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Ponsonby
Abercorn
WEDNESDAY, 2nd
Manukau
New Mai
FRIDAY, 4th
Hokianga
Waipa
THURSDAY, 10th
Albion
TUESDAY, 15th
St. Andrew
Sir Walter Scott
THURSDAY, 17th
Maunawhau
MONDAY, 21st
Wairoa
TUESDAY, 22nd
Papakura
Auckland
"Hobson"
WEDNESDAY, 23rd
Alpha
Ohinemuri
Piako
Plunket
THURSDAY, 24th
Beta-Waikato
Te Aroha
Tairānua
Tirau
SATURDAY, 26th
Ohangawai
MONDAY, 28th
Te Marama
Whangarei
Waikī
TUESDAY, 29th
Rotorua
Tawhīri
Maniapoto
WEDNESDAY, 30th
United Service
Mangonui
Taupiri

Ruapehu—Cont.

WEDNESDAY, 23rd
Rongotea
THURSDAY, 24th
Kimbolton
Ruapehu
Moutoa
FRIDAY, 25th
Rangitira
MONDAY, 28th
Feilding
Waimarino
TUESDAY, 29th
Ngauruhoe
WEDNESDAY, 30th
Otazuki

CANTERBURY.

TUESDAY, 1st
Unanimity
Civic
THURSDAY, 3rd
Southern Cross
Avon
MONDAY, 7th
Caledonian
TUESDAY, 8th
St. Augustine 4
WEDNESDAY, 9th
St. George
THURSDAY, 10th
Ashley
Waihora
TUESDAY, 15th
Robert Burns
WEDNESDAY, 16th
Geraldine
Thistle
FRIDAY, 18th
Mairaki
MONDAY, 21st
Ahurera
TUESDAY, 22nd
Progress
Christchurch
Koranga
WEDNESDAY, 23rd
Concord
Methven
THURSDAY, 24th
Mackenzie

OTAGO.

THURSDAY, 3rd
Otiao Kil.
MONDAY, 7th
Maori
TUESDAY, 8th
Clutha
WEDNESDAY, 9th
Otago
WEDNESDAY, 10th
Oceanic
MONDAY, 21st
Ngapara
Hueremai
WEDNESDAY, 23rd
Waitaki
St. Thomas Kil.
THURSDAY, 24th
St. Bathans
Kuroo
Owaka
Clinton
FRIDAY, 25th
Palmerston
Manukerika Kil.
SATURDAY, 26th
Teviot
TUESDAY, 29th
Dunstan
WEDNESDAY, 30th
Hercules
Oamaru Kil.
Mount Ida
Cromwell Kil.

SOUTHLAND.

FRIDAY, 4th
Southern Cross
WEDNESDAY, 9th
Fortitude
FRIDAY, 11th
Victoria
TUESDAY, 15th
Lake of Opehi
THURSDAY, 17th
Greyside
Mokoreka
FRIDAY, 18th
St. John
Wallace
MONDAY, 21st
Arrow Kil.
Taringatua
Wahopai
TUESDAY, 22nd
Winton
MONDAY, 23th
Waikaka
Mataura
TUESDAY, 29th
Aparima
WEDNESDAY, 30th
Harvey

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Brooklyn
Waiwanga
MONDAY, 7th
Leinster
TUESDAY, 8th
St. Mark
Otari
WEDNESDAY, 9th
Masterton
Waiwetu
THURSDAY, 10th
Hinemoa
Tutanekai
FRIDAY, 11th
Greytown
SATURDAY, 12th
Whetu Kairanga
MONDAY, 14th
St. John
Waterloo
WEDNESDAY, 16th
Ulster
MONDAY, 21st
St. Andrew
THURSDAY, 24th
Tararua
Horowhenua
FRIDAY, 25th
Eketahuna
SATURDAY, 26th
Coronation
MONDAY, 28th
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Motueka

WESTLAND.

WEDNESDAY, 2nd
Aorangi
SATURDAY, 5th
Mokihimui
THURSDAY, 10th
Mawhera
MONDAY, 14th
Kawatiri
THURSDAY, 17th
Robert Burns
SATURDAY, 19th
Torea
THURSDAY, 24th
Advance
TUESDAY, 29th
Kumara
Pacific (E.C.)
WEDNESDAY, 30th
Westland Kil.
Runanga

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25th February—Tuesday.	22nd August—Thursday.
23rd March—Tuesday.	21st September—Saturday.
26th April—Friday.	20th October—Sunday.
26th May—Sunday.	18th November—Monday.
24th June—Monday.	18th December—Wednesday.

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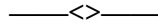
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HONOUR THE PILLARS OF THE CRAFT.



AT the annual meeting of Lodge St. Andrew, Wellington, on 1st December, one of the best speeches of the evening was made by the W. brother who proposed the toast of "Grand Lodge." In the course of his remarks he made a strong appeal for remembrance of the "old veterans," and referred in eloquent terms to the services of those who had borne not only the heat and burden of the earlier days, but also the brunt of the battle that was fought over the formation of the G.L. of New Zealand. Said the speaker, other and younger members are gradually coming to the front, and filling the places of the veterans, but they have no actual knowledge of the struggle that took place nearly three decades ago, or of the condition of the Craft in the old days under the three British Constitutions. The W. brother put in a strong plea for honouring the aged pillars of the Craft, and for ever holding their services in kindly remembrance. It was somewhat of a coincidence that in an address given in Auckland by Bro. Carmichael, and published in the December issue of the CRAFTSMAN, the brother refers to the same matter, in the following words :—

"Aged Masons.—As a rule, the life of the aged becomes more lonely as the years pass by. Friends die, their immediate circle becomes less, the future has little or no attraction for them; they live in the past. The great danger here is in getting out of touch with our social obligations, which are imperative. These men of the old brigade must not be forgotten. Let the younger brethren visit and cheer them, give the latest information concerning present-day Lodge doings, etc., etc., so that in the "evening of life these veteran brethren of ours may feel that they have not lived in vain, and the glorious heritage which "they have given us is being held as a sacred trust, which we in our turn shall by-and-bye hand down to our sons, that the "grand traditions of the past may not be forgotten and lost, but rather shall gain new lustre in the better days that are to come."

We are sure there is not an aged Mason in New Zealand who will not appreciate the able manner in which this brother has hit the nail fairly on the head. Only the "old "brigade " can thoroughly realise what the gradual fading away of old comrades means. Very many of the younger brethren are most kind and courteous in their attentions to their elders, but it is not the same as the contemporary comradeship of older days. But one object we have in view in approaching this subject is to recur to a phase of the question we have strongly urged in the past for consideration. The time will come when the history of the G.L. of New Zealand will deserve to be chronicled. But the historian will experience difficulty at the outset, owing to the paucity of detail of the early history. So far very little has been recorded, and in some particulars the only records extant are not quite accurate or reliable. It would not surely be a work of very great magnitude to collate facts from the surviving actors before their lips are for ever closed. The number now is extremely limited, and each year further depletes the number. It is the personal reminiscences and incidents that require to be garnered for future use. Then the historian will be well fortified, and much that will otherwise be left in doubt or obscurity, or be altogether omitted, will be subjected to the light of truth. And the first veteran who should be asked for his contribution to ancient history should be the .M.W. the G.Sec. Not any of the survivors have more profound knowledge or a longer experience than he has, or who could illuminate it with more interesting details. Once started, the work could be made to rapidly progress, and much interesting history would thereby be rescued from oblivion. The "old brigade " will fully appreciate the kindness of those who are so ready with kind words of appreciation and respect. We take the opportunity of quoting some blank verse, which was published in the CRAFTSMAN some seven years ago, with the same caption as this article, and appears to us most apposite to the subject under review :—

- " Honour the aged brother
- " Whose long and faithful service to the Craft
- " Has earned a world of gratitude from his fellows.

" What is the record?
 " Entered in early life as an apprentice,
 " And well instructed to remove
 " The knobs and excrescences of life's rough ashlar ;
 " Then passed, and finally accepted
 " As Master Mason.
 " Raised in after years to eminence by merit,
 " In regular succession to the Eastern Chair.
 " At last the purple assumed
 " And the highest councils of the Craft are reached,
 " With all their great responsibilities and cares,
 " Where the great destinies of fraternal brotherhood
 " Are shaped and forged to due completion,
 " And there, attuned to all the vagaries
 " And keen vicissitudes of mundane things,
 " His ripe experience does yeoman service:
 " Year after year finds him in his place,
 " Striving for the perfection of good government.
 " Revered in Lodge and held in veneration,
 " His life devoted to humanity's cause,
 " Until the hair grows frosted and the step more feeble,
 " And finally Nature claims its own.
 " The call goes forth from that eternal house
 " Not made with hands, with the great commendation,
 " 'Well done, thou faithful Craftsman!'.
 " 'Enter the glorious portals of this High Grand Lodge,
 " ' And take thy rest well earned.'
 " But let the clarion loudly ring on earth,
 " Honour the aged and worthy brother,
 " 'Inscribe his name full deep
 " ' On that emblazoned scroll of those who love their fellows.'
 " Thus shall the great example cause emulation,
 " Quickened the footsteps of those who follow on,
 " And give the continuity of good works
 " Which ever strengthen and enrich
 " The glorious heritage of our Great and Mystic Craft."

MASONIC GOVERNMENT.

Though at one time we laid the flattering unction to our soul, that the continuance of the war would not materially affect the operations of Freemasonry in this far-off land, yet it is as well to admit now that the scope of its mischievousness cannot be rightly computed, and two branches of Freemasonry have now to suffer some financial loss in a manner that never entered into the calculations, and should constitute an additional argument in favour of the modification of the existing system of government. The G.L. of New Zealand provides by its laws that each Lodge may elect one representative to G.L. communications, and the governing body reimburses all transit expenses to such representative. In addition, the Master, Wardens, and P.Ms. of each Lodge and all G. officers are members of G.L., so that the total membership of that body is considerably over 1,000. And though that number is never present, one-third will constitute a very formidable legislative assembly, quite beyond the needs of the large majority of Freemasons in New Zealand, and as there are now 207 Lodges in the jurisdiction, the annual cost is a very considerable item of expenditure, notwithstanding the railway concessions hitherto granted by the Department. But such concessions are now a thing of the past, and there is considerable doubt if they will ever be renewed, even

after the war. Thus, in future the travelling item by rail, minus concession and plus added cost, will be increased by about 33 per cent., which amount, added to previous charges, should lead to the enquiry as to whether the present expensive system is not susceptible of large modification. Though the plethoric state of the funds of the G.L. of New Zealand can quite well sustain the charge, the question must arise as to whether this large annual appropriation is justified, especially under present conditions, which must continue to prevail for some years to come, even if there is a cessation of the war. But there is another Masonic governing body in the Dominion, which, though burdened with similar conditions, is not nearly so favourably situated financially. We refer to the G.R.A. Chapter of New Zealand. Its register of Chapters is small as compared with G.L., and its revenue possesses no elasticity; indeed, it is as much restricted as that of G.L. is plethoric. Yet it strives to emulate the larger body in its annual perigrinations, with the result that its last convocation, held in the fascinating Northern City, was almost disastrous to its limited finance. Another expensive session looms in the near future, and it is quite patent that some modified form of Government must be devised to avoid abnormal taxation, which would prove fatal to many small Chapters. In any case, the question is quite pertinent as to whether such an elaborate system of government is necessary to accomplish so little, as in both of the foregoing cases the work is largely confirmatory administration rather than projective legislation.

It is a mistake to visit a Lodge every night in the week, on the one hand, or never at all, on the other, says the "Toronto Freemason." These extremes meet. If you are a married man, don't forget you have a family; if you are a Mason, don't forget you have a Lodge, if you are a married man.—Exchange.

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In England many Lodges have practically suspended operations because of so many of their members being engaged in the country's military service. Two Lodges claim to have every member in the army. One is in London, and the other in Hounslow, Middlesex. English Lodges, however, are small as regards membership, and other conditions exist there that are not likely to confront American Lodges.—Exchange.

News and Notes.

LODGES are now beginning to feel the calling-up of the Second Division, and it is anticipated that scarcely a Lodge in the Territory will be unaffected. The necessity for augmenting the Special (War) Benevolent Fund is becoming more apparent daily, and we are glad to learn that the effort of the Silver Baton Appeal Committee is being warmly responded to. The brethren are reminded that "every little helps."

MANY enquiries have been made as to whether the amounts contributed by the individual Lodges toward the Silver Baton Appeal will be shown in G.L. returns. The Hon. Secretary informs us that there will be no difficulty in arranging this, and also that the amounts contributed by each Lodge will be duly published.

LODGE OTAGO has decided to discontinue sending monthly invitations to Lodges beyond local limits, but to substitute therefore a standing invitation to the monthly meetings, which are held on the second Wednesday in each month, the annual meeting being on the second Wednesday in October.

THE G.Sec. of South Australia, Bro. C. R. Glover, has been elected as Mayor of Adelaide, S.A. Bro. Glover has been associated with municipal work for about ten years. He was elected G.Sec. of the G.L. of South Australia in 1909.

AT the November meeting of the Waterloo B.A. Chapter the companions, at the request of the V.E.Z., rose and congratulated M.E. Comp. Porritt on his having, on the 7th of that month, attained his eightieth birthday. Judging by the alacrity with which the M.E. Comp. responded to an invitation to take part in the work of the evening, he is far from being "out," and is going as strong as ever.

THE usual annual distribution of heather, specially sent from Scotland, was a distinctive feature of the installation of Lodge St. Andrew, Wellington, on 1st December. Two skilled pipers also contributed as a

reminder of the ancestry of the Lodge. The meeting was most enjoyable, and the management was highly creditable.

THE motor service between Wanganui and Marton is a most useful convenience, and frequently enables the traveller to avoid hours of weary waiting. But tradition has it that Jonah's amongst the travellers sometimes exercise pernicious influence, and the sparking plug goes on strike. Two instances occurred recently. In the first an eminent and distinguished executive G. officer of Auckland was located as the offender, and the following day an exceedingly modest and inoffensive brother from Wellington had to bear the stigma. In the latter case the car that refused duty had all the impedimenta of several E. and P. Bros., who were in another car, and who only of their belognings at Marton in time to catch the mail train by the skin of their teeth.

DECEMBER and January are out-of-session months with many Masonic Lodges, owing to the absence of many brethren, and that conditions in many Lodgerooms are not compatible with a highly heated atmosphere.

WE very heartily reciprocate the kindly season's greetings of Southern Cross Lodge, Kaiapoi.

THE visit of the M.W.S., Bro. A. Veitch, and members of the Wellington Chapter, to Lathom Rose Croix Chapter, Wanganui, was very greatly appreciated. The happy social intercourse that has developed between the two Chapters is most beneficial to both.

A PETITION for the establishment of a Rose Croix Chapter, under the Supreme Council of England and Wales, from certain E. and P. brethren in the Hawkes Bay District, has been forwarded to the G. Inspector-General for New Zealand (V. II. Bro. Malcolm Niccol, 33 deg.) for transmission to Golden Square, London. It is proposed to establish the new Chapter in Hastings, as that is considered to be a central meeting place. E. and P. Bro. E. Hosking, of Ormondville, and a present member of Wellington Chapter, is nominated as the first M.W.S. It will be some few months before the Charter can be received.

WE most heartily reciprocate the season's greetings, so kindly forwarded by so many brethren from all parts of the country, and from Australia and America. The number quite precludes the possibility of individual acknowledgment.

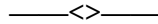
W. BRO. G. B. EDWARDS, W.M. of Rakaia Lodge, has been transferred to Wellington on promotion, which he appreciates; but, as an enthusiastic and hard-working brother, he naturally regrets that the moment is somewhat inopportune. No doubt, the brethren of his Lodge will fully appreciate his difficulty.

"GENERALLY speaking, peace and harmony everywhere prevail, except insofar as affected by the invasion of territory by the G. Chapter of Scotland. That C. Chapter continuing obdurate with reference to its claims for jurisdiction, and refusing to recall the Charter of Keystone Chapter at danila, the M.E.G. Chapter, has severed all Masonic relations with it until such time as there shall be a cessation of the invasion of our territory. Following that example, several of the G. Chapters have taken like action."—From the Proceedings of the G. Chapter of California, 1917.

WE regret to have to record the death of W. Bro. A. H. Aitken, who was killed in action in Flanders on 4th October, 1917. W. Bro. Aitken was I.P.M. of Lodge Piako, and enlisted and went to the front during his term of office as Master of the Lodge. He was one of the most capable brethren in the Lodge, and was looked up to and admired by all. His loss is a severe one to the Lodge, but his true Masonic character will live long in the memory of the brethren.

DURING the last month or two Lodge Piako seems to have had more than its share of casualties among brethren at the front. A few days after hearing of the death of W. Bro. A. H. Aitken news was received that Bro. Lieut. J. C. Allen had died of wounds in France on 19th October, 1917. Bro. J. C. Allen was a foundation member of Lodge Piako, and was highly respected by the brethren. Besides Bro. Lieut. J. C. Allen making the supreme sacrifice, both his brothers, who are also members of Lodge Piako—W. Bro. Lieut.-Col. S. S. Allen and Bro. Lieut.-Col. R. C. Allen—have recently been severely wounded, but are now slowly recovering. Bro. Lieut.-Col. J. C. Allen leaves behind him a wife and young family.

CANTERBURY CHIPS.



W. Bro. Oscar Moller has returned to the city of his adoption, and has quickly got into harness in the Civic Lodge, of which he is a respected P.M. As a mark of the respect in which he is held, his brethren have decided to nominate him for the position of G.D. of C.

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For the first time, so far as the present writer is aware, the initiation has taken place of a "serving brother," the candidate being the new caretaker of the Masonic Hall, who is giving the greatest satisfaction. The English Constitution provides for the initiation of a serving brother, but lays it down that he cannot be a member of the Lodge which confers the degrees.

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The members of Avon Lodge recently journeyed to Rotherham and Kaikoura some sixteen strong. They carried their stock-in-trade to Rotherham, in the person of one of their own members, on whom they conferred the Second Degree. On arrival at Kaikoura on the Thursday night they conferred that degree upon a member of the local Lodge. On Friday and Saturday they were the guests of the members of Kaikoura Lodge, and right royally did their hosts provide a never-ending series of excursions and entertainments, among which was included a motor whaleboat fishing trip, which seems to have upset most of the passengers, especially "Scotty," the popular chief of the Avon Lodge. The Avon brethren returned to town on the Sunday, unanimous in their opinion that if you want to experience real Masonic hospitality, you must go to Kaikoura.

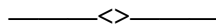
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The local R.A. Chapters have decided to nominate. V.E. Comp. F. C. Bishop for the position of G.Supt. of Canterbury, from which position R.E. Comp. C. Flavell will shortly retire.

