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AUCKLAND.

MONDAY, 1st
Ara (I.C.)

TUESDAY, 2nd
Ponsonby
Abercorn

WEDNESDAY, 3rd
Manakau
Nau Mai

WEDNESDAY, 10th
Ara

THURSDAY, 11th
Albion

MONDAY, 15th
Wairau

TUESDAY, 16th
St. Andrew
Sir Walter Scott

THURSDAY, 18th
Maungawhau

TUESDAY, 23rd
*Papakura
Auckland
Hobson
Rotorua
Maniapoto

WEDNESDAY, 24th
United Service
Mangonui
Alpha
Olinemuri
Taupiri
Piako
*Plunket

THURSDAY, 25th
Beta-Walkato
Te Aroha
Tauranga
Tirau

FRIDAY, 26th
Hokianga
Waipa

SATURDAY, 27th
Ohaeawai

MONDAY, 29th
Whangarei
*Wahki
Te Marama

TUESDAY, 30th
Tawhiri

HAWKES BAY.

TUESDAY, 2nd
Victoria

WEDNESDAY, 3rd
*Bedford

TUESDAY, 9th
Heretaunga

TUESDAY, 16th
Seinde

THURSDAY, 18th
Rawhiti

TUESDAY, 23rd
Ruahine
Waikaremoana

WEDNESDAY, 24th
*Lion

FRIDAY, 26th
Ruatanuiwha

MONDAY, 29th
Abercorn

TARANAKI.

TUESDAY, 2nd
Hawera

WEDNESDAY, 10th
Patea Kil.

FRIDAY, 12th
Moa

TUESDAY, 16th
St. John's

WEDNESDAY, 17th
Stratford

TUESDAY, 23rd
Ikaroa

WEDNESDAY, 24th
Ngamotu

RUAPEHU.

THURSDAY, 4th
Huia

MONDAY, 8th
Feilding

TUESDAY, 9th
Te Awahou

WEDNESDAY, 10th
*Manawatu Kil.

THURSDAY, 11th
St. Andrew Kil.

MONDAY, 22nd
Manga-te-weka

Ruapehu—Cont.

TUESDAY, 23rd
Rangitikei
Otashape

WEDNESDAY, 24th
Otangaki
*Kongotea

THURSDAY, 25th
Kimbolton
Ruapehu
*Moutoa

FRIDAY, 26th
Ngauruhoe
Rangitira

MONDAY, 29th
Waimarino

WELLINGTON.

MONDAY, 1st
Leinster

TUESDAY, 2nd
Installed Masters

WEDNESDAY, 3rd
Waihenga
Brooklyn

THURSDAY, 4th
Tutanekai

MONDAY, 8th
St. John
Waterloo

TUESDAY, 9th
*St. Mark
Otari

WEDNESDAY, 10th
Masterion
Waiwhetu

THURSDAY, 11th
Hinemoa

FRIDAY, 12th
Greytown

SATURDAY, 13th
Whetu Kairanga

MONDAY, 15th
St. Andrew

WEDNESDAY, 17th
Ulster

SATURDAY, 20th
Coronation

MONDAY, 22nd
N.Z. Pacific

TUESDAY, 23rd
Puketoi

WEDNESDAY, 24th
Otaki

THURSDAY, 25th
Horowhenua
Taranui

FRIDAY, 26th
Bketahuna

MARLBORO' & NELSON.

THURSDAY, 11th
Unanimity
Victory

TUESDAY, 16th
*Waitohi

WEDNESDAY, 17th
Forest

SATURDAY, 20th
Havelock
St. Cuthbert's

WEDNESDAY, 24th
Motueka

TUESDAY, 30th
Wairau

WESTLAND.

WEDNESDAY, 3rd
*Aorangi

SATURDAY, 6th
Mokihinui

MONDAY, 8th
Kawatiri

THURSDAY, 11th
Mawhera

THURSDAY, 18th
Robert Burns

SATURDAY, 20th
Torea

TUESDAY, 23rd
Kumara

WEDNESDAY, 24th
Westland Kil.

Runanga

THURSDAY, 25th
Advance

CANTERBURY

MONDAY, 1st
Caledonian

TUESDAY, 2nd
Unanimity
Lincoln
Civic

THURSDAY, 4th
Southern Cross
Avon

TUESDAY, 9th
St. Augustine 4

WEDNESDAY, 10th
St. George

THURSDAY, 11th
Ashley
*Waihora

MONDAY, 15th
*Timaru

TUESDAY, 16th
Robert Burns

WEDNESDAY, 17th
Thistle
Geraldine

FRIDAY, 19th
*Mairaki

MONDAY, 22nd
Ahurewa

TUESDAY, 23rd
Progress
Koranga
Christchurch

WEDNESDAY, 24th
Concord
Methven
St. Augustine 99

THURSDAY, 25th
Mackenzie

OTAGO.

MONDAY, 1st
Maori

WEDNESDAY, 3rd
Oamaru Kil.

THURSDAY, 4th
Otago Kil.

TUESDAY, 9th
Clutha

WEDNESDAY, 10th
Otago

MONDAY, 15th
*Haeremai

WEDNESDAY, 17th
Oceanic

MONDAY, 22nd
Ngapara

TUESDAY, 23rd
Dunstan

WEDNESDAY, 24th
*Waitaki
*Hercules
St. Thomas Kil.
Mount Ida
Cromwell Kil.

THURSDAY, 25th
St. Bathans

Kurova
Clinton

FRIDAY, 26th
Palmerston
Manuhirika Kil.

SATURDAY, 27th
Teviot

SOUTHLAND.

FRIDAY, 5th
Southern Cross

WEDNESDAY, 10th
Fortitude

FRIDAY, 12th
Victoria

MONDAY, 15th
Waihopai

TUESDAY, 16th
Lake of Ophir

WEDNESDAY, 17th
*Orepuki

THURSDAY, 18th
Mokoreta

FRIDAY, 19th
St. John
Wallace

MONDAY, 22nd
Arrow Kil.
Taringatua
Waikaka
Mataura

TUESDAY, 23rd
Aparima
Winton

WEDNESDAY, 24th
Harvey

* Installation Meetings.

Secretaries are asked to notify the Manager of any errors in the above table and forward correct dates of future meetings.

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DATES OF FULL MOON, 1918.

26th April—Friday.	21st September—Saturday.
26th May—Sunday.	20th October—Sunday.
24th June—Monday.	18th November—Monday.
24th July—Wednesday.	18th December—Wednesday.
22nd August—Thursday.	

FROM THE EDITOR.

Forward your News while yet fresh. Stale reports are not only uninteresting, but misleading.

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PUNCTUALITY.

No apology is needed for once more reverting to the important subject of punctual attendance at Masonic functions and Lodge meetings. In spite of ritual injunction and some very straight talk on the matter periodically by brethren of eminence in the Craft, not to mention seasonable admonition by this journal, the offence—for it is an offence—of unpunctuality in connection with their Masonic duties is still only too general, and, indeed, would seem to be on the increase. Apart from the dereliction of their Masonic duty, the brethren concerned appear to utterly disregard the discourtesy to others which is inseparable from unpunctuality in observing engagements entered into or implied. So widely is this discourtesy recognised in the profane world, that those who are habitually late in keeping appointments, either of a business or social character, very soon find themselves more or less banned by their friends and associates. What is regarded as bad manners and discourteous in business and in society cannot be otherwise in connection with Masonry. On the contrary, the offence is here aggravated by the fact that it is a distinct breach of Masonic etiquette, as well as false to Masonic teaching and obligation. It is quite a common thing for the Lodge minutes and correspondence, both of which are of great importance and should be of the utmost interest to the Lodge members, to be read out to only the officers and a mere handful of brethren on the floor. This is not because the members of the Lodge are not present in the ante-room in quite good force, but because they decline, for this or that reason, to enter the Lodgeroom when Lodge is opened. If any brother can point to anything more discourteous to the Master and his officers than this, we should be enlightened to hear it ; and what kind of live interest in his Lodge can a member be said to possess who is content to allow a skeleton minority of his brethren of the Lodge to confirm the minutes of the previous meeting, and does not even trouble to hear the correspondence, business or otherwise, which constitutes part—and a vital part very often—of the life and affairs of his Lodge ? As regards special Masonic functions and ceremonies, the slightest reflection will bring home to the true, but careless, Mason how scant is the courtesy of himself and others who by their late attendance keep distinguished invited brethren waiting unduly for a beautiful ceremony, which is apt to lose its zest by unconscionable, but quite avoidable, delay. Quite recently a worthy and experienced brother¹ expressed the view that two causes operated very powerfully in bringing about this want of punctuality on the part of brethren in carrying out their Masonic engagements and duties. These were : "The lure of the pipe" (as he expressed it) and the perfunctory manner in which members read their summons circular. Our own experience bears out this brother's view as to both these causes. One of the commonest reasons assigned by a member in the ante-room, when declining to enter so as to be present when the Lodge is being opened, is that he " has not finished his smoke," or that he must have a smoke," and so on. Obviously his wooing of My Lady Nicotine is to him of far greater importance than his Masonic duty. Yet such a brother would be vastly indignant did one even suggest to him that he was not acting as an earnest and good Mason should do. Surely even the most inveterate smoker can put aside pipe, cigarette, or cigar when the hour for opening his Lodge has struck, of which he has received due notice, and the Master of his Lodge has requested him to take his seat in the Lodgeroom. He can do this, and still not suffer much personal inconvenience or discomfort, but his doing it will demonstrate to himself and others that he is not an abject slave to the tobacco habit, but a free man, such as Masonry requires him to be. The other cause—perfunctory reading of the summons circular—is also a very fruitful source of late attendance by members, more especially, of course, when the usual hour of opening Lodge has been altered to suit some emergency or other. This, again, raises the question of how much real interest a Mason takes in his Lodge and Masonic duties generally, if he does not even trouble to read the official communication sent him by the Sec. Each brother must answer this question for himself. But is it too much to expect that now, when yet again attention is forcibly drawn to this grave Masonic fault of want of punctuality as regards their duties and engagements, an improvement may be looked for ? At least, we can earnestly say : So mote it be !

RITUAL RENDITION.

IN the last issue of the CRAFTSMAN was published the continuation of a paper read by Bro. Colonel J. R. Purdy before the Wellington Installed Masters' Lodge recently, on the subject of ritual rendition. The reason

for referring to this paper is that it contained such excellent advice to all whose duty it may be to deliver addresses, charges, etc., in the course of their Lodge work, also to those who may naturally aspire to such Masonic usefulness, that it is desirable the paper should be as widely read as possible by the brethren. This can truly be said without implying on the part of this journal a wholesale agreement with all and sundry of Bro. Purdy's contentions. All brethren of reasonably lengthy experience of Masonic ceremonials must have often felt very acutely the failure of this or that brother entrusted with the important task of delivering this or that address, charge, or speech for the enlightenment and edification of the brethren, to reach even a standard of mediocrity, much less excellence. And when it is considered how much the beauty and impressiveness of our ceremonials depend upon the manner of the rendering of these parts of the ritual, it will be fully realised how greatly, in the aggregate, the Masonic cause suffers by this unfortunate and too common fault: Doubtless there will be much diversity of opinion among the brethren as to the best form of ritual rendition. But it may be accepted that all will agree that certain essentials are necessary for the achieving of the object aimed at—the duly impressing and instructing of those constituting the audience—such as distinctness of utterance, correctness of grammar and pronunciation, and the unassuming sincerity which goes so far to carry home conviction. Flowery flights of oratory and melodramatic gesture and vocal expression are, as the author of the paper says, quite unnecessary, and, indeed, undesirable. Naturalness on the part of the speaker, coupled with an intellectual understanding of what is being spoken, and, above all, a sensed belief in the unalterable truth and spiritual importance of his message, cannot fail to impress, to rivet attention, and so to press home the lesson sought to be conveyed. It is marvellous how quickly the average listener detects the meretricious oratorical adornment, the artificial pose, and the trick of gesture, the false note (if any), and how, correspondingly, the speaker's labour is wasted. Worse still, the effect left behind is bad and apt to taint the whole, just as one ancient egg will condemn that article of diet for at least a considerable time. Bro. Purdy stresses the necessity for constant practice on the part of those who aspire to success (in its best sense) in the delivery of these addresses and charges, and he is undoubtedly right. Mere verbal accuracy, necessary as that is, is not sufficient for successful rendition. Brethren can readily recall the parrot-like form of rendition, utterly void of any intelligent expression or soul, and can remember how flat and uninteresting it all seemed, and, alas, how wearisome. It is to be hoped that brethren will read, mark, and learn as regards this paper, and will act upon the excellent advice given. Masons are specially exhorted, as Craftsmen, to include rhetoric, the art of speech, oratory, etc., in their task of mental adornment. It is one of the seven liberal arts and sciences, and a knowledge thereof is well within the c.t. of all the brethren. For those who have the zeal and ambition to take -up important Masonic work, and thereby to make themselves more generally serviceable to their fellows, some acquaintance with the rules covering correct diction is absolutely necessary. It would provide an interesting study for ;their spare moments, and result in much educational improvement and advance on their part. If Bro. Purdy's excellent paper results in a general improvement of this nature, he will have done, indeed, a good work.

News & Notes.

BRO. W. TILSY, jun., has returned from the front, suffering from shell shock and minor wounds. He was welcomed back to his Lodge, No. 10, very heartily, by the W.M. and brethren at their last meeting.

THE idea of sending free copies of the CRAFTSMAN to the brethren at the front is worthy of emulation, as it forms a connecting link, and is highly appreciated by the brethren away.

THE officers of Waterloo R.A. Chapter paid a visit to Wairarapa Chapter on 25th January, in company with the G.Supt., M.E. Comp. Porritt, and worked the Exaltation Degree. They received a warm reception, particularly on the bowling green, where the scores revealed a somewhat lop-sided result, a little disparaging to the Wellingtonians.

THE financial report of the M.W.G.Sec., Bro. Malcolm Niccol, for presentation to the B. of G.P., Auckland, on 22nd March, 1918, showed the state of G.L. funds to 28th February, 1918, to be as follows : General Fund, £4,569 6s. 11d. Fund of Benevolence, £2,700 12s. 7d. ; W. and O. and A.M. Fund, £31,933 10s. 6d. ; Special (War) Benevolent Fund, £10,817 12s. 2d. ; circular appeals, £1,104 13s. 2d. ; Representation Fund, £696 12s. 6d. ; Belgian Masonic Relief Fund, £19 4s. ; Masonic "Cheer-O" Hutment scheme, £97 19s. 6d.

THE editor of the CRAFTSMAN is enjoying a much-needed and well-deserved holiday in the South. In his absence from the journalistic helm it is hoped that such shortcomings and imperfections as may be

discernable in this issue will be regarded with that charity which is the distinguishing characteristic of every Mason.

AT the last meeting of Lodge Tutanekai, No. 156, a numerously signed petition, embodying a notice of motion, was presented to the W.M., W. Bro. G. F. L. Lenzini, for the inauguration within the Lodge and under its charter of a properly constituted Lodge of Instruction. It is pleasing to note this sign of Masonic keenness on the part of Tutanekai brethren. Time was—a good many years ago now—when these Lodges of Instruction were far more common than now, and did excellent instruction work.

THE local accommodation committee in connection with G.L. communication in Wellington on 8th May has, it is understood, been very successful in its efforts, and visiting brethren may rely upon being suitably and comfortably housed.

A HOME Masonic journal states that Lady Wolseley has presented the Masonic regalia of the late Field Marshal Viscount Wolseley, K.P., O.M., G.C.B., G.C.M.G., P.J.G.W., England, to the G.L. Library and Museum as a permanent memorial of that distinguished Freemason.

GREAT progress is being made in connection with the Silver Baton War Loan Committee's effort. The Committee, by-the-by, would be glad if those in possession of books of tickets, or the butts thereof, would forward the same not later than the end of April.

THE "Freemason" (London) of 12th January says: "As our readers are aware from the reports which have appeared in the 'Freemason' from time to time, the members of the Warner Lodge, No. 2256, have taken especial interest in the New Zealand brethren now stationed in this country, and have admitted many of them to membership of the Order. In appreciation of the kindness shown, Bro. Major Dawson, on behalf of the New Zealand contingent, presented the Lodge at its last meeting with a beautifully carved wooden model of a Maori war canoe, made by a Maori member now serving in the New Zealand Forces.

AT present brethren are being invited to respond to two appeals which are being made on behalf of our brethren at the front. We refer to the Masonic Hutment scheme and the Silver Baton Appeal, and heartily commend both. The former is designed to provide for the immediate comfort of the men in the trenches, while the object of the latter is to augment the Special War Benevolent Fund and assist in providing for the future of a returned incapacitated brother and for the dependents of those who, unfortunately, will not return.

SOUTHLAND NOTES.

Lodge Taringatura has commenced the year with bad luck, as since January the officers have suffered disaster as follows 17th January—Bro. W. H. Clark, P.M., Sec., died suddenly; 23rd January—Bro. G. Finlay, J.W., accident with motor bike, resulting in broken shoulder bone; 27th January—Bro. S. E. Griffiths, W.M., business premises totally destroyed by fire, resulting in heavy loss; 27th January—Bro. D. McLeod, S.D., also burnt out. 4th February—Bro. G. F. Johnson; P.M., Treas., taken seriously ill and had to undergo very severe operation. It is hoped the spell will now pass, and the balance of the year be free from anxiety.

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At the February meeting of Lodge Mataura, No. 174, a vote of condolence was passed to V.W. Bro. A. L. Herdman, who recently had a sad loss in the death of his wife.

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At the last regular meeting of Lodge Mataura, No. 174, the W.M. of Lodge Harvey, No. 49, accompanied by the officers and W. brethren of his Lodge, paid an official visit. Lodge Mataura was very pleased indeed, and expressed their wish that such visits of greater frequency would be welcomed.

