.M., Bro. H. Franklyn; S.W., Bro. A. D. Syder; J.W., Bro. J. R. Gaukrodger; Sec., Bro. H. C. Fitzsimmons, P.M.

Motueka, 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, Brunerton, 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.

Mokihinui, 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.

Kawaitiri-Westport, No. 152:—Founded 1907, meets in the Masonic Hall, Russell Street, Westport, on second Monday in each month, at 8 p.m. Installation May. W.M., Bro. S. Paul; S.W., Bro. D. T. Gibbard; J.W., Bro. H. Greenwood; Sec., Bro. G. W. Jones, P.M., 137 Queen Street, Westport.

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. Hadcroft; Sec., Bro. A. G. Hildebrand, State Collieries.

Waro, No. 173 (Blackball).

Connaught, No. 187 (Karama).

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, on second Tuesday in every month, at 7.30 p.m. Installation March. W.M., W. Bro. H. H. Wauchop; S.W., Bro. J. A. Stables; J.W., Bro. D. Redpath; 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. B. Willis, P.G.D.; S.W., Bro. J. S. Inwood, P.M.; J.W., 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, on third Wednesday in each month. Installation March. W.M., Bro. D. Wilkinson; S.W., Bro. F. R. Flatman; J.W., Bro. J. M. Sutherland; Sec., Bro. W. A. Sherratt, Geraldine.

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

Lincoln, No. 38:—Founded 1880, meets in Masonic Hall, Lincoln, first Tuesday in each month. No meeting in January. Installation October. W.M., W. 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. Francis; J.W., Bro. A. J. Nicholas; Sec., Bro. R. Baldwin, P.M., 72 Aikman's Road, Christchurch.

Phoenix, No. 43 (Akaroa):

Methven, No. 51:

Kaikoura, No. 60:

Christchurch, No. 91:—Founded 1893, meets in St. Augustine's Hall, Christchurch, on fourth Tuesday in each month, at 7.30 p.m. Installation Nov. W.M., Bro. 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. Jas. Manchester; S.W., Bro. C. Bateman; J.W., Bro. E. R. Beckett; Sec., Bro. A. J. Hoskins, P.M.

Thistle, No. 118:—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's Hall, Christchurch, third Tuesday each month, 7.30 p.m. Installation August. W.M., Bro. T. Kirker; S.W., Bro. T. W. N. Wilson; 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 in Masonic Hall, Gloucester Street West, Christchurch, first Tuesday each month, 7.30 p.m. Installation August. W.M., Bro. W. T. V. I. Bottrell; S.W., Bro. L. D. S. Maffey; J.W., Bro. A. M. Wright; Sec., Bro. W. Sherris.

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. John D. Cameron; S.W., Bro. W. K. Cameron; J.W., Bro. Fredk. Smith; Sec., Bro. F. Lill, P.M., Box 1, Dunsandel.

Amuri, No. 184 (Culverden).

Avon, No. 185:—Meets in Masonic Hall, Christchurch, first Thursday each month. Installation September. W.M., Bro. L. B. Hart; S.W., Bro. W. E. Scott; J.W., Bro. S. K. Barrett; Sec., Bro. B. Falck, 138 Cashel Street, 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, 7.30 p.m. Installation August. W.M., Bro. J. W. Soutar; S.W., Bro. A. McKenzie; J.W., Bro. R. Hyman; Sec., Bro. W. Gibb, Rhodes Street.

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 the Masonic Hall, Wansbeck Street, Oamaru, on Wednesday on or before full moon, at 7.30 p.m. Installation May. W.M., Bro. F. W. Kibblewhite; S.W., Bro. A. W. Woodward; J.W., Bro. A. N. Glass; 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. David Guffie; S.W., Bro. Wm. McGregor; J.W., Bro. Donald Munroe; Sec., Bro. Wm. C. Arkle, Box 22, Palmerston, Otago.

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. 1265, 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.L., Bro. R. Page; S.W., Bro. J. R. Peavner; J.W., Bro. A. Jordan; Sec., Bro. E. Tomkinson, Harbour Board, Dunedin.

Manuhierikia Kil., No. 109:—Founded 1896, meets in the Masonic Hall, Alexandra South, on Friday on or 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. Arnett.

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. Mees; 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., 63 Clyde Street, Dunedin.

Teviot, No. 148:—Founded 1907, meets in Masonic Hall, Roxburgh, on the Saturday on or 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., 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., Bro. A. Allan, P.M., 325 King Street, Dunedin.

Masters, No. 161:—Kuroow, No. 164:—Founded May 13th, 1909; meets in Masonic Hall, Kuroow, Thursday on or before full moon, 7.30 p.m. Installation September. W.M., Bro. H. Barclay; S.W., Bro. R. H. Appleby; J.W., Bro. W. Todd; Sec., Bro. W. W. Mercer.

Owaka, No. 180:—Founded 1911, meets in the Masonic Hall, Owaka, 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.

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

PROVINCE OF SOUTHLAND: 17 LODGES.

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

Southern Cross, No. 9:—Founded 1864, meets in the Masonic Hall, Forth Street, Invercargill, on first Friday in each month, at 7.45 p.m. Installation June. W.M., Bro. Wm. A. Stout; S.W., Bro. Isaac Copeland; J.W., Bro. W. F. Irvine; Sec., Bro. S. Clark, Box 62.