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At time of writing our distinguished brother, John Thornton, is lying in a nursing home in a very critical condition. Our best wishes go out to " Bro. John " in his hour of trial, and we sincerely hope that it will please T.G.A.O.T.U. to speedily restore him to his normal state of health.

THE LATE BRO. SIR EDWARD LETCHWORTH, P.G.W.



[By Bro. DUDLEY WRIGHT, Phil.B., F.S.P., Assistant Editor of " The Freemason," London, England.]



Sir Edward Letchworth certainly had an unusual, if not, indeed, a unique Masonic career. He was initiated in the Jerusalem Lodge, No. 197—a " red-collar Lodge "—in 1875, and, within a few months of his initiation, his name appeared as one of the signatories to a petition for a Charter for what is now known as the St. James's Lodge, No. 1579, Edmonton. The warrant was granted, and he became the first S.W., and the second W.M., so that within eighteen months of his initiation he was installed in the Master's chair. In 1882 he succeeded it) the chair of his mother Lodge, having in the previous year served as G.S. and as Pres. of the Board of Stewards. In 1884 he was appointed J.G.D., and in 1898 he became one of the founders of the Captain Coram Lodge, No. 2737, and the Acting-I.P.M. during the first year of its history. This Lodge, as its name implies, is in connection with the Foundling Hospital, of which Sir Edward was one of the governors. He also joined the Lodge of Antiquity, No. 2; the Bard of Avon Lodge, No. 778, which, like St. James's Lodge, is in the province of Middlesex, of which province he had been appointed G.Reg. in 1877; and the Royal Alpha Lodge, No. 16. He occupied the W.M.'s chair in all these Lodges, and of the last-mentioned Lodge he has been Sec. for nearly thirty years.

When, in 1891, the office of G.Sec. became vacant in consequence of the lamented death of Bro. Cal. Shadwell H. Clerke, some apprehension was caused among members of the Craft, in consequence, as it was said, of there being no fitting successor available for that important and difficult office. Bro. Edward Letchworth was comparatively unknown to the great majority, although his earnestness and assiduity had attracted attention in high quarters. As Chief Steward of Manors to Queen Victoria and as an Officer of the Duchy of Lancaster, he had been brought into close personal touch with the G.M., H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, and confidence was reposed in him, and when the qualifications of the new G.Sec. were reviewed, it was agreed that a more fitting selection could not have been made. Before his appointment to this important office, the new G.Sec. had been for some years a member, and not an inactive one, of the B. of G.P. By special desire of the G.M., he was privately invested with the insignia of his office by the Pro G.M., the late Earl of Amherst, on 7th March, 1892, and in the next issue of "The Freemason" the following comment upon the appointment appeared :—

"Although it is only about seventeen years since Bro. Letchworth became a member of our society, he has within that period of time discharged so many and such various important duties that the news of his appointment will be received everywhere with satisfaction. The post on which he has just entered is both an onerous and responsible one, but it will be recognised on all sides that in Bro. Letchworth the M.W.G.M. has found one who in the matter of Masonic experience and general business capacity is well qualified, for the office."

How well that prediction has been fulfilled is now a matter of history, as it is also one for deep and hearty congratulation and gratitude.

The office of G.Sec. carries with it the important duty of the consecration of many Lodges, particularly those formed within the London area, and it was not unnatural that there should be some solicitude, though no misgivings, as to how this ceremony would be rendered by the newly-appointed G.Sec. The first Lodge consecrated by Bro. Letchworth was the St. Stephen's Lodge, No. 2424, on 9th May, 1892, at Blackheath, and here again may be taken an excerpt from the report of that function which appeared in "The Freemason":—

"It was the first Craft Lodge which Bro. E. Letchworth, G.Sec., has consecrated since his appointment to the important office he now holds, and his performance of the ceremony was all that could be desired and afforded evidence of the wisdom of the G.M.'s selection. All who had the pleasure of witnessing the ceremony experienced a great treat, as, in addition to the fluency of the G.Sec.'s delivery, grace and quietness formed noticeable features of the execution of the work." Of the officers who assisted him on that occasion, only two are now with us—Bros. Dean Brownrigg and C. E. Keyser. In June, 1912, the 292 Lodges and Chapters which he had up to that date consecrated, presented him with a beautifully-executed marble bust of himself, the work of Bro. T. Essex, the eminent London sculptor, together with an artistic album containing the names of all the Lodges and Chapters taking part in the presentation, and the names of the Committee. Although, at the request of the G.Sec., the ceremony was a simple one at his London house, the placing in the hands of their Consecrating Officer of these tokens of appreciation and respect was the occasion of a notable assembly of representative brethren. The bust is about three feet high, is carved out of a block of pure Seravezza marble, and mounted on a black pedestal, the crown of which is a revolving base for the bust, and enables the latter to be turned and inspected on all sides. Bro. R. J. Godson, now P.A.G.St.B., acted as honorary secretary of the Committee which organised the testimonial.

The last Lodge he consecrated was the Royal Naval Anti-Aircraft Lodge, on 14th April, 1917, when he broke through the rule he had made some little time previously of leaving the gathering immediately after the/ consecration ceremony. The function took place in the morning, because of the afternoon and evening duties of the members. The importance of the Lodge impressed itself upon the G.Sec., who, in proposing the toast of the W.M., said that he had consecrated several hundreds of Lodges, but he could with all sincerity say that he had never attended a consecration that had impressed him more than that.

At the Bi-Centenary Festival in the Royal Albert Hall on 23rd June, 1917, the loudest and heartiest applause was given when the G.Sec. received the command to approach to the G.M.'s Throne and receive at his hands the jewel of P.G.J.W. It was the highest honour, in the way of rank, that could be conferred upon him, but, if

the question had been put to Sir Edward as to which he valued most, the appointment or the plaudits of his Brethren, there is little or no doubt as to the answer that would have been returned.

Sir Edward Letchworth's achievements in other branches of Freemasonry have been almost as notable as those he attained in the Craft. He was exalted in the St. James's Chapter, No. 2, of the Supreme Royal Arch in 1872, of which he became 1st Prin. in 1882. He became a joining member of the Bard of Avon Chapter, No. 778, and of the Enfield Chapter, No. 1579, of both of which he became in due course the 1st Prin. He was honoured with the appointment of G.Reg. in the Prov. G. Chapter of Middlesex, G.St.B. in the Sup. G. Chapter in 1884, and, in 1892, when he was appointed G.Sec. of the United G.L., he became, *ipso facto*, G.S.E. of the Sup. G. Chapter.

He was advanced in Mark Masonry in the Carnarvon Lodge, No. 7, and became a joining member of the Ruspini Lodge, No. 363, and in both of these he became the W.M. in due course. He was elected G.Treas. of the Grand Mark Lodge of England in 1888, and, in 1915, was appointed S.G.W. He was at one time a member of the Grand Master's Royal Ark Mariners' Council.

He joined the Ancient and Accepted Rite through the Board of Avon Chapter, No. 44, of which he afterwards became M.W.S. This Chapter some years ago conferred upon him the signal distinction of honorary membership, he being the only honorary member of that Chapter. He also became a joining member of the Grand Metropolitan Chapter, No. 1, and, in 1892, was appointed a Grand-Inspector-General. On 13th July in that year the 33rd Degree was conferred upon him by the Earl of Latham.

In Knight Templary he was a P.E.P. of St. George's Preceptory, No. 6. In 1888 he was appointed G.Sd.B. of the Great Priory, K.C.T. in 1893, and G.C.T. in 1912. Other Masonic honours held by him were those of P.P. of Malta, P.M.P.S. of the Order of Rome and Red Cross of Constantinople, P. Capt. Guard in the Grand Council of the R.S. and S.E. Masters, P.G. officer of the Royal Order of Scotland and of the Order of the Secret Monitor, and membership of the Societas Rosicrucian. The G.L. of Quebec some years ago honoured him with the appointment of H.P.G.M.

Sir Edward Letchworth became a supporter of the Volunteer movement at its inception in 1859, and joined the Victoria Rifles, which was under the command of the second Duke of Wellington, whose custom it was to entertain the officers annually to dinner at Apsley House. In 1860 he received his commission as captain of the 33rd Middlesex Volunteer Corps, and he took part in the review held that year in Hyde Park by Queen Victoria and Prince Albert. At the same time he held a captaincy in the 40th Middlesex Corps, both of which joint commissions were held by him until 1867. In consecrating the 2nd Middlesex Volunteer, Artillery Lodge, No. 2484, in October, 1893, he referred to the fact that he was, in all probability, the oldest volunteer present, his captain's commission being dated between thirty and forty years previously, previous to which he was a private in the Victoria Rifles, but, he added, owing to his quaker training, he feared he was never much of a warrior, and, in 1867, Her Majesty was pleased to accept his resignation.

Sir Edward Letchworth, who was born on 18th March, 1833, was the eldest son of the late Henry Finch Letchworth, of Oak Hill, Surbiton, and a member of a very old Quaker family. His younger brother, who is three years his junior, is the Rev. Henry Howard Letchworth, M.A., honorary canon of Canterbury Cathedral, and formerly rural dean of Sutton. For many years before his appointment as G.Sec. he practised as a solicitor. He has always taken a special interest in historic research, and became a Fellow of the Society of Antiquaries. His sympathy with social amelioration was indicated by his long connection with the Foundling Hospital (to which reference has already been made) and with St. Bartholomew's Hospital, of both of which institutions he was a governor, and with the Female Orphan Asylum, of which he was a vice-president.

Notwithstanding the many interests which it will be seen have claimed the attention of Sir Edward Letchworth in the Kingdom, he has been a great traveller abroad, having journeyed extensively in almost all countries of Europe, as well as in Egypt and Morocco. He has thus been enabled to visit nearly all the principal picture galleries of the Continent. The time which he has had available for recreations has been expended principally in travelling and in outdoor sports, among which riding and rowing formerly took principal places. He was a member of the Junior Carlton and Garrick Clubs, and it was his custom for many years to lunch at the last-named, which is in close proximity to Freemasons' Hall.

In 1902, the same year that the honour of knighthood was conferred upon him; he married Mary Constance, widow of Thomas Blakie, only son of the late Sir Thomas Blaikie, of Aberdeen. On that occasion the officers of the United Grand Lodge of England wished to present Lady Letchworth with a costly diamond ornament, of her own selection, but accepted her stipulated preference for a portrait of her husband, and Mr Oules was commissioned to paint the picture, which was exhibited at the Royal Academy in 1903. The formal presentation took place at Freemasons' Hall on 2nd April, 1903, and was made on behalf of officers of the United Grand Lodge by the late Sir Thomas Bucknill, Prov.G.M. of Surrey, in the presence of a large number of distinguished brethren. Among other presentations which were made to him on the occasion of his marriage were a massive silver-gilt loving cup from the Lodge of Antiquity, No. 2, and a handsome silver tray from the members of the Cathedral Lodge, No. 2741.

On the occasion of the honour of knighthood being conferred upon him in November, 1902, the following comment was made in "The Freemason" :—

"It is no disparagement to the memory of his predecessors and the valuable services they rendered to say that the most important offices of G.Sec. and G.Sc.E. have never been more faithfully and honourably fulfilled than during the period of his administration.

Sir Edward Letchworth was a vice-president and served several stewardships to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution; vice-patron and P.T. of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, to which he was steward on several occasions; and for forty years he was a member of the House Committee of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, of which he was a patron, and to which he served no fewer than thirty-six stewardships. In May, 1913, he presided over the 125th Annual Festival of the last-named institution, when he received such loyal support from the brethren, and particularly the members of the London Lodges, that the record sum of £51,071 was contributed, of which London alone provided £34,093.

One never heard a word uttered in a slighting or disparaging manner of the G.Sec. Indeed, he was never spoken of save in the terms of the highest praise and appreciation. He was referred to invariably as the type of the perfect gentleman, but that term was used in its highest and noblest meaning.

And thus he bore without abuse
The grand old name of gentleman,
Defamed by every charlatan,
And soiled with'all ignoble use.

Beloved by all, defamed by none, his visible presence has been removed from our midst, but "the great man never falls," and the influence he exercised on the Craft will remain and can never be without its effect upon Freemasonry in England—aye, and beyond the seas.

How can he be dead
Who lives immortal in the hearts of men?

It was no mere affectation or exaggeration of speech which caused him to be referred to so frequently as "the beloved Grand Old Man of Freemasonry." He was beloved, indeed, none in the Craft could have been held in higher esteem or greater affection than he. It will take long to realise that his beloved form will be seen no more in our midst.—"South African Masonic Journal."

NEW ZEALAND PACIFIC LODGE, No. 2 (No. 1758, E.C., 1842-1863; No. 517, E.C., 1863-1890).

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75TH ANNIVERSARY.

On the evening of 26th November a great gathering of the Craft assembled in the Freemasons' Hall, Wellington, to fittingly celebrate the 75th anniversary of N.Z. Pacific Lodge, "the oldest working Lodge" in the Dominion. Punctually at 6.30 p.m. the Lodge was opened by the W.M., Bro. J. Tamblyn. Routine business was quickly disposed of, one important item being the nomination of one of the Lodge's members, V.W. Bro. A. L. Herdman, P.G.Reg., as G.M.

At 7 p.m. visitors were received, and the accommodation of the hall was severely taxed to find room for the large number of representatives from sister Lodges. The Lodge was honoured by the attendance of the G.M., M.W. Bro. Oliver Nicholson, who was accompanied by the G.Sec., M.W. Bro. M. Niccol, P.G.M.; R.W. Bro. G. H. Powley, P.D.G.M.; W. Bro. W. R. Leighton, G.D. of C.; who all journeyed from Auckland to attend this historic meeting. Other G.L. officers present included M.W. Bro. H. J. Williams, P.G.M.; R.W. Bro. T. A. Peterkin, P.D.G.M.; R.W. Bro. Ellison, Prov.G.M.; R.W. Bro. G. Fowlds, P.D.G.M.; W. Bro. Rishworth, G.D. of C.; and numerous other distinguished brethren.

The W.M. briefly addressed the assemblage, offering a warm welcome to the G.M. and his officers, after which he moved the following resolution :—

"That on this, the 75th anniversary of our Lodge, we desire to express our gratitude for the many blessings which have been poured out upon us during the seventy-five years of our existence; we desire to renew our pledge of loyalty and devotion to our sovereign, His Majesty the King; and to declare once more our allegiance to the G.M. of our Constitution; and, although this historic event is shadowed by the fearful devastation and carnage of war, we confidently look forward to the future with the hope that the victory of our cause will ensure the spread throughout all lands of the three grand principles on which our Order is founded—Brotherly Love, Relief, and Truth."

The motion was carried unanimously, and all present joined heartily in singing the National Anthem.

M.W. Bro. Nicholson, the G.M., then addressed the brethren, and expressed the pleasure it gave him to be present to join in Congratulations to the Lodge on its 75th anniversary. That the Lodge, in spite of vicissitudes, had been able to carry on its work for seventy-five years spoke volumes for the zeal of its members. The interesting pamphlet prepared by the Sec., giving a brief history of the Lodge, bore ample testimony to the success which had attended them thus far, and he hoped that the future would have in store for them a still wider sphere of true Masonic usefulness. An occasion like that, when so many representatives of Lodges are gathered together, afforded an opportunity of taking into consideration the question as to whether they had shown in the past, and were still showing, full appreciation of the ideals, the aims and objects of Freemasonry, and whether they were achieving the full success they should do with the means at their disposal. He purposed, therefore, taking advantage of the occasion by addressing to them words of advice and admonition, in the hope that it may have some effect in awakening the brethren from the lethargic state into which all were apt to drift to one of increased Masonic activity. They were too much inclined to estimate success or failure from the standpoint of numerical and financial strength. Such success was, no doubt, very commendable; but he ventured to sound a note of warning, as he had done on previous occasions, that their success should not be measured in this way, but should be measured by the way in which they as Masons exemplified in their daily lives the principles of their Order and the manner in which each Lodge was proving an active and effectual influence for good in the community in which it found itself. They could judge of that by applying to themselves a rigid self-examination, and as part of that examination he might perhaps ask them a few pertinent questions " Have you done anything, as Masons or as private citizens, to ameliorate the condition of your fellow citizens? Have you personally contributed according to your means to the relief of fallen and distressed brethren, or helped the widow and the orphan? Have you not been satisfied, brethren, that their needs should be met from the funds of the Lodge? Have you carefully watched over those who may want your financial assistance, and whose hearts are bowed down with sorrow through sickness or bereavement ? Have you carefully guarded the footsteps of brethren in danger of straying from the paths of rectitude and manhood? Have you admonished an erring brother and counselled and assisted him? Has your Lodge done any particular work of any particular moment to promote the true welfare of humanity in the particular locality in which it carries on its operations? Have you, in short, individually and collectively, made full use of your opportunities to act for the benefit of mankind ?" Let them propound those questions and other similar questions to themselves, he added, and they would soon come to a realisation of their many shortcomings, and of their failure to even approach the standard of Freemasonry, its lofty standard of right living, And this self-examination should be followed up by the determination to give a practical exposition of Freemasonry, which inculcates on a man, line upon line and precept upon precept, those fundamental principles which tended to make him a better citizen, a better Man, a more loving son and husband, a wiser and better father, and which taught them to protect the weak, to defend the virtuous, and to reverence those holy ties of home which all experience told them are necessary to

the safety and the well-being of any nation. All this Masonry was capable of achieving, and he would urge them by their lives to illustrate and adorn those noble principles. Need he remind them that they had in their Lodges members of the different classes of society ? Each member had his own particular sphere of influence in the class to which he belonged; and, if they would only recognise their duties to Masonry and to society, a mighty impetus would be given to universal brotherhood. He maintained that too much secrecy was observed in not letting the outside world know more of their principles and beliefs. They were the principles upon which civilisation rested; so why should they be so secretive in regard to letting the world know what Masonry stood for? Their object was to benefit and uplift humanity. There was too much secrecy about the real object of Freemasonry. If more was known about its principles and its objects, some of the best men now outside the Order would be glad to enter its ranks, attracted by a favourable opinion preconceived of the institution and by a generous desire to render themselves more generally serviceable to their fellow creatures. Brethren should remember that by their deeds they would be known amongst men. They should be conspicuous in the community as God-fearing men, just and true men of sterling integrity, engaged in all good works for the uplifting of humanity, true to their families and loyal to their sovereign. It was only when they lived up to the full measure of their teachings that the world would give to Freemasonry the just credit which was its due. Let them not, therefore, belittle their short lives, but try to live them well. The best within them should be given to Masonry, which was boundless in its opportunity and power for good. "The opportunity of Freemasonry," he said, in conclusion, " was never greater than it is to-day. A great responsibility rests on your shoulders. Beware how you acquit yourselves. We are standing to-day on the threshold of a new era. We are passing through a chastening fire. Let me exhort you to pledge yourselves anew- to our great principles, and, under the guidance of the Most High, show to all men the true intent and meaning of Freemasonry."