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W. Bro. Young, of Lodge Harvey, No. 49, delivered an exceedingly interesting paper at the February meeting of Lodge Mataura, No. 174, on "The Esoteric and Exoteric Mysteries of Freemasonry," going back to the ancient Egyptian Mysteries and the legends of the Sun worshippers. W. Bro. Young has a wide knowledge of Freemasonry, an apt manner in conveying the results of his research, and was accorded a well-deserved vote of thanks.

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A well-known brother from Lodge Taringatura (W. Bro. Geo. Johnson) is at present an inmate of a private hospital, having undergone an operation for appendicitis. Whilst wishing him a speedy recovery, a visit from some of the town brethren will help to cheer him on his way.

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Amongst the officers at Lodge Victoria it was pleasing to see Bro. Chas. McEachran in his place as I.G., and wearing two stripes on his khaki uniform. Bro. McEachran is down on "class" leave, and had some interesting stories to tell of camp life at the social gathering, besides contributing an item, "Brither Scots," to the harmony of the meeting.

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A visitor who came in for special recognition the same evening was W. Bro. A. E. Ward, of Lodge Aparima. Bro. Ward is under special treatment for a severe attack of rheumatic gout. He is well and popularly known throughout the district, and the many wishes expressed for a return to his former health were surely gratifying to him. He has been a consistent member of his own Lodge, and at the present time is acting as W.M., in place of W. Bro. Robinson, who has resigned.

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Bro. W. R. Johnson, J.W., Lodge Southern Cross, is another popular brother on the sick list. He has shown signs of impending trouble for some time past, but has tried to stand up against it. However, he is now under orders to take on open-air life for six months, and it is hoped that the bracing atmosphere of Lumsden will have the desired effect.

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W. Bro. Critchfield -announced at the last meeting of Lodge Southern Cross that a new effort is being put in to make the instruction meetings more attractive, especially to the younger members. There is undoubtedly splendid scope to advance in Masonic knowledge at these meetings, and, with the guidance and assistance of P.Ms., much good should result.

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Congratulations to W. Bro. W. Robison, I.P.M., Lodge St. John, on the arrival of a son and heir. It is hoped that the added attraction to his home will not affect Bro. Robison's attendance at the Lodge or deter his enthusiasm for the well-being of the Craft in general.

The splendid hospitality of the brethren at Wyndham to their visitors from the R.A. Chapter on the 13th ult. was thoroughly appreciated. The hour of parting came all too soon.

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W. Bro. Bonifant and several of his brethren paid an official visit to Lodge Fortitude on Wednesday, 13th March. W. Bro. E. Parker and the brethren at Bluff treated their visitors right royally. Owing to a breakdown on the road, the members of Lodge St. John did not reach the port till 9 p.m., but they were in good time for the oysters, served in various ways. The Stewart Island hi-valve is well known all over the South Island, but to thoroughly enjoy the delicacy it is necessary to go to Bluff, and, incidentally, to Lodge Fortitude. During the evening the usual Masonic toasts were honoured, and harmony contributed by Bros. McLean, Harbord, Parker, and others. Bro. Officer, a visitor from Scotland, who is engaged on a transport, was an especially interesting visitor.

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The motor-car conveying the brethren developed tyre troubles at Clifton—a way station about five miles from town. R.W. Bro. E. H. Whitmore, who was one of the party, put up a pedestrian feat by walking back to town. Considering, that Bro. Whitmore is well past the allotted span, the performance was a creditable one.

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W. Bro. Parker reciprocated the visit by bringing a carload of brethren from Bluff to Lodge St. John on Friday, 15th March.

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On the occasion of M.W. Bro. H. J. Williams's visit it most pleasing to note the brethren who accompanied him, most of whom have borne the heat and burden of the day; and yet are still regularly in their places and ever ready to assist in the advancement of Freemasonry. Amongst others were : M. W. Bro. M. Thompson, R.W. Bros. Wm. Smith, T. M. Rankin, A. le H. Hoyles, W. Timpany, E. H. Whitmore, A. B. Haggitt, and R. Prentice. M.W. Bro. Williams referred to the apparently flourishing condition of Freemasonry in Southland, and expressed the hope that such would continue. With such examples as the brethren mentioned above, and the spirit of emulation that surely exists amongst others—younger members—that hope should be realised.

CENTRAL OTAGO CHIPS.

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Once more G.L. officers have paid their annual visit to the Central. R.W. Bro. A. W. Flett, with a few willing brethren, started out from Dunedin on the 25th ult., reaching Cromwell the same night, where Bro. John Purcell was installed as W.M. for the incoming term, a profitable and pleasant night being spent with the brethren of Cromwell Kil. The party left for Alexandra for the joint installation of Dunstan and Manuherikia

Lodges, Bro. J. L. Davidson being installed as W.M. of the former and Bro. T. Adams of the latter, the ceremony being well carried out by a large B. of I.M. At the social function held later in the Lodgeroom, W. Bro. McKean paid a high compliment to both the newly installed Masters, as did W. Bro. Davidson to the able and distinguished manner in which R.W. Bro. Flett had filled the honourable position which he held in Otago.

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A pleasant incident on the upward journey of the G.L. officers, the receiving of a nice case of fruit from a popular Dunstan brother, was appreciated and commented on by the R.W. Prov.G.M.

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R.W. Bro. Flett concludes his term of office this year, and Central brethren regret it very much. However, we have his promise to again visit us next year at installation time. The R.W. brother later in the evening tried to put in a proviso that the combined Lodges had to visit No. 143 on his promise to visit us, but was counted out.

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Leaving the following morning for Becks, the installation ceremony was carried out there. More social functions ; then on again for the installation of the W.M. of Mount Ida, reaching home Friday night—a good week's work—five installations. They deserve our thanks, and we appreciate their visit.

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Lodge Cromwell Kil. are going strong. The writer visited there last month at W. Bro. Middleton's final night. The Lodge worked a Third in good style, and a very enjoyable evening was spent. Ten Lodges gave H.G.W. The brethren were the guests of W. Bro. Middleton in the "Fourth." The latter was a very proud man. Good luck to him; he is the right sort.

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Lodge Manuherikia Kil., under Bro. T. Adams, are in for a good year, plenty of work looming ahead and a good lot of young keen officers, under a capable Master. A word to those officers : Don't let the W.M. catch you with a Ritual open in Lodge.

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Lodge Dunstan.—Still the same old band, working under the difficulties of a small membership with little or no new members in sight. The present W.M. has been the mother of the Lodge for the last six years, and deserves his position. A good ritualist and searcher after all matters appertaining to Freemasonry, we hope he receives the support which is due to him.

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Lodge St. Bathans lost a popular brother and P.M. in the late W. Bro. Jas. McGuckin. A Masonic funeral was accorded the late brother, a large number of brethren paying their last tribute to departed merit, W. Bro. R. McC. Smith conducted the burial service.

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Kind regards to yourself, Bro. Editor. May you ever keep your paper the monthly joy it is to a number of brethren.

NOTES FROM NAPIER.

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Some two months ago the W.M. of Scinde Lodge, W. Bowes, decided to pay a surprise visit to Lodge Heretaunga: The time being ripe, advantage was taken of their regular meeting on 12th February to carry this resolve into effect, and shortly after 7 p.m. on the evening in question two car-loads of brethren set out for Hastings. No one pretends to be able to explain away the puncture Bro. Harris sustained shortly after the start, but as this happened to the wheel immediately under the W.M., this fact may form grounds for deductions. The damage was soon remedied, and Hastings was reached in good time, where the party was augmented by W. Bro. Bishop and Bro. A. E. Currie. Scinde brethren having been cordially received by W. Bro. Cooper and Heretaunga brethren, they proceeded to "labour," the work of the evening being the passing of two E.As. The outstanding features of an attractive ceremony were the presentation of the W.Ts. by Bro. Colrick and the Final Charge by Bro. Hamilton. After the Lodge was closed, a pleasant hour was spent in the refectory, during which W. Bro. Bowes said that the object of his visit was to encourage and stimulate a more frequent interchange of visits between the two Lodges. Sande have always held Heretaunga brethren in the highest esteem and brotherly affection, and, whilst these feelings have been heartily reciprocated, they have not been productive of that pleasurable social intercourse which frequent interchange of visits would undoubtedly provide. The fact that this deplorable "conflict of nations " is drawing many brethren from our ranks should further tend to draw brethren together in closer bonds of harmony and good-fellowship. The

Tyler's toast having been duly honoured, Scinde brethren then took their leave, arriving in Napier in quite good time, and very well satisfied with their visit, which was happy and enjoyable.

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We regret to say that Bro. T. Thornton is now in the Napier Hospital, having recently undergone an operation for appendicitis. Bro. Thornton is making as good progress as can be expected, and we feel sure that Hawkes Bay brethren will wish him a speedy recovery.

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At the meeting of Lodge Heretaunga, as noted above, in the refectory Bro. Hamilton was toasted and congratulated on the birth of a son. In responding to this toast, during the course of his remarks Bro. Hamilton said that one of the names chosen for his son was Lewis, "son of a Mason," because, as his boy grew to manhood, he would endeavour to instil into his mind those grand principles and sublime teaching for which Freemasonry stood; that he would always keep this occasion fresh in his memory, so that, when the time arrived at which he hoped his son would become a member of the Craft, he could relate what had taken place on this memorable evening. Such aims for the upbringing of our children should commend themselves to every Freemason, and Lodge Heretaunga and the Craft generally is fortunate in having such a representative as Bro. Hamilton.

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At the January meeting of Victoria Chapter a Mark Degree was worked. R.W. Bro. Harston, who was in the chair, was paid an unusual compliment in the refectory, when N.E. Comp. Redshaw, who was acting-Tyler, said that whilst sitting outside listening to the ceremony he had received a new impression, and it appealed to him with quite a different meaning. As there are many things to which "distance lends enchantment," we may presume that he was sincere in his remarks.—[Too late for last issue.—ED. C.]

NEW ZEALAND MASONS IN ENGLAND.

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[Communicated by W. BRO. W. A. RUNDLE, P.M.]

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A short description of a Masonic memorial service for fallen Masons of Staffordshire may be of interest to some of your readers, especially as a number of New Zealand brethren of the Brocton branch of the N.Z.E.F. Masonic Association were invited to take part in the ceremony. Among the number were Bro. J. Pagan, chairman of the local branch, W. Bros. Hadfield and Vincent, of Christchurch, and W. Bro. Rundle, of Greymouth. Notwithstanding a heavy fall of snow, the procession from the Town Hall to the church was a great success, being attended by over 500 Staffordshire Masons, including the Prov. G.L. of Stafford. The service was a most beautiful one, and will probably never be forgotten by those privileged to take part. Our New Zealand brethren were given pride of place in the procession and in the church. The service was fully choral, and included specially composed Masonic odes and anthems. An eloquent sermon was preached by a prominent divine, who belongs to the Brotherhood, and a magnificent rendering of the Dead March in "Saul" and the playing of the "Last Post" by trumpeters, the beautiful, stirring sounds of which re-echoed along the aisle and round the massive pillars of the old church, brought the beautiful ceremony to an end. At the Town Hall the Prov.G.M., the Earl of Dartmouth, was very happy in his welcome to the overseas brethren, and instanced the mutual satisfaction of our New Zealand mounted troops and the Staffordshire Yeomanry in the events leading up to the deliverance of Jerusalem. The brethren were afterwards guests of the Lord Mayor, leaving for camp well pleased with the hearty reception given by their English brethren. Our New Zealand brethren generally have been enthusiastically received by the Staffordshire brethren, and the local branch of our Association has been quite deluged with invitations to the meetings of the local Lodges.

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CANTERBURY PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE ON TOUR.

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TRIP TO CHEVIOT; KAIKOURA, AND HANMER.

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[By One of the Party.]

The Kaikoura trip is what is known as the "star trip" of the year in connection with the Canterbury Prov.G.L., and, given fine weather, there can be nothing more enjoyable than five days' motoring over some of the most interesting country in New Zealand.

The special work of the trip was the installation at Cheviot on the Tuesday and at Kaikoura on Thursday.

On 26th February W. Bro. F. C. B. Bishop, Prov.G.Sec., with six other members of the Prov.G.L., left Christchurch about midday in one of the United Motor Service's fine nine-seater cars. The first break was lunch at Amberley, and thence on through the magnificent Waipara and Omihi valleys to Cheviot, which was reached about five o'clock. Here we were welcomed by the local brethren, and after dinner proceeded to Lodge Cheviot, where the installation of W. Bro. Alex. Arthur Down was carried out. The Prov.G.L. officers were W. Bros. F. C. B. Bishop, Installing Master; F. M. Collins, S. W. ; J. Gillanders, J W. ; J. E. Hood, Sec. ; J. Richardson, S.D. ; J. R. Morrison, J.D. ; C. S. Johnston, I.G. ; and R W. S. Eastwood, D. of C. W. Bro. Bishop gave a very dignified and simple rendering of the installation service. The W.Ts. in the B. of I.M. were presented by W. Bro. J. Richardson, and in the other degrees by W. Bros. W. McB. Munro, P.M. (Amuri, No. 184), C. S. Johnston (Crown, No. 138), and J. R. Morrison (Kaikoura, No. 60). The address to the Master was delivered by W. Bro. Bishop, the Wardens being invested by W. Bro. Hood, and addressed by W. Bro. Collins, who also invested the officers, W. Bro. Gillanders giving the address to the brethren. The "Fourth" Degree, the materials for which had been provided by lady friends, was carried through with that thoroughness which characterises the Cheviot Lodge. W. Bro. Down, in replying to the toast of "The W.M.," gave a short sketch of the work of the Lodge and the difficulties country Lodges meet as compared with town Lodges. He earnestly urged the brethren to daily increase their store of Masonic knowledge, saying he knew no better method than that of studying the CRAFTSMAN and the papers of the Masters' and Past Masters' Lodge.

Next morning a move was made on the road to Kaikoura, the Cheviot members assembling and cheering the officers of Prov.G.L. as they started. Shortly after midday a halt was made by the side of a river for lunch, which had been provided by the Cheviot brethren, and here the official photographer got to work.

Kaikoura was reached about five o'clock, the visitors being located at the new Club Hotel, and the first to be in residence there. Kaikoura members had evidently been on the look-out, for shortly after our arrival they appeared and welcomed us. That night we visited the Masonic Hall, where an informal talk with some of the members took place. This served to introduce the visitors, as well as to elucidate many Masonic subjects.

Next day was spent in a run around the country in cars provided by the Kaikoura members. Seldom has this beautiful, picturesque country been viewed under more favourable circumstances. Bright sunshine and balmy air, combined with good roads and capable cicerones, made the day's run a memorable one. About five o'clock the party arrived back at the hall, where the ladies were busy preparing the banquet. Afternoon tea was partaken of, and a suggestion made that the ladies who had given so much of their time and skill in preparing the banquet should be invited to join the brethren in partaking of it. The idea was unanimously adopted, and the invitation issued instant.

Just time for a dash home, dinner, and dress, and then to the hall to perform the installation of W. Bro. Wm. Ed. Richardson—the ceremony for which we had come so far. The ceremony was performed by Bro. Bishop as Installing Master, the other officers being the same as at Cheviot. I have witnessed several installation ceremonies, but seldom have I seen one conducted with greater dignity than this. The Installing Master made every possible point in the ceremony, as did the other officers. The W.Ts. in the Board were presented by W. Bro. J. Richardson, and those in the other degrees by W. Bros. J. Hood, C. S. Johnston, and J. R. Morrison. The address to the Master was delivered by the W. Installing Master, W. Bro. Collins addressing the Wardens, and W. Bro. Gillanders the brethren. W. Bro. Hood invested the Wardens, and W. Bro. Collins the officers. The Kaikoura Lodge has a most energetic officer in its Sec., W. Bro. F. H. Hayward, and at the close of the installation the W.M. asked W. Bro. Bishop, on behalf of the Lodge, to present W. Bro. Hayward with a gold-mounted fountain pen as a mark of appreciation of the work he had done. W. Bro. Hayward suitably replied.

The installation banquet of 1918 will long be remembered by the members of the Kaikoura Lodge. At 10.30 the ladies, eight in number, were admitted, and placed alternately with the officers of the Prov.G.L. After the formal toasts had been proposed, W. Bro. R. W. S. Eastwood, acting-Prov.G.D. of C., welcomed the ladies in a short humorous speech. He said he trusted the innovation introduced by Kaikoura Lodge in inviting ladies to their festive board would be followed by other country Lodges. It was well that such an innovation should come from the most northerly and the most remote Lodge in the Canterbury Province. After detailing the great, grand principles of Freemasonry, with which he felt they would all agree, he complimented the ladies on the magnificent feast they had prepared, which he felt sure the brethren would eat with greater zest when the preparers of it were among them. He welcomed them in the name of Kaikoura Lodge, and called upon W. Bro. Collins to propose the toast of "The Ladies," which he did in his characteristic bright manner. From

then on the feast proceeded merrily. The W. Installing Master, in proposing "The W.M.," tendered him some solid advice, which, in his capacity of Prov.G.Sec., he was specially able to do. In replying, W. Bro. W. E. Richardson showed the earnestness with which he viewed his position and the high ideals he held of the value and usefulness of Freemasonry. Incidentally, the ladies learned some of those ideals, and I venture to say none will be more anxious to assist Freemasonry than those ladies who sat at the festive board at Kaikoura Lodge. The usual routine of toasts was gone through, and songs by W. Bro. Collins, and stories by W. Bros. Morrison and Eastwood closed a memorable evening.

Next morning the party left for Hanmer Springs, a large number of members of the Lodge, as well as ladies who had attended the banquet, being present to wish them *bon voyage*, and provide them with a hamper for the road.

It had been intended to pay an official visit to Lodge Amuri, at Rotherham, but, owing to a misunderstanding, the Lodge was held the previous week, so the party took in Hanmer Springs instead.

Hanmer was reached about five o'clock on Friday evening, the party being located at the Lodge. During the evening a visit was paid to Bro. Captain Clifton, the Commandant of Queen Mary Hospital, who kindly showed the brethren through the institution, W. Bro. Collins afterwards singing some songs in the Nurse Cavell Ward.

