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SILVER BATON APPEAL.

IT is notified that the Art Union in connection with the above was drawn in the Town Hall, Wellington, on Friday, 10th May. Winning number 4374.

The Committee desire to warmly thank the Editor of the CRAFTSMAN, the W.Ms. and Lodge Secretaries, and Bro. A. Ferguson, for their gratuitous and generous assistance.

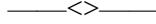
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THE GRAND LODGE COMMUNICATION.



The twenty-seventh annual communication of the G.L. of New Zealand, held on 8th and 9th May, is now but a memory—and, we hope, a pleasing one. The business sessions were well attended, but there was only a minimum of debating power, which was not an unmixed evil. The number of brethren at the evening meeting is rather difficult to compute, but may be stated approximately at one thousand, which was a tribute to the popularity of G.M. Herdman. A special feature of the brilliant ceremony was the splendid choir, tutored by Bro. Robert Parker, L.T.C.L., who presided at the magnificent organ. Bro. Parker also played a Masonic march of his own composition, and was responsible for a new setting to the old ode, "In Wishes True and Hearty." The singing of the "War Hymn," and also the hymn for those at sea, by the large body of brethren will long linger in the memory of all who heard it. The G.M.'s address, eagerly anticipated, conveyed much useful advice; indeed, it may be regarded as an admonition for the regulation and due observance of Masonic life.

With regard to the business transacted, though the agenda had a somewhat ponderous appearance, there was not a great deal of really debateable matter, and all the discussions were limited in their duration. The big defeat of the "Centralisation of Grand Office" question was a foregone conclusion, if only for the reasons given by this journal in a previous issue. It was inopportune in being submitted again so soon after the previous decisive defeat. The form of its introduction was bad, as it did not pretend to compass any finality, and would, if carried, have led to interminable discussion in the future. The arguments of the mover were crude in the extreme, and, with a six years' experience of B. of G.P. administration, we have no hesitation in saying that the proposal submitted of having Boards in many centres would be absolutely impracticable. We sincerely hope this question will not recur during the next decade, and, in saying this, believe we are voicing the views of many Wellington brethren. The next question in order of importance was a resolution to favourably consider the application of the G.L. of France for recognition. To this the mover, by leave of the G.M., added the G. Orient of France. The address was moved in a lengthy speech, much of which was highly controversial, but, as an amendment was adopted referring the question to the B. of G.P. for enquiry as to what is being done by other Constitutions, we do not propose to comment on the question at this stage. In connection with amendments to constitution, G.L. declined to accept the proposal to confer "V.W." rank on any brother who may be appointed to the rank of Dep. Prov.G.M. (this has no reference to any district where a Prov.G.L. exists), but conceded such rank to G.Ds. of C., and gave them precedence over G.Ds. A number of minor amendments were agreed to. The following motion, of which notice had been given, was unanimously adopted, to the credit of the hearts of members of G.L. :—

"That as our annuities, owing to the increased cost of living are now less adequate than in pre-war days, G.L. recommends all Lodges under its jurisdiction to ask their members to contribute 2s. each per annum to the W. and O. and A.M. Fund, in addition to what they are disposed to give at the annual installation meetings. The additional sum thus raised to be spent annually by the Annuity Board in supplementing annuities where necessary, the balance, if any, to be capitalised as are the annual collections."

To many the most startling statement was contained in the announcement that the present G.Sec., M.W. Bro. -Malcolm Niccol, would retire at the expiration of the present term—*i.e.*, the currency of G.L. in Wellington. We will only say at this juncture that, should this intention be given effect to, it will be a serious loss to G.L., and M.W. Bro. Niccol will be most difficult to replace. There are two qualifications essentially necessary in the holder of this office—*viz.*, Masonic experience and a very complete knowledge of Masonic law, both written and unwritten. The present G.Sec. has both of these, and has ever been the embodiment of that *suaviter in modo* which has so endeared him to the hearts of the brethren. We will not say anything more on this matter at the present time, as later we shall feel called upon to deal with it at greater length, especially in connection with any recommendation that may hereafter be made by the B. of G.P.

The several social functions provided by the Wellington brethren were taken full advantage of, and were greatly aided by the glorious weather that prevailed throughout the week. But, while gratefully acknowledging and appreciating the hospitality proffered, an opinion was expressed that, during the war at

any rate, the evening function of the second day could well be dispensed with. It would not only relieve local responsibility, but would leave visitors free to return to their homes a day earlier if they so desire it.