An anthem was then sung by W. Bros. G. Smith and J. Connel and Bros. Thomson and Scammell, after which W. Bro. J. H. Worboys, Sec. to the Lodge, gave an interesting address on "The Years that are Gone." Tracing the history of the Lodge from its establishment by the first settlers who arrived in Port Nicholson in 1840, W. Bro. Worboys stated that, through the efforts of a small band of brethren, headed by Bro. George Smith, the first W.M., a dispensation was obtained from the Prov.G.M. of New South Wales, and the Lodge was founded under that Constitution. The first meeting was held on 23rd November, 1842, in the Southern Cross Hotel, Willis Street, which occupied the site on which now stands the shop of Mr. F. J. W. Fear. A number of changes of the meeting-place of the Lodge followed; but in 1867 Lodge Pacific, No. 2,' finally took up its abode in the Masonic Hall, Boulcott Street, where it has since remained and prospered. The address dealt with the various public functions in which the Lodge has taken part, and the names of many old members, prominent in Masonic and in public life, were mentioned. The New Zealand Constitution was founded in 1890. Since that time the Order had advanced more rapidly, and the Lodge had progressed with it, and was still flourishing. "For three-quarters of a century," said W. Bro. Worboys, in conclusion, "the members of our Lodge have learnt the lessons of Brotherly Love, Relief, and Truth. May they ever continue to practise out of the Lodge those sacred duties they have been taught within it, and in blessing others they will themselves be blessed. Especially in the early days, our Lodge numbered among its members many who took a leading part in the commercial and the political life of the city. For many years it was the only Lodge in town. It was the neutral ground where all parties could meet, and, no doubt, it exercised an elevating influence on the minds of those who belonged to it. Our predecessors have left us a very fine record, and it is for us, in our turn, to so conduct ourselves that the members of the past may look down from the G.L. above and see that we are carrying on the traditions of the Order and practising those Masonic principles of Brotherly Love, Relief, and Truth.'

A most impressive and successful meeting was brought to a close in the usual Masonic manner, after which the brethren adjourned to the large hall, where a bountiful supper was provided, and where the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured. The toast of the evening—" N.Z. Pacific Lodge"— was entrusted to the genial G.Sec., M.W. Bro. Nicol, who delivered a congratulatory speech brimful of his old eloquence and enthusiasm. The other speech-makers were : M. W. Bro. H. J. Williams, P.G.M.; R.W. Bro. Peterkin, P.D.G.M. ; R.W. Bro. Seaton, P.G.W. ; and V.W. Bro. Herdman, P.G.W.; who all showed that the Lodge, in eloquent oratory, is second to none. A very fine musical programme, arranged by W. Bro. Connell and Bro.

Godier, enhanced the pleasure of the brethren in what was pronounced by all to be a most successful and enjoyable meeting.

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

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The annual convocation of the Sup. G. Chapter will be held in the Masonic Hall, Nelson, on Thursday, 31st January, 1918, commencing at 2 p.m.

Morning dress will be worn at the afternoon session; meeting for installation of G. Principals at 7 p.m.

HERBERT J. WILLIAMS, G.S.E.

A CENTENARY CELEBRATION OF A LARGE CHAPTER.

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We have had the pleasure of receiving a souvenir programme and other papers in connection with the centennial of "Pythagoras Chapter," No. 17, on the register of the Grand Chapter of Connecticut. The letter accompanying states that the Chapter has a membership of 1200, and is very vigorous. The 100th birthday was most successful, and much good resulted from the excellent addresses made by the guests of the evening.

The programme reproduces copies of the original petition and Charter, the exterior of the fine temple and the interior of the Chapter room. Also two pages from the original Bible used in 1817, the first page of the original by-laws, and the certificate of membership of the first Scribe. And naturally the Officers for the year are not omitted. The menu excited our epicurean taste, while the toast list should have produced a feast of reason and a flow of soul, with the addition of exquisite vocal and instrumental harmony. Places were laid in the refectory for 648 persons at 18 tables, the tables being all lettered and the seats numbered. From the whole, we deduce the moral that it was good to be there,

Correspondence

FROM AN OLD P.M. OF LODGE WATERLOO.

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TO THE EDITOR.

DEAR SIR AND BRO.,—From fair Samoa, some thousand times beyond the "length of my c.t.," I send you most cordial greeting, and through you to my numerous Masonic brethren in New Zealand. For five or six years now I have been a wanderer, and as a surveyor I have always been beyond the c.t., but in body only; my thoughts and best wishes have always been with you all, but especially with Waterloo, my mother-Lodge. I feel inclined at times to grumble at my fate, but *cui bono*? And perhaps I should be thanking God for health and strength unusual at my age, and for being still able to do good work in the world. During my wandering I have valued your excellent paper, and have read with great interest the excellent articles and papers contained in it. Long may it thrive, and may it attain to even a higher standard. Kindly remember me to all my Masonic friends.—Yours fraternally,

J. W. DAVIS, P.M.

ADMISSION OF VISITORS.

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TO THE EDITOR.

DEAR SIR AND BRO.,—As a reader of the CRAFTSMAN I would like your permission to comment on certain matters pertaining to the Craft. The chief reason for my writing is to try and get some authoritative information re production of certificate by strange brethren. I wish to make it quite clear that I consider that all enquiry should be thorough and close, more especially at the present time, for obvious reasons. I have known of brethren who have merely mentioned that they were Masons, and without further question their statement was accepted as a *bona fide* one. This is the extreme of laxity. It is not always convenient for one to carry his certificate with him, but G.L. demands that it be produced, together with other proof, prior to admission to a Craft Lodge. Some Masters insist on seeing your certificate, while others do not. Personally, I feel that some written proof should be produced. To emphasise my point I shall relate an incident which occurred to myself. My Lodge Sec., who is an ardent G.L. Freemason, assured me that I need not carry my certificate. Arriving at a certain town, I referred to the CRAFTSMAN, and found the Sec. He invited me to the Lodge meeting, and I thought that I made it pretty clear that I was on the square. I also had in mind my solemn obligation to attend a Lodge if within the length of my c.t. Judge my surprise when the Master told me, "no certificate, no admission," and this in the face of a candid admission of his belief that I was a Freemason. I know G.L. is of a conservative nature, but I would suggest that a small duplicate certificate be issued to those placed the same as myself. In my case I produced my Lodge circular, but this was of no value. I repeat again that all Lodges should demand some written proof, but I would also point out that, under the present custom, extreme law is likely to cause extreme injustice.

Another matter which I would like to draw your attention to is the Craft Lodge notices at the back of the CRAFTSMAN. Many of these are several years behind, thus robbing the W.M. of a little honour which he deserves, and also give the wrong name of the Sec. Trusting I have not encroached on your valuable space, and taking the opportunity, dear Sir and Bro., of congratulating you on the high tone of our official journal.—Yours fraternally,

"BENDING NEITHER TOWARDS."

[Article 121, B. of C., is quite clear, and we do not admit the inconvenience of carrying the diploma, as it can fit in the apron case. It is not correct to say that "many" Lodge advertisements are several years behind; very few are, and they are indebted to the ineptitude of their Secs.—ED. C.)

Poetry

GREETING.

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To grasp thy hand again would be
Christmas itself, dear friend, to me;
And if thy voice I could but hear,
I'd ask no better glad New Year.
—Frederic Gordon Speed.

THE NEW YEAR.

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[By J. B. ELLIS.]

What brings the New Year, friend, to you and me?
A fresh new book, each page so white and fair,
Wherein each deed of ours, both good and ill,
From day to day shall sure be written there.
Alert and vigilant that soldier stands

Who, far from camp, the lonely watch must keep,
His trusty *rifle*, grasped within his hand,
The hidden, lurking foe prepared to meet.

So go we forth each new day to the strife,
To meet our foes with valour all our own.
Each knoweth well what enemy is his—
How fierce the battle he must fight alone.

O, let the New Year find us strong and brave
To rise above the old; all now is new;
O, fresh, sweet year, and O, that fair, white page,
See that thou mar it not; be brave, be true.
—" The Trestle Board."

HOW DO YOU HOE?

Say ! How do you hoe your row, young chap?
Say ! How do you hoe your row?
Do you hoe it fair?
Do you hoe it square?
Do you hoe it the best you know?
Do you cut the weeds as you ought to do?
And leave what's worth while there?
The harvest you will garner depends on you?
Are you working on the square?

Are you killing the noxious weed, young chap?
Are you making it straight and clear?
Are you going straight
At a hustling gait?
Are you scattering all that's mean?
Do you laugh and sing and whistle shrill,
And spurt a step or two?
As the row you hoe leads up the hills,
The harvest is up to you.

A KINDLY SUGGESTION.

During the part following the recent installation meeting of Lodge St. Andrew, No. 32, a well-known military brother put forward the suggestion that small advisory committees should be established in each Lodge throughout the Territory to look after the interests of the wives and dependents of brethren who go on active service. He urged that nothing could give the married soldiers greater satisfaction and comfort than the knowledge that those they loved were being cared for and had kind and sympathetic friends to appeal to for advice upon matters the decision of which usually devolved upon the male head of the family.

The suggestion has already been acted upon in more than one -Lodge, and business and professional brethren are giving their services freely.

OBITUARY.



R.W. BRO. MURDOCK McLEAN, P.D.G.M.,
AUCKLAND.

New Zealand has produced no finer type of manhood, whether in character, physique, or ability, than Bro. Murdoch McLean, whose death under an operation occurred at Auckland on 12th December. He was well known in Wellington, having been a resident of this city for some years at one period of his life, and he had a wide circle of friends here, as well as in practically every part of New Zealand. The elder son of the late John McLean, he was one of the well-known firm of John McLean and Sons, contractors, and was engaged with his father and brother Neil in wharf construction work in Wellington as far back as thirty-five years ago. Since then the firm has carried out extensive bridge, wharf, railway, and other public works contracts in many parts of New Zealand. These included the Wellington dock contract, which was abandoned owing to structural obstacles, and the Otira tunnel contract, which proved unprofitable in consequence of labour difficulties. Though these two undertakings proved unfortunate for the firm, the fault was none of their own, while at the same time they carried through many undertakings that established their reputation highly for thorough and conscientious workmanship. The late Bro. Murdoch McLean was a man of the most estimable qualities, honourable and upright in character, staunch and sympathetic in his friendships, and fair and considerate in his dealings with his employees. In his younger days he took an active part in rowing and other athletic sports, and in later years was a candidate for Parliament, having run Mr. Frank Lawry very close as a candidate for Parnell. At that time, however, Liberalism was in sway, and Mr. McLean's championship of the Massey platform failed to carry him to victory, though he fell scarcely short of it.

R.W. Bro. McLean was also an enthusiastic Freemason, and had attained to a high position in the Craft. He was initiated in Ara Lodge, No. 1, in April, 1892, went up the ladder steadily in Ara Lodge, and was installed W.M. in June, 1897. Was elected J.G.D. in 1893, and was appointed Prov.G.M. of Auckland District in 1901. He served three years in that office, and was succeeded by Bro. Oliver Nicholson in 1904. In 1906 Bro. McLean was appointed Dep.G.M. by M.W. Bro. Lord Plunket. Then, after Bro. Nicholson's election as G.M., Bro. McLean was induced by Bro. Nicholson to take charge of Auckland District again in 1916, but was obliged to retire after one year's service.

The funeral took place on 14th December, and was very largely attended.

W. SRO. A. S. BISS, P.M., WELLINGTON LODGE, No. 1521, E.C.

The death took place very suddenly on 7th December of Bro. A. S. Biss, of the firm of Messrs. Badham and Biss, public accountants, of Wellington. While at the Wellesley Club for lunch he was overcome with weakness from heart trouble, and was removed to the Bowen Street private hospital. He was attended by Drs. Herbert, Fyffe, Cahill, and Robertson, but succumbed about a quarter past two o'clock. The deceased gentleman was a well-known citizen. He was fifty-six years of age, and was born in Nelson. In his boyhood he came to Wellington, and was first employed by Messrs. W. and G. Turnbull, afterwards acting as secretary of the Endeavour Inlet Antimony Mining Company; subsequently he entered into partnership with the late Mr. R. T. Badham, but recently deceased, as public accountants. Messrs. Badham and Biss had a large connection throughout the Dominion. From 1905 till 1909 the late Bro. Biss was a city councillor, and at one time was a candidate for the office as Mayor. In his earlier days he was prominent in rowing circles, being one of the first members of the Star Boating Club, and at one

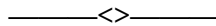
time occupying the position of captain. He also took part in football, and of late years had been a particularly enthusiastic golfer. In military affairs, also, the late Bro. Biss was particularly active, and had a long connection with the Wellington Naval Artillery, which he at one time commanded. The late Bro. Bias leaves a widow, who is a daughter of the late Mr. J. Rees George, for many years manager of the Wellington Gas Company, and a niece of the late Dr. Albert' Martin. He is also survived by a family of six—four sons and two daughters. Two of the former are on active service, and the other sons are in Wellington, one being ill with scarlet fever at the present time. Mr. C. H. Biss, of the Valuation Department, is a brother of the deceased gentleman. Another brother is Mr. F. L. Biss, manager for the Union Steam Ship Company at Hobart.

RETURNED SOLDIERS' TRIBUTE.

The late Bro. Biss was chairman of the Wellington Returned Soldiers' Clubhouse Soicety, and his untiring energy in this capacity will be greatly missed by hundreds of returned soldiers. Keen regret was expressed by all returned soldiers when the news of Bro. Biss's death was known. Bro. Biss was elected at the stage when the institution was very much misunderstood by the public. He did much to place the institution on a sound footing. A daily visitor to the club, his kindly sympathetic nature made him a great favourite with many a soldier back from the front. The club and returned soldiers generally lose a real friend and champion by his death. His loss will be indeed hard to replace.

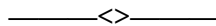
Bro. Biss was a member of Lodge Wellington, E.C., in which Lodge he was initiated and subsequently became W.M. He was also a P.M.W.S. of Wellington Chapter, A. and A. Rite, and an active member. He also took the R.A. Degrees in Waterloo Chapter, No. 2. A number of members of the Lodge attended the funeral rites, but there was no Masonic ceremony.

TOAST LIST QUOTATIONS.



It is a happy custom to insert quotations on toast lists after each toast, if only because it shows evidence of research. Shakespeare is usually requisitioned for the purpose, thou occasionally other poets share the honour. But Tararua Lodge invoked the aid of the Great Light in Freemasonry, and the selections were eminently apposite. They were as follows :— King and Craft, "Love the Brotherhood, fear God, honour the King "; G.L. of New Zealand, "And there came wise men fro, the East " ; Absent Brethren, "We have done that which was our duty to do " ; Newly installed W.M., " Now, therefor behold the King whom ye-have chosen "; Visitors, "Let us go again and visit our brethren in every city . . . and see how they do " ; Tyler's Toast, " Plead the cause of the poor and needy."

MASONIC MEETING AT SEA.



We are asked to publish the following notes of a meeting craftsmen held at sea, but the name of the vessel and date we have of necessity to omit.

W. Bro. Jacobs, of Lodge Waihora, No. 141, presided, and there were present : W. Bros. Lieut. Kibblewhite, No. 11, A. Paul, No. 175, C. Exley, No. 82, H. Vann, No. 81, H. S. Hills, No. 177, W. E. Ward, No. 139, E. W. Murphy, No. 942, E.C., E. H. Gawley, No. 54, A. B. Fitchett, No. 13, H. S. Powell, No. 13, W. Gray, No. 844, E.C., A. M. Low, No. 135, H. Rowley, No. 105, A. A. Quayle, No. 111, C. M. Burgess, No. 432, S.C., P. J. Brown, No. 182, P Hayward, No 135, J. Harrison, No. 105, Geo. Rogerson, No. 45. [We are not sure of the above names, as the superscriptions on the card leave much to be desired.—Ed. C.] The presiding officer gave a short explanatory address, and Bro. Gray a song. Bro. Kibblewhite read an address by M.W.

Bro. Malcolm Niccol, which was much appreciated, and Bro. Hayward indulged in harmony. Bro. Fitchett, of Lodge Waterloo, gave his first impressions of Freemasonry. As at this stage vocalists were modest, the presiding officer rose to the occasion, but apologetically said he hoped the torture would not be too great. Bro. Valise then read a paper from one of the literary lodges in New Zealand. This, we are told, concluded the first part, the second being refreshments, with accompanying toasts. In this part everyone assisted manfully, and a very pleasant meeting terminated at 10.45.—[Per favour of Captain-Chaplain Green, Featherston -Camp.]

ANOTHER MEETING AT SEA.

DEAR SIR AND BRO., — I am enclosing herewith the roll of members of the Craft on board ———, which left Wellington on ———. The members aboard thought it advisable to gather the brethren together, and as a result the roll was compiled. It was done under difficulties. You must excuse the state of the paper, which, by the way, reposed in my pocket for some days. We are now scattered about the various training camps in England, but my own experience so far is that all members of the Craft in England are very helpful and nice, and vie with each other in making us welcome. In explaining who I am, I might mention that I was formerly Sec. of the Pacific Lodge of Reefton, No. 1453, E.C., and any reference to my *bona fides* will be answered by that Lodge. With all good wishes.—Yours fraternally,

NICHOLAS LAWN, P.M.,
Pacific Lodge of Reefton, No. 1453, E.C.

MASONIC ROLL OF H.M.N.Z. TRANSPORT, No. 90.

J. H. Cushen, Capt., O.C. Troops, H.M.N.Z. Transport, No. 90 (Waihopai, No. 189) ; Nicholas Lawn, P.M.D.G.R. (Pacific, Reefton, No. 1453); E. L. Siddall, M.M. (Opotiki, No. 1930, E.C.); Arthur C. T. Winkelmann, M.M. (Remuera, No. 1710, E.C.); C. W. Benson, M.M. (Clutha, No. 14) ; J. B. Aitken, M.M. (Ophir, No. 35); C. B. W. Seton, M.M. (Karioi, No. 165); A. H. Charlton, P.M. (Clinton, No. 183); A. M. Manson, M.M. (Lake Lodge of Ophir, No. 85); R. D. Vincent, P.M. (Avon, No. 185); J. Russell (Galbraith), M.M. (Canterbury Kil., No. 23); A. G. Richardson, M.M. (Rose of Sharon, No. 1164, S.C.); D. Caldwell, M.M. (St. George, Aberdeen, No. 190, S.C.); W. Whitaker, S.D. (Horowhenua, No. 135); Thos. Shankland, S.W. (Ashley, No. 28) ; Thos. Harrison, I.G. (Winchester, No. 1737, E.C.); C. H. Green, M.M. (Canterbury, No. 1048, E.C.) ; C. H. Clarke. M.M. (Otaki, No. 72); W. Fraser, M.M. (Victoria, No. 147); Owen T. Baker, M.M. (Civic, No. 157); J. M. Craig, A.M. (Eden. No. 1530, E.C.) ; Geo. J. Shepperd, M.M. (Havvera, No. 34); A. Ramnay, 11.M. (Caledonia, Dundee) ; P. N. Campbell, ALM. (Wbakatane, No. 198).