On Saturday morning, after a dip in the bath, the party left for Christchurch, which was reached late in the afternoon, closing one of the most enjoyable tours the Prov.G.L. of Canterbury has ever had.

Correspondence.

OUR NEGLECTED DEAD.

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TO THE EDITOR.

Dear Sir and Bro.,—Probably there are few of our Lodges which have not, at one time or another, accorded Masonic burial to some poor member of the Craft who has died within their borders, and who, but for the fraternal bond, would have gone to his grave as a friendless one who has passed away among strangers. Too often, I fear, we content ourselves with having thus discharged our obligations, and in the stress of our daily round the dead brother is soon forgotten, and the unmarked resting-place loses its identity. I have long thought that by a little combination we Masons could easily, and at comparatively small cost, remove the reproach resting on us for our failure to keep green the memory of the departed, and if there are others throughout New Zealand who agree with me that something should be done, I shall be pleased to hear from them during the next two or three weeks, with a view to forming a committee when G.L. meets in May. My idea is that New Zealand Freemasonry should adopt a distinctive and appropriate form of tablet, something similar to the neat memorial crosses which some of the English regiments brought to the colony in Maori war times, and of which there are numerous examples in the Tehenui cemetery at New Plymouth and elsewhere in the North Island. These were cast in iron, painted white, and on them were inscribed the name, rank, regiment, date of death, and age. In similar fashion could be recorded the name, Lodge, etc., of the brother over whose grave the tablet was placed. Such a memorial would be inexpensive, easily transported from a central depot to any part of the Dominion, would cost but a trifle to renew the lettering from time to time, and would serve as an incentive to the brethren on the spot to keep the mound tidy. A committee with members in each district and in touch with each Lodge could exercise effective oversight, and also take in hand the restoration of some really fine Masonic monuments which have, through neglect, become eyesores, instead of adornments, in the God's acres where brotherly love raised them years ago.—

Yours fraternally,

F. P. CORKILL.

New Plymouth, 16th March.

P.S.—When I say "New Zealand Freemasonry" I do not suggest the exclusion of our English, Irish, and Scottish brethren. It is a matter that concerns us all, and eminently one for Masonic unity.

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THE OLD RETURN AND THE NEW.

[A Lecture delivered by V.E. COMP. E. NORDON, P.A.G.R.,
before St. Augustine R.A. Chapter, No. 1, Christchurch.]

I have adopted the above title as a heading for my address, for it will be my aim to compare events which led up to the first return to Palestine which those of the Jewish faith suppose will precede the re-entry of our people into the promised land. The magnitude of events which have taken place recently in the Holy Land has completely altered the aspect in which the Hebrew race for very many centuries viewed the idea of return. Now, thanks to the pledge of the British Government, a "scrap of paper" which we know will not be lightly treated, and thanks to the memorable victories which the Allied Forces have gained in the Holy Land, the dream of so many ages—the dream which but recently seemed so visionary and hopeless—bids fair to become a realistic and accomplished fact, and we are to see the Hebrew race, wanderers throughout many lands, free in some and persecuted in others—we are to view their migration to that land towards which their faces have ever been turned. In my efforts to compare that migration with the one in which you who are present this evening are more interested, it will be necessary that I give you some historical data of the earlier return, and later I will further endeavour to supply the prophetic evolution of events that are transpiring to-day. Commencing with the destruction of the first Temple by Nebuchadnezzar, it would be interesting to note the effect that the intervening captivity had upon the Jewish race. The capture of Jerusalem took place on the 19th day of the fourth month, and on the 9th day of the fifth month the relentless Nabuzaradan executed the orders of his master by levelling the city, the palaces, and the Temple in one common ruin. The few remaining treasures, particularly the two brazen pillars which stood before the Temple, were sent to Babylon; the chief priests were put to death, the rest carried into captivity. Jeremiah, the prophet, survived to behold the sad accomplishment of all his darkest predictions. He witnessed all the horrors of famine, and, when that had done its work, the triumph of the enemy. He saw the strongholds of the city cast down; the Palace of Solomon, the Temple of God, with all its courts, its roofs of cedar and gold, levelled to the earth, or committed to the flames; the sacred vessels, the ark of the covenant itself, with the cherubim, pillaged by profane hands. What were the feelings of a religious prophet at this tremendous crisis he has left on record in his unrivalled elegy—the Lamentations—which is read by the whole of the Jewish race on the anniversary of this fateful day. With the Babylonian captivity closed the first period of Jewish history, and in the ordinary course of human events we might expect that it also closed the national existence of the Israelitish race. The common occupancy of their native soil seems, in general, the only tie that permanently unites the various families and tribes which constitute a nation. As long as that bond endures a people may be sunk to the lowest state of degradation; they may be reduced to a slave caste, under the oppression of foreign invaders; yet favourable circumstances may again develop the latent germ of a free and united nation; they may rise again to power and greatness, as well as to independence. But when that bond is severed, nationality usually

becomes extinct. A people transported from their native country, if scattered in small numbers, gradually melt away and are absorbed in the surrounding tribes; if scattered in large masses, remote from each other, they grow up into distinct common-wealths, but in a generation or two the principle of separation, which is perpetually at work, effectively obliterates all community of interest and feeling. If a traditionary remembrance of their common origin survives, it is accompanied by none of the attachment of kindred, there is no family pride or affection, there is no "blood" between the scattered descendants of common ancestors; for time gradually loosens all other ties, habits of life change, laws are modified by the circumstances of the state and people. Religion, at least in all polytheistic nations, is not exempt from the influence of the great innovator. The separate communities have outgrown the common objects of national pride; the memorable events of their history during the time that they dwelt together, their common traditions, the fame of their heroes, the songs of their poets are superseded by more recent names and occurrences; each has his new stock of reminiscences, in which their former kindred cannot participate. Even their languages have diverged from each other; they are not of one speech, they have either entirely or partially ceased to be mutually intelligible. If, in short, they meet again, there is a remote family likeness, but they are strangers in all that connects man with man or tribe with tribe. One nation alone is entirely exempt from this universal law. During the Babylonian captivity, as in the longer dispersion under which they have been for ages afflicted, the Jewish race still remained a separate people. However widely divided from their native country, they were still Jews; however remote from each other, they were still brethren. What, then, were the bonds by which Providence held together this single people? What were the principles of their unextinguishable nationality? Their law and religion—their law, the irreversible perpetuity of which they were steadfastly convinced, and to which they adhered pertinaciously; their religion, which, however it might admit of modification, in its main principles remained unalterable.

Nothing could present a more striking contrast to their native country than the region into which the Hebrews were transplanted. Instead of their irregular and picturesque mountain city, crowning its unequal heights and looking down into its deep and precipitous ravines, through one of which a scanty stream wound along, they entered the vast, square, and level city of Babylon, occupying both sides of the broad Euphrates, while all around spread the immense plains, which were intersected by long straight canals, bordered by rows of willows. How unlike their national temple—a small, but highly finished and richly adorned fabric, standing in the midst of its courts on the brow of a lofty precipice—the colossal temple of the Chaldean Bel, rising from the plain with its eight stupendous stories or towers, one above the other, to the perpendicular height of a furlong. How different from the sunny cliffs of their own land, where the olive and the vine grew spontaneously, and the cool, shady, and secluded valleys where they could always find shelter from the heat of the burning noon! No wonder, then, that, in the pathetic words of the hymn, "By the waters of Babylon they sat down and wept, when they remembered thee, O Zion." The fifty years in Babylon, however, passed away not unhappily. The exiles were, many of them, men of position and talent, and the Babylonian monarch had the foresight to see the value of the people who had fallen into his hands. The immigrants soon took up the position of colonists rather than of captives. They came in many instances to own the soil they cultivated, and though in their hearts it remained in very truth "a strange land," still, through the kind treatment meted out to them by the Babylonians, it is easy to understand how in course of time the country became somewhat of a home. They had free enjoyment of their religion—such, at least, who adhered staunchly to their faith. Among the exiles was the prophet Daniel, who attained to the same position in Babylon as Joseph did in Egypt many centuries previously, and, like Joseph, it was mainly through his power to interpret dreams that he acquired his high distinction. His translation of the writing on the wall, foretelling the doom of Belshazzar, is well known to every one of you, and he continued in favour, holding high offices, when the Babylonian kingdom passed into the hands of the Medes and Persians. At all events, the close of the seventy years' captivity, foretold by the prophet Ezekiel, found Cyrus the undisputed monarch of all the territories, and we discover Daniel in high favour with this monarch, who was not slow to take advantage of his high abilities, and it was doubtless through his influence that Cyrus issued the welcome edict commanding the restoration of the exiled Hebrews to their native land. The numbers which assembled under Zerubbabel, a descendant of the Kings, and under Joshua, the hereditary High Priest, were 42,360 men. The joyful caravan set forth, bearing the remaining sacred vessels of the Temple, which Cyrus had restored. On their arrival in their native land they were probably joined by great numbers of the common people. These, in some degree, made up for the loss of those who did not desire to abandon their possessions and dwellings in Babylon, for it must be understood that during that seventy years of captivity many of the exiles had died, and a new generation had sprung up in Babylonia to whom the old land was merely a land by name. Thus we can readily understand that, when the choice was given, very many of those who were comfortably situated may have elected to remain in their now familiar homes, and have hesitated to cross the desert, in contrast to those

whom the poet Browning pictures as "preferring dreary hearths to desert souls." Judea was reached in the early spring. The first object was to restore the worship of God. The altar was set up, the feasts re-established, and in the second week of the second year the first stone of the new Temple was laid, among the joyful acclamations of the multitude, but, as the prophet Haggai describes the scene, "the tears of the ancient men that had seen the first house, who, when the foundation of this house was laid before their eyes, wept with a loud voice." For how different was the condition of the Hebrew people from that splendid period when their kings ruled without rival from the Euphrates to the Mediterranean! The ports of the Red Sea did not now pour the treasures of India and Africa into their dominions; the great caravans passed far beyond their borders. The mercantile Syrians were, as before, glad to exchange their timber and stone for the corn, wine, and oil of Palestine but still the change from the magnificent intercourse between Hiram and Solomon was abasing to the pride of Judea. The 61,000 drachms of gold contributed by the heads of the captivity, together with the 5,000 pounds of silver, though a liberal sum in their present state, might raise a melancholy remembrance of the incalculable treasures which sheeted the former Temple with gold. Nor would the royal order for assistance, contained in the edict of Cyrus, in any degree replace the unbounded treasures accumulated by David and his son.

The religious Jew deplored the still more important deficiencies of the new Temple—the Ark, the prophetic Urim and Thummim, the Shekinah or Divine Presence, the celestial fire on the altar, and the spirit of prophecy—though the last gift still lingered on the lips of Haggai and Zechariah, till it expired at a later period on those of Malachi. The work of rebuilding the Temple was somewhat delayed owing to Samaritan influence at the court of Persia.

(To be Continued.)

PUT HIM OUT.

Unhappily, it occasionally happens at Masonic gatherings that some daring entertainers are apt to imagine, because women are not present, their songs or recitations may be of a character which they would not venture to sing or recite in a mixed company. The sooner such "entertainers" are disillusioned the better. Doubtful items are not wanted at any Masonic gathering, where the entertainment should be as clean as the life which the Mason is exhorted to lead. A painful silence followed the effort of one brother thus to "entertain" the brethren at an important Masonic gathering a few evenings since. We venture to suggest to any Master, when a breach of good manners occurs, that the item should be promptly interrupted and the services of the entertainer, whether he be a member of the Craft or not, be summarily dispensed with.—"London Freemason."

OBITUARY.

W. BRO. LIEUT. H. CHARLTON, P.M.

It is with deepest regret that we record the death while in action "somewhere in France" of W. Bro. Lieut. A. H. Charlton, P.M. The late brother was one of the most popular members of Lodge Clinton, No. 183, admired, esteemed, and loved by one and all, and his decease on 3rd February is indeed a very real loss to Freemasonry. He was an enthusiastic and zealous member, his place in Lodge being very seldom vacant. In his quiet manly way he made an excellent example of the best and highest ideals of Freemasonry. W. Bro. Charlton was initiated in Lodge Clinton, No. 183, in 1911, and steadily working his way, was installed as W.M. in March, 1915, being the first member made in the Lodge to gain that distinction. His interest in Freemasonry was keen, and as a ritualist he had very few equals. He was also a companion of the Iwikitea R.A. Chapter, No. 33. The district has lost an excellent citizen, and Lodge Clinton a courteous, kindly, and gifted personality. The heartfelt sympathy of all goes out to our late brother's family.

V.W. BRO. A. J. SEATON, P.G.C.

The death of V.W. Bro. Rev. A. J. Seaton, Anglican clergyman, occurred at the Wairau Hospital as the result of the injuries he received in the accident which befel him last Friday evening. On

the occasion of the accident, Bro. Seaton was driving from Spring Creek to Grovetown to conduct a service that evening. He was thrown from his gig, and the horse must have kicked him, severely crushing his chest. Bro. Seaton pluckily recovered his horse, and walked with it for some considerable distance, reaching the gate of Mr. Andrell's residence, where, in a state of collapse, he called out. Help was soon forthcoming, and the injured man was conveyed to the house and medical assistance immediately summoned.

Bro. Rev. Seaton, who was the son of an English clergyman, was born in England, and was 62 years of age. He had an early acquaintance with the Marlborough district, being a tutor to the Trolove family at Woodbank over forty years ago. Then he was a schoolmaster at Wanganui. Eventually he spent some years in New South Wales, where he entered the ministry, being ordained by the Archbishop of Sydney. The deceased had been in the Nelson diocese about five years. He was stationed at Kaikoura, and he took up the charge at Spring Creek some eighteen months ago, relieving the Rev. Mr. Wollsein. A man of estimable and genial character, his death is deeply regretted by a large circle of friends. He had been a Freemason for a number of years, and served a term as G. Chaplain to the G.L. of New Zealand.

The funeral of V.W. Bro. Seaton took place on Tuesday, 19th inst., the service being conducted in the Church of the Nativity by the Dean of Nelson and the Rev. Canon Wollstein. After the church service at the graveside R.W. Bro. Mills, Prov.G.M. of Marlborough, and R.W. Bro. Herbert Seaton, P.G.W. (cousin of deceased) conducted the Masonic service, which was attended by a large number of brethren from Lodge Wairau (of which Lodge the deceased had recently affiliated) and Lodge Unanimity.

BRO. WM. H. CLARK, P.M.

Lodge Taringatura, No. 100, mourns the loss of its devoted and energetic Sec., Bro. Wm. H. Clark, P.M., who passed away suddenly at Lumsden on 17th January. Bro. Clark was born in Glasgow on 1st July, 1860, and came to New Zealand with his parents in 1882. In 1884 he was appointed head teacher of Dipton school, and in 1887 he was transferred to a similar position in Wyndham, and it was in this town, in Lodge Mokoreta, that he first saw the light of Freemasonry. Removing to Invercargill in 1892, he transferred his membership to Lodge Southern Cross, No. 9, and was a very useful member and officer of that Lodge, being Master and Sec. for a term. In 1897 he removed to Lumsden, and affiliated with Lodge Taringatura on 25th May of that year. He was invested Sec. on 25th May, 1898, and held that office till his death. He was therefore Sec. of Lodge Taringatura for twenty years, and it is owing mainly to his careful management of the affairs of the Lodge that Taringatura is in such a flourishing condition to-day. Reference to Lodge books of fifteen years ago point out that Bros. Clark and G. F. Johnson had a hard job to keep the charter alive, but "perseverance is necessary to establish perfection," and these two W. brethren persevered under great difficulties, so that the members have now the satisfaction, as a result of their labours of having one of the finest Lodges in the Dominion, with a splendid hall free of all debt, and a library of representative Masonic literature—this last being a creation of Bro. Clark, and is very much used by the member.

Bro. Clark's remains were taken to Portobello for burial on 20th January, and the beautiful Masonic service was conducted at the graveside by Bro. J. J. Clark, D.G.M., assisted by Bro. A. W. Flett, Prov.G.M., R.W. Bro. Fieldwick and W. Bro. King. The sympathy of the brethren throughout the territory is extended to Mrs. Clark and her family.

BRO. W. J. A. BELL, LODGE TUTANEKAI.

It is with deep regret that we have to report the death of another of our brethren—Bro. William John Albert Bell, who died of wounds on 21st February, 1918, in France. Bro. Bell was initiated in our Lodge on 12th April, 1914; passed 8th January, 1915; raised 5th March, 1915. He was a police officer in the finger-print department. He volunteered early in the war, but was held back as a necessary man in his department. So keen was he on serving his King and country that he resigned his position in the force, and again volunteered, and left with the 21st Reinforcements

as Sergt.-Major ; was wounded within three weeks of going into action, recovered, and returned to the front; was gassed shortly after that; again, on recovery, returned to action; and has now paid the supreme sacrifice. He was one of our very attentive members, and would, I feel sure (had he lived) gone far in Masonry. He had no near relatives in this country, his home being in Ireland. We regret his passing, but are proud to know that Lodge Tutanekai had the credit of his Masonic career. Our sympathies are extended to his relatives, and may T.G.A.O.T.U. have them in his keeping always.

GERMAN MASONRY.

Writers in Masonic publications in Germany Claim that the war has taught that the "Masonry of our country must become exclusively national; must have a German dress and a German character, and must renounce every connection with the world's Freemasonry." Another writer declares that "the war has destroyed all idea of Masonic internationalism" ; that "Masonic cosmopolitanism is therefore a fiction " ; and adds :—

"Latin Masonry does not possess a single spark of Masonic spirit. Our Masonic idea is truly German, or, in a wider sense, Germanic. English Masonry is nothing but vanity and sport; in it there is no trace of spiritual comprehension. In France Masonry works in politics, to which it sacrifices the greater part of its activity. International Masonry is dead. Let us, therefore, be German Freemasons, and work in our own way."