As we have had twice as much copy as space this month, a general pruning has been necessary, and a number of Lodge reports are omitted altogether. As so much matter is coming to hand, and paper is daily becoming more scarce, we earnestly ask our correspondents to compress their contributions within the smallest possible limits, especially Lodge reports.

News and Notes

OWING to pressure on our space the list of subscriptions received is held over.

THE handsome sum of £526 was realised in connection with the silver baton appeal. The winners proved to be Lodge St. Andrew, No. 32, who had subscribed no less than £115.

GREAT interest was taken in the drawing in connection with the silver baton which took place in the presence of a large gathering of representative Freemasons in the Wellington Town Hall on Friday, 10th May. The M.W. the Grand Sec., assisted by R.W. Bro. J. W. Ellison, Prov.G.M. and V.W. Bro. W. R. T. Leighton, P.G.D. of C., officiated. The whole of the arrangements in connection with the drawing were in the hands of a special committee, who discharged their duty in a most efficient manner.

AN article appeared in our April and May numbers; which we strongly commend to the attention of our readers, and more especially to those who are R.A. Masons. The writer of the article, in addition to being a well-read Freemason, is an officer of the Jewish Synagogue, and from his association with that faith is enabled to elucidate many points omitted by historians. The article is not only educative, but is most interesting throughout. The writer is to be congratulated on the able manner in which the facts are marshalled and condensed.

WE thank W. Bro. H. Nutt for his kindly expressed appreciation and good wishes for the welfare of the N.Z. CRAFTSMAN.

R.W. BRO. W. F. BROOKING, of Lodge De Burgh Adams, No. 446, I.C., New Plymouth, will attain his jubilee in Freemasonry on the 13th July, and in commemoration he has been elected once more as the W.M. of the Lodge. The Craftsman offers hearty congratulations to the venerable Brother.

THE G. Chapter of Canada has discarded the sash as a part of R.A. Masonic clothing.

R.W. BRO. LT.-COL. GEORGE BARCLAY writes us from England that the opening of the Masonic hut has made a great impression both in France and England, the English brethren being greatly taken with the idea. WE are pleased to note that the name of the hut presented by the New Zealand brethren to soldiers in France is now "The New Zealand Masonic Gift Hut."

THE balance-sheet of the Freemasons' Hall Company of Wellington, which was recently submitted to the annual meeting of shareholders, for the first time, shows a profit on the year's transactions.

BRO. GARDNER, the custodian of the Wellington Freemasons' Hall Company, has been called up for military service, and has passed the Medical Board. He expects to go into camp within the next six weeks.

ANOTHER important link in the chain of fraternal relations between Great Britain and France was forged on the 25th February, when the Britannic Lodge, No. 9, was founded and consecrated under the National and Independent Grand Lodge of France, the only governing Masonic Lodge in France recognised by the G.L. of England. The Dep.G.M., Bro. Charles Barrois, constituted the Lodge, and in the consecration ceremony was assisted by a number of prominent English brethren.—"The London Freemason."

A RECENT number of an Australian Masonic journal inserted three articles from the NEW ZEALAND CRAFTSMAN, and quite properly acknowledged their origin. We fully appreciate the compliment. The Virginia Masonic Journal also reprinted a CRAFTSMAN article, but made no acknowledgment of its indebtedness.

During the past month the W.M. of Civic Lodge has paid fraternal visits to a number of Lodges at Dunedin, where he was most cordially received, and he brought back with him pleasant memories of happy hours spent among the southern brethren.

Ten brethren were exalted in Manawatu R.A. Chapter last month, which has the appearance of a boom in the Capitular Craft.

Next month we hope to present our readers with a portrait of the M.W.G.M. and a short Masonic biography.

NOTES ON THE GRAND LODGE MEETING.

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Large attendances at all functions.

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Glorious weather throughout the entire week. Ladies present at four functions; no initiations.

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Whispered that uninvited strangers had pride of place at the supper after the concert, and kept it.

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The shining features at the installation meeting were the grand organ, Bro. Robert Parker, and the magnificent choir. Bro. Parker should bid high for a couple of dozen male voices for St. Paul's.

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The Masonic Quartette Party took big honours at the concert, and deserved them.

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The new G.M. gave some good homely Masonic advice on quite a number of subjects, and was loudly applauded at its conclusion.