CIVIC LODGE LADIES' NIGHT, CHRISTCHURCH.

On Monday, 26th November, the W.M., officers, and brethren of the Civic Lodge, No. 157. were "at home" to their lady friends to the Masonic Hall, Christchurch. The guests were received at the entrance by the W.M.. W. Bro. L. D. S. Maffey, and on arrival at the Lodgeroom were entertained with a splendid programme of sacred music. The Prov.G.L., and Dist.G.L. (E.C.) were present in full force, whilst G.L. was represented by M.W. Bro. J. J. Dougall, P.G.M., accompanied by past and present officers. In the course of the proceedings in the Lodge-room, M.W. Bro. Dougall addressed those present as follows :— Just as in the case of all stately and superb edifices, the first or foundation stone is laid as a symbol to mark the magnitude of the structure and to contain a record of the times in which it was built, so at all Masonic gatherings, whether they be ritualistic or social, it is customary to introduce during some part of the gathering a serious note, with the object of imparting knowledge or diffusing light and information. The late Charles Kingsley described Freemasonry to be "a liberal and respectable benefit club, instituted for the purpose of promoting and fostering agreeable social intercourse and pleasant hospitality, the principles of which were brotherly love and good fellowship, including port, sherry, claret, and punch." It might be that some would describe Kingsley's definition as being not altogether inapt. On the other hand, those who thoroughly understand Freemasonry would emphatically refute the idea that it was confined to mere social intercourse and

hospitality. It would perhaps be more correct to say, in the words of another eminent brother, that "Masonry is nothing more nor less than the ancient religion of the world." Quite what that religion was no one can say to-day. History begins about ten thousand years ago. Humanity was then in a high state of civilisation. Religion contained then as many contentious sects as it does to-day. Wars and rumours of wars and pestilence spread over the land. The state of society, the ambitions of the nations, and the aspirations of the people were very much as they are to-day. The one great outstanding feature of the ancients was their marvellous art in building great structures. Recent excavations prove conclusively that in remote prehistoric times the mason's art was greatly superior to anything known to-day. It is surmised that the religion of old symbolised itself in the erection of great and mighty structures as a tribute of adoration to the Most High. The marvellous skill of the mason was depicted in such works as the Hanging Gardens of Babylon and the Colossus of Rhodes—both long lost—and the Pyramids and Sphinxes of Egypt, still extant. Central and South America have given strong testimony of a prehistoric civilisation of the highest degree, and a mason's art of superlative quality. The great monoliths of stone found in Easter Island, a lonely speck in the Pacific, are the most curious testimony of all of the mason's prehistoric skill. The great Cathedrals of Europe, built during the middle ages, mark the finishing point of the master hand. The mason's art is lost, and it would be impossible to-day to reproduce the works of thousands of years ago. But the symbolism of Masonry still lives, and in substitution for its high art we have high ideals, glorious principles, and mighty aspirations. We strive to enlighten and elevate humanity, to get back to the original man, who was pure and free from sin. We strive to relieve the loneliness of life, to succour and sustain the distressed, to cheer the sorrowing and suffering, to aid and comfort all who are in need, to soften the asperities of life, and to extend the right hand of fellowship to all our fellow men. We live in the hope that some day there will be a reunion of the human race, enriched by altruistic ideals and impressed with the quality that man is graven in the image of his Maker. The festivities concluded with supper and an excellent musical programme and dance in the refectory. The floral decorations reflected the greatest credit upon the officers. During the evening Mrs. Holland, wife of the Mayor, Bro. H. Holland, returned thanks on behalf of the ladies for the bountiful entertainment which the "men folk" had provided.— [Specially Contributed.]

"THE NEWLY INITIATED CANDIDATE."

[Speech delivered by W. BRO. W. H. CLARK in proposing the toast of "The Newly Initiated Candidate" in Lodge Taringatura, No. .100, on 17th December, 1917.]

A newly initiated brother is often likened to a stone being prepared for some noble building, and from the manner in which he assimilates and applies the Masonic principles imparted to him we Masons and the world at large judge as to his fitness for the intended structure; and the qualities he hereafter displays, which may adorn or disfigure the completed work, furnish the criteria by which his value is assessed. We may carry this comparison still further, and illustrate it by narrating what came under my own observation when a schoolboy years ago in Glasgow; and what I say may, perhaps, leave a strong thought in the mind of our newly initiated brother and help him more fully to realise what Freemasonry is and to apply it to his own life and actions.

A large and handsome Catholic basilica was being erected, and in front of the great western window we boys, as we passed daily to school, saw built up a rude cruciform mass of roughly squared stones. It was unsightly, and marred the beauty of the delicate tracery of the stonework of the window behind. As the edifice approached completion we saw a long platform constructed in front of this unsightly object, and the whole closed in with a curtain of coarse sacking. Day by day we heard the tap, tap of mallet and chisel, as the expert craftsman concealed above us carried on his task of converting rude matter into beauty of form. Rifts in the veil showed some little of the excellence gradually developing under the craftsman's skilful touch, and we looked and wondered. In due time the veil and the platform, now useless obstacles, were removed, and there revealed to our astonished gaze, was all the calm, noble and expressive beauty of the dead Christ. From the formless block had emerged, in all its beauty, the representation of the noblest of all types, human or divine. And even those who perhaps despised the tenets of that Church, whose votaries gazed upon that figure with worshipping eyes, could not but stop for a moment to gaze on that cold, but deeply impressive,

stone figure with feelings of awe and admiration, so inspiring was the suffering, yet benign, expression on the calm stone face before them. That figure, I believe, still stands, and for long years will continue to stand, thus to impress and to elevate.

Such, too, we trust will be the result of our work of this evening. May our brother, this evening admitted to our noble Craft, prove as a city set upon a hill. If so, the popular world who are not Masons, when it hereafter looks upon him, will be able to exclaim, "Behold how good and how pleasant it is" to be numbered among the brethren of the ancient Craft, when members furnish examples of integrity such as this.

Brethren, I ask you to drink to the health of our newly initiated brother.

N.Z.E.F. MASONIC ASSOCIATION.

Information received from overseas shows that the New Zealand Expeditionary Force Masonic Association, which was formed in France some time ago, has been very successful in the steps taken to form branches for the convenience of New Zealand soldier Freemasons. The following particulars are supplied with respect to the position in England, etc., at the present time.

SLING INFANTRY RESERVE GROUP.—This is probably the strongest branch, as it has a large body of troops to draw from. Weekly meetings are held, and the keenest interest is taken by all ranks. The authorities have assisted by placing a suitable building for meetings at the disposal of the Committee.

HORNCHURCH CONVALESCENT CAMP.—Here there are generally a fairly large number of Freemasons, and some very successful meetings are held. There are some enthusiastic craftsmen amongst the permanent staff of the depot, and they ensure the continuity of the organisation.

NEW ZEALAND HOSPITAL, WALTON-ON-THAMES.—A good branch has been established, and regular meetings are held. A good many Freemasons pass through the institution, and the opportunity of meeting together is greatly appreciated.

NEW ZEALAND HOSPITAL, BROCKENHURST.—Here also a branch has been established, and various members of the staff interest themselves in the work.

CODFORD COMMAND DEPOT.—This branch is very strong, and holds regular meetings, at which the brethren attend well.

LONDON HEADQUARTERS.—There are a considerable number of Freemasons connected with the various offices of the New Zealand command in the United Kingdom, and they take a keen interest in the work of the Association.

EWSHOTT CAMP (ALDERSHOT).—Here there is a branch with a membership of over fifty, and although it has only recently been organised, there is a keen desire amongst the members for advancement in Masonic knowledge.

CHRISTCHURCH DEPOT.—This branch is working well, and holds regular meetings, at which lectures, etc., are delivered.

STEVENAGE, TORQUAY, TIDWORTH, GRANTHAM, BROCTON. -These are all small depots, and the membership is consequently on a more limited scale. At all these places, however, keen interest is shown.

In France and Belgium there are branches in connection with detached units and at various New Zealand depots.

ETAPLES.—A large and flourishing branch exists here, in connection with which weekly meetings are held, and which are greatly appreciated by the large number of New Zealand soldier Masons who are constantly passing through the depot on their way to the division.

NEW ZEALAND TUNNELLING CO., NEW ZEALAND LIGHT RAILWAY OPERATING SECTION, NEW ZEALAND DIVISIONAL SIGNAL BASE, NEW ZEALAND STATIONARY HOSPITAL, NEW ZEALAND RECORDS (3RD ECHELON).—Branches exist in connection with all these units, etc., and interest is well maintained.

In the East there are now branches in connection with the New Zealand Mounted Rifles Brigade, both in Egypt and in Palestine.

A list of the respective secretaries, which may be of use to brethren about to leave New Zealand, will be published in a future issue.

THE IRON WORKER AND KING SOLOMON.

(A Rabbinical Legend.)

And it came to pass, when Solomon, the son of David, had finished the Temple of Jerusalem, that he prepared a feast for his chief craftsmen and artificers, and spread the table with the fatness of the land, and the wine and oil thereof.

And the seat of the king was at the head of the table on a raised dais, and the two famous pillars of bronze, with their beautiful capitals of lilies, pomegranates, and delicate network stood, one on his right hand and the other on his left, and the lintel thereof was a canopy over the head of the king.

And Solomon had also prepared a seat of honour and set it on his right hand, ready for that craftsman who might be pronounced most worthy among all who wrought in building the house of the Lord.

And when all was ready, he called unto him his chief architects and master overseers, and the head artificers who were cunning workers in gold and silver, in bronze and ivory, and in wood and stone; yea, all who laboured in building the Temple of the-Most High, and he said unto them : "Sit ye down at my table-and partake of the feast which I have prepared. Stretch forth thy hands, eat, drink, and be merry. The skilled artificer is worthy of honour. Is not the labourer worthy of his hire? Muzzle not the ox that treadeth out the corn upon the threshing-floor."

And when Solomon and his guests were seated there came one who knocked loudly upon the door, and having entered, forcibly advanced even to the festive board. And the king waxed wroth and said : "What manner of man art thou? Why comest thou thus rude and unseemly and unbidden to our feast, where none were invited save the chief workers of the Temple ?"

And the man answered and said : "Please you, I come rudely because the servants at the portal barred my entrance and obliged me to force my way, but I come not unbidden. Was it not proclaimed this day that the chief workmen of the Temple dine with the king? Therefore am I come."

And, when the man had thus spoken the guests talked with each other, and he who carved the cherubim spoke loud and said : "This fellow is no sculptor. I know him not."

And he who inlaid the roof with pure gold said : "Neither is he of those who worked in refined metals. And he who wrought in raising the walls said : "He belongs not with those who are cutters of stone."

And one who laboured in shaping the timbers of the roof said : "We who are cunning in cedar wood and know the mystery of joining strange timbers together know him not. He is not of us."

Then said King Solomon : "How sayest thou now ? Wherefore should I not have thee plucked by the beard, scourged with a scourge, and stoned with stones, even unto death?"

But the man was nowise daunted, and, taking a cup of wine from the table, raised it on high and spake aloud, saying, "King, live for ever." He then drank until the cup was emptied.

He now turned to the guests who had rebuked him, and said unto the chief of the carvers in stone : " Who made the instruments with which you carve ?" And he answered : " The blacksmith." .

And to the chief of the workers in wood he said.: " Who made the tools with which you felled the cedars of Lebanon and shaped them into pillars and roof for the Temple ?" And he also answered : "The blacksmith."

Then he spake unto the artificers in gold and ivory and precious stones, saying : " Who fashioned the instruments with which you made beautiful ornaments for my Lord, the King?" And he, too, made answer the same : " The blacksmith."

Then said the man to Solomon : "Behold, O King ! I am he whom when men deride they call blacksmith, but when they would honour me they call me Son of the Forge. These craftsmen say truly I am not one of them. I am their superior. Without my labour first their labour could not be. The great Tubal Cain, whom all men honour, taught those who in turn taught me my handicraft, and the mighty Vulcan, who wrought in fire and sweat as I do, it was not deemed unmeet should have the Queen of Beauty to wife."

"Son of the Forge," said King Solomon, "I, too, honour thee, thou worthy successor of the great master, Tubal Cain. Take thou this seat at my right hand prepared for the most worthy. It is thy due."—" The Masonic News."

KEEP PAST MASTERS ACTIVE.

Every Lodge owes it to itself to keep its P.Ms. active, and any Lodge that does not organise its P.Ms. and furnish them with something to do is making a most serious mistake. Because of experience P.Ms. are particularly fitted to advance the cause of Masonry. By that it is not meant that they are to become Lodge dictators, but in many ways they can serve the Lodge and extend its sphere of usefulness. A. P.M. is not a has-been. He is very much of a live factor if proper recognition be given him.—" Toronto Freemason."

MASONIC INFLUENCE.

Masonry is an anchor which holds all members to that which is right, just, and honourable. Its influence on our lives is immeasurable. The more we study its principles the greater its influence for good upon us. The great commandment of Masonry is " that ye love one another." — C. H. Holmes.

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Masonry is for peace, even if peace must be won by the sword.

Reports

[Secretaries and Scribes are requested to forward Reports.]

CRAFT LODGES.

WELLINGTON.

St. Andrew, No. 32.— The annual festival (the term is used advisedly) was celebrated at the Freemasons' Hall on 1st December, the Prov.C.M. permitting the statutory date to be exceeded by one day. At 5 p.m. Lodge was tyled, W. Bro. A. Schmidt taking the chair for the last occasion, and, with the assistance of a good attendance of members, disposing of various items of executive business, including three ballots. Lodge being opened in due course in the M.M. Degree, Masters, officers, and brethren from a large number of visiting Lodges were received and seated, all in good time — so much so that G.L.. was awaited a minute or two before its appointed time, to the credit, be it observed, of the D. of C., W. Bro. Rod. [Hear, hear.-ED.] Attentive and efficient to the last minute, when he divested himself of his collar, to be assumed by his successor in office, "Jim" Rod proved equal to the prognostications ventured on his behalf, and bowed himself off the stage amid (mental) plaudits. We shall slumber together, brother, you and I (and a few others), in the dark recesses of the Lodgeroom, but maybe with one eye lifting occasionally, nevertheless. R.W. Bro. Ellison, Prov.G.M., having been received and saluted, was followed by M.W. Bro. H. J. Williams, P.G.M.; R.W. Bro. A. Veitch, S.G.W., and other G.L. officers, when the installing officer (R.W. Bro. Ellison) seized the gavel and set to work with the business of the evening, to instal the Master-elect (Bro. J. C. Riddell), the S.G.W. occupying his station, and W. Bro. O. Neilson watching proceedings from the S. In the presence of a B. of I.M. the Master-elect was installed in the Chair of K.S. according to ancient custom, and the Board was closed. Proclamations to the brethren followed, delivered by the G.D. of C., W. Bro. E. P. Rishworth, Bro. H. McComish being Trumpeter. The G.D. of C. was a welcome participant in the proceedings, and capably filled the bill. According to report, he has been a loyal attendant upon the Prov.G.M., and this evening rounded off a busy week. The presentation of W.Ts. was entrusted to W. Bros. Mildenhall (Coronation), Mather (Ulster), and Parkin (Brooklyn). V.W. Bro. H. B. Bridge presented the Warrant, Constitution, and By-laws, after which W. Bro. J. J. Esson invested and suitably harangued the officers, elect. Each received sound instructions compressed into tabloid form, with no superfluities. The officers for the year are :— D.M., W. Bro. F. C. Broomball; S.W., Bro. R. Hutcheson; J.W., Bro. A. Greening (re-elected); Sec., W.. Bro. A. T. Wells; Treas., W. Bro. W. Simpson; Chaplain; Bro. L. A. George; D. of C., W. Bro. A. W. Rowlands ; Organist, Bro. J. Cowley ; S.D., Bro. G. W. Lawrence; J.D., Bro. W. F. Thompson; I.G., Bro. L. D. McGillivray; S.S., Bro. E. B. Paton; J.S., Bro. L. H. Fox. The addresses were handled by W. Bro. C. W. Nielsen (Master), W. Bro. J. Rod (Wardens), and M.W. Bro. H. J. Williams (brethren). The ceremony being completed, the gavel was formally surrendered to the Master, who addressed the meeting in suitable terms. On behalf of the members, M.W. Bro. Williams presented to the retiring Master a fine specimen of the goldsmiths art, W. Bro. Schmidt expressing his appreciation. A collection in aid of G.L. Annuity Fund having been taken up, Lodge was closed and an adjournment made to the refectory. Here a veritable wealth of musical and recitative talent was provided, plainly indicating that some person or persons had been busy. To begin with, brethren took their seats to the accompaniment of soft

lullabies produced by a brace of hefty, tartaned pipers. The toasts were few, but elicited speeches containing point and matter. The items of entertainment were numerous and appropriate. We have a vivid recollection of the work of the quartette (W. Bros. Smith and Connell and Bros. Thompson and Scammell), the orchestral selections, and the pibrochs. The latter caused the S.G.W. to exhibit most curious symptoms, akin to acute restlessness, the cause of which your correspondent has no hesitation in tracing to a peculiarly sensitive musical ear, which, like his own, rebelled. Ah, weel, we had a fine nicht, with an abundance of heather, tartan, pipes, and all; and, after all, it does one no harm to get away from the troubled world, if only for a brief respite.—[Lodge Correspondent.]

Ulster, No. 62.—The regular meeting. was held in the Freemasons' Hall, Petone, on 21st November, when there was a large attendance of members and visitors, including a number of brethren from Trentham Military Camp. Two new members were elected, subject to initiation. At the invitation of the W.M., W. Bro. J. Williams and other brethren from camp conducted the ceremony of passing three brethren, the principal part being done by W. Bro. Williams. W. Bro. Lyall explained the S. and S., amid also gave the Lecture on the T.B.; the Address in the S.E. was given by W. Bro. Knight; the W.Ts. were presented by Bro. Waddell; and the Final Charge was given by W. Bro. Williams. A vote of thanks was tendered to W. Bro. Matthews, Chaplain, for presenting two cushions to the Lodge. One candidate was proposed for initiation. At the conclusion of the business an adjournment was made to the refectory, where the visitors were entertained and the usual toasts honoured.—[Lodge Correspondent.]