Evidently the teachings of Masonry in Germany have been overshadowed by the "Junker's Kultur," if the extracts quoted represent the sentiments of the Craft in the Kaiser-cursed country. After the war there will have to be a radical change of opinion before German Masons will again be received into fraternal relationship by the Craft in the Empire, the United States, France, and Italy.— " South Australian Freemason."

GRAND LODGE OF FRANCE.

Apropos of M.W. Bro. Deegan's notice of motion in connection with the above, which is on the order paper for the May communication of G.L., R.W. Bro. Corkin sends us the following letter, of eleven years ago, for reproduction. We reproduce the letter accordingly without comment, as its contents may be in the way of instruction to brethren who know nothing about the question :—

New Plymouth, 6th May, 1907.

M.W. Bro. Malcolm Niccol, P.G.M.,
G.Sec., Christchurch.

LODGE L'OCEANIE FRANCAISE, G.L. OF FRANCE.

M.W. AND DEAR BRO.,—At the recent communication of G.L. application was made by the French Lodge, L'Oceanie Francaise, located at Papeete, Tahiti, and holding from the G.L. (not Grand Orient) of France, for recognition as a regularly constituted Lodge of Freemasons. This application was supported by W. Bro. Ambrose Millar of Auckland, who exhibited the Ritual worked by this Lodge, and offered to deposit it for inspection. G.L. referred the matter to the B. of G.P. for consideration. As a member of the Board, I have taken some trouble to investigate, and now submit for the information of my brethren of the Board the facts which I have collected from various sources. I must premise that, in my opinion, it is impossible for our or any other G.L. to extend recognition to a subordinate Lodge of another jurisdiction, as is sought in this instance. Until fraternal relations are established between the G.L. of Now Zealand and the G.L. of France we cannot accord recognition to a constituent Lodge of the latter. W. Bro. Millar has kindly lent me the ritual sent to him by the Tahiti Lodge, and I have gone through it very carefully. The volume, which is a numbered one (in the French language), is not issued by the G.L. of France, but by "The Supreme Council for France and her Dependencies of the Antient and Accepted Scottish Rite," and is signed by the Secretary-General of the Rite, who appends to his signature the grade 18. From beginning to end I find no reference to the so-called G.L. of France, which I have reason to believe exists in name only, and is a designation under which the supreme Council controls the symbolic degrees. The frontispiece of the Ritual is embellished with a design of the Square and Compasses surrounding an irradiated five-pointed star, in the centre of which is the letter "G." I would remark that "G" is not the initial letter of the Name (Dieu) in the French language, but I

presume it has a Scotch origin. The prescribed caption for all documents is a literal equivalent of our I.T.N.O.T.G.A.O.T.U., and underneath "Liberty, Equality, Fraternity."

In the ceremonies of opening and closing, in all degrees, the name of T.G.A.O.T.U. is invoked. Upon the altar are placed the square, compasses, the setting maul, a naked dagger or sword, and the Constitutions. The Obs. are taken exactly as with us, except that the candidate's hand is placed upon the Statutes General of the Order. The greatest of the Three Great Lights is nowhere referred to. Generally speaking, the instructions in the three degrees correspond with our working, and in some respects the ritual is much more comprehensive than ours. It does not resemble that of the G. Orient of France (which I have also read). I judge that this working is identical with that which has in the past been carried on by the Lodges in Puerto Rico, Costa Rica, and Mexico, which have in recent years renounced allegiance to the Supreme Council, A. and A. S.R., and have formed G.Ls., adopting the York Rite, and are now being recognised by many of the G.Ls. It seems to me that under existing conditions we would hesitate to recognise the G.L. of France— first, because it is not an independent sovereign body; and, secondly, because the chief of our Landmarks is wanting in its system. In the course of the last two years I have noticed that applications have been made by this same Lodge at Papeete to several of the American G.Ls., and in no case have the overtures been responded to. I believe it is a fact that brethren of our constitution have visited the Lodge L'Oceanie Francaise, and have been most cordially received, and it is not improbable that some of its members have been admitted as visitors in Lodges in Auckland, and possibly elsewhere in this country. There is a genuine desire on the part of these Tahiti brethren to get into touch with the Masonry of English-speaking G.Ls., and I think that some day the Board will have to consider the whole question of extension among the Pacific Islands.— Yours fraternally,

F. P. CORKILL, G.Supt. of Taranaki.

M.W. BRO. H. J. WILLIAMS, P.G.M., IN THE SOUTH.

A very pleasant time was spent at the after-meeting in connection with the last meeting of Lodge St. John, No. 94, Southland. In responding to the toast of G.L., R.W. Bro. le Hoyles was very brief in his remarks, in view of the fact of M.W. Bro. Williams being present and of his response later on. The Prov. G.M. made a final appeal to the brethren for the W. and O. and Special War Funds, hoping that in the few remaining days of the year a special effort would be made. M.W. Bro. M. Thompson then proposed the health of the distinguished visitor, and in doing so he briefly sketched the life of M.W. Bro. Williams during his Masonic career, showing a period of activity and enthusiasm well worthy of emulation. Not only had Bro. Williams occupied many positions in G.L. (including that of G.M.) and in the R.A. Chapter, but for a period of ten years he had been Supt. of the Wellington District. Even now our visitor filled an important position as editor of the CRAFTSMAN. Bro. Thompson spoke in high praise of the Masonic journal, and recommended every brother to read the CRAFTSMAN from cover to cover. He wished Bro. Williams a very pleasant holiday whilst in Southland, and offered his personal company and service in any direction. M.W. Bro. Williams responded in characteristic style. He expressed his pleasure at being amongst Southland brethren once more, renewing old acquaintances, and making new ones. He had a reputation for not being a "night owl," but he had exceeded the limit that night, and was deeply concerned at what explanation he was going to make. In a very interesting speech he detailed the changes in Freemasonry owing to the war in England, and especially in London. After paying a high tribute to the self-sacrificing work of the brethren at the front, Bro. Williams concluded an all-too-short address by appealing to brethren to keep the various Lodges and Freemasonry institutions in a flourishing state during the time of stress through which we were passing, and to so contribute to the G.L. funds, that no brother returning should ever be in want, and that the widows and orphans of those who had fallen and who would fall in the great conflict should be well provided for. Bro. Williams was listened to with the greatest attention, and received quite an ovation.

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BROTHERHOOD.

[By W. BRO. FLATT, D.G. of C.]

It is the simplest thing in the world to make our universal brotherhood ideal, a cardinal principle, living and practical. It is merely, for instance :—

1. Always be glad of our brother's good fortune and sorry for his ill.
2. Minimising scandal about him instead of listening to it eagerly and passing it along.
3. Helping the new officials, instead of watching for an opportunity to criticise.
4. Calling on or. writing to a sick brother, instead of leaving it to the Master.
5. Remembering that it takes two to develop unpleasantness into an issue, and refusing to be one of the two.
6. Realising that a Master has to exercise remarkable qualities if he is to succeed, and helping him to manifest them.
7. Volunteering a welcome to the strange visiting brother instead of leaving it to the S.D.

Follow these suggestions, and act upon a myriad of other things that will suggest themselves to every brother, and there will not be a platitude left in all our philosophy.

The Masonic Fraternity is world-wide. A Mason, as such, holding to and following the principles of our ancient Fraternity, can speak on the level with any true brother or brethren, assured of sympathetic hearing.

It is as a Freemason I speak, then, to my brother Freemasons. Let all Freemasons speak the word of brotherhood, and if we speak it from our hearts, and act it in our lives, it shall prevail.

And let us pray that come it may,
As come it will for a' that—
That man to man the world o'er
Will brothers be for all that.

Yet, there is this comfort—that, as we travel along, faithfully holding to the principles of Freemasonry and fashioning our lives in accordance with those principles, in some measure an instalment of the perfect brotherhood becomes our possession.— " Masonic Journal of South Australia."

THE SECOND DEGREE.

A careless observation of the Second Degree is apt to create an impression in the mind of the novitiate that it is of secondary importance in our system of character development. The fact is, however, that in many ways it is the richest of all the degrees in practical suggestion and teaching. Its lessons are for the many in whom initiation has stimulated a desire for more "Light." It affects our present condition rather than our birth or death ; hence the importance of the seven liberal arts and sciences, including geometry, the basis of Masonry, upon the study and understanding of which depends largely the proper discharge of the duty to manhood.

From the earliest days of historic Masonry—as distinguished from the purely traditional or prehistoric—the seven liberal arts or sciences formed part of "The Old Charges," and mentioned in all the ancient manuscripts of our Order which have been authoritatively traced as far back as the year 1390. (Halliwell, M.S.) It may be doubtful whether operative masonry began with the building of the Tower of Babel, or the Temple of Jerusalem; and whether Nimrod or King Solomon has the better title to the honour of being our first legendary G.M., and, Speculative Masonry does not concern itself very much about the argument, but it is indisputable that for many centuries before Speculative Masonry was established in its present system, members of the ancient Operative Craft were charged with the-importance of studying the liberal arts, more particularly geometry, which to this day we are told is synonymous with Masonry. The reason for this was that only by study and contemplation of the arts and sciences could the operative members of the ancient guilds attain to mastership and become entitled to receive the secrets of building and metal workmanship, which it was their custom to impart only to the accepted masters of the craft.

Hence we can trace the significance of the plumb, square, and level, which have been selected by Speculative Masonry to-imprint on the memory wise and serious truths, and which remind us that we are travelling upon the level of time, and should walk uprightly in our several stations, ever squaring our actions by the square of virtue.—" Masonic Journal of South Australia. '

LIBERTY—OR DEATH.

One hundred and forty-two years ago, in the Provincial Convention at Richmond, Va., U.S.A., 23rd March, 1775, Patrick Henry, a Virginia Mason, delivered his famous " liberty or death " speech.

"Mr. President," he cried, " if we wish to be free; if we-mean to preserve inviolate those inestimable privileges for which we have been so long contending ; if we mean not basely to abandon the noble struggle in which we have been so long engaged, and which we have pledged ourselves never to abandon until the glorious object of our contest shall be obtained, we must fight! I repeat it, sir, we must fight! An appeal to arms and to the God of Hosts is all that is left to us! They tell us, sir, that we are weak, unable to cope with so formidable an adversary. But when shall we be stronger? Will it be the next week or the next year?

"It is vain, sir, to extenuate the matter. Gentlemen may cry 'Peace, peace !' but there is no peace. The war is actually begun. The next gale that sweeps from the north will bring to our ears the clash of resounding arms. Our brethren are already in the field. Why stand we here idle? What is it that gentlemen wish? What would they have? Is life so dear or peace so sweet as to be purchased at the price of chains and slavery? Forbid it, Almighty God! I know not what course others may take; but as for me, give me liberty or give me death."

Reports.

[Secretaries and Scribes are requested to forward Reports.]

CRAFT LODGES.

SOUTHLAND.

Southern Cross, No. 9.—The regular meeting was held on 1st March. In the absence of the W.M., W. Bro. Stout occupied' the chair. The work was raising two candidates, and was carried through in an attractive and impressive manner. W. Bro. Nicholas, Lodge Orepuki, assisted in the ceremony by delivering the Ob.; W. Bros. Stout and Lowry gave the Exhort. ; W. Bro. Waters, T.H. ; W. Bro. Roberts, the further Ex. of Ss.; and R.W. Bro. Smith, the W.Ts. The Vs.S.L. were presented by R.W. Bro. Steans. A considerable amount of

general business was also transacted. Two circular appeals from G.L. were duly responded to, after which a very pleasant hour was spent in the refectory. The 1st of March being the opening of the- oyster season, Bro. F. Paget, S.S., had taken early advantage of the-fact, and had provided a right royal supper.—[Lodge Correspondent.]

St. John, No. 94.—The Lodgeioom was well filled on Friday, 15th March, when, at the regular meeting, two F.Cs. were raised to the high and sublime degree of M.M. The W.M.; (W. Bro. F. Bonifant) obligated the candidates ; W. Bro. Fortune delivered the first part of the T.H. ; and W. Bro. Butterfield, the latter part; the further Exp. of the Ss. was given by W. Bro. Robison ; the W.Ts. were presented by Bro. Lipscombe. ; and the Final Charge was delivered by the W.M.; after which the Prov.G.M. presented to the newly-raised the Vs.S.L. on which they had been obligated. The whole ceremony was pleasing and impressive. M.W. Bro. H. J. Williams, accompanied by M.W. Bro. M. Thompson and G.L. officers, was present, and before leaving the Lodgeroom Bro. Williams expressed his pleasure with the meeting and congratulated the W.M. on the efficiency of the work. H.G.W. were received from G.L. - and Lodges Southern Cross, Victoria, Fortitude, Winton, Aparima, Waihopai, Celtic, and St. Andrew, S.C. The toast of the newly raised brethren was proposed by W. Bro. Fortune in a very capable manner. After thoroughly showing the great privileges they had that night obtained, he appealed to them to continue their interest, to stimulate their ambition, to increase their Masonic knowledge, and on every occasion to "play the game." An unusual toast, proposed by R.W. Bro. A. le H. Hoyles, was that of W. Bro. Jas. Walker on his completion of twenty-five years of active Masonic life. During practically the whole of that period Bro. Walker had held office of some sort, and he was deserving of their highest esteem. The toast was undoubtedly a popular one, and was received with the greatest enthusiasm. W. Bro. Jas. Walker was very interesting in the course of his reply. He failed to see why he should have been specially honoured. Freemasonry to him had been more than a mere pastime; it had been his religion, and the amount of work he had put into the Craft was but small in comparison to the pleasure and comfort he had received in return. He looked forward to being amongst them when the time came to honour the jubilee mark of time of R.W. Bro. Wm. Smith. Other toasts were duly honoured, and harmony contributed by brethren. Altogether a most enjoyable and profitable evening was spent.—[Lodge Correspondent.]

Taringaturi, No. 100.—The usual monthly meeting was held on 25th February, and was fairly well attended. The principal business was the raising of Bro. D. McTaggart. This ceremony was solemnly and efficiently carried out by Bro. S. E. Griffiths, W.M., assisted by Bro. H. Beer, I.P.M. (Exhort.) ; Bro. H. Graham, P.M. (Secrets and T.H.); Bro. Walker, P.M. (Charge after Raising) ; and Bro.. Finlay, J.W. (W.Ts.). At the request of the W.M. of Lodge Owaka, the W.M. presented to Bro. Thos. Miller, who has come to reside in this locality, his M.M.'s certificate. Nominations for members of the Board of Enquiry were made on behalf of W. Bros. Haggitt and Steans. A letter of sympathy was ordered to be sent to our Treas., W. Bro. G. F. Johnson, who has recently undergone a very severe operation, and at the same time satisfaction is expressed that he continues to make progress towards recovery. We trust that he will be with us again ere long. One candidate was proposed, and the Lodge closed in due form at 10 p.m.—[Lodge Correspondent.]

Orepuki, No. 137.—The regular monthly meeting was held in the Masonic Hall, Orepuki, on 14th February, brethren being in attendance in fair muster. The correspondence having been dealt with and our Bro. Sec. satisfied, the Lodge proceeded with the ceremony of raising two brethren. The W.M., Bro. C. C. Nicholas, performed this duty in his usual capable manner, receiving assistance from Bros. Homer, Charlton, and Fortune, P.Ms., and Bros. Sorensen and Kemp. The officers-elect for the ensuing term were then nominated. Visitors were present from Lodges Victoria, No. 147; Waihopai, No. 189; and Clinton, No. 183 ; and at the conclusion of the meeting were invited to join the brethren round the refreshment tables. The usual Masonic toasts were honoured, and a pleasant hour spent with songs, etc., W. Bro. Robb, of Lodge Clinton, being especially to the fore with reminiscences of Freemasonry.—[Lodge Correspondent]

Victoria, No. 147.—There was a fair attendance of members and visitors at the regular meeting on 8th March, when three candidates were passed to the F.C. Degree. W. Bro. J. Buchanan, W.M., obligated the candidates; W. Bro. Brokenshire addressed them in the S.E. ; the Master and Wardens explained the W.Ts. ; and W. Bro. Petrie delivered the Final Charge. The after-meeting was well enjoyed. The work of Lodge Victoria continues in its thoroughness, and is always appreciated.—[Lodge Correspondent.]

OTAGO.

Palmerston, No. 26.—At the regular meeting, held in the Masonic Hall, Palmerston South, on 22nd February, by special request of the W.M., the chairs were occupied by P.Ms., who capably performed the work of raising Bros. A. Hull, J. E. Hamilton, and J. Purvis to the high and sublime degree of M.Ms. The chairs were occupied as follows : W.M., W. Bro. W. H. Hopkins; S.W., W. Bro. E. Lefevre; J.W., W. Bro. D. Ross; S.D., W. Bro. Geo. Ross; ; I.G. W. Bro. T. Hodgetts. The Ob. and Exhort. was delivered by W. Bro. Hopkins; Signs and Secrets, by W. Bro. Lefevre ; T.H., by W. Bro. Beck; W.Ts. and Final Charge, by W. Bro. G. B. Smith. After the closing the brethren adjourned to the Oddfellows' Hall, where a very enjoyable "Fourth" was held in honour of W. Bro. S. L. Beck, who is on the eve of his departure to take up his residence in Dunedin. Besides holding office as W.M. for two years, he was a regular attendant, and took a very keen and active interest in all Lodge matters, having also held the office of Organist for a number of years. Many complimentary remarks were addressed to W. Bro. Beck, and best wishes expressed for his future welfare. W. Bro. Beck's familiar face will be much missed in Lodge Palmerston. The evening was concluded in the usual manner by singing the National Anthem and "Auld Lang Syne."—[Lodge Correspondent.]