Harvey, No. 49:—Founded 1883, meets in Masonic Hall, Gore, Wednesday nearest full moon, 7.30 p.m. Installation second Wednesday in April. W.M., Bro. E. C. Smith; S.W., Bro. J. Boyne; J.W., Bro. J. C. Ray; Sec., Bro. D. D. Steadman, East Gore.

Mokoreta, No. 63:—Founded 1888, meets in Masonic Temple, Wyndham, third Thursday every month, 8 p.m. Installation fourth Wednesday in September. W.M., Bro. R. Winning; S.W., Bro. H. N. Parker; J.W., Bro. Jas. Duncan; Act.-Sec., Bro. A. Christie, Box 28, Wyndham.

Fortitude, No. 64:—Founded 1888, meets in the Masonic Hall, Bluff, on second Wednesday in each month, at 7.30 p.m. Installation June. W.M., Bro. Chas. W. Bradshaw; S.W., Bro. J. C. Imlay; J.W., Bro. Jas. Walker; 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 in Masonic Hall, Queenstown, Feb. 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. Wm. Robison; S.W., Bro. F. Bonifant; J.W., Bro. J. S. Lipscombe; Sec., Bro. E. Lyon, Box 235.

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. Beir; J.W., Bro. N. E. Griffiths; Sec., 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 the Masonic Hall, Orepuki, on second Thursday in each month, at 7.30 p.m. Installation third Wednesday in April. W.M., Bro. F. D. Fortune; S.W., Bro. C. C. Nicholas; J.W., Bro. W. Clark; Sec., Bro. L. F. Clapp, P.M.

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., 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. K. H. Newman; Sec., Bro. A. G. Thomas, P.M.

Mataura, No. 174.
Waihopai, No. 189:—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 Masonic Hall, Reefton, Tuesday nearest full moon every month. Installation July. W.M., Bro. T. J. M. Ferens; S.W., Bro. H. Smith; J.W., Bro. R. Burley; Sec., Bro. Nicholas Lawn, Walsh St., Reefton.

Wellington, No. 1521:—Founded 1874, meets in 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. Sprott; Sec., Bro. —, 23 Devon Street, Wellington.

BOARDS OF ENQUIRY.

MARLBOROUGH.—Meets in the Masonic Hall, Charles Street, Blenheim, first Thursday in each month. Pres., Bro. C. H. Mills; Sec., 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 the Masonic Hall, Boulcott Street, on third Tuesday in each month, except December. Pres., Bro. C. W. Neilsen; Vice-Pres., Bro. J. Firth; Sec. and Treas., Bro. Henry Hobbs, Hautana 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., Bro. R. Baldwin, P.Prov.G.W., 72 Aikman's Road, Christchurch.

OTAGO.—Meets in Board Room, No. 15 Empire Buildings, Princes Street, Dunedin, third Thursday each month. Pres., Bro. W. G. Hay; Sec., Bro. W. T. W. O'Driscoll, 158 Dundas Street, Dunedin.

ANCIENT AND ACCEPTED SCOTTISH RITE. GRAND LODGE OF FRANCE.

Veritas, No. 384:—Founded 1907, meets in Freemasons' Hall, Mission St., Papete, fourth Saturday each month, 7.30 p.m. Installation December. W.M., Bro. A. C. Rowland; S.W., Bro. W. J. Williams; J.W., Bro. V. Gooding; Sec., Bro. C. H. Norris. [This Lodge, working in English, cordially invites brethren from New Zealand].

L'Oceanic Francaise, 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. Hawcridge (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).

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Auckland—R.E. Comp. Keasley.
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, 1869; meets in St. Augustine Hall, Christchurch, second Wednesday each month, 7.30 p.m. Installation October. Z., M.E. Comp. S. C. Bingham; H., E. Comp. J. A. Stables; J., E. Comp. A. K. Hollow; B., E. Comp. J. W. Piper, 537 Hereford Street, Linwood.

Waterloo, No. 2:—Founded 1875, meets in Masonic Hall, Boulcott Street, Wellington, fourth Wednesday each month. Installation September. Z., V.E. Comp. C. B. Harton; H., E. Comp. C. W. Neilsen; J., E. Comp. J. W. Ellison; S.E., V.E. Comp. H. B. Bridge.

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

Victoria, No. 4:—Founded 1879, meets in Masonic Hall, Munroe Street, Napier, last Thursday in the months of October, November, January, February, March, April, May, July, August, and September. Installation September. Z., Comp. L. Freedman, P.Z.; H., Comp. R. Bishop; J., Comp. H. W. Whittton; S.E., Comp. J. Redshaw, P.Z., Box 198.

Albert Edward, No. 6 (Lyttelton).—Meets third Monday in September, November, January, March, May, and July. Installation September. Z., Comp. A. H. Thorpe, P.Z.; H., Comp. L. A. H. Gogoll; J., Comp. J. Ferneaux; 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, 39 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 St., Oamaru, every second Wednesday after full moon. Installation September. Z., Comp. D. Miller; H., Comp. G. M. Whaley; J., Comp. C. A. La Roche; 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., V.E. Comp. A. J. Farmer; H., Comp. G. Coe; J., Comp. M. Copeland; S.E., Comp. W. Scutt.

Wairapa, No. 10:—Founded 1892, meets in Masonic Hall, Masterton, third Friday in January, March, May, July, September, and November. Installation 23rd September. Z., V.E. Comp. C. W. Perrin; H., E. Comp. C. D. King; J., E. Comp. F. J. Hunn; S.E., E. Comp. J. Milne.