Tararua, No. 67.—The installation of Bro. Ralph V. King was held in the Masonic Hall, Pahiatua, on 29th November. The attendance was a record, ninety-six signing the register, while the considerable number of thirty-five were in the B. of I.M. Lodge was tyled at 6.30 p.m. Visitors were received, and R.W. Bro. J. W. Ellison, Prov.G.M., accompanied by R.W. Bro. J. Moncrieff, P.D.G.M., and G.L. officers, were then admitted and honours given. The Master-elect, having been presented, accepted the Charges and took the Ob. A B. of I.M. being formed, Bro. King was duly installed by the Prov.G.M. R.W. Bro. J. Moncrieff, P.D.G.M., gave the W.Ts., although it was expected he would have installed the W.M.-elect. Brethren being re-admitted, the Proclamations were made by W. Bro. Rishworth, G.D. of C., Bro. F. Burrell acting as Trumpeter. The W.Ts. were given respectively by W. Bros. J. A. Fraser (W.M., Lodge Ruahinej, C. R. James (W.M., Lodge Rawhiti), and S. Gibson (W.M., Lodge Puketoi). The Warrant, B. of C., and By-laws were presented by R.W. Bro. J. Moncrieff, P.D.G.M. The W.M. then invested the officers as follows :—D.M., W. Bro. A.

Burrell, P.M. ; S.W., Bro. A. A. Vaughan; J.W., Bro. F. Burrell; Chaplain, Bro. L. H. Fenn ; Treas., W. Bro. A. Ross, P.M. ; Sec., W. Bro. G. Moore, P.M. ; S.D., Bro. G. D. H. Smith ; J.D., Bro. G. W. Chatwin ; D. of C., W. Bro. J. H. Griffiths, P.M. ; Organist, Bro. J. J. Boagey; I.G., Bro. R. H. Henderson; S.S., Bro. W. J. Palmer; J.S., Bro. J. Hampton ; Tyler, Bro. C. L. Stokes. The addresses were given : To the W.M., by W. Bro. T. F. Hewat, P.M.; to the Wardens, by W. Bro. W. Britland, P.M.; and to the brethren, by W. Bro. T. W. Manifold, P.M. Opportunity was taken to present Bros. Fenn and Palmer with their certificates, R.W. Bro. J. W. Ellison, Prov.G.M., kindly officiating. The W.M. returned thanks, voicing the Lodge's pleasure that so many had travelled so far to be present, especially those from Wairarapa, and then called on W. Bro. D. of C. to place W. Bro. T. F. Hewat before R.W. Bro. J. Moncrieff, whom he called on to make a presentation to this very highly esteemed W. brother of our Lodge; who has just retired from office as D. of C. after eight years' continuous service. R.W. Bro. Moncrieff expressed his pleasure at being the one selected to make this presentation of a D. of C.'s jewel, as he had known the recipient for a considerable time, and trusted his sterling qualities and proficiency would get him higher preferment, which he certainly merited. The surprise of W. Bro. Hewat was very genuine, and a pleasure to the Lodge in itself. The collection for the W. and O. and A.M. Fund realised £6 14s. H.G.W. being given, besides a sheaf of letters, etc., regretting inability to attend, Lodge was closed, when the brethren proceeded to the banquet hall, where full justice was done to the good things provided. The usual toasts, quotations for which were selected very appropriately from the V.S.L., were duly honoured, and with songs, etc., the Tyler's toast was given in the small hours of the morning. A special feature of the installation card was the "Roll of Honour," which had originally been designed and executed by the W.M. The names of ten brethren appear on it, and below it the names of nineteen sons of brethren. The orchestra, assisted by Bro. S. Marenzi, of Lodge Eketahuna, are deserving of a special mention for rendering the many items; also to Bro. Boagey for his solo, "Arm ! Arm Ye Brave," given during the ceremony. —[Lodge Correspondent.]

Otaki, No. 72.—The annual installation meeting took place on 28th November. The Installing Master, R.W. Bro. Ellison, was assisted by R.W. Bro. Veitch, S.G.W., W. Bro. O. Neilson, J.G.W., and W. Bro. Rishworth, G.D. of C. The Installing Master placed W. Bro. Quayle in the chair for a second term. The W.Ts. were presented by W. Bros. Sexton (Tutanekai, No. 156), Dement (Hinemoa, No. 122), and Middlemiss (Horowhenua, No. 135). The W.M. invested his officers as follows : —S.W., W. Bro. Windley; J.W., Bro. A. G. Williams; Tress., W. Bro. Freeman; Sec., W. Bro. Swabey; Chaplain, Bro. Rev. G. C. Blathwayt; D. of C., W. Bro. Watson; S.D., Bro. St. George ; J.D., Bro. T. Wells; L.G., Bro. Bathgate; Organist, Bro. E. Allen; Steward, Bro. F. Evans; Tyler, Bro. Bright. The address to the W.M. was given by R.W. Bro. Veitch; the address to the Wardens by W. Bro. Rishworth, and the address to the brethren by W. Bro. McIntyre. The Prov.G.M. presented W. Bro. Quayle, on behalf of the Lodge members, with a P.M.'s jewel. Bro. Tomsitt, one of the Charter members, presented the Lodge with a very handsome engraving and a copy of the Masonic address presented to the late Queen Victoria on her jubilee. W. Bro. Freeman, on behalf of the Lodge members, asked the W.M. to accept for Mrs. Quayle a silver teapot, coffee pot, and sugar basin, as an acknowledgment of her many kindnesses to the Lodge. After the ceremony an adjournment was made for supper, when the usual toasts were honoured.—[Lodge Correspondent.]

Tutanekai, No. 156.—The regular meeting was held in the Masonic Hall, Berhampore, on 6th December, the W. M. (W. Bro. Sexton) presiding. There was a good attendance of members and visitors. The order paper showed a heavy night's work, which included the nominations for the ensuing year. The ceremonial part of the business was the initiation of three candidates. The W.M. obligated, and was assisted by Bro. Lenzini (Investiture), W. Bro. Harrap (Apron Charge), W. Bro. Whitelaw (N.E. Corner), Bro. Morton (Prep.), Bro. Key, S.D. (W.Ts.), and Bro. Martin, J.W. (Final Charge). After H.G.W. from a number of brethren the Lodge closed at 10 o'clock, when an adjournment was made to the refectory, where a pleasant hour was spent.—[Lodge Correspondent.]

SOUTHLAND.

Taringatura, No. 100.—The annual installation on 21st November was exceedingly well attended, about fifty brethren of the Lodge and some twenty visitors being present. The R.W. Prov.G.M. (Bro. A. Le H. Hoyles), accompanied by R.W. Bros. Smith, P.D.G.M., and Timpany, P.Prov.G.M., and most of the Southland Lodges were represented. W. Bro. J. O. Clapp was G.D. of C., and discharged the duties of his onerous office with zeal and ability. A special feature of the ceremony was the fact that W. Bro. J. J. Griffiths, P.M., of Lodge Mataura, No. 174, who acted as Installing Master, installed in the Chair of K.S. his younger brother, Bro. S. E. Griffiths. The work was most efficiently done, and the R.W. Prov.G.M. stated later in the evening that hereafter W. Bro. J. J. Griffiths's services would be in demand. R.W. Bro. Timpany invested and addressed the Wardens, while the other officers were invested by W. Bros. I. Copland (W.M., Southern Cross, No. 9), Frobarth (P.M., Harvey, No. 49), W. Robertson (P.M., St. John, No. 94), and W. Excell (W.M., Wairaki, No. 145). The W.Ts. in the several degrees were presented by W. Bros. Excell (W.M., Wairaki, No. 145), E. Parker (W.M., Fortitude, No. 64), and A. N. McGibbon (Mataura, No. 174). A long series of congratulations and apologies was read. The R.W. Prov.G.M. presented, on behalf of the Lodge, to R.W. Bro. Beer, I.P.M., a handsome . P.M.'s jewel as a mark of appreciation of his services in the chair. It was decided during the evening to forward to our brethren at the front Christmas greetings. Four diplomas were presented to brethren, one being to a brother (the tenth) on the way to camp after final leave. A special appeal was considered. Following the ceremony, a banquet in the public hall completed a most enjoyable evening. The visitors had many pleasant things to say about their entertainment, which has always been a feature of Taringatura's annual meetings. Following is a list of officers for the ensuing year :—W.M., Bro. S. E. Griffiths; I.P.M., M.W. Bro. H. Beer ; S.W., W. Bro. W. Roxburgh, P.M. ; J.W., Bro. Geo. Finlay; D. of C., W. Bro. H. Graham; Treas., W. Bro. G. F. Johnson; Sec., W. Bro. W. H. Clark; Organist, W. Bro. D. Walker ; Chaplain, Bro. D. K. Fisher ; S.D., Bro. D. F. McLeod; J.D., Bro. R. W. Edgar ; I.G., Bro. H. Ewen; Tyler, Bro. P. R. Thompson; S.S., W. Bro. T. Campbell; J.Ss., Bros. F. Gluyas, Wm. Stewart, R. N. Taylor, and P. McIntosh. The W.M. wore the new collar, which was the object of much admiration and the subject of comment to several of the R.W. and W. brethren who took part in the ceremony. Bro. A. Sutherland acted as Trumpeter, and Bro. Tait, of Lodge Mataura, during the ceremony sang most acceptably the solo, " The Link Divine." — [Lodge Correspondent.]

The monthly meeting on 17th inst. was, like all December meetings, moderately attended. The special business was the initiating of one candidate. The ceremony was most ably performed by the W.M., Bro. S. E. Griffiths, assisted by W. Bros. D. Walker (Secrets), Roxburgh (Charity Lecture), Clark (Prep.), Johnson (Ancient Charge), while Bro. G. Finlay, J.W., presented the W.Ts. The usual half-yearly accounts, over £80, were passed for payment. W. Bro. Sec. reported that G.L. B. of B. had responded to its appeal on behalf of a distressed brother, and also that cable greetings for Christmas had been forwarded to all the brethren of the Lodge on active service. W. Bro. Johnson invested and addressed the Chaplain, Bro. D. K. Fisher, who had unavoidably been absent from the installation meeting. Motions of sympathy were passed, to be forwarded to two brethren—one who had lost his eldest boy, killed in action, and the other, whose brother had been posted wounded and missing. It was also resolved that the M.W. G.M.'s circular *re* " Masonic Hutments " be ordered to be sent out with the January circulars, while it was decided to defer till next year some time the question of hall lighting. The Lodge closed at 10.15 p.m., and a pleasant hour was spent around the social board. Of the brief toast list, the " Newly Initiated " was proposed by W. Bro. Clark, and " Our Brethren at the Front " by W. Bro. Beer. W. Bro. Johnson heartily congratulated the W.M. on his excellent work at his first meeting, and the W.M. closed proceedings by wishing the brethren one and all prosperity in the coming year.—[Lodge Correspondent.]

Winton, No. 108.—The regular monthly meeting was held in the Masonic Hall on 27th November. One candidate was elected, and two new members were proposed. It was decided to purchase, on behalf of the Lodge, two books of tickets in the Silver Baton Art Union. The ceremonial business consisted of an initiation, and the new set of officers acquitted themselves with credit on their first venture. W. Bro. J. A. Broom, W.M., obligated the candidate and delivered the Secrets; W. Bro. F. Tilley, I.P.M., explained the M.

of Prep. ; Bro. H. Liddell, J.W., delivered and explained the W.Ts.; Rev. Bro. C. E. Webb, S.W., invested the candidate; and W. Bro. W. Calder, S.W. delivered the Ancient Charge. After the Lodge was closed, an hour's social intercourse was enjoyed in the refectory.— [Lodge Correspondent.]

OTAGO.

Oceanic, No. 154.—The ordinary meeting was held on 15th November, when a visit was paid by the W.M. and officers of Lodge Clinton, who worked a Second Degree. The Lodge was honoured by an official visit from the Prov.G.M. (R.W. Bro. A. Flett), attended by present and past G.L. officers. Three candidates were passed, the work being performed by the country visitors in a very satisfactory manner. The W.M. (Bro. McIndoe) gave the Ob. ; W. Bro. J. Wright, the Secrets ; Bro. W. Brown, the S.E. Charge; Bro. R. McIndoe, the W.Ts.; and Bro. J. Stevens, the Final Charge. W. Bro. Bennell, of Lodge St. Andrew, No. 432, S.C., officiated at the organ. Amongst the visitors present were W. Bro. Captain R. G. Y. Parker, P.G.S.B., and Bro. W. Dunange, the first D. of C. and the first J.W. of Lodge Oceanic. The W.M. (Bro. A. Walker) gave these brethren a hearty welcome, and was pleased that the first S.W. (R.W. Bro. A. Stoneham) was also present. The social hour in the supper room was very enjoyable, more than extra talent being shown by some of the visitors.—[Lodge Correspondent.]

CANTERBURY.

Southern Cross, No. 6.—The installation meeting was held at Kaiapoi on 6th December. The usual Lodge business was disposed of, and a record number of visitors (146), who were in attendance to do honour to Bro. R. H. Croft, Master-elect, were admitted, and the seating accommodation of the hall was taxed to the utmost. Owing to the regrettable illness of R.W. Bro. Thornton, Prov.G.M., he was unable to be present, and the installing officer was R.W. Bro. Bingham, P.Prov.G.M., assisted by the officers of Prov.G.L. A B. of I.M. being instituted, Bro. Croft was installed into the Chair of K.S., and W. Bro. Gillanders, P.Prov.G.W., presented the W.Ts. M.Ms. were then re-admitted, and the usual Proclamations were made by W. Bro. T. Kirker, Prov.G.D. of C. The W.Ts. were presented to the W.M. by W. Bros. J. It. Kent (acting-Master of Conyers Lodge, E.C.), W. Bro. D. Sheffield (W.M., Christchurch Lodge), and W. Bro. Agar (W.M. of Lincoln Lodge) respectively. The address to the Master was delivered by R.W. Bro. Broadly, P.G.W. ; a member of Southern Cross, W. Bro. Baldwin, P.Prov.G.W., invested the Wardens; and W. Bro. F. Collins, Prov.G.S.W., delivered the address. The investiture of the officers was ably conducted by W. Bro. A. Hobbs, P.Prov.G.W. ; W. Bro. Du Feu, P.Prov.G.W., delivering the address to the brethren. An appeal on behalf of the Annuity Fund by W. Bro. Roberts, P.P.B. of B., resulted in a substantial amount being contributed. G.L. and P.G.L. having retired, H.G.W. were tendered, The Lodge was closed at 10.15, and, at the invitation of the W.M., the whole company adjourned to the Drill Hall, where an excellent supper was in readiness, to which ample justice was done. The usual toasts were proposed and duly honoured, and an enjoyable time was spent in short speeches and songs. A toast which was ably proposed by W. Bro. Collins was that of the ladies who had assisted at the tables (wives and sisters of Southern Cross brethren), and was responded to heartily, and W. Bro. Collins introduced an original quiet fire in honour of the ladies. Midnight saw the conclusion of one of the most successful installation meetings held in Kaiapoi, and it was an impressive sight to see the large number of cars used to convey the visitors to and from Kaiapoi. With a real live list of officers and the impetus given at his installation, W. Bro. Croft can confidently look forward to an enjoyable and successful year of office. The W.M. expressed his gratitude to Bros. M. Orchard, C. H. Taylor, and F. A'Court, who contributed the musical items, which were so much enjoyed by all.—[Lodge Correspondent.]

Methven, No. 51.—The meeting on 28th November was well attended by the officers and members, supporting their W.M., W. Bro. H. H. Pawson. There was no ritual work, but a very pleasant and profitable night was spent in usual business and discussion over by-laws, which were as old as the Lodge, and some amendments were spoken of. The revisal of the by-laws was entrusted to the W.M., his P.Ms., and his energetic and hard-worked Sec., who is ever busy, but finds time to do his duty to that high office. [He is not Lodge. Correspondent, however.] Some discussion was entered into over brethren in arrears. This unpleasant

work was carefully gone into and specially dealt with, so that a defaulting brother, when able to pay, but, after repeated warnings, still neglectful, was to be written to, so that he might see that our Lodge cannot be dishonoured by a brother heavily in arrears, while able to make arrangements; joining another Lodge. The building (Masonic Hall) has been well and beautifully painted last month, and this as a gift to the Lodge by some of our kind and liberal brethren, and a vote of thanks was accorded these brethren, to be placed on the minutes. After the Lodge was closed in ancient form, a happy hour was spent in the "Fourth."—[Lodge Correspondent]

NELSON AND MARLBOROUGH.

Havelock, No. 104.—There was a good muster at the regular meeting on 24th November. The work was the raising of one brother, and the ceremony was impressively performed by the W.M. (W. Bro. W. A. Russell) and his officers. W. Bro. Thomas carried out his duties as D. of C. in his usual efficient manner. An interesting feature was the reading of a letter from W. Bro. Buckman, P.M. This was accompanied by a handsomely framed enlarged photograph of himself for presentation to the Lodge. There was a general expression of appreciation of the W. Bro.'s valuable gift, and a resolution that W. Bro. Buckman's name be placed on the list of honorary members, and that he be heartily thanked for his past services and for the gift just received, was carried unanimously. A few months ago a P.Sec.'s jewel was presented to W. Bro. Buckman, who was obliged, on account of illness, to relinquish active work in the Lodge. The new portrait will be an ornament to the Lodgeroom, and the brethren were gratified to get from W. Bros. Russell and Thomas a promise that they, too, will before long follow W. Bro. Buckman's example. Reference was made at the meeting to the early departure from the district of Bro. Henry Smith, a member recently raised, but one who, since his initiation, has shown the keenest interest in his mother Lodge and in the Craft. Bro. Roche, the W.M., and W. Bro. Thomas voiced the feeling of the brethren in their expressions of regret at Bro. Smith's removal and in their wishes for his future prosperity and advancement. The labours of the evening were followed by a pleasant hour in the refectory, where, in addition to the usual toast, Bro. Smith's health was drunk. The "Visitors' Toast" was responded to by Bros. Naylor, Johnson, and Dunn, of Southern Star Lodge, No. 735, E.C.—[Lodge Correspondent.]

AUCKLAND.

Piako, No. 160.—The monthly meeting was held on 28th November, a good number of brethren and visitors being present. A ballot was taken for the initiation of one candidate, which proved clear. The ceremony was the passing of a brother, which was performed by the W.M., assisted by his P.Ms. and his officers. The ceremony was concluded and the Lodge closed by 9.40, when the brethren retired to the refectory, but as the Lodge is in mourning for W. Bro. A. H. Aitken and Bro. J. C. Allen, the former being killed in action in Flanders and the latter dying of wounds in France, the proceedings were much shorter and quieter than is usual.—[Lodge Correspondent.]