Mount Ida, No. 97.—On the occasion of the visit of the R.W. Prov.G.M., a candidate was initiated by the brethren who accompanied him on his goldfields tour. The Chair of K.S. was occupied by W. Bro. Scurr, of Lodge St. Patrick, with W. Bros. R. Somerville and R. McMeeking acting as S.W. and J.W. respectively. The Charge in the N.E. was delivered by the R.W. Prov.G.M., and the W.Ts. were presented by W. Bro. Jamieson, P.G.D., who acted as S.D. After the Final Charge had been given by W. Bro. Somerville, the Chair of K.S. was resumed by the R.W. Prov.G.M., the principal officers being W. Bros. Scurr and Jamieson. The assistant officers were W. Bro. Somerville, S.D. ; Bro. Waters, J.D. ; and W. Bro. McMeeking, I.G. Bro. Baird, S.W., was then presented by the D. of C. for the benefit of installation as W.M. of Lodge Mount Ida in this, the fiftieth year of its existence. The W.M. invested the I.P.M., Bro. A. E. Brown; the Wardens for the year, Bros. E. Carey and T. C. Hoare, were invested by W. Bro. McMeeking; the other officers for the year being : S.D., Bro. S. McFerran; J.D., Bro. J. Forrester ; Treas., Bro. F. W. Inder, P.M. ; Sec., Bro. A. E. Inder, P.M. ; D. of C., Bro. R. Scott, P.M.; Chaplain, Bro. W. T. Drake; I.G., Bro. R. White; and Tyler, Bro. Hendricksen; with Bros. G. Howell and W. Wilson, Stewards, This installation completed what must have been for the P.G.M. and his officers a strenuous week, during which they have installed the W.Ms. and officers of five Lodges. After the labours of the evening an adjournment was made to the Oddfellows' Hall, where an instructive and enjoyable time was spent. During the evening reference was made to the fact of the Lodge having almost completed the fiftieth year of its existence, and it is proposed to celebrate the jubilee in May or June in a manner befitting the occasion.—[Lodge Correspondent.]

Dunstan, No. 103, and Manuherikia Kil., No. 109.—The joint installation meeting of these Lodges was held in the Town Hall, Alexandra, on 26th February, before a large attendance of brethren. R.W. Bro. A. W. Flett, Prov.G.M. of Otago, assisted by G.L. officers, carried out the ceremony in his usual efficient and capable manner. The W.Ms.-elect (Bro. T. Adams, of Lodge Manuherikia Kil., and Bro. J. L. Davidson, of Lodge Dunstan) were presented and duly installed. The Wardens were invested by W. Bro. McMeekin. The Deacons were invested by W. Bro. Scurr. The address to the W.Ms. was given by the Prov.G.M.; the Wardens were addressed by the Prov. G.M., and the brethren by W. Bro. Somerville. The Lodge was then placed in charge of the W.M. of Lodge Manuherikia Kil., who thanked the Prov.G.M. and extended an invitation to him and his officers to a banquet. The W.M. of Lodge Dunstan then thanked the Prov.G.M. Lodge closed at 9.15, when an adjournment was made to the Lodgeroom, where one of the most enjoyable "Fourths" ever held on the Goldfields took place. One of the G.L. officers, in the course of his remarks, said that the "stump" speeches of the W.M. of Lodge Manuherikia Kil. were a feature of the evening. The Prov.G.M. expressed the hope that an attempt would be made to have a team to come and work a degree in Dunedin between both Lodges, and it is hoped that the hint will come to fruition.—[Lodge Correspondent.]

St. Bathans, No. 126.—The installation meeting took place in the Masonic Hall, Becks, on 27th February. The W.M.-elect, Bro. Rev. A. V. G. Chandler, was duly installed as W.M. for the ensuing year. The ceremony was very ably performed by the Prov.G.M., R.W. Bro. A. W. Flett, assisted by other G.L. officers.

After the meeting an adjournment was made to supper, song, and story, the usual toast list being honoured.—
[Lodge Correspondent.]

Oceanic, No. 154.—At the monthly meeting, which was held in the Masonic Hall, St. Kilda, on 20th February, one brother was passed to the F.C. Degree. The W.M. (W. Bro. A. Walker) gave the Ob.; W. Bro. A. Cannon, the Secrets; Bro. Riddell, the N.E. Charge; Bro. H. F. Harris, the W.Ts.; and Bro. W. Mills, the Final Charge. Official visits were paid by the W.Ms., officers, and brethren of Lodges Otago, No. 143, and St. John Kil., No. 667, S.C. At the request of the W.M., W. Bro. Cannon presented Bros. Smith, Penrose, and Maclean with their M.Ms.' diplomas. The usual pleasant hour was spent in the supper-room after the Lodge had been closed.—[Lodge Correspondent.]

Clinton, No. 183.—The monthly meeting was held on 28th February, Bro. Wm. McIndoe, W.M., presiding. There was a good attendance of brethren, including several visitors. Feeling reference was made by the W.M. to the loss the Lodge had sustained by the death of W. Bro. Lieut. A. H. Charlton, P.M., killed in action somewhere in France on 3rd February. The motion of sympathy was carried in silence, the brethren standing as a mark of respect to our late W. Bro. After ordinary routine business had been disposed of, a ballot for W.M. took place, which resulted in Bro. J. Steven, S.W., being duly elected for the ensuing year. The ceremonial work was the raising of one candidate, which was done by the W.M., assisted by his officers: Ob., W.M.; Secrets, W. Bro. Wright, I.P.M.; Retro., Bro. Wm. Brown; T.H., Bro. Steven; Light and W.Ts., Bro. Shepherd; Final Charge, Bro. R. McIndoe. One proposal for membership was received. Lodge closed at 10.30 p.m., and adjourned to the "Fourth," where a quiet hour was spent.—[Lodge Correspondent.]

CANTERBURY.

Unanimity, No. 3.—There was a very large gathering present on 9th February in the Masonic Hall, Sumner Road, Lyttelton, when Bro. R. J. Connal was installed into the Chair of K.E by W. Bro. F. C. Bishop, Prov.G.Sec. Included in the visitors were officers of G.L. and R.W. Bro. M. S. Brown, D.G.M., and officers of Dist.G.L. The W.Ts. in the B. of I.M. were presented by W. Bro. J. Gillanders, P.Prov.G.W. The W.Ts. in the Third Degree were presented by W. Bro. D. Sheffield (W.M. of Christchurch Lodge, No. 91). The W.Ts. in the Second Degree were presented by W. Bro. S. W. Orchard (W.M. of Canterbury Lodge, No. 1048, E.G.). The W.Ts. in the First Degree were presented by W. Bro. A. J. Merrifield (W.M. of Lodge Canterbury Kil., No. 23). The address to the W.M. was given by R.W. Bro. M. S. Brown, D.G.M., E.G. W. Bro. Geo. Yemm, 8.G.D., P.Prov.G.W., invested the Wardens; and R.W. Bro. W. Broadley, P.G.W., P.Prov.G.W., addressed the Wardens. W. Bro. A. H. Hobbs, P.G.Supt. of W., P.Prov.G.W., invested the officers, and the address to the brethren was given by W. Bro. J. N. Du Feu, P.G.D. of C., P.Prov.G.W. After the Lodge was closed, the brethren adjourned to the refectory, where a very pleasant hour was spent.

The monthly meeting was held on 9th March, W. Bro. R. J. Connal presiding over a goodly gathering. The Second Degree was conferred on a brother. The candidate was obligated by the W.M.; W. Bro. Robertson (P.M., Christchurch Lodge) gave the S.E. Address; W. Bro. McLean (P.M., Christchurch Lodge) presented the W.Ts.; and W. Bro. Collett, I.P.M., gave the Final Charge. A pleasant hour was spent in the refectory.—[Lodge Correspondent.]

St. Augustine, No. 4.—The Christchurch Masonic Hall presented an imposing appearance on 12th March, the occasion being the installation of Bro. David Redpath as W.M. The Lodge was opened at 6.30 p.m. by W. Bro. J. A. Stables, W.M., the business being quickly transacted, so that visiting brethren were being admitted shortly after 7 p.m. All the Lodges in and near Christchurch, including those holding under the G.L. of England, were well represented. Motor transit is responsible for fairly frequent visits from "far-back" brethren, but a brother from Dunedin claimed he had travelled all that day expressly to tender H.G.W. to the incoming Master. R.W. Bro. Clifton Bingham, P.Prov.G.M., was announced by W. Bro. S. Kirker, P.Prov.G.D. of C., and was received in the customary manner. He was accompanied by a large following of officers of the Prov.G.L. W. Bro. N. L. MacBeth, Dcp.Dist. G.M., E.C., with several officers of Dist.G.L., was then received. G.L. had a brilliant representation, M.W. Bro. J. J. Dougall, P.G.M., having with him R.W. Bros. G. Fowlds, P.D.G.M.; C. J. Ronaldson, P.Prov.G.M.; It. B. B. Willis, J.G.W.; F. W. Hobbs, P.G.W.; W. Broadley, P.G.W.; and a large number of other W. brethren. The gavel was handed to W. Bro. F. C.13: Bishop, Prov.G.Sec., and he conducted the ceremony of installing Bro. Redpath, the W.Ts. being

presented by the following ; In the B. of I.M., by W. Bro. R. C. ,E3yrrlss, Prov.G.Trea.s.; and in the three degrees by W. Bros. R. Cannel (W.M., Unanimity, No. 3), J. L. I. Banks (W.M., Canterbury, No. 1048, E.G.), and G. W. R. Osborne (W.M., W(horn, No. 141). M.W. Bro. Dougall presented the Charts B. of C., By-laws and Regulations of Prov.G.L., and the By-lai of the Lodge, and in doing so gave the newly-installed Mast some excellent advice. He also presented him with the V.S.: on which he had taken his previous Obs., and which was 1184 on this occasion, stating that, so far as he had heard, this w the first time such an incident had occurred. The address the W.M. was given by W. Bro. Bishop in a manner almost worthy of that magnificent charge. R.W. Bro. Bingham P.Prov.G.M., invested Bros. C. H. Duff and A. E. Smith S.W. and J.W. respectively, and they were addressed by W. Bro. F. M. Collins, Prov.S.G.W. W. Bro. A. H. Hobbs, P.G.Sup - of W., was very happy in the manner in which he invest(the officers, the personal touch being much appreciated. Ti address to the brethren was delivered by R.W. Bra. C. Ronaldson, P.Prov.G.M., while the appeal on behalf of tl W. and O. and A.M. Fund was elogently made by R.W. Br.

Fowlds, P.D.G.M., the result being that over £13 was cc lected to add to some £12, the amount. of the Lodge's month. collections, the whole making a creditable addition to the worthy fund. A handsome P.M.'s jewel was presented to tl retiring W.M., W. Bro. Stables, by R.W. Bro. Bingham, wl congratulated the recipient on the very able manner in whit he had conducted the affairs of the Lodge during his Mastershi] and noted the fact that, from the office he had accepted, he di not intend to rest with his laurels. M.W. Bro. Dougall con pletely surprised W. Bro. Bishop when he called him before hi] to receive at his hands a P.Sec.'s jewel, a gift from his Augustine brethren to mark their appreciation of his service as Sec., 1912-18. In making the presentation, M.W. Bro. Dougall spoke in very kindly terms of the services-Bro. Bishop had give to Freemasonry, his conduct of that evening's ceremony mail tanning a very high standard. 'It is seldom the brethren has seen W. Bro .Bishop nonplussed, but on this occasion the gil was a genuine surprise, and the recipient was forced to adm: he was not as perfectly conversant with the affairs of St. Augur tine as he had thought. After the Lodge was closed, an adjournment was made to the refectory, where a pleasant time ws spent. The Master had set himself out to `beat the clock, with the result that, when the "last tram" contingent move off, practically the whole programme was completed. Christ church Lodges are extremely fortunate in the possession c many talented musical brethren, and the efforts of Bros. A. I Cropp, Mel. Orchard, Malcolm, and Stewart were received with favour.— [Lodge Correspondent.]

Concord, No. 39.— The regular meeting was held in the Masonic Hall, Papanui, on 23rd January. Members and visitors rolled up in grand style, and thereby helped to make the meeting a great success. We were pleased to welcome visitors from north, south, and west of New Zealand. W. Bro. Francis occupied the chair. A joining member was elected. The business was the raising of a brother. The W.M. obligated the candidate. W. Bro. T. H. North, I.P.M., communicated the S., T., and W. "Remember Now" was recited by W. Bro. Du Feu, Chaplain. Bro. A. J. Nicholas, S.W., invested our brother with the B. of M.M. W. Bro. T. Wilson, W.M. of Robert Burns Lodge, No. 139, gave the Address after Investiture. W. Bro. A. H. Hobbs, Treas., delivered the T.H., and W. Bro. H. Wilson, Preceptor, gave the T.B. The W.Ts. were presented and explained by W. Bro. Scott, W.M. of Avon Lodge, No. 185, the Charge after Raising being given by Bro. Nicholas, S.W. The candidate was presented with the V.S.L. on which he had taken his three Obs., and, in doing so, W. Bro. Malley, W.M. of Civic Lodge, impressed the high importance of what that Book stood for. A very pleasant hour was spent in the adjoining refectory in song and story.—[Lodge Correspondent.]

Methven, No. 51.—There was a good attendance at the regular meeting on 20th February. The W.M., W. Bro. Pawson, presided. There were two candidates balloted for and duly elected. The W.M. was chosen, and consented, to represent the Lodge at the G.L. meeting in May at Wellington. It is expected that the two Wardens will accompany him, and they are looking forward to a happy and profitable week. As there was no other business, the Lodge was closed in ancient form, and a pleasant hour was spent in the ante-room.— [Lodge Correspondent.]

Christchurch, No. 91.—The monthly meeting was held on 26th February in the Masonic Hall, W. Bro. D. Sheffield, W.M., presiding. Routine business having been disposed of, two brethren were passed to the Second Degree. Having been catechised by the W.M., they were obligated by W. Bro. Kiddey, P.M., the Secrets being communicated by W. Bro. R. Macfarlane, P.M. The charge after investiture was delivered by Bro. Newth, J.W. ; the Charge in the S.E. by W. Bro. Roberts, P:M. ; the W.Ts. were explained by W. Bro.

J. Thomas, P.M. ; the Final Charge being delivered by Bro. W. Doig, S.W. The Lodge having been closed in due form, the usual convivial hour was spent by visitors and brethren.—[Lodge Correspondent.]

St. Augustine, No. 99.—Wednesday, 20th February, was marked by one of those inter-fraternal meetings which any brother interested in the real welfare of the Craft rejoices to see, the occasion being the visit of Lodge Kurow, No. 164, to work a degree for us. After despatch of ordinary business, consisting of a successful ballot, a vote of sympathy with Bro. E. R. Beckett, S.W., and his family on the occasion of the death of his father, also one with Bro. S. J. Adams, P.M., on the death of his sister, and likewise one with Bro. Geo. Reynolds who recently met with a severe accident, and the setting-up of a by-laws revision Committee, the visitors were admitted and received in due form. The W.M., Bro. Bateman, welcomed W. Bro. R. Appleby and his officers and brethren, and, placing in his hands the gavel, requested him to conduct the ceremony of initiation. The officers of Lodge Kurow took their respective places as follows :. Bro. R. Appleby ; I.P.M., Bro. N. Hayes; D. of C., W. Bro. Gillies ; Chaplain, Bro. J. McKenzie; S.W., Bro. Pringle; J.W., Bro. Smart; S.D., Bro. Fraser ; J.D., Bro. — . The work, which was well carried out, was distributed thus : Ob., W. Bro. Appleby ; Investiture and Apron Charge, Bro. Pringle, S.W. ; N.E. Charge, W. Bro. Ayson; Prep., W. Bro. Hayes ; W.Ts., W. Bro. Gillies. The Final Charge was most eloquently rendered by Bro. Pringle, S.W. While recording Bro. Winnington's success at the organ, I must apologise for not obtaining the names of the J.D. and the I.G. Bro. Palmer, of Lodge Pareora, No. 134, sang a verse of the ode, "Charity, " at the pause in the N.E. Charge, very creditably. H.G.W. having 'been received from representatives of Lodges Conyers, No. 1916, E.C. and Pareora, No. 134, W. Bro. Appleby closed down the Lodge. Thirty-seven of our members signed the attendance book, of whom seven were P.M's, while it also recorded the attendance of fifteen brethren from Lodge Kurow, No. 164, six from Lodge Pareora, No. 134, and one from No. 1916, E.C. The usual adjournment to the refectory, where Chief Steward Bro. Barford had laid out a somewhat more elaborate menu than usual, took place. An hour was spent in harmony and fraternal intercourse, much to the enjoyment of those present.—[Lodge Correspondent.]

Amuri, No. 184.—The meeting on 1st March was well attended and presided over by W. Bro. T. G. Thomson. The ceremony of the evening was the raising of a brother. W. Bro. Hunter obligated and raised the member. The Charge after Raising was given by W. Bro. Goulding, D. of C. Bro. C. E. Denett, S.W., invested and explained, the W.Ts. The Charge after Investiture was given by Bro. P. R. Dunbar; Sec. The T.H. was given by W. Bro. Munro and W. Bro. Dr. Turnbull. The Final Charge was entrusted to Bro. H. R. Davison. The customary enjoyable time was spent in the refectory.—[Lodge Correspondent.]