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The Installing G.M., M.W. Bro. O. Nicholson, gave the brethren a taste of his quality as a ritualist, notwithstanding he was a little nervous withal.

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The G.L. members had an afternoon off on Wednesday, and quite a number of them revived their youthful days by boldly flirting with the ladies at the Oriental Kiosk. No names—this time—

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The visitors to Day's Bay, who were desirous of acquiring photographic fame, spoilt their teas and narrowly missed the steamer.

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Summary.—Glorious weather, good brotherly meetings—better sisterly ones, hats off to the twenty-seventh annual communication and to those who did the work in the conduct of the arrangements.

SOUTHLAND NOTES.

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Reports of the installation meetings of lodges St. John and Waihopai are just too late for this issue ; they will appear in due course next month.

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Invercargill brethren have had the pleasure of W. Bro. Vernon Smith's company for a few days. Business necessitated Bro. Smith residing in Dunedin for the past six months, and before these notes appear he will have made another change in his address—viz., Trentham. During his absence the W.M.'s office at Waihopai has been capably filled by W. Bro. Gilchrist. Bro. Vernon Smith is one who puts a great amount of careful thought and study into his work; his health was proposed at Lodge Waihopai by W. Bro. A. McNeil, who, as he stated, felt unequal to the task of doing justice to the toast. Bro. Smith's reply was typical of his characteristics—a simple speech of thankfulness to those who had so capably maintained the prestige of the Lodge; he looked forward to returning after his term on active service and renewing his pleasant associations. Bro. H. Connor, on behalf of the brethren, wished the W.M. God-speed and a safe return.

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Lodge Southern Cross installation meeting will be held on Friday, 7th June ; Bro. W., F. Irvine, S.W., is W.M.-Elect. The following week, Friday, 14th June, Bro. P. B. MacDonald will be installed as W.M. of Lodge Victoria. Good attendances are anticipated at both these meetings.

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Lodge Victoria has lost one of its founders, W. Bro. Duncan McFarlane, who passed away at the advanced age of 78. The deceased brother was an active man in public life, and of later years had been unable to devote much time to his Lodge. He was a town councillor for many years, had been Mayor of Invercargill on different occasions, and in March, 1917, completed a term of four successive years in the mayoral chair. Though oftentimes in feeble health, he never missed saying farewell to the boys of the reinforcements from Southland, notwithstanding the fact that the train then left soon after six in the morning. His genial nature and charitable disposition will long be remembered. Anybody and everybody was welcome at all times at "Craigielea," his residence in Esk Street. In all his public beneficent work his excellent wife was closely associated with him, and the sincere sympathy of the public goes out to her in her bereavement. A Lodge of Sorrow was presided over by W. Bro. Buchanan, and many brethren present testified to the excellent qualities of the deceased brother. W. Bro. Duncan McFarlane was also a member of the Druids, Oddfellows, and Foresters, in each of which societies he had held high office.

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W. Bro. Bonifant, the retiring W.M. of Lodge St. John, is under orders to proceed to camp in August. His successor, Bro. Lipscombe, will miss him greatly as I.P.M. Another brother who will also be much missed from Lodge St. John, is Bro. D. L. M'Lean, a particularly capable Steward of the Lodge, and one who has an inexhaustible fund of humorous stories; he goes into camp this month (May).

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M.W. Bro. M. Thompson had a specially good word to say for the social side of Freemasonry when proposing the "Newly-Initiated " at Lodge Southern Cross. He quoted Lord Kitchener as having stated that the social side of Masonry had been a greater factor than any other in educating the people of India so far as the English language and British customs were concerned, the result to-day being the unbounded loyalty of the people in India.

THE TREASURES OF THE GRAND LODGE OF ENGLAND.

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R.W. Bro. Colonel G. Barclay, in a letter from England, makes the following remarks : "Last week I had the pleasure of listening to a most interesting lecture, which was delivered by W. Bro. Dr. Hammond, P.G.D., the Librarian of the G.L. of England. The lecture was delivered under the auspices of the Bournemouth Lodge of Instruction, and was entitled "Some more of the Treasures of Grand Lodge." Dr. Hammond showed a large number of very fine slides, depicting many old jewels, aprons, certificates, and other relics now in the possession of the G.L., and the interest in the lectures was considerably enhanced by the large amount of information which the speaker was able to impart in connection with the various articles which were shown on the screen. The lecture was most instructive, and was voted a real treat by all of the brethren who were privileged to be present."