Maniapoto, No. 206.—The regular meeting was held in the Lodgeroom on 28th November. Two brethren were raised to the degree of M.Ms. The Ob. was given by W. Bro. Cook, the Investiture by Bro. Miller and W. Bro. Benner, the Exhort. by W. Bro. Cook, the Charge after Raising by Bro. Heerdegen, the T.H. by W. Bros. Cook and Benner, the Explanation of Substituted Secrets by W. Bro. Cook, the Further Explanation by Bra. Lord, the W.Ts. by Bro. Miller, and the Final Charge by Bro. J. E. Stuart. Motions of sympathy were passed towards Bros. Johnston and Budge in their recent sad loss of their sons, who nobly laid down their lives for their King and country. One candidate was proposed for initiation. After the Lodge was closed, a most enjoyable "Fourth" was spent by the members present.—[Lodge Correspondent.]

TARANAKI.

Ikaroa, No. 115.—The nineteenth annual meeting was held at Opunake on 28th November, when there was a large attendance of brethren from all parts of Taranaki, including the Prov.G.M. and both his predecessors

in office. Lodge was opened at 3 p.m. by the W.M., W. Bro. W. J. G. Todd, who had come from his new home at Featherston to discharge his duty. Formal business was disposed of, after which R.W. Bro. F. P. Corkill, P.M., addressed the Lodge on the proposed arrangements for the coming-of-age celebrations in November, 1919. It was suggested that an effort should be made to have the freehold clear of debt by that time, and in this connection the W.M. made the handsome offer of the last £50. Work was resumed at 7 p.m., when the R.W. Prov.G.M. acted as Installing Master and placed Bro. Oscar Albert Mellon in the chair for the ensuing year. Most of the ceremonial was entrusted to visiting brethren, the W.Ts. being delivered by W. Bros. Rogers (No. 95), Harding (No. 34), and Weir (No. 95) respectively. The investiture of officers was most efficiently performed by W. Bros. Cannell and G. W. Rogers, P.Ms. The addresses were given by R.W. Bro. Sargent, Prov.G.M. (Master), W. Bro. F. J. Kimbell, No. 34 (Wardens), and R.W. Bro. Corkill, P.Prov.G.M. (brethren). W. Bro. F. E. Wilson (No. 48) officiated as D. of C., and was largely responsible for the excellent working right through. Resolutions were passed—(a) That a fraternal letter, signed by the W.M. and W. Bro. Sec., be sent to each brother of the Lodge on active service; (b) that the W.M., with P.Ms. Corkill, Rogers, and Sorenson, be appointed a committee to investigate the circumstances of an esteemed brother who has returned from the war in a crippled condition, and to take any steps which they may deem necessary in his interests; (c) that a letter of sympathy be forwarded to W. Bro. Clarke, who is seriously ill and had that day been removed to the New Plymouth Public Hospital. The glove was passed for the benefit of the Annuity Fund. R.W. Bro. Fookes expressed his pleasure at being present, and complimented the Lodge on its convenient and comfortable ferro-concrete hall, built since his last visit and already more than half paid for. At a later stage the brethren re-assembled in the Town Hall, where the ladies of the Lodge had provided one of those collations for which they are so well known to the Craft in Taranaki, and a very pleasant time was spent in harmony and oratorical effort. One of the best speeches was that of W. Bro. Stubbs, of Eltham, in proposing the toast of "Our Boys at the Front," and his comparisons of the doings at Gallipoli and in France with the prowess of our forefathers in the days of yore were regarded as very apt. The brethren dispersed to their distant homes in ample time, and quite fit for the morning's milking.—[Lodge Correspondent.] [We suggest that the officer who consecrated the Lodge should be invited to the coming-of-age ceremony.—ED. C.]

RUAPEHU.

Kimbolton, No. 123.—The monthly meeting was held on 29th November, there being only a small muster of brethren. The work was a raising. The W.M. was assisted by W. Bros. Beard (Exhort.), Baddeley (Charge after Raising), and Bailey (T.H.). Bro. Davies presented the W.Ts., and the S.W. delivered the Charge. A pleasant evening was afterwards spent in the refectory, the usual toasts being honoured, including that of "Brethren at the Front," which will be honoured every evening in future at 11 precisely, of which fact those brethren of this Lodge who are at the front have been notified. Our newly raised brother was presented by the W.M. with a copy of the V.S.L., accompanied by some homely advice as to the use he should make of it. Several brethren enlivened the evening with songs, but in this direction the loss of our Organist, Bro. T. G. Short, who has been removed to Waihi was severely felt.—[Lodge Correspondent.]

Huia, No. 171.—The monthly meeting was held on 6th December, the attendance being very satisfactory, several representatives of various Lodges being present. Three ballots were taken, all being successful. The ceremonial work consisted of raising a brother, the work being allocated as follows : Ob., by the W.M., W. Bro. Gallichan ; Exhort., by W. Bro. Graham, P.M. the Explanation of the S. and S. was given by W. Bro. Spooner; the W.Ts., by W. Bro. Turner ; T.H. by the D. of C., W. Bro. Stone; and the Final Charge, by the W.M., W. Bro. Gallichan; after which an adjournment was made to the refectory, when a light, repast was partaken of and the usual courtesies were duly exchanged, although the hour was somewhat late ; nevertheless, all appeared satisfied with the result of the evening's work. The prospects for the forthcoming year look very good. Once again the writer tenders the worthy editor the compliments of the season, and trusts that T.G.A.O.T.U. will grant you the necessary health and strength to continue the work you have so long been associated with, in the interest of Masonry.—[Lodge Correspondent.] [The Editor heartily reciprocates.]

ROYAL ARCH CHAPTERS.

Waikato, No. 22.—The regular convocation was held in the Chapter-room, Hamilton East, on 27th November, the business being the acknowledgment of two brethren. Twenty companions signed the attendance book, including one visitor. E. Comp. S. B. Sims conducted the ceremony, assisted by V.E. Comp. J. C. Williams, V.E. Comp. Speight, and E. Comp. English. Two brethren were balloted for initiation, and one new member proposed. After the Chapter was closed, a pleasant time was spent, at the festive board.—[Chapter Correspondent.]

A. AND A. RITE.

Lathom Chapter, No. 93.—The annual meeting was held at Wanganui on 5th December, E. and P. Bro. Dr. D. Hatherley presiding. There was an excellent attendance of local members, which was supplemented by E. and P. Bro. A. Veitch, M.W.S., and a number of members of Wellington Chapter, No. 91. One brother was "perfected," the ceremony being conducted by Ill. Bro. Surgeon-General R. S. F. Henderson, 31 deg., assisted by members of Wellington Chapter. The Ill. Bro. subsequently installed E. and P. Bro. Horace Priestley as M.W.S. for the current year. E. and P. Bro. J. Ashwell, P.M.W.S., was again appointed to the office of Recorder. V. Ill. Bro. Malcolm Niccol, G. Inspector-General for New Zealand, paid an official visit to the Chapter, and his presence was very greatly appreciated. After the Chapter ceremonies, the E. and P. brethren adjourned to the refectory, where a very pleasant hour was spent.

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Pono, No. 203 (Dargaville).

Titirangi, No. 204 (Avondale).

Maniapoto, No. 206:—Founded 1916, meets in Lodgeroom, Oturohanga, Tuesday nearest full moon, 8 p.m. Installation October. W.M., W. Bro. H. Benner; S.W., Bro. C. J. M. Miller; J.W., Bro. J. Heerdegen; Sec., Bro. T. G. Hoskins, Solicitor, Oturohanga.

Raumai, No. 207 (Kaunai).

Irish Constitution.

Ara, No. 348, I.C.:—Founded 6th September, 1842, meets in Freemasons' Hall, Princes St., Auckland, first Monday in month (January excepted), 7.30 p.m. Installation 24th June (St. John's Day), high noon. W.M., Bro. W. Wilson; S.W., Bro. A. J. Vercoe; J.W., Bro. W. G. Fletcher; Sec., W. Bro. W. H. Patterson, P.M., c/o P.O. Box 840.

PROVINCE OF HAWKES BAY: 10 LODGES.

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

Scinde, No. 5:—Founded 1855, meets in Masonic Hall, Tennyson St., Napier, third Tuesday in month. Installation Wednesday following third Tuesday in June. W.M., Bro. J. Bowes; S.W., Bro. A. E. Currie; J.W., Bro. A. J. Turville; Sec., W. Bro. L. Freedman, P.G.D., P.O. Box 199, Napier.

Victoria, No. 21:—Founded 1871, meets in Masonic Hall, Munroe St., Napier, first Tuesday in month (except January), 7.30 p.m. Installation first Wednesday in June. W.M., Bro. W. A. Wilkie; S.W., Bro. W. G. Jarvis; J.W., Bro. H. Bates; Sec., W. Bro. Jas. Redshaw, P.G.S., P.O. Box 198, Napier.

Bedford, No. 25:—Founded 1878, meets at Masonic Hall, Waipukurau, Wednesday nearest full moon, 7.30 p.m. Installation Thursday nearest full moon in April. W.M., Bro. W. A. Chambers; S.W., Bro. H. J. Newling; J.W., Bro. H. Hobson; Sec., W. Bro. J. W. Elliott, P.M., Waipukurau.

Abercorn, No. 30:—Founded 1878, meets at Masonic Hall, Waipawa, Monday on or nearest full moon each month, 7.30 p.m. Installation second Monday in March. W.M., Bro. A. Parkin; S.W., Bro. B. Williams; J.W., Bro. J. Milburn; Sec., W. Bro. J. N. Watson, Johnson St., Waipawa.

Rawhiti, No. 66:—Founded 1890, meets in Freemasons' Hall, High St., Dannevirke, third Thursday in month, 7.30 p.m. Installation May. W.M., Bro. C. R. James; S.W., Bro. C. L. Thomson; J.W., Bro. D. N. Wilson; Sec., Bro. C. T. Brown, P.O. Box 77, Dannevirke.

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

Ruahine, No. 80:—Founded 1886, meets in Masonic Hall, Woodville, Tuesday on or before full moon, 7.30 p.m. Installation June. W.M., Bro. J. A. Fraser; S.W., Bro. R. E. Toogood; J.W., Bro. J. Elder; Sec., W. Bro. A. Stevenson, School, Woodville.

Lion, No. 114:—Founded 1899, meets in Masonic Hall, Ormondville, Monday on or nearest full moon, 7.30 p.m. Installation Wednesday nearest to April full moon. W.M., W. Bro. J. Snaddon; S.W., Bro. H. N. Benson; J.W., Bro. L. Meeking; Sec., W. Bro. D. Wilson, Box 12, Ormondville.

Waikaremoana, No. 158:—Founded 1909, meets in Masonic Hall, Wairoa, H.B., Tuesday nearest full moon, 7.30 p.m. Installation March. W.M., Bro. J. W. B. Macdonald; S.W., Bro. W. Taylor; J.W., Bro. J. P. Moore; Sec., Bro. E. L. Thomson, P.O. Box 1, Wairoa.

Ruataniwha, No. 172:—Founded 1910, meets in Masonic Hall, Takapau, Friday on or before full moon, 7 p.m. Installation August. W.M., W. Bro. A. Chisholm; S.W., Bro. J. W. Watkins; J.W., Bro. W. Hobson; 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 month. Installation March. W.M., Bro. A. E. Christensen; S.W., Bro. E. C. Wood; J.W., Bro. J. R. Patterson; Sec., Bro. E. E. Jones.

Hawera, No. 84:—Founded 1880, meets in Temple, Union St., Hawera, first Tuesday in month, 7.30 p.m. Installation July. W.M., W. Bro. A. R. Thompson; S.W., Bro. E. C. Hayton; J.W., Bro. C. Brown; Sec., W. Bro. J. W. J. Harding, P.M., P.O. Box 111, Hawera.

Ngamotu, No. 48:—Founded 1883, meets in Masonic Hall, Robe St., New Plymouth, fourth Wednesday in month (except December, second Thursday), 7.30 p.m. Installation September. W.M., Bro. A. Forbes; S.W., Bro. W. S. Gilbert; J.W., Bro. A. H. Goss; Sec., Bro. W. H. Haddrell, P.M., Westown, New Plymouth.

Stratford, No. 75:—Founded 1892, meets in Masonic Hall, Stratford, third Wednesday in month. Installation March. W.M., Bro. W. H. Besley; S.W., Bro. J. H. Ashton; J.W., Bro. A. M. Spilman; Sec., Bro. T. Richardson.

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

Moa, No. 110:—Founded 1896, meets in Freemasons' Hall, Inglewood, second Friday each month, 7.30 p.m. Installation March. W.M., Bro. J. Roberts; S.W., Bro. G. H. Taylor; J.W., Bro. J. Johnston; Sec., W. Bro. R. Branch, P.M., P.O. Box 34, Inglewood.

Ikarua, No. 115:—Founded 1896, meets in Lodge-room, Opanake, Tuesday nearest full moon, 7.30 p.m. Installation November. W.M., Bro. O. A. Mullen; S.W., Bro. G. Hammond; J.W., Bro. D. Penny; Sec., Bro. G. W. Rogers, P.M., P.O. Box 19.

RUAPEHU DISTRICT: 16 LODGES.

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

Rangitikei, No. 38:—Founded 1880, meets in Masonic Hall, Bulls, Tuesday before full moon. Installation October. W.M., Bro. H. A. Fagan; S.W., Bro. L. E. McKelvie; J.W., Bro. A. K. Drew; Sec., Bro. T. King, P.M., P.O. Box 5, Bulls.

Felding, No. 41:—Founded 1881, meets in Masonic Temple, Felding, 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 St., Palmerston N., second Thursday in month. Installation April. W.M., Bro. A. Hopwood; S.W., Bro. W. Mundy; J.W., Bro. D. Dustin; Sec., Bro. C. S. Rush, P.O. Box 7, Palmerston N.

Otagaki, No. 70:—Founded 1891, meets in Masonic Hall, Ashhurst, Wednesday nearest full moon, 7.30 p.m. Installation August. W.M., Bro. J. T. Robson; S.W., Bro. S. H. Snell; J.W., Bro. A. O. F. Maul; Sec., Bro. H. C. Simms, P.M.

Rangitira, No. 71:—Founded 1891, meets in Masonic Hall, Huntville, Rangitikei, Friday on or before full moon. Installation March. W.M., Bro. F. C. Berry; S.W., Bro. F. H. Powell; J.W., Bro. R. Dukeason; Sec., Bro. R. A. Campbell, P.M.

St. Andrew Kil., No. 79:—Founded 1895, meets in Freemasons' Hall, Wanganui, second Thursday in month (excepting December, first Thursday). Installation second Thursday in July. W.M., Bro. R. W. Green; S.W., Bro. J. E. M. Rose; J.W., Bro. J. McFarlane; Sec., Bro. N. G. Armstrong, P.O. Box 226, Wanganui.

Kimbolton, No. 123:—Founded 1902, meets in Masonic Hall, Kimbolton, Thursday nearest full moon. Installation February. W.M., Bro. W. McKay; S.W., Bro. C. G. Hansen; J.W., Bro. L. J. Verry; Sec., Bro. E. S. Davies, P.O. Box 5, Kimbolton.

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

Te Awahou, No. 133:—Founded 1906, meets in Masonic Hall, Liddle St., Foxton, second Tuesday in month. Installation May. W.M., Bro. J. J. W. Stevenson; S.W., Bro. J. G. Spiers; J.W., Bro. E. Cowley; Sec., Bro. A. R. Wainwright, Box 34, Foxton.

Otaihape, No. 142:—Founded 13th December, 1905, meets in Masonic Hotel, Taihape, Tuesday on or before full moon, 7.45 p.m. Installation May. W.M., Bro. P. W. Somerville; S.W., Bro. F. Varnam; J.W., Bro. N. E. Drayton; Sec., Bro. A. James, P.M., Box 5, Taihape.

Rongotea, No. 146:—Founded 1906, meets in Masonic Hall, Rongotea, Wednesday before full moon. Installation April. W.M., Bro. R. M. Matheson; S.W., Bro. J. S. West; J.W., Bro. W. Amon; Sec., Bro. E. A. Campbell.

Huia, No. 171:—Founded 1910, meets in Masonic Hall, Church St. E., Palmerston N., first Thursday in month. Installation March. W.M., Bro. A. W. Gallichan; S.W., Bro. J. F. Manning; J.W., —; Sec., Bro. H. C. Le Grange, Box 214, P.O., Palmerston N.

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

Manga-te-Weka, No. 178:—Founded 1910, meets in Masonic Hall, Mangaweka, Monday on or before full moon, 8 p.m. Installation June. W.M., Bro. G. Keger; S.W., Bro. J. D. Munro; J.W., Bro. J. W. Tompkins; Sec., Bro. D. Galloway, P.M., Mangaweka.

Moutoa, No. 195:—Constituted 24th April, 1913, meets in Masonic Hall, Gonville, fourth Thursday in month (excepting December, third Thursday). Installation fourth Thursday in April. W.M., Bro. G. L. McLean; S.W., Bro. F. Symes; J.W., Bro. F. Bourne; Sec., W. Bro. Neil F. Svenson, P.M., 129 Victoria Avenue, Wanganui.

Ngauruhoe, No. 205:—Constituted 26th May, 1916, meets in Masonic Hall, Mire St., Ohakune, Tuesday nearest full moon, 7.30 p.m. Installation May. W.M., Bro. T. P. Firman; S.W., Bro. A. C. Yelland; J.W., Bro. M. Vance; Sec., Bro. J. E. Hartland, Ohakune Junction.

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, fourth Monday every month, 7.30 p.m. No meeting December. Installation March. W.M., Bro. J. Tumblyn; S.W., Bro. E. H. Webb; J.W., Bro. J. H. Hutchings; Sec., W. Bro. J. H. Worboys, P.M., Kilbirnie.

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

Masterton, No. 19:—Founded 1873, meets in Masonic Hall, Bannister St., Masterton, second Wednesday in month, 8 p.m. Installation May. W.M., Bro. T. A. H. Dixon; S.W., Bro. O. N. C. Pragnell; J.W., Bro. W. E. Chum; Sec., Bro. R. J. Young, P.M., Masterton.

St. Andrew, No. 32:—Founded 1879, meets in Masonic Hall, Wellington, third Monday in month, 7.30 p.m. Installation St. Andrew's Day. W.M., Bro. J. C. Riddell; S.W., Bro. R. H. Hutchison; J.W., Bro. Greening; Sec., W. Bro. A. T. Wells, P.M., P.O. Box 661, Wellington.