Avon, No. 185.—The regular meeting was held, as usual, on the first Thursday of the month (March), and was well attended - by members and visitors. A pleasing feature was the extra attendance of P.Ms.; evidence the Sec.'s action in having an appreciation of P.Ms. printed on the circular had a happy result at this meeting. A Lodge's progress depends greatly upon its. P.Ms.' help and guidance, and Avon Lodge is happy in its P.Ms., and hopes to see them always in full attendance. The work was an initiation, and was well carried out by W. Bro. W. E. Scott, though he was suffering the disability of a touch of pneumonia. The N.E. Corner was made more than usually impressive by a fine effort by W. Bro. H. Owen. Now that Bro. Owen has shown what he can do, he will, without doubt, be requisitioned further, and, judging by his initial effort, his work will be appreciated. Rather an unusual change for Avon Lodge was made in the Address after Initiation, this being given by a floor member, the I.G., Bro. H. Hatch. Bro. Hatch is a ritualist, and his rendering was splendid, but the writer is of opinion that all work should be done from the dais. No matter what time and effort a floor member puts into a charge, no matter how well he studies elocution, there is a lack of dignity, of weight, of impressiveness. These qualities are elusive, and seem to come only from men (and not from all of these) who have served their apprenticeship through the various offices and have held the destinies of the Lodge for a term of Mastership. Our late dearly-loved Prov.G.M., R.W. Bro. J. Thornton, often remarked to newly installed Masters that a man could not fail to be a better man after having passed through the Chair of K.S., and your correspondent is of the opinion that this experience is necessary to deliver an address with the fullest dignity and result. Several matters of general interest were mentioned in the Lodge. One by W. Bro. E. Nordon, that a Chaplain's chair be presented by the Lodge to the Hall Committee, was most enthusiastically taken up, and the amount necessary was collected in the refectory afterwards in a very brief space. The idea of obtaining a Chaplain's chair had been mooted some six months ago, but W. Bro. Nordon's suggestion, that it be presented as a memorial to our late Prov.G.M.,

R.W. Bro. J. Thornton, was an excellent one, and it was, no doubt, due to this that the idea was taken up so successfully. The members of Avon Lodge will ever remember with love our late brother's genuine interest in the Lodge, his advice and guidance so freely and willingly given, and it was with deep and sincere feelings that the members responded to the opportunity of presenting the Hall with a permanent record of his memory. The chair will be unveiled at the next meeting on 4th April by M.W. Bro. J. J. Dougall, P.G.M., and representatives from Prov.G.L. and G.L. will be present. Another matter of interest was a proposal to approach the various Lodges who meet in the Hall with a view to having a Roll of Honour erected in the refectory. It is suggested that each Lodge should be allotted a certain space on the refectory walls in which to place photographs of those of its members who have been on active service. By obtaining a design for the whole, and adopting a standard size of photograph and scheme of hanging, it is believed that a very fine effect can be obtained. Before embarking on such a scheme a committee of representatives from all Lodges should meet and have designs prepared, so that the scheme would be in reality a huge success, having a fine decorative effect and a permanent value as a roll of honour.

If such steps are not taken, the whole thing might easily be valueless, being spoiled by a lack of cohesive design and thought. It is with regret that the members learned that their Chaplain, Bro. Rev. P. Knight, had to undergo an operation. He is now well on the way to a complete recovery, and will be heartily welcomed back when he is well, enough to occupy his new chair in our midst. Illness has been rife among our members; as mentioned previously, our W.M. was indisposed, while Bros. Hollander and Rose are still at least partial invalids. We wish them a speedy recovery. The Avon Orchestra have been enjoying themselves while giving pleasure to others, and a report of their doings is in a separate report.—[Lodge Correspondent.]

MARLBOROUGH AND NELSON.

Victory, No. 40.—The regular meeting was held on 14th February, when fifty-eight were present, including fifteen P.Ms. W. Bro. H. P. Stephenson presided. The work was the initiation of three candidates, two being members of the local Defence staff. W. Bro. Stiles imparted the Secrets; W. Bro. Harton, the N.E. Address; W. Bro. Harris, the M. of Prep.; W. Bro. Johnston, the W.Ts. ; and W. Bro. Ching, the Final Charge. Four candidates were successfully balloted for, two by affiliation—W. Bro. T. D. Milne, P.D.S.G.W., Lodge Phcenix, Westport, and Bro. W. E. Warnes, Lodge Ngamotu—and two desirous of seeing Masonic light. One further candidate was proposed for membership. No less than fifteen candidates are waiting various degrees. The Lodge strength is now 127. In consequence of the death of several brethren, the social side of the festive board has been necessarily curtailed. The death of Bro. Widdowson, who was the S.W., has necessitated a readjustment of officers, and the W.M. has promoted the various officers temporarily to the next higher office. The Lodge has made its tenth contribution to the War Benevolent Fund, the total forwarded amounting to £124 10s.

A Lodge of Sorrow, in memory of the late Bro. Widdowson, was held at the Masonic Hall on Saturday, 26th January, at which there was a large attendance, testifying to the great respect in which deceased was held. The late Bro. Widdowson transferred from St. Augustine, No. 4, on 11th July, 1912; was elected J.S. in 1913; J.D. and S.D. in 1914-15; J.W., 1916; and S.W., 1917.—[Lodge Correspondent.]

HAWKES BAY.

Scinde, No. 5. — The regular meeting was held in the Lodge-room, Tennyson Street, on 19th February, the W.M., W. Bro. Bowes, presiding over a good attendance of brethren and visitors. The W.M. proceeded with the work of passing one brother, being assisted by the following brethren : Ob. and S.E. Corner, W.M. ; Secrets, W. Bro. Bishop ; W.Ts., Bro. Harris, ; Final Charge, Bro. Turville, J.W. ; the T.B. being excellently explained by W. Bro. Freedman. On the report and recommendation of the committee set up to go into the question of extending the lease of Mr. Newman's property to the Y.M.C.A., a lively discussion took place, when it was finally resolved to extend the lease for a further ten years from the date of expiry of Mr. Newman's current term, the rent to be fixed by assessment at the end of the present lease. A brother was nominated for affiliation, and, the Lodge having been closed, an adjournment was made to the refectory, where the brethren had the greatest pleasure in entertaining their visitors, amongst whom were W. Bro. Basil Jones, W. Bro. Somerset Smith, Bro. Simkin (of Lodge Waikaremoana), and Bro. J. Hurley (of Lodge Civic, Christchurch). In responding to the toast of the "Visitors," W. Bro. Somerset Smith expressed his extreme satisfaction at the action of W. Bro. Bowes in undertaking, on behalf of Lodge Scinde, the burial of an indigent Mason, who had died suddenly at Napier ; and said he felt sure that such an act would commend itself to every Freemason, as it was by acts, and not by words, that we were judged; and, no doubt, if the

matter was put through the proper channels, the G.L. of New Zealand would use every endeavour to place the matter before the G.L. of England with a view to getting the outlay refunded.— [Lodge Correspondent.]
[Too late for insertion in last issue.—ED. C.]

AUCKLAND.

Wairoa, No. 55.—At the regular meeting, held on 18th February, there being no degree work, the brethren present had the opportunity and great pleasure of hearing a lecture by Bro. Rev. P. S. Smallfield, J.W., of Remuera Lodge, No. 1710, E.C., entitled " A Lodge Meeting in the 10th Century" The lecture took about an hour to deliver, but the brethren did not tire (although the weather was very hot) of listening, owing to the subject and the manner in which the lecturer dealt with the same being so interesting. At the conclusion of the lecture, a very hearty vote of thanks was tendered to our Rev. Bro. for his kindness in coming so far to visit us. I believe that if we had more Lodge meetings such as this (with no degree work) our meetings would be larger, and much good would result. With fraternal greetings and best wishes for the prosperity of the CRAFTSMAN.—[Lodge Correspondent.]

Mangonui, No. 78.— The installation meeting was held in the Masonic Hall, Kaitaia, on 28th February. There were distinguished brethren present from the following Lodges :—Hokianga, No. 69; Whangarei, No. 102; Ohaeawai, No. 101 ; Star of the North, No. 1647, E.C.; United Masters, No. 167; and St. Andrew, No. 418, S.C. W. Bro. D. B. Wallace was the representative of G.L. W. Bro, J. E. Holmes conducted the ceremony in his usual impressive style. Bro. Henry Arthur Munn W.M.-elect, was presented to a B. of I.M., and duly installed in the Chair of K.S. The address to the W.M. was given by the W. Installing Master, as was also the address to the brethren. The W.Ts. of the Third Degree were presented by W. Bro. A. McPhee; those of the Second by W. Bro. H. A. Williams ; and in the First by W. Bro. Downes. The address to the Wardens was impressively given by W. Bro. H. A. Williams. The W.M. invested the rest of his officers as follows : Treas., Bro. W. G. King; Sec., W. Bro. Fred. H. S. Matthews; Chaplain, W. Bro. L. J. Matthews ; D. of C., Bro. J. Devine; Organist, Bro. H. F. Bedggood ; S.D., Bro. V. R. Earnshaw; J.D., Bro. L. H. Bell; L.G., Bro. E. N. Matthews; Tyler, Bro. J. Black; Steward, Bro. R. B. Morpeth. W. Bro. Wallace, on behalf of the Lodge, presented W. Bro. L. J. Matthews with a combined P.M.'s and Sec.'s jewel, as a mark of appreciation from the brethren of the Lodge for the earnest work done by him for a number of years. W. Bro. Holmes kindly presented the Lodge with a framed photo of the late Bro. Eccles, who lost his life on active service. He also presented an Honours Board. A happy hour in the refectory brought a pleasant function to a close.—[Lodge Correspondent.]

Hikurangi, No. 140.—The regular monthly meeting was held in the Masonic Hall on 22nd February, the W.M. (W. Bro. W. Simpson) presiding. After the usual routine business was gone through Bro. H. W. S. Cheeseman was raised to the degree of M.M., the W.M. taking the Ob. ; W. Bro. J. T. Millington, I.P.M., Exhort. and 1st Charge ; the W.M., Signs; W. Bro. K. Macbeth, T.D. ; W. Bro. E. W. Rickard, further Exp. of -Signs ; W. Bro. M. McInnes (P.M., Lodge Whangarei, No. 102), W.Ts.; W. Bro. R. B. McLennan (W.M., Lodge Whangarei, No. 102), Final Charge. The W.M. presented the candidate with the V.S.L. upon which he had been obligated in the three degrees. After the Lodge had been reduced to the First Degree, the nomination of officers for 1918-19 was proceeded with. The usual hand-round supper brought a very enjoyable evening to a close.—[Lodge Correspondent.]

Piako, No. 160.—The January meeting was held on the 23rd. The initiation ceremony was performed by the W.M., assisted by his officers and P.Ms. The nomination of officers for the ensuing year took place, and I am glad to say that we again carried out our usual custom of having a preliminary meeting of the brethren and obtaining their unanimous consent to what brethren should be nominated for the various offices. In this way we are not only able to make a more judicious selection of officers, but it also saves the chance of any of the positions being contested. We were glad to have among our visitors W. Bro. Rev. Julius, Chaplain to the Prov.G.L. of Canterbury, whose short remarks in the "Fourth " Degree on Masonic matters were much appreciated.

Taking advantage of W. Bro. Rev. Julius being among us, arrangements were made for the brethren to carry out the wish of the G.M. to attend a united church service. W. Bro. Rev. Julius kindly consented to conduct this service in St. Matthew's' Church on Sunday evening, 3rd February. Over thirty brethren were

present, and the W. Bro. preached a sermon from words to be found in the last three verses of the second chapter of St. Paul's Epistle to the Ephesians, a sermon which will be long remembered by those privileged to hear it. During his short stay W. Bro. Julius won the hearts of the brethren, and we are all very glad that he has been appointed a Chaplain to the G.L. of New Zealand.

The February meeting was held on 20th inst., when the Second Degree was worked. W. Bro. R. Parlour was appointed to represent the Lodge at the annual communication. Two affiliating brethren were successfully balloted for, and the officers for the ensuing year were also elected, our W.M.-elect being Bro. S. B. Sims.—[Lodge Correspondent.]

Maniapoto, No. M.—There was a good attendance at the regular meeting on 26th February. The work was the initiating of one candidate, and the ceremony was impressively performed by the W.M. (W. Bro. Henry Benner) and his officers. W. Bro. Thomas Black carried out the duties of D. of C. in a most efficient manner. The Ob. and Secrets were given by W. Bro. Henry Benner; the Investiture, by Bro. Miller; the N.E. Corner, by Bro. Heerdegen; the Ex. Of Prep., by Bro. C. J. N. Miller; the W.Ts., by Bro. Heerdegen; and the Charge after Initiation, by W. Bro. Thomas Black. One joining member and one member for initiation were elected. One member was proposed for affiliation. Bro. Miller, S.W., was appointed to represent the Lodge at the annual communication of G.L. The monthly accounts, amounting to over £15, were passed for payment. The labours of the evening were followed by a pleasant hour in the refectory, where, in addition to the usual toasts, W. Bro. Black's and Bro. D. G. Clarke's health were drunk with the usual honours.—[Lodge Correspondent.]

TARANAKI.

Hawera, No. 34.—The usual monthly meeting of this Lodge was held at the Temple on 5th March, when W. Bro. Alan Thompson, W.M., presided over a large assemblage of brethren. The work of the evening was a raising, which the W.M. and his officers conducted by the Scotch method, and was carried out in a most excellent manner. As this is the first time this Lodge has worked a Scotch Third for many years (over ten, to my knowledge), the unsuspecting members who had not been attending instruction meetings were taken by surprise. The W.M., who obligated the candidate and communicated the Secrets, was ably assisted by W. Bro. G. A. Burgess, who gave the Exhort.; W. Bro. E. Evans, the T.H.; R.W. Bro. R. W. Sargent, the Further Secreta; Bro. Colin Brown, J.W., explained the W.Ts.; Bro. F. G. Magnusson, Chaplain, presented the candidate with a copy of the V.S.L. on which he was obligated; and W. Bro. Harding concluded the ceremony with the Final Charge. A vote of sympathy was passed in favour of W. Bro. F. G. Kimbell on the loss of his only son, reported killed in action. A vote of congratulation was also passed in favour of Bro. Q.M.-Sergt. T. B. Bickford, who has recently been decorated by the Icing of Belgium. After the Lodge was closed, the brethren entertained the visitors at the usual "Fourth," where an opportunity was taken to welcome back from the war our Bro. Sergt. C. S. Smith, and an enjoyable hour was spent in harmony.—[Lodge Correspondent.]

RUAPEHU.

St. Andrew Kil., No. 79.—The monthly meeting on 14th February was well attended. By special dispensation, a candidate from camp was balloted for and initiated. The ceremony was impressively performed by the W.M., Bro. R. W. Green, assisted by W. Bro. J. C. Richardson (Prep.), W. Bro. L. Craig (Charity Charge), and R.W. Bro. D. McFarlane (Charge after Initiation). Owing to the absence of the S.W. (Bro. J. E. M. Rose) and of the S.D. (Bro. P. Evans, in camp), their positions were occupied by Bros. T. Stephenson, J.D., and J. D. Anderson, S.S., respectively. Bro. M. Spurdle, I.G., occupied the position of J.D., and Bro. J. Robertson, J.S., that of I.G. It is now no exception in St. Andrew for the positions of officers to be so varied, and it speaks well for the all-round knowledge of all concerned that the ritual should be conducted without loss of effectiveness. Accounts, over £115, in connection with the jubilee meeting were passed for payment. Bro. J. D. Anderson gave notice of motion to alter the by-laws so that future January and February meetings be discontinued. This is an old subject, and is sure to bring out all the debating qualities of the brethren. A strong contingent from Lodge Rangitikei and several other visiting brethren were present. In the refectory a pleasant hour was spent. Bro. Flavell proposed the toast of the "Newly Initiated"; Bro. J. D. Anderson, "Our Brethren at the Front"; and Bro. T. L. Sperring, "The Visitors." In addition to musical items, an interesting address was given by W. Bro. G. G. Bullock, his

subject being "Ancient and Modern Contrasts." In the course of his remarks the speaker said that we did not show under civilisation the same spirit of brotherhood as characterised man in his earlier stages of development. In support of his point he rapidly sketched the evolution of human institutions, showing that in the earlier and simpler modes of life, when the race lived as families, and then as communities, and later developed the tribe, man helped and protected at least every other member of his community or tribe, even though relentless to those outside it. Under civilisation he frequently did not help or protect even those within the tribe or nation. After civilisation dawned, slavery and feudalism were instituted and developed, and in some parts of the world existed even to a recent period. Cruelty, injustice, and selfishness had been increased under civilization, instead of being removed, and the spirit of gain became predominant, which would not have happened had the spirit of brotherhood prevailed. He appealed to his hearers to exert their personal influence towards removing the unsound timbers from the fabric of civilisation, and so assisting to make it the influence for the uplift of the race that it could and ought to be.—[Lodge Correspondent.]

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Kimbolton, No. 123.—The monthly meeting and annual installation of this Lodge was held, by special dispensation, on 20th February, when the W.M.-elect, Bro. C. G. Hansen, was, in accordance with ancient usage and custom, installed in the Chair of K.S. There was a large and enthusiastic gathering of brethren, in spite of counter-attractions at Palmerston and Wanganui, Lodges Feilding, No. 41, and Manawatu Kil., No. 47, being, as usual, strongly represented. The Lodge was tyled at the unusually early hour of 6 p.m., and a strong body of visitors, representative of twelve Lodges from far and near, was received at 7.30 p.m., filling both the E. and the floor of the Lodgeroom to overflowing. The Installing Master was W. Bro. H. F. Worsfold (Lodge Feilding, No. 41), and this Lodge is indebted most deeply to him and to the P.Ms. of his Lodge who assisted him for the impressive manner in which the ceremonial work was carried through. The W.Ts. were presented by :—Third Degree, W. Bro. Mundy (W.M., Lodge Manawatu Kil., No. 47); Second Degree, W. Bro. McKay, I.P.M. ; First Degree, W. Bro. Fisher (W.M., Lodge Feilding, No. 41). W. Bro. Mundy presented the Warrant. The Installing Master, W. Bro. Worsfold, delivered the address to the Master; W. Bro. E. Smith, of Lodge Feilding, No. 41, that to the Wardens ; and W. Bro. H. Jaggard, of Lodge Otaihape, No. 142, that to the brethren. Bro. R. Haybittle, of Lodge Feilding, No. 41, acted as Trumpeter ; Bro. J. Holmes Runnicles, of Lodge St. Augustine, No. 4, as Organist; and W. Bro. W. J. Beard, of this Lodge, as D. of C. The Lodge having been closed, an adjournment was made to the refectory, where a pleasant hour was spent in renewing old, and forming new, friendships. The usual toasts were honoured, including that of brethren at the front, and felicitations exchanged, and the Tyler's toast having been honoured, the brethren left for their various homes, with the strains of "Auld Lang Syne " ringing in their ears, at the comparatively early hour of 11.30 p.m. One of the best installations in the history of the Lodge.—[Lodge Correspondent.]

Ruapehu, No. 128.—The installation meeting was held on 28th March. The attendance was the largest for many years, strong contingents being present from Wanganui, Rongotea, Bulls, and Hunterville. The Prov.G.M. of Ruapehu (R.W. Bro. David McFarlane) was present, and conducted the installation ceremony, and he was ably assisted by W. Bro. Treadwell as S.W. and W. Bro. Richardson, J.W., W. Bro. Doig acting as I. G. Bro. W. W. Thomas was duly installed into the Chair of K.S. according to ancient custom. In the B. of I.M. the Prov. G.M. explained the W.Ts. to the newly installed Master. W. Bros. Maclean (Hunterville), Fagan (Bulls), and Snellgrove (Marton) presented the W.Ts. respectively in the Third, Second, and First Degrees. The W.M. invested his I.P.M. and S.Ws., the investiture of the other officers being placed in the hands of W. Bro. Treadwell, who departed somewhat from the well-known stereotyped form and substituted suitable impromptu addresses to the various officers. W. Bro. Maclean delivered the usual address to the Wardens, and the Installing Master the address to the brethren. The collection for the W. and O. and A.M. Fund realised a fairly large sum. Two circular appeals were favourably dealt with. At the close of the Lodge the brethren adjourned to Gould's Cafe, where a pleasant two hours' social intercourse was experienced. The following officers were invested: I.P.M., W. Bro. E. R. Galpin; S.W. Bro. A. J. Dixon; Sec., W. Bro. J. Mogridge ; D. of C., W. Bro. F. G. Hilton ; Organist, Bro. .A. E. S. Crozier; S.D., Bro. J. S. McDonald ; J.D., Bro. F. J. Christensen; I.G., Bro. A. J. B. Sicely; S.S., Bro. Alex Stuart; J.S., Bro. W. J. Steer ; Tyler, Bro. J. A. Bush. Bro. Upchurch, J.W., W. Bro. Lloyd, Chaplain, and W. Bro. Cummins, Treas., were unavoidably absent, and will be invested later on.—[Lodge Correspondent.]

Huia, No. 171.—The installation meeting took place on 7th March. The usual routine business was disposed of, and a record attendance of visitors, who were in attendance to do honour to Bro. J. F. Manning, W.M.-elect, was admitted, the seating accommodation of the Lodgeroom being taxed to the utmost. The Prov.G.M., R.W. Bro. D. MacFarlane, presided as Installing Master, assisted by officers of G.L. A B. of P.Ms. being instituted, Bro. Manning was installed into the Chair of K.S. M.Ms. were then re-admitted. The usual proclamations were made by W. Bro. Stone, D. of C. The W.Ts. were presented by W. Bros. Robson (Lodge Otangaki), Mundy (Manawatu Kil.), and Moody (United Manawatu, E.C.) respectively. The address to the W.M. was delivered by W. Bro. MacLean (Lodge Rangatira), the investiture of officers being performed by W. Bro. Graham. W. Bro. Hornblow then delivered the address to the Wardens. The following officers were invested : I.P.M., W. Bro. Gallichan; W.M., W. Bro. J. F. Manning ; S.W., Bro. N. D. Stubbs; J.W. Bro. J. B. Lachlan ; Chaplain, Bro. H. Brougham ; Treas., J.W., S. Abrahams; Sec., Bro. H. C. Le Grange ; S.D., Bro. J. Y. Oliver; J.D., Bro. S. Y. Oliver; D. of C., W. Bro. Stone, P.M.; I.G., Bro. Boothman; Organist, Bro. Claughtou; Choirmaster, Bro. Leet; S.S., Bro. Puklowski; J.Ss., Bros. Robbins and Spinley; Tyler, Bro. Ehron. A very forcible address was duly delivered to the brethren by W. Bro. Spooner. G.L. officers then offered H.G.W. and retired, when congratulations were offered by representatives of Eketahuna, Pahiatua, Woodville, Ashhurst, Foxton, Rangitikei, Stratford, and the various sister Lodges. An invitation was given to attend a repast in the Municipal Hall, to which place the company adjourned, an excellent spread being in readiness, to which ample justice was done. The usual toasts were proposed and duly honoured. Midnight saw the conclusion of one of the most successful installation meetings in the history of Lodge Huia, all of which must have been most gratifying to the newly installed W.M., and, no doubt, is a proof of his personal popularity, and should act as an incentive to him and his officers to march forward and uphold the dignity and the traditions of ancient Freemasonry during their term of office.—[Lodge Correspondent.]

Waimarino, No. 175.—The ordinary meeting was held in the Lodgeroom, Ward Street, on 28th January. The ceremony was that of passing one brother. The Ob., Secrets, and Charge in the S.E. Corner were given by the W.M., W. Bro. A. Mabbott; the W.Ts., by W. Bro. T. A. Harris; and the Final Charge by Bro. A. C. Drury, S.W. A circular letter was received from the G.M. as to the "Cheer-O" Hutment Fund, and this object has already been willingly responded to. An adjournment was made to the refectory, a pleasant time being spent. A distinguished visitor, in the person of W. Bro. Cameron, who is representing the CRAFTSMAN, gave an interesting account of his personal experiences during his many years connection with the Craft, and complimented our W.M. on the manner in which the ritual work had been done.— [Lodge Correspondent.]

WELLINGTON.

St. Andrew, No. 32.—The regular meeting was held in the Freemasons' Hall on 18th February, W. Bro. J. C. Riddell, W.M., presiding over a satisfactory attendance of members. The W.M. referred to the loss sustained by the death under painful circumstances of an old and respected member, Bro. Watters, who was killed in a tram accident on the previous Thursday while engaged in his occupation. The deceased brother's association with the Lodge dated back a considerable period, and he was one of those members who watched its activities and progress with kindly interest. Another old and esteemed member was reported to be in a critical condition. The Sec. was directed to write conveying a message of condolence to V.W. Bro. Hon. A. L. Herdman on the death of Mrs. Herdman. A number of visitors from all parts of the territory having been admitted, ceremonial was proceeded with, two candidates being raised. The W.M. was assisted by his regular officers and P.Ms., W. Bros. A. Schmidt and A. W. Rowlands delivering the Exhort. ; W. Bro. G. Russell, 15 F.Cs. ; W. Bro. O. Neilson, Address on Investiture; W. Bro. C. W. Nielsen, the T.H. ; Bro. Thomson, the W.Ts. ; and Bro. Greening, the Final Charge. W. Bro. J. Rod presented the candidates with copies of the V.S.L. in an appropriate manner. Before Lodge was closed there was one proposition for initiation. Brethren repaired to the refectory, where the proceedings were confined to the usual toasts. It being ascertained that a visitor present acknowledged membership in Lodge Kilwinning (No. 0 on the roll of the G.L. of Scotland), the circumstance was too unusual to be allowed to pass unnoticed in a Scotch Lodge, and he was made to tell those present something about it. The visitors made favourable comment regarding the musical setting of the ceremony performed in the Lodge.—[Lodge Correspondent.] [Received too late for last issue.—ED. C.]

Tararua, No. 67.—The regular meeting was held in the Lodgeroom on 28th February, with a good attendance of brethren, particularly the P.Ms. Two ballots for membership were taken, granting admission. The ceremonial work was the passing of two brethren, the W.M. giving the Ob., Signs, and Secrets; W. Bro. A. Barrell, D.M., the S.E. Address; W. Bro. W. Britland, the Charge after Passing; W. Bro. T. Riddell, I.P.M., the T.B.; whilst the W.Ts. were given by the P. officers. The new set of regalia was in evidence for the first time, but during the evening brethren noticed the W.M. was still wearing our old W.M.'s collar; but just before closing, as some were about to remark it, Bro. G. D. H. Smith, S.D. asked the W.M. to receive a gift from him for the Lodge's use, and, on opening it, disclosed a magnificent sterling W.M.'s collar, which has brought forth many appreciative remarks. As only a very few knew it was likely to be presented, it came as a surprise to most. The collar was presented by Bro. Smith because, since becoming a member of the Craft, the teachings and precepts had uplifted him and helped him so much in many dark moments that he felt that this would be some little recompense for the moral good he had received. During the refectory hour W. Bro. W. White-Scott was entrusted with the toasting of our worthy junior officer, and, needless to say, it was carried out royally. Shields on the collar show every W.M.'s year of office since the Lodge was formed. Our W.M. has instituted reading of papers when time permits.—[Lodge Correspondent.]

Tutanekai, No. 156.—The regular meeting was held in the Masonic Hall, Berhampore, on 7th March, the W.M., W. Bro. Lenzini, presiding over a large number of brethren and visitors. Amongst the latter were the W.Ms. of Lodges Aorangi, E.C., Wellington, E.C., N.Z. Pacific, Ulster, Waterloo; also representatives from Lodges St. Andrew, Hinemoa, South Rakaia, Albion, Windsor, Hiram, Waitaki, Auckland, and others. V.W. Bro. H. B. Bridge, P.G.Lect., was also present. The report and balance-sheet for the past year was presented and dealt with. The ceremonial business of the evening was the initiation of two candidates, the Ob. being given by the W.M. W. Bro. Shand imparted the S., T., and W.; the S.W., Bro. Martin, invested; the Sec., Bro. T. Howell, gave the Apron Charge, the J.W. Bro. Key, the Address in the N.E. Corner; W. Bro. Sexton, I.P.M., explained the Prep.; the S.D., Bro. Read, presented the W.Ts.; whilst the S.W., Bro. Martin, rendered the Final Charge. Three propositions for membership were made during the evening, and the W.M. was appointed G.L. Representative. Nothing further offering, the Lodge closed at 9.45, when an adjournment was made to the refectory, where a very pleasant hour was spent.—[Lodge Correspondent.]

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Otari, No. 190.—The regular monthly meeting on 12th March was very well attended by members and several visitors, including the W.M., officers, and brethren of Lodge Brooklyn, who were warmly welcomed. The W.M., Bro. R. A. Nicol, presided, and, with the assistance of his officers and the P.Ms., conducted the ceremony of initiation, the candidate being the son of one of the oldest Freemasons in Wellington, and as a resident of long standing has proved a worthy son and citizen. The lecture on the T.B. was delivered in fine style by W. Bro. J. R. Scrimgeour, P.G.S. The Lodge rose early, when a pleasant and instructive half-hour was spent in the refectory prior to the departure of town visitors, who were enabled to catch trains and trams comfortably.

An emergency meeting was held on 19th March, when the Second Degree was conferred upon two E.As. W. Bro. Nicol, W.M., presided, and was again ably assisted by his capable team of officers and P.Ms. Advantage was taken of the opportunity afforded by this meeting to read the Lodge By-laws.—[Lodge Correspondent.]

ROYAL ARCH CHAPTERS.

Victory, No. 12.—The regular monthly convocation was held on 28th February, when, in the absence of T.E. Comp. Oxley, the Prin., V.E. Comp. Harton presided. W. Bro. J. Phillips (Lodge St. Cuthbert) and Bro. H. Collins (Lodge Victory) were acknowledged and exalted. V.E. Comp. Harton conducted the R.A. Degree, and V.E. Comp. Ching the Excellent. They were ably assisted by V.E. Comps. Moyes, Bolton, Moller, and Stiles. The W. Mark Master (the late Bro. Widdowson) having been transferred to the G.L. above, E. Comp. T. D. Milne was appointed Mark Master for the remainder of the year. Pleasure was expressed at the successful manner in which the annual convocation of Sup. G. Chapter had passed off, it being looked upon as an event in the history of the Chapter. Two brethren from Victory Lodge made application for advancement.—[Chapter Correspondent.]

Waikato, No. 22.—The regular convocation was held on 26th February. A large number of companions was present. The work of the evening consisted of working the Mark and R.A. Degrees. E. Comp. Sims - worked the Mark, ably assisted by V.E. Comps. Gummer, Hetherington and Speight and E. Comp. English. V.E. Comp. Gummer worked the R.A., and had very able assistance from the above officers. The ritual work in this Chapter will now compare most favourably with some of our city Lodges. It is a revelation to see the interest that is being taken by the members of this Chapter and the way they do their work. Our next meeting is to be held at Rotorua on 18th March, when we are conferring the three degrees on seven brethren of that township, starting at 2 o'clock in the afternoon. We hope to take quite a representative gathering through from here, and if the weather is fine we will make the trip by motor. — [Chapter Correspondent.]

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

United Service, No. 10:—Founded 1864, meets in Freemasons' Hall, Princes St., Auckland, last Wednesday in month, 7.30 p.m. Installation June. W.M., Bro. J. W. Swales, P.G.D.; S.W., Bro. A. W. Morris, P.M.; J.W., Bro. M. Berry; Sec., W. Bro. William Talbot, P.M., 62 Wellesley St. W., Auckland.

Beta-Waikato, No. 12:—Founded 1865, meets Masonic Hall, Hamilton, Waikato, Thursday on or before full moon, 7.30 p.m. Installation Thursday on or after 24th June. W.M., Bro. C. L. MacDiarmid; S.W., Bro. H. N. Forsythe; J.W., Bro. R. English; Sec., W. Bro. W. Dey, Nixon St., Hamilton E.

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

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

Albion, No. 45:—Founded 1883, meets in Masonic Hall, Devonport, second Thursday in month. Installation June. W.M., Bro. M. G. King; S.W., Bro. P. W. McCallum; J.W., Bro. J. E. Hammond; Sec., W. Bro. F. H. Hounsell, P.M., 68 Calliope Rd., Devonport.

Te Aroha, No. 52:—Meets in Masonic Hall, Te Aroha, Thursday nearest full moon, 7.30 p.m. Installation March. W.M., Bro. E. H. Hawken; S.W., Bro. W. Greening; J.W., Bro. G. T. Simpson; Sec., W. Bro. R. S. Hanna.

Ponsonby, No. 54:—Founded 1890, meets in Masonic Hall, Jervois Rd., Ponsonby, first Tuesday in month, 7.30 p.m. Installation first Tuesday in July. W.M., Bro. C. T. Haynes; S.W., Bro. C. E. Dutton; J.W., Bro. W. J. Standcombe; Sec., W. Bro. F. A. Koenig, Masonic Hall, Princes St., Auckland.

Wairoa, No. 55:—Meets in Lodgeroom, Arthur St., Ellerslie, third Monday in month. Installation April. W.M., Bro. A. J. S. D'Ewes; S.W., Bro. E. R. Pilkington; J.W., Bro. G. V. Westbrooke; Sec., W. Bro. H. Nutt, Jubilee Rd., Ellerslie.

Papakura, No. 56:—Founded 1855, meets in Masonic Hall, Papakura, Tuesday on or before full moon. Installation April. W.M., Bro. D. W. Jones; S.W., Bro. T. D. Campbell; J.W., Bro. T. H. Shove; Sec., Bro. H. Willis, P.M., Papakura.

Franklin, No. 58. Hokitanga, No. 69:—Founded 1891, meets in Masonic Hall, Kohukohu, first Friday on or after full moon. Installation November. W.M., W. Bro. G. Downs; S.W., Bro. S. H. Airey; J.W., Bro. W. H. Kirkpatrick; Sec., W. Bro. H. A. Williams, P.G.S., P.O. Box 18, Kohukohu.

Abercorn, No. 76:—Founded 1886, meets Abercorn Hall, Ormond Rd., Gisborne, first Tuesday in month. Installation September. W.M., W. Bro. C. Blackburn; S.W., Bro. C. Matthews; J.W., Bro. G. R. Grant; Sec., R.W. Bro. G. T. Bull, P.G.W., P.O. Box 208, Gisborne.

Mangonui, No. 78:—Founded 1892, meets in Masonic Hall, Kaitia, Wednesday nearest full moon. Installation February. W.M., Bro. H. A. Munn; S.W., Bro. A. Logan; J.W., Bro. J. Clarke; Sec., Bro. F. H. S. Matthews, P.M., Kaitia.

Alpha, No. 81:—Founded 1881, meets at Masonic Hall, Cambridge, Wednesday on or before full moon. Installation March. W.M., Bro. H. E. Speight; S.W., Bro. H. Lewis; J.W., Bro. J. T. Douce; Sec., W. Bro. A. Curtin, Cambridge.

Auckland, No. 87:—Founded 1893, meets Masonic Hall, Eden Ter., fourth Tuesday in month. Installation May. W.M., Bro. F. Mason; S.W., Bro. E. H. Taylor; J.W., Bro. A. N. McKelvey; Sec., W. Bro. W. S. Williams, 12 Wynyard Rd., Mount Eden.

Waiuku, No. 90:—Founded 1893.

Ohacawai, No. 101:—Meets Masonic Hall, Ohacawai, Saturday nearest full moon, 7.30 p.m. Installation November. W.M., Bro. J. Mackereth; S.W., Bro. R. Cleave; J.W., Bro. J. Cook; Sec., W. Bro. H. Cheeseman, Keri Keri, Bay of Islands.

Whangarei, No. 102:—Meets in Freemasons' Hall, John St., Whangarei, Monday nearest full moon in month. Installation April. W.M., Bro. R. R. McLennan; S.W., Bro. R. H. Allen; J.W., Bro. W. H. Gillespie; Sec., Bro. A. D. Lambly, Kensington Rd., Whangarei.

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Waihi, No. 112:—Founded 1898, meets in Masonic Hall, Waihi, Monday nearest full moon in month. Installation April. W.M., Bro. H. de Berdt Fleming; S.W., Bro. J. Say; J.W., Bro. D. Smeaton; Sec., W. Bro. A. T. Ellis, P.O. Box 31, Waihi.

Taupiri, No. 118:—Founded 1900, meets in Masonic Hall, Huntly, Wednesday nearest full moon every month. Installation October. W.M., W. Bro. Thos. McMillan (Huntly); S.W., Bro. Alex. Shand; J.W., Bro. Fred Harris; Sec., W. Bro. W. A. Joll, Taupiri.

Waipa, No. 119:—Founded 25th Sept., 1901, meets in Masonic Hall, Te Awamutu, every Friday of full moon (or nearest Friday after), 7.30 p.m. Installation October. W.M., Bro. W. Jeffery; S.W., Bro. J. Morgan; J.W., Bro. A. Young; Sec., Bro. L. G. Armstrong, P.O., Te Awamutu.

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

Tauranga, No. 125:—Founded 1902, meets at Lodgeroom, First Avenue, Tauranga, Thursday on or before full moon, 7.30 p.m. prompt. Installation August. W.M., Bro. W. L. Foxcroft; S.W., Bro. W. E. Crump; J.W., Bro. B. P. Andrews; Sec., Bro. W. H. Gifford, Tauranga.

Hikurangi, No. 140.

Rotorua, No. 153:—Founded 1907, meets in Masonic Hall, Fenton St., Rotorua, Tuesday nearest full moon, 7.30 p.m. Installation August. W.M., Bro. J. W. Webster; S.W., Bro. S. J. Hale, P.M.; J.W., Bro. W. T. Pakes; Sec., Bro. W. Montgomery, Whakarewarewa.

Piako, No. 160:—Founded 1908, meets in Masonic Hall, Morrinsville, Wednesday on or before full moon every month, 7.30 p.m. Installation March. W.M., Bro. R. Parlour; S.W., Bro. N. D. Clifford; J.W., Bro. F. Pickett; Sec., Bro. C. M. Gummer, P.M., Box 1, Morrinsville.

Plunket, No. 163:—Founded 1910, meets in Masonic Hall, Te Kuiti, Wednesday on or before full moon, 7.30 p.m. Installation April. W.M., Bro. P. D. Hargreaves; S.W., Bro. A. F. Howarth; J.W., Bro. A. Pettigrew; Sec., Bro. H. L. Tempest, P.O. Box 109, Te Kuiti.

Karori, No. 165 (Raglan).

Tawhiri, No. 166:—Founded November, 1909, meets at Frankton Tuesday after full moon, 7.30 p.m. Installation November. W.M., Bro. A. G. Sandford; S.W., Bro. W. Hyde; J.W., Bro. F. Truman; Sec., Bro. C. N. Flyer, P.M., Box 6, Mail Room, Frankton Junction.

United Masters' No. 167 (Auckland). Maungawhau, No. 168:—Founded 1909, meets in Lodgeroom, Woodside Rd., Mt. Eden, third Thursday in month. Installation November. W.M., W. Bro. N. T. Williams; S.W., Bro. D. Smith; J.W., Bro. F. R. Trevithick; Sec., W. Bro. C. Hudson, Safe Deposit Buildings, High St., Auckland.

Nau Mai, No. 177:—Founded 1910, meets in Lodgeroom, Hakiaha St., Taurarunui, first Wednesday in month. Installation November. W.M., Bro. J. F. Strang; S.W., Bro. J. I. Monfries; J.W., Bro. R. Beeche; Sec., Bro. C. L. Pettit, Taurarunui.

Marsden, No. 169 (Maungaturoto).

Waitakeri, No. 170 (Henderson).

Waipu, No. 179.

Onewa, No. 182 (Northcote).

Te Marama, No. 186:—Founded 1911, meets in Masonic Temple, Ngauruahia. Monday nearest full moon. Installation October. W.M., W. Bro. H. J. Sampson; S.W., Bro. P. C. Gould; J.W., Bro. H. M. Thorpe; Sec., Bro. E. H. Todd, Ngauruahia.

Tirau, No. 193:—Founded 20th March, 1913, meets in Masonic Hall, Tirau, Thursday nearest full moon. Installation March. W.M., Bro. W. King; S.W., Bro. E. O. Moore; J.W., Bro. A. K. Weeks; Sec., Bro. W. F. Bell, Tirau.

Whakatane, No. 198.

Takapuna, No. 202.

Pono, No. 203 (Dargaville).

Titirangi, No. 204 (Avondale).

Maniapoto, No. 206:—Founded 1916, meets in Lodgeroom, Otorohanga, Tuesday on or before full moon, 8 p.m. Installation October. W.M., W. Bro. H. Benner; S.W., Bro. C. J. N. Miller; J.W., Bro. J. Heerdegen; Sec., Bro. T. G. Hosking, P.O. Box 33, Otorohanga.

Raumai, No. 207 (Raumai).

Irish Constitution.

Ara, No. 348, I.C.:—Founded 6th September, 1842, meets 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 340.

PROVINCE OF HAWKES BAY: 10 LODGES.

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

Scinde, No. 5:—Founded 1858 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 109, 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. Bate; Sec., W. Bro. Jas. Redshaw, P.G.S., P.O. Box 196, Napier.

Bedford, No. 25:—Founded 1878, meets in Masonic Hall, Waipukurau, Wednesday nearest full moon, 7.30 p.m. Installation first Wednesday 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. S. 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 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. Lightbourn, 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 24, Inglewood.

Ikaroa, No. 115:—Founded 1896, meets Lodge-room, Opunake, 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 Masonic Hall, Bulls, Tuesday before full moon. Installation October. W.M., Bro. H. A. Fagan; S.W., Bro. L. R. McKelvie; J.W., Bro. A. K. Drew; Sec., Bro. T. King, P.M., P.O. Box 5, Bulls.

Feilding, No. 41:—Founded 1881, meets Masonic Temple, Feilding, second Monday in month. Installation July. W.M., Bro. E. H. Fisher, P.M.; S.W., Bro. W. A. Bell; J.W., Bro. W. W. Andrews; Sec., Bro. A. H. Maguire, P.M., Feilding.

Manawatu Kil., No. 47:—Founded 1883, meets Masonic Hall, Church St., Palmerston N., second Thursday in month. Installation second Wednesday in April. W.M., Bro. W. Mundy; S.W., Bro. D. E. Lustin; J.W., —; Sec., Bro. C. S. Rush, P.M., P.O. Box 92, Palmerston N.

Otagaki, No. 70:—Founded 1891, meets 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.

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

St. Andrew Kil., No. 79:—Founded 1896, meets 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 236, Wanganui.

Kimbolton, No. 123:—Founded 1902, meets Masonic Hall, Kimbolton, Thursday nearest full moon. Installation February. W.M., Bro. C. G. Hansen; S.W., Bro. L. J. Verry; J.W., Bro. F. S. Savage; Sec. (acting), Bro. E. S. Davies, P.O. Box 3, Kimbolton.

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

Te Awahou, No. 133:—Founded 1906, meets Masonic Hall, Little 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. E. Wainwright, Box 24, Foxton.

Otaihape, No. 142:—Founded 18th December, 1905, meets in Masonic Hotel, Taihape, Tuesday on or before full moon, 7.45 p.m. Installation May. W.M., Bro. F. 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 Masonic Hall, Rongotea, Wednesday before full moon. Installation April. W.M., Bro. R. M. Matheson; S.W., Bro. J. S. Shaw; J.W., Bro. W. Amon; Sec., Bro. E. A. Campbell.

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

Waimarino, No. 175:—Founded 1910, meets 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 Masonic Hall, Mangaweka, Monday on or before full moon, 8 p.m. Installation June. W.M., Bro. J. W. Tompkins; S.W., Bro. G. G. Oliver; J.W., Bro. W. P. Shaw; Sec., Bro. D. Galloway, P.M., Mangaweka.

Moutoa, No. 195:—Constituted 24th April, 1913, meets 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 P. Svenson, P.M., 139 Victoria Avenue, Wanganui.

Ngauruhoe, No. 205:—Constituted 26th May, 1916, meets Masonic Hall, Mire St., Ohakune, Tuesday nearest full moon, 7.30 p.m. Installation May. W.M., Bro. T. P. Pirman; S.W., Bro. A. C. Yelland; J.W., Bro. M. Vance; Sec., —, 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. Tamblin; S.W., Bro. R. H. Webb; J.W., Bro. J. H. Hutchings; Sec., W. Bro. J. H. Worboys, P.M., Kilbirnie.

Waterloo, No. 13:—Founded 1866, meets 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. Godder; Sec., Bro. G. E. Smith, P.M., P.O. Box 811, Wellington.

Masterton, No. 19:—Founded 1873, meets 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. Chunn; Sec., Bro. R. J. Young, P.M., Masterton.

St. Andrew, No. 32:—Founded 1879, meets 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. Hutchison; J.W., Bro. G. Greening; Sec., W. Bro. A. T. Wells, P.M., P.O. Box 661, Wellington.

St. John, No. 37:—Founded 1880, meets Masonic Hall, Wakefield St., Featherston, second Monday in month, 7.30 p.m. Installation October. W.M., 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 1882, meets Masonic Hall, Wellington, first Monday in month, 7.30 p.m. Installation July. W.M., Bro. A. McLaren; S.W., Bro. R. J. Shakes; J.W., Bro. W. J. Garrett; Sec., W. Bro. W. A. Baudinet, 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. Philpotts, P.M.

Ulster, No. 62:—Founded 1888, meets 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 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 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, Bengston 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 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 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 Masonic Hall, Brooklyn, first Wednesday in month. Installation October. W.M., Bro. H. Parkin; 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 Druids' Hall, Levin, Thursday nearest full moon, 8 p.m. Installation Wednesday nearest in September. W.M., Bro. J. W. Middlemiss; S.W., Bro. A. J. Harding; J.W., Bro. R. K. Wall; 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 Masonic Hall, Martinborough, first Wednesday in month, 7.30 p.m. Installation October. W.M., Bro. W. F. 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 Masonic Hall, Adelaide Rd., Berhampore, first Thursday in month (except January, when Lodge meets second Thursday), 7.30 p.m. Installation February. W.M., Bro. G. F. L. Lenzi; S.W., Bro. C. W. Martin; J.W., Bro. G. W. Key; Sec., Bro. E. Howell, 55 Glen Rd., Kelburn.

Waiwhetu, No. 176:—Founded 1910, meets 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, Hautaua Square, Lower Hutt.

Otari, No. 190:—Founded 1912, meets Freemasons' Hall, Ngaio, 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., Ngaio.

Installed Masters' Lodge, No. 194:—Founded 5th October, 1912, meets 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 Kairangi, No. 201:—Founded 1914, meets at Masonic Hall, Seatoun, second Saturday each month, 7.30 p.m. Installation October. W.M., Bro. T. O. Fox; S.W., Bro. E. Morris, 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 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 663, S.C.; joined N.Z.C. 1890), meets Masonic Hall, Andrew St., Blenheim, last Tuesday in month, 7.30 p.m. Installation June. W.M., Bro. A. Gibson; S.W., Bro. W. W. 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 1869 (formerly 1236, 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. F. Bull; S.W., Bro. H. R. Bagge; J.W., Bro. W. M. Lambie; Sec., Bro. F. 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. R. 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. Franklin, 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. McKenna; J.W., Bro. R. J. Walker; Sec., Bro. R. H. Lash, P.M., Rockville, Collingwood.

PROVINCE OF WESTLAND: 12 LODGES.

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

Robert Burns, No. 50:—Founded 1883, meets Burns' Masonic Hall, Kelly St., Reefton, third Thursday in month, 7.30 p.m. Installation 25th January. W.M., Bro. J. B. Auld; S.W., Bro. W. H. Nicholas; J.W., Bro. D. Panckhurst, P.M.; Sec., Bro. R. A. Stewart, P.M., Reefton.

Advance, No. 61:—Founded 1871, meets Masonic Hall, Taylorville, Brunerton, first Thursday in month, 7.30 p.m. Installation last Thursday in January. W.M., Bro. C. Angel; S.W., Bro. P. Lafforn; J.W., Bro. H. Griffiths; Sec., Bro. J. Watson, Brunerton.

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. R. 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. Mumm; S.W., Bro. W. McIndoe; J.W., Bro. Skilton; Sec., Bro. C. M. Johnston, P.M.

Torea, No. 121:—Founded 1900, meets Masonic Hall, Granity, third Saturday in month, 7.30 p.m. Installation December. W.M., Bro. W. S. McEwan; S.W., Bro. T. Worthington; J.W., Bro. J. Kerr; Sec., Bro. W. H. Turner.

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

Kawatiri-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. S. H. Skelton; Sec., Bro. G. W. Jones, P.M., 137 Queen St., Westport.

Runanga, No. 159:—Founded 1908, meets Masonic Hall, Seddon St., Runanga, Wednesday nearest full moon, 7.30 p.m. Installation October. W.M., Bro. A. A. Shannon; S.W., Bro. I. Powell; J.W., Bro. W. Curran; Sec., Bro. J. Rowse, P.M., Walker St., Runanga.

Waro, No. 173 (Blackball).

Connaught, No. 187 (Karamea).

PROVINCE OF CANTERBURY: 35 LODGES.

(R.W. Bro. —, 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. Hatton, P.M., Box 34, Lyttelton.

St. Augustine, No. 4:—Founded 1852, meets Masonic Hall, Christchurch, second Tuesday in month, 7.30 p.m. Installation March. W.M., Bro. D. Redpath; S.W., Bro. C. H. Duff; J.W., Bro. A. E. Smith; Sec., W. Bro. J. A. Stables, P.O. Box 79, Christchurch.

Southern Cross, No. 6:—Founded 1858, meets 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 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 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 Masonic Hall, Wilkin St., Temuka, second Wednesday in month. Installation December. W.M., Bro. M. Cameron; S.W., Bro. H. J. Smith; J.W., Bro. W. J. Keys; Sec., Bro. A. Calder.

South Rakaia, 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. Beauland; Sec., Bro. R. Baldwin, P.M., 72 Aitman's Rd., Christchurch.

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

Kalkoura, No. 60.
Christchurch, No. 91:—Founded 1893, meets St. Augustine's Hall, Christchurch, fourth Tuesday in month, 7.30 p.m. Installation November. W.M., Bro. D. Sheffield; S.W., Bro. W. T. Doig; J.W., Bro. W. L. N. Newth; Sec., Bro. H. Hopkinson, P.M., 33 Clifton St., Addington, Christchurch.

Mackenzie, No. 93:—Founded 1894, meets 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. 99:—Established 1875, meets Lodgeroom, Leonard St., Waimate, Wednesday on or before full moon. Installation August. W.M., Bro. C. R. Bateman; S.W., Bro. E. R. Beckett; J.W., Bro. C. Manchester; Sec., Bro. A. J. Hoskins, P.M.

Thistle, No. 113:—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. 130 (Christchurch).
Mairaki, No. 131:—Founded 1903, meets 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. E. 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 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. W. Sherris, P.O. Box 957, Christchurch.

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

Ahurewa, No. 181:—Founded 1911, meets 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 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 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 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 83, Timaru.

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

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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, 598 George St., Dunedin.

Waitaki, No. 11:—Founded 1869, meets 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 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 Masonic Hall, Palmerston S., 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. 36:—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 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. McGillivray, 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.

Waterloo, No. 2:—Founded 1875, meets Masonic Hall, Boulcott 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. Gilchrist, Invercargill.

Victoria, No. 4:—Founded 1879, meets Masonic Hall, Munroe St., Napier, last Thursday in the months 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 Oceanic Masonic Hall, St. Kilda, Dunedin, first Saturday in month, except December and January. Instruction meeting last Saturday in month. 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. 13, 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. D. King; H., E. Comp. R. J. Foss; J., E. Comp. O. N. C. Pragnell; 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. A. J. Graham, Palmerston N.

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. F. Bolton; J., Comp. L. Ter; 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 Burns' Masonic Hall, Kelly St., Reefton, second Tuesday in month. Installation September. Z., Comp. M. N. Rivers; H., Comp. K. Tudhope; J., Comp. W. H. Nicholas; S.E., Comp. N. M. Rivers, Broadway, Reefton.

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.

Kawaitiri, 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. H. 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. Gummer; 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 the months of February, April, June, August, October, December. 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. O. Neilson, 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. Hawridge; 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. Dobson, 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.

Twikatea, No. 33:—Founded 1912, meets Masonic Hall, Douglas St., Balclutha, Friday nearest full moon. Installation November. Z., Comp. B. Whiting; H., Comp. W. G. Finn; J., Comp. A. R. Lattimore; S.E., E. Comp. J. McK. Miller, Balclutha.

Wallace, No. 34 (Otautau).

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, 1915, meets 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, 1915, 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.

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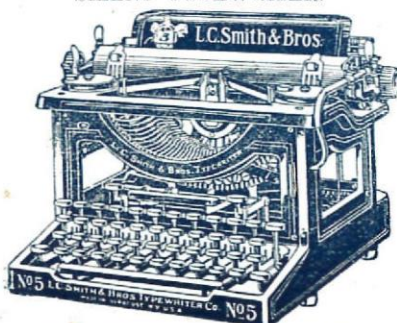
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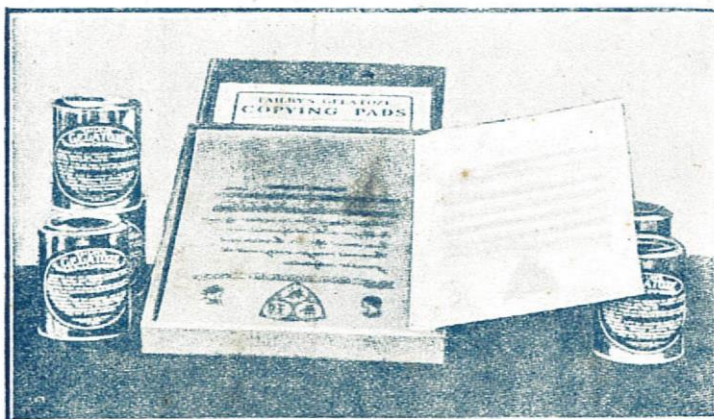
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