In a letter from R.W. Bro. G. Barclay, the writer says, *inter alia*: "In his lecture at Bournemouth. Dr. Hammond, in extending an invitation to the brethren present to visit the G.L. Library and Museum at Freemasons' Hall, London, referred to the members of the N.Z.E.F. Masonic Association, who were daily visitors at Great Queen Street—on some days as many as seven or eight putting in an appearance—and who took a keen pleasure in all they saw. Dr. Hammond also stated that it had been his privilege on different occasions to conduct some of these brethren to meetings of various Lodges, and he could not help being struck by the intelligent interest which they took in the proceedings, and the subsequent comments and comparisons on what they had seen. He felt assured that the experience which these overseas brethren were now enjoying would later on make them better men and Masons."

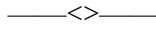
CHURCH SERVICES AT ELLERSLIE.

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The W.M. and brethren of Lodge Wairoa, No. 55, attended divine worship at Christ Church, Ellerslie, on Sunday, 21st April. There was a good attendance. The vicar, Rev. Canon C. A. Tisdall, was the preacher, whose sermon was based on the text (I. Kings, 6-7): "And the house, when it was in building, it was built of stone made ready before it was brought thither : So that there was neither hammer, nor axe, nor any tool of iron heard in the house while it was in building." The whole sermon was very interesting and helpful, and the brethren entered into the service wholeheartedly, and thoroughly enjoyed the service. This is the third time

we have attended church as a Lodge since the G.M. expressed the wish that Lodges should attend Divine worship at least once a year. I have reason to believe that the majority of the brethren wish that the attendance at church as a Lodge occurred more frequently.

GRAND LODGE OF NEW ZEALAND.



ANNUAL COMMUNICATION.



In spite of war-time, and notwithstanding a reduction in the travelling expenses allowed to representatives, there was a very large attendance at the annual communication of G.L. held at the Wellington Town Hall on 8th and 9th May. M.W. Bro. Oliver Nicholson, G.M., presided, while the S.G.W.'s chair was filled by R.W. Bro. A. Veitch, and that of J.G.W. by R.W. Bro. Willis.

ADDRESS FROM THE CHAIR.

The G.M., addressing the gathering after the formal opening, expressed regret that during his two years of office his sphere of Masonic activity had been necessarily limited, owing to the serious illness of his wife; and also his gratitude to the brethren throughout New Zealand for the forbearance shown to him under the circumstances. He was pleased to note that the brethren of Invercargill had taken in a brotherly spirit their disappointment at the lapsing of the communication that was to have been held in their town last year. The hopes felt at the last communication that by this time the European war would have ended in a victory for the Allies had not been realised, but it was a matter for rejoicing that the Allies were still resolute in their determination to remain in the field until the world and humanity were freed from the thralldom of militarism as practised by Prussia. He congratulated the brethren from New Zealand now at the front upon the success which had attended the N.Z.E.F. Masonic Association, under the leadership of R.W. Bro. Colonel George Barclay. To the relatives of brethren who had fallen he extended hearty sympathy, and to wounded brethren fraternal sympathy and hopes of their speedy recovery.

Coming to the position of the Special War Benevolent Fund, the G.M. pointed out that on 31st March it amounted to over £11,500, which a special effort of the Wellington brethren would increase to over £12,000. It must be a matter of deep gratification to M.W. Bro. Dougall, P.G.M., that the fund which he had inaugurated when in office as G.M. had been brought to such a considerable sum. Within the last few months a movement had been launched in connection with G.L. for the establishment and maintenance of Masonic hutments at the battle front. This movement originated in the Palmerston North and Wanganui districts, and was in due time brought before the B. of G.P. With the unanimous sanction of the Board, he (the G.M.) had sanctioned an appeal to Lodges and brethren. It was proposed that the hutments should be maintained by the Y.M.C.A. organisation, at an annual cost to G.L. of £500 for each hutment. The Board anticipated the favourable result that eventually followed the appeal by completing the arrangement for a hutment, which was accordingly opened at the N.Z.F.A. camp in France on 9th February last, and he had received from Brigadier-General G. N. Johnston a letter announcing the opening, and adding: "I would like to place on record our deep appreciation of the very thoughtful gift