St. John, No. 37:—Founded 1880, meets in Masonic Hall, Wakefield St., Featherston, second Monday in month, 7.30 p.m. Installation October. W.M., W. Bro. M. H. Kendall; S.W., Bro. G. Campbell; J.W., Bro. E. A. Merlet; Sec., W. Bro. F. C. Everton, P.M.

Leinster, No. 44:—Founded 1892, meets in Masonic Hall, Wellington, first Monday in month, 7.30 p.m. Installation July. W.M., Bro. A. McLaren; S.W., Bro. E. J. Shakes; J.W., Bro. W. J. Garrett; Sec., W. Bro. W. A. Bandmet, P.M., P.O. Box 228, "Copper" collection each meeting for W. and O. and A.M. Fund.

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

Ulster, No. 62:—Founded 1888, meets in Masonic Hall, Petone, third Wednesday in month. Installation June. W.M., Bro. T. Mather; S.W., Bro. A. G. Steffensen; J.W., Bro. Y. G. Carver; Sec., W. Bro. R. Wylie, 49 Victoria St., Petone.

Tararua, No. 67:—Founded 1890, meets in Masonic Hall, Pahiatua, Thursday nearest full moon. Installation November. W.M., Bro. R. V. King; S.W., Bro. A. A. Vaughan; J.W., Bro. F. Burrell; Sec., Bro. G. Moore, P.M.

Otaki, No. 72:—Founded 1891, meets in Masonic Hall, Otaki, Wednesday nearest full moon, 8 p.m. (September meeting Tuesday). Installation November. W.M., Bro. W. Quayle; S.W., Bro. Windley; J.W., Bro. A. G. Williams; Sec., Bro. C. N. Swabey, P.M., Otaki Railway.

Greytown, No. 74:—Founded 1877, meets in Masonic Hall, Greytown, second Friday in month, 8 p.m. Installation St. John's Day (June). W.M., Bro. J. B. Bricknell; S.W., Bro. D. P. Loasby; J.W., Bro. W. A. Hutton; Sec., Bro. E. Larkin, P.M., Box 32, Greytown.

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

Hinemoa, No. 122:—Founded 1901, meets in Masonic Hall, Wellington S., second Thursday, 7.30 p.m. Installation August. W.M., Bro. Rev. G. Knowles Smith; S.W., Bro. S. R. Shannon; J.W., Bro. G. Jones; Sec., W. Bro. S. Martin, 11 Millward St., 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. A. H. Mildenhall; S.W., Bro. K. M. Carter; J.W., Bro. W. S. Radcliffe; Sec., Bro. A. W. Robertson, P.O. Box 4, Johnsonville.

Brooklyn, No. 132:—Founded October, 1903, meets in Masonic Hall, Brooklyn, first Wednesday in month. Installation October. W.M., Bro. H. Purkin; S.W., —; J.W., Bro. H. J. Furness; 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.

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

Waihenga, No. 150:—Founded October, 1907, meets in Masonic Hall, Martinborough, first Wednesday in month, 7.30 p.m. Installation October. W.M., Bro. W. P. Gundrie; S.W., Bro. J. G. Chapman; J.W., Bro. J. T. Tilson; Sec., Bro. A. Macgregor, P.M.

Tutanekai, No. 156:—Founded 1908, meets in Masonic Hall, Adelaide Rd., Berhampore, first Thursday each month (except January, when Lodge meets second Thursday), 7.30 p.m. Installation February. W.M., Bro. J. W. Sexton; S.W., Bro. G. F. Lenzi; J.W., Bro. C. W. Martin; Sec., Bro. H. Ivory, Box 328, G.P.O., Wellington.

Waiheke, No. 176:—Founded 1910, meets in Masonic Hall, Huia St., Lower Hutt, second Wednesday in month, 7.30 p.m. Installation October. W.M., Bro. H. G. Teagle; S.W., Bro. H. J. Harman; J.W., Bro. A. Carver; Sec., W. Bro. H. Hobbs, Hantana Square, Lower Hutt.

Otari, No. 180:—Founded 1912, meets in Freemasons' Hall, Ngalo, second Tuesday in month, 7.30 p.m. Installation July. W.M., Bro. R. A. Nicol; S.W., Bro. A. Ferguson; J.W., Bro. W. A. Tanner; Sec., W. Bro. J. R. Scrimgeour, P.M., Main Rd., Ngalo.

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. J. J. Esson; S.W., Bro. W. H. Jones; J.W., Bro. H. H. Seaton; Sec., Bro. —, Wellington. (*Open to visiting M.Ms.)

Whetu Kaiarangi, No. 201:—Founded 1914, meets in Masonic Hall, Seatoun, second Saturday each month, 7.30 p.m. Installation October. W.M., Bro. T. O. Fox; S.W., Bro. E. Morria, jun.; J.W., Bro. J. A. Fraser; Sec., Bro. T. S. Robertson.

SOUTH ISLAND.

MARLBOROUGH AND NELSON: 8 LODGES.

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

Victory, No. 40:—Founded 1881, meets in Freemasons' Hall, Collingwood St., Nelson, second Thursday in month (except May, fourth Thursday), 7.30 p.m. Installation May. W.M., Bro. H. P. Stephenson; S.W., Bro. W. Widdowson; J.W., Bro. C. M. Whelan; Sec., W. Bro. R. W. Stiles, P.O. Box 105, Nelson.

Wairau, No. 42:—Founded 1881 (formerly 603, S.C.; joined N.Z.C. 1890), meets in Masonic Hall, Andrew St., Blenheim, last Tuesday in month, 7.30 p.m. Installation June. W.M., Bro. A. Gibson; S.W., Bro. W. T. Taylor; J.W., Bro. T. E. Cleator; Sec., W. Bro. W. C. Lucas, Redwood St., Blenheim.

Havelock, No. 104:—Founded 1896, meets Masonic Hall, Havelock, Saturday before full moon, 7.15 p.m. Installation March. W.M., Bro. W. A. Russell, P.M.; S.W., Bro. A. B. Reade; J.W., Bro. W. H. Marriott; Sec., Bro. A. E. Barrowclough.

Marlborough Unanimity, No. 106:—Founded 1889 (formerly 1286, E.C.), joined N.Z.C. 1896, meets Masonic Hall, Charles St., Blenheim, second Thursday in month, 7.30 p.m. Installation August. W.M., Bro. T. P. Bull; S.W., Bro. H. R. Bugge; J.W., Bro. W. M. Lambie; Sec., Bro. P. W. Smith, Blenheim.

Waitohi, No. 111:—Meets in Masonic Hall, Picton, third Tuesday in month, 7.30 p.m. Installation third Tuesday in April. W.M., Bro. H. Aubrey; S.W., Bro. E. Lane; J.W., Bro. T. Allport; Sec., Bro. T. W. Bragge, P.M.

Forest, No. 116:—Meets in Lodgeroom, Wakefield, third Wednesday in month. Installation November. W.M., Bro. J. R. Gaukrodger; S.W., Bro. L. O. Baigent; J.W., Bro. V. N. Granville; Sec., Bro. H. Franklyn, P.M.

Motueka, No. 117:—Founded 1900, meets Lodgeroom, Motueka, Wednesday nearest full moon. Installation October. W.M., Bro. F. Pidgeon; S.W., Bro. G. Heath; J.W., Bro. W. Nicholson; Sec., Bro. W. McInnes, P.M., Box 6, Motueka.

St. Cuthbert's, No. 144:—Founded 1905, meets Masonic Hall, Collingwood, Saturday nearest full moon, 7.30 p.m. Installation October. W.M., Bro. R. Daniel; S.W., Bro. J. W. McKinnis; J.W., Bro. R. J. Walker; Sec., Bro. R. H. Lash, P.M., Puponga, Collingwood.

PROVINCE OF WESTLAND: 12 LODGES.

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

Robert Burns, No. 60:—Founded 1883, meets in Burns' Masonic Hall, Kelly St., Reefton, third Thursday each month, 7.30 p.m. Installation 25th January. W.M., Bro. F. W. Robinson; S.W., Bro. W. H. Thompson; J.W., Bro. J. B. Auld; Sec., Bro. R. A. Stewart, P.M., Reefton.

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

Kumara, No. 65:—Meets in Freemasons' Hall, Seddon St., Kumara, Tuesday nearest full moon, 8 p.m. Installation February. W.M., Bro. A. B. Glen; S.W., Bro. J. E. Wade; J.W., Bro. H. J. Burrell; Sec., Bro. W. H. Evenden, P.M.

Westland Kil., No. 88:—Founded 1867, meets in Freemasons' Hall, Hokitika, Wednesday nearest full moon, 7.30 p.m. Installation St. Andrew's Day. W.M., Bro. J. Cameron; S.W., Bro. R. M. King; J.W., Bro. G. H. Chapman; Sec., Bro. H. M. Coulson, P.M.

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

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

Torea, No. 121:—Founded 1900, meets in Masonic Hall, Granly, third Saturday each month, 7.30 p.m. Installation December. W.M., Bro. J. Taggart; S.W., Bro. W. S. McEwan; J.W., Bro. T. Worthington; Sec., Bro. J. Green, P.M.

Mawhera, No. 136:—Founded 1904, meets in Masonic Hall, Tainui St., Greymouth, second Thursday in month. Installation November. W.M., Bro. H. G. F. Clear; S.W., Bro. G. G. A. Heitz; J.W., Bro. W. J. T. Watson; Sec., Bro. J. McIndoe, P.O. Box 29, Greymouth.

Kawaitiri Westport, No. 152:—Founded 1907, meets in Masonic Hall, Russell St., Westport, second Monday in month, 8 p.m. Installation May. W.M., Bro. D. T. Gibbard; S.W., Bro. H. Greenwood; J.W., Bro. E. L. H. Skelton; Sec., Bro. G. W. Jones, P.M., 137 Queen St., Westport.

Runanga, No. 159:—Founded 1908, meets in Masonic Hall, Seddon St., Runanga, Wednesday nearest full moon in month, 7.30 p.m. Installation October. W.M., Bro. T. Pattison; S.W., Bro. A. A. Shannon; J.W., Bro. J. Hadercroft; Sec., Bro. W. Hall, P.M., Seddon Ter., Runanga.

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 in Masonic Hall, Sumner Rd., Lyttelton, first Tuesday in month, 7.30 p.m. Installation Feb. W.M., Bro. D. E. L. Collett; S.W., Bro. R. J. Connal; J.W., Bro. C. H. Smith; Sec., W. Bro. T. C. Hutton, P.M., Box 34, Lyttelton.

St. Augustine, No. 4:—Founded 1862, meets in St. Augustine Masonic Hall, Christchurch, second Tuesday in month, 7.30 p.m. Installation March. W.M., Bro. J. A. Stables; S.W., Bro. D. Redpath; J.W., Bro. C. H. Duff; Sec., W. Bro. F. C. B. Bishop, Box 372, Christchurch.

Southern Cross, No. 6:—Founded 1858, meets in Masonic Hall, Kaiapoi, first Thursday in month, 7.30 p.m. Installation December. W.M., Bro. R. H. Croft; S.W., Bro. F. J. Garnett; J.W., Bro. J. E. Monk; Sec., Bro. P. G. Hunt, Kaiapoi.

Caledonian, No. 16:—Founded 1871, meets in Caledonian Masonic Hall, Sophia St., Timaru, first Monday in month, 7.30 p.m. Installation June. W.M., Bro. W. Cranston; S.W., Bro. G. Glue; J.W., Bro. J. T. Collins; Sec., Bro. J. Simpson, 136 North St., Timaru.

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

Canterbury Kil., No. 23.
Geraldine, No. 27:—Founded 1890, meets in Masonic Hall, Geraldine, third Wednesday in month. Installation March. W.M., Bro. F. R. Flatman; S.W., Bro. J. M. Sutherland; J.W., Bro. A. A. Readdle; Sec., Bro. W. A. Sherratt, Geraldine.

Ashley, No. 28:—Founded 1878, meets in Masonic Hall, Rangiora, second Thursday in month, 7.30 p.m. Installation March. W.M., Bro. J. T. Withers; S.W., Bro. G. Harlow; J.W., Bro. J. Angus; Sec., Bro. T. Hills, P.O. Box 12, Rangiora.

St. George, No. 29:—Meets in Masonic Hall, Wilkin St., Temuka, second Wednesday in month. Installation December. W.M., Bro. W. Trigane; S.W., Bro. F. A. Joynt; J.W., Bro. G. Tate; Sec., Bro. A. Calder.

South Rakai, No. 31:—Founded 1879.
Lincoln, No. 33:—Founded 1880, meets in Masonic Hall, Lincoln, first Tuesday in month. No meeting in January. Installation October. W.M., Bro. C. P. Agar; S.W., Bro. W. L. Morgan; J.W., Bro. J. G. Scott; Sec., Bro. A. Cookson, P.M., Box 24, Lincoln.

Concord, No. 39:—Founded 1881, meets in Masonic Hall, Papanui, fourth Wednesday in month. Installation May. W.M., Bro. J. W. H. Francis; S.W., Bro. A. J. Nicholas; J.W., Bro. J. W. Bealund; Sec., Bro. R. Baldwin, P.M., 72 Aitman's Rd., Christchurch.

Phoenix, No. 43 (Akaroa).
Methven, No. 51:—Meets in Masonic Hall, Methven, Wednesday on or before full moon. Installation May. W.M., Bro. W. H. H. Pawson; S.W., Bro. T. H. Hitchcock; J.W., Bro. J. F. Stone; Sec., W. Bro. S. Smith, P.O. Box 27, Methven.

Kaikoura, No. 60.
Christchurch, No. 61:—Founded 1893, meets in St. Augustine's Hall, Christchurch, fourth Tuesday each month, 7.30 p.m. Installation Nov. W.M., Bro. J. Mitchell; S.W., Bro. D. Sheffield; J.W., Bro. G. W. Jenner; Sec., Bro. H. Hopkinson, P.M., 83 Clifton St., Addington, Christchurch.

Mackenzie, No. 63:—Founded 1894, meets in Masonic Hall, Fairlie, Thursday nearest full moon, 8 p.m. Installation third Thursday in October. W.M., Bro. W. J. Smith; S.W., Bro. S. Harper; J.W., Bro. A. Cooper; Sec., Bro. J. H. Southwick, Fairlie.

St. Augustine, No. 69:—Established 1875, meets in Lodgeroom, Leonard St., Waimate, Wednesday on or before full moon. Installation August. W.M., Bro. C. E. Bateman; S.W., Bro. E. R. Reckett; J.W., Bro. C. Manchester; Sec., Bro. A. J. Hoskins, P.M.

Thistle, No. 118:—Meets in Masonic Hall, Havelock St. W., Ashburton, third Wednesday in month, 7.30 p.m. Installation 30th November. W.M., Bro. T. J. Kennedy; S.W., Bro. J. Smith, junr.; J.W., Bro. W. E. Hetrick; Sec., W. Bro. C. Campbell, P.M., P.O. Box 6, Ashburton.

Cheviot, No. 124.
M. and P.M., No. 139 (Christchurch).
Mairaki, No. 131:—Founded 1903, meets in Masonic Hall, Cust, third Friday in month. Installation April. W.M., Bro. F. H. Early; S.W., Bro. D. Arnott; J.W., Bro. H. Garrett; Sec., Bro. K. W. Cooper, P.M.

Pareora, No. 134 (St. Andrew's).

Crown, No. 138 (Christchurch).

Robert Burns, No. 139:—Meets St. Augustine's Hall, Christchurch, third Tuesday in month, 7.30 p.m. Installation August. W.M., Bro. T. W. N. Wilson; S.W., Bro. A. Hunter; J.W., Bro. G. A. Blackmore; Sec., Bro. T. Newburgh.

Waihora, No. 141:—Founded 1905, meets in Oddfellows' Hall, Leeston, second Thursday in month, 7.30 p.m. Installation April. W.M., Bro. G. W. R. Osborne; S.W., Bro. W. J. Lemon; J.W., Bro. E. H. Jecks; Sec., Bro. J. E. Carter, P.M.

Civic, No. 157:—Meets in Masonic Hall, Gloucester St. W., Christchurch, first Tuesday in month, 7.30 p.m. Installation August. W.M., Bro. L. D. S. Maffey; S.W., Bro. J. Hurley; J.W., Bro. R. J. Thompson; Sec., Bro. W. Sherris, P.O. Box 957, Christchurch.

St. Martin, No. 162 (Pleasant Point).
Aburwa, No. 181:—Founded 1911, meets in Schoolroom, Dunsandel, Monday on or before full moon. Installation October. W.M., Bro. J. D. Cameron; S.W., Bro. F. Smith; J.W., Bro. C. H. Chapman; Sec., W. Bro. F. Lill, P.M., P.O. Box 1, Dunsandel.

Amuri, No. 184 (Culverden).

Avon, No. 185:—Meets in Masonic Hall, Christchurch, first Thursday in month. Installation September. W.M., Bro. W. E. Scott; S.W., Bro. S. K. Bassett; J.W., Bro. B. Falck; Sec., O. W. B. Anderson, Manchester Street, Christchurch.

Tawera, No. 188 (Oxford).

Timaru, No. 196:—Founded 1913, meets in Caledonian Masonic Hall, Sophia St., Timaru, third Monday in month (except December and January). Installation April. W.M., Bro. W. A. Johnstone; S.W., Bro. T. Emmerson; J.W., Bro. G. McKitterick; Sec., Bro. L. B. Pearson, P.O. Box 137, Timaru.

Koranga, No. 197:—Founded 1913, meets in Caledonian Masonic Hall, Sophia St., Timaru, fourth Tuesday in month, 7.30 p.m. Installation August. W.M., Bro. A. McKenzie; S.W., Bro. R. Hyman; J.W., Bro. J. Moyes; Sec., Bro. G. J. Wallace, P.O. Box 82, Timaru.

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 Freemasons' Hall, King St. (opp. Museum), Dunedin, second Wednesday in month, 8 p.m. Installation October. W.M., Bro. J. Wood, P.M.; S.W., Bro. J. E. Atkin; J.W., Bro. H. Ross; Sec., Bro. F. W. C. Clayton, 538 George St., Dunedin.

Waitaki, No. 11:—Founded 1869, meets in Masonic Hall Wansbeck St., Oamaru, Wednesday on or before full moon, 7.30 p.m. Installation May. W.M., Bro. A. W. Woodward; S.W., Bro. A. N. Glass; J.W., Bro. J. G. Wallace; Sec., Bro. C. A. La Roche.

Clutha, No. 14:—Founded 1866, meets in Masonic Hall, Douglas St., Balclutha, second Tuesday in month, 8 p.m. Installation September. W.M., Bro. A. Stenhouse; S.W., Bro. G. S. Dent; J.W., Bro. G. Henderson; Sec., W. Bro. W. G. Finn, P.M., Renfrew St., Balclutha.

Palmerston, No. 26:—Founded 1876, meets in Masonic Hall, Palmerston St., Friday on or before full moon, 8 p.m. Installation August. W.M., Bro. W. McGregor; S.W., Bro. D. Munro; J.W., Bro. R. W. Wheeler; Bro. G. B. Smith, junr., P.O. Box 24, Palmerston, Otago.

Hercules, No. 30:—Founded 1880, meets in Masonic Hall, Tapanui, Wednesday nearest full moon, 7.30 p.m. Installation April. W.M., Bro. W. Nicholson; S.W., Bro. H. S. Jackways; J.W., Bro. W. C. Dale; Sec., Bro. A. H. Hawkins, Tapanui.

Hiram, No. 46:—Founded 1883.

Ngapara, No. 68:—Founded 1891, meets in Masonic Hall, Ngapara, Oamaru, Monday on or preceding full moon, 7.30 p.m. Installation October. W.M., Bro. A. Robbie; S.W., Bro. S. Wilson; J.W., Bro. W. Simpson; Sec., Bro. R. McGilivray, P.M.

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

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

St. John, No. 84 (Mosgiel).

Mount Ida, No. 97:—Founded 1868 (originally No. 1302, E.C.), meets in Masonic Hall, Naseby, Wednesday nearest full moon each month. Installation Feb. W.M., Bro. G. W. Bell; S.W., Bro. A. E. Brown; J.W., Bro. Alex. Brown; Acting-Sec., Bro. A. E. Brown.

Cromwell Kil., No. 98 (originally No. 633, S.C.):—Meets Lodgeroom, Melmore Ter., Cromwell, Wednesday nearest full moon, 7.30 p.m. Installation February. W.M., Bro. D. S. Middleton; S.W., Bro. J. P. Parcell; J.W., Bro. J. J. Halliday; Sec., W. Bro. W. Campbell, P.O. Box 27, Cromwell.

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

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

Manukia Kil., No. 109:—Founded 1890, meets Masonic Hall, Alexandra, 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. Arnott.

St. Nathan's, No. 128:—Founded 18th November, 1902, meets in Masonic Hall, Becks, Thursday nearest full moon in month, 8 p.m. Installation February. W.M., Bro. R. L. Smith; S.W., Bro. Rev. A. V. G. Chandler; J.W., Bro. O. Moon; Sec., W. Bro. J. Sheppard, Becks.

Otago Kil., No. 143:—Meets in Masonic Hall, Moray Place, Dunedin, first Thursday in month, 7.30 p.m. Installation December. W.M., Bro. J. Sinton; S.W., Bro. A. F. Browne; J.W., Bro. A. McLachlan; Sec., Bro. E. W. G. H. Watts, P.M., 63 Clyde St., Dunedin.

Teviot, No. 149:—Founded 1907, meets in Masonic Hall, Roxburgh, Saturday on or nearest full moon, 7.30 p.m. Installation March. W.M., Bro. A. F. Ridd; S.W., Bro. E. F. Allen; J.W., Bro. J. George; Sec., W. Bro. Dr. J. R. Gilmore, P.M., Box 18, Roxburgh.

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

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

Masters, No. 161.

Kurow, No. 164:—Founded 13th May, 1909; meets in Masonic Hall, Kurow, Thursday on or before full moon, 7.30 p.m. Installation September. W.M., Bro. K. H. Appleby; S.W., Bro. J. Pringle; J.W., Bro. W. H. Smart; Sec., Bro. W. W. Mercer.

Owaka, No. 180:—Founded 1911, meets in Masonic Hall, Owaka, Thursday nearest full moon every month, 7.30 p.m. Installation March. W.M., Bro. A. T. Heydon; S.W., Bro. J. Logan; J.W., Bro. R. Laverly; Sec., Bro. G. W. Geddes, Owaka.

Clinton, No. 183:—Founded 1911, meets Odd-fellows' Hall, Clinton, Thursday nearest full moon, 7.30 p.m. Installation March. W.M., Bro. W. McIndoe; S.W., Bro. J. Stevens; J.W., Bro. W. Brown; Sec., Bro. J. C. Borthwick, P.O. Box 28, Clinton.

Ionic, No. 191 (Green Island).
Morning Star, No. 192 (Morrington).
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. 2:—Founded 1864, meets in Masonic Hall, Forth St., Invercargill, first Friday in month, 7.45 p.m. Installation June. W.M., Bro. I. Copeland; S.W., Bro. F. Irvine; J.W., Bro. W. H. Johnson; Sec., Bro. C. R. Roberts, P.O. Box 214, Invercargill.

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., W. Bro. D. D. St. Adman; S.W., W. Bro. A. G. Clarke; J.W., Bro. T. J. Sherwood, jun.; Sec., Bro. D. Gee, P.M.

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. Crosbie, Box 28, Wyndham.

Fortitude, No. 64:—Founded 1888, meets in Masonic Hall, Bluff, second Wednesday in month, 7.30 p.m. Installation June. W.M., Bro. E. Parker; S.W., W. Bro. J. Walker; J.W., Bro. R. C. Skipage; Sec., W. Bro. J. C. Imlay, Bluff.

Aparima, No. 77:—Founded 1876, meets Masonic Hall, Riverton, Tuesday nearest full moon, 7.30 p.m. Installation August. W.M., Bro. W. J. Robinson; S.W., Bro. T. J. Price; J.W., Bro. S. L. McNeil; Sec., Bro. E. B. Gee, jun., Riverton.

Lake Lodge of Ophir, No. 86:—Founded 1864, meets in Masonic Hall, Queenstown, third Tuesday in month. Installation February. 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. F. F. Dunlop; S.W., Bro. T. Pope; J.W., —; Sec., Bro. J. S. Jenkins, P.M., Box 16, Arrowtown.

St. John, No. 94:—Meets at Masonic Hall, Invercargill, third Friday in month. Installation May. W.M., Bro. F. Bonfanti; S.W., Bro. J. S. Lipscombe; J.W., Bro. J. Manson; Sec., Bro. E. Lyon, Box 235.

Tarlingatara, No. 100:—Founded 1887, meets Masonic Hall, Lumsden, Monday on or before full moon. Installation third Wednesday in November. W.M., Bro. S. E. Griffiths; S.W., Bro. W. Roxburgh; J.W., Bro. G. Findlay; Sec., W. Bro. W. H. Clark.

Winton, No. 108:—Founded 1896, meets Masonic Hall, Park St., Winton, Tuesday on or before full moon. Installation October. W.M., Bro. J. A. Broom; S.W., Bro. C. E. P. Webb; J.W., Bro. H. Liddell; Sec., Bro. T. Walker, P.M., Chemist, Winton.

Wallace, No. 129:—Founded 1904, meets Masonic Hall, Otautau, third Friday in month, 7.30 p.m. Installation meetings every Friday. Installation October. W.M., Bro. C. H. Tomkinson; S.W., Bro. J. Thomson; J.W., Bro. H. MacCheaney; Sec., Bro. E. Matheson, P.O. Box 10, Otautau.

Orepuki, No. 137:—Founded 1905, meets Masonic Hall, Orepuki, second Thursday in month, 7.30 p.m. Installation third Wednesday in April. W.M., Bro. C. C. Nicholas; S.W., Bro. W. Clark; J.W., Bro. F. A. Kemp; Sec., W. Bro. L. F. Clapp, P.M., P.O. Box 7, Orepuki.

Wairaki, No. 145 (Nightcaps).

Victoria, No. 147:—Founded 1883, meets in Masonic Hall, Forth St., Invercargill, second Friday in month. Installation June. W.M., Bro. J. Buchanan; S.W., Bro. P. B. Macdonald; J.W., Bro. A. Greig; Sec., W. Bro. N. J. Brokenshire.

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

Mataura, No. 174:—Founded 1910, meets Masonic Hall, Short St., Mataura, Monday nearest full moon, 7.30 p.m. Installation second Wednesday in July. W.M., W. Bro. A. N. MacGibbon; S.W., Bro. J. N. West; J.W., Bro. F. W. Brown; Sec., W. Bro. J. J. Griffiths, P.M., Dover St., Mataura.

Waihopai, No. 189:—Founded 1912, meets in Masonic Hall, Grey St., Gladstone, Invercargill, third Monday in month, 7.30 p.m. Installation May. W.M., Bro. V. C. Smith; S.W., Bro. A. B. Edmonds; J.W., Bro. T. Bird; Sec., Bro. G. Gilchrist.

ENGLISH CRAFT LODGES.

Pacific Lodge, No. 1453, E.C.:—Founded 1873, meets Masonic Hall, Reefton, Tuesday nearest full moon. Installation July. W.M., Bro. R. Burley; S.W., W. Bro. S. Austin; J.W., Bro. A. Bloxham; Sec., Bro. A. A. House, P.O. Box 41, Reefton.

Wellington, No. 1521:—Founded 1874, meets in Masonic Hall, Wellington, third Wednesday in month, except January, February, and March. Installation June. W.M., Bro. H. Hastings; S.W., Bro. S. P. Hawthorne; J.W., Bro. N. E. White; Sec., Bro. A. M. Adams.

BOARDS OF ENQUIRY.

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

NEW PLYMOUTH.—Meets first Wednesday in month. Pres., W. Bro. F. C. J. Bellringer; Sec., W. Bro. W. Hosken, P.O. Box 35, New Plymouth.

WELLINGTON.—Meets in Masonic Hall, Boulcott St., third Tuesday in month, except December. Pres., W. Bro. J. Firth; Vice-Pres., W. Bro. W. C. Robinson; Sec. and Treas., W. Bro. H. 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., W. Bro. R. Baldwin, P.Prov.G.W., 72 Alkman's Road, Christchurch.

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

ANCIENT AND ACCEPTED SCOTTISH RITE, GRAND LODGE OF FRANCE.

Veritas, No. 334:—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 Franciscan, No. 350.—Dormant.

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NEW ZEALAND CHAPTERS.

St. Augustine, No. 1:—Founded November, 1860; 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; E., E. Comp. J. W. Piper, 587 Hereford Street, Linwood.

Waterloo, No. 2:—Founded 1875, meets Masonic Hall, Bonicott St., Wellington, fourth Wednesday in month. Installation September. Z., Comp. C. W. Nielsen; H., Comp. J. W. Ellison; J., Comp. J. McLachlan; S.E., Comp. A. Scott, 88 Overton Ter., Kilbirnie.

Southern Cross, No. 3:—Meets in Masonic Hall, Invercargill, fourth Friday in month, excluding December. Installation September. Z., Comp. J. M. Aitken; H., Comp. A. B. Haggitt; J., Comp. W. Irvine; S.E., Comp. G. O'Brien, Invercargill.

Victoria, No. 4:—Founded 1879, meets Masonic Hall, Mouree St., Napier, last Thursday in the month of October, November, January, February, March, April, May, July, August, and September. Installation September. Z., Comp. R. Bishop; H., Comp. J. Bowes; J., Comp. A. J. Turville; S.E., Comp. J. Redshaw, P.Z., P.O. Box 196, Napier.

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. J. Ferneaux; J., Comp. W. T. Lester; S.E., Comp. E. Elliot Chambers.

Otago, No. 7:—Meets Oceanside Masonic Hall, St. Kilda, Dunedin, first Saturday in month, except December and January. Installation November. Z., Comp. A. Stoneham; H., Comp. A. McKenzie; J., Comp. J. Pringle; S.E., Comp. M. J. Pierce, 233 King Edward St., Dunedin.

Waitaki Kil., No. 8 (being Otago Chapter, No. 8, and Waitaki Chapter, No. 12, which were amalgamated 9th October, 1901):—Meets Masonic Hall, Wansbeck St., Oamaru, second Wednesday after full moon. Installation September. Z., Comp. G. M. Whale; H., Comp. C. A. La Roche; J., Comp. J. Crombie; S.E., M.E. Comp. J. M. Brown, P.G.Z.

Auckland Prov., No. 9:—Founded 1892, meets third Wednesday in month, except December and January. Installation September. Z., Comp. J. Coe; H., Comp. M. Copeland; J., Comp. A. E. Bagnall; S.E., Comp. W. Probert, corner Park and Carlton Gore Roads.

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

Manawatu, No. 11:—Founded 1892, meets Masonic Hall, Palmerston N., third Thursday in month. Z., Comp. J. Stone; H., Comp. A. W. Galliehan; J., Comp. J. W. Sinclair; S.E., Comp.

Victory, No. 12:—Founded 1892, meets Masonic Hall, Nelson, fourth Tuesday in month as required (except in December and January). Installation October. Z., Comp. A. M. Oxley; H., Comp. S. P. Bolton; J., Comp. L. Reynolds; S.E., Comp. R. W. Stiles.

Marlborough, No. 14:—Founded 1892, meets in Masonic Hall, Charles St., Blenheim, Thursday nearest new moon in October, December, February, April, June, and August. Installation 23rd September. Z., Comp. C. H. Mills; H., Comp. J. McKinley; J., Comp. A. Weaver; S.E., Comp. F. W. Smith, Box 161, P.O., Blenheim.

Timaru, No. 15.
Waimate, No. 16:—Founded 1891, meets St. Augustine Masonic Hall, Waimate, first Wednesday after full moon in months of September (Installation), November, January, March, May, and July. Z., Comp. J. Manchester; H., Comp. C. R. Bateman; J., Comp. — Beckett; S.E., Comp. J. W. Manchester.

Ohinemuri, No. 17:—Founded 1901, meets Masonic Hall, Paeroa, first Wednesday after full moon in September, October, December, February, April, June, August. Installation September. Z., V.E. Comp. C. B. Gentil, P.Z.; H., E. Comp. R. S. Hanna; J., E. Comp. A. J. Stapleton; S.E., E. Comp. G. E. Allen, Paeroa.

Inangahua, No. 18:—Founded 1892, meets in Burns' Masonic Hall, Kelly St., Reefton, second Tuesday each month. Installation September. Z., Comp. M. N. Rivers; H., Comp. K. Tudehope; J., Comp. W. H. Nicholas; S.E., Comp. W. H. Thompson.

Cromwell Coronation, No. 20:—Founded 30th November, 1903, meets Masonic Hall, Alexandra South, third Thursday in January, March, May, July, September, November. Installation September. Z., Comp. J. D. Thomson; H., Comp. W. J. Alexander; J., Comp. J. McKnight; S.E., Comp. D. McDonald.

Kawatiri, No. 21:—Founded 1904, meets Masonic Hall, Westport, third Wednesday in month. Installation September. Z., Comp. R. Colligan; H., Comp. S. Paul; J., Comp. G. A. Simpson; S.E., Comp. J. R. Harkness, P.D.G.Z.

Waikato, No. 22:—Founded 30th January, 1905, meets Masonic Hall, Hamilton, Tuesday on or before full moon in September, October, December, February, April, June, August. Installation September. Z., Comp. C. M. Gomer; H., Comp. W. J. Andrews; J., Comp. S. B. Sims; S.E., Comp. J. W. Hodd, c/o Hannah's, Hamilton.

Wanganui, No. 23:—Founded 1906, meets Masonic Hall, Wanganui, first Thursday in month, except December and January. Installation September. Z., Comp. C. C. Moutray; H., Comp. F. Symes; J., Comp. C. P. Bates; S.E., Comp. F. Stevens, Wanganui.

Brooklyn, No. 24:—Founded 1906, meets Masonic Hall, Brooklyn, second Wednesday in July, September, November, January, March, and May. Installation September. Z., Comp. T. E. K. Burgess; H., Comp. S. M. Arcus; J., Comp. A. Schmidt; S.E., Comp. E. P. Campbell.

Hinemoa, No. 25:—Founded 1906, meets Masonic Hall, Daniel St., third Thursday in month. Installation September. Z., Comp. S. Martin; H., Comp. Rev. Knowles Smith; J., Comp. H. Ivory, P.Z.; S.E., Comp. J. Melville.

Whangarei, No. 27:—Founded September, 1907, meets Masonic Hall, John St., Whangarei, fourth Thursday in February, March, April, May, June, July, August, September, October, and November. Installation September. Z., Comp. D. W. Jack; H., Comp. E. Meyer; J., Comp. A. McPhee; S.E., Comp. W. A. Parker.

Maori, No. 28:—Founded 1907, meets Masonic Hall, Ravensbourne, fourth Wednesday in month. Installation November. Z., Comp. R. Haweridge; H., Comp. C. F. I. Bell; J., Comp. A. T. Watson; S.E., Comp. T. Ross, P.Z., Ravensbourne.

Westland Kil., No. 29 (Hokitika).

Rawhiti, No. 30:—Founded 1908, meets Masonic Hall, Dannevirke, first Monday in month, 7.30 p.m. Installation September. Z., Comp. D. J. Gardiner; H., Comp. C. L. Thomsen; J., Comp. J. C. Davidson; S.E., Comp. W. Dohson, P.Z.

Prince of Wales, No. 31 (Christchurch).

Takahoa, No. 32:—Founded 1912, meets third Thursday in month (December and January excepted) at Patea, Eltham, and Hawera alternately. Installation September. Z., Comp. A. B. Christensen; H., Comp. J. L. Weir; J., Comp. R. W. Sargent; S.E., Comp. H. Priestley, P.Z., P.O. Box 9, Kaponga.

Iwikatea, No. 33:—Founded 1912, meets in Masonic Hall, Douglas Street, Balclutha, Friday nearest full moon every month. Installation November. Z., Comp. B. Whiting; H., Comp. W. G. Finn; J., Comp. A. R. Lattimore; S.E., E. Comp. J. McK. Müller, Balclutha.

Wallace, No. 34 (Otataru).

Rose and Thistle, No. 35 (Ashburton).

Gisborne, No. 36:—Meets in Abercorn Hall fourth Tuesday in the months of February, April, June, August, September, October, and December. Installation September. Z., V.E. Comp. D. S. Jamison; H., E. Comp. D. G. Robertson; J., E. Comp. A. T. Hookey; S.E., Comp. G. T. Bull, P.Z.

Egmont, No. 37:—Founded 25th March, 1916, meets in Masonic Hall at Stratford and Inglewood alternately, 7.30 p.m., second Monday in month, except December and January. Z., Comp. J. McAllister; H., Comp. F. Copestake; J., Comp. W. H. Besley; S.E., Comp. G. H. Hutton, P.O. Box 3, Inglewood.

Heretaunga, No. 38:—Founded May, 1916, meets in Masonic Hall, Hastings, first Wednesday in month, 8 p.m. Installation April. Z., Comp. J. A. Miller; H., Comp. T. Ritchie; J., Comp. S. B. Dodge; S.E., Comp. E. Murray, Queen St., Hastings.

Bedford, No. 39 (Waipukurau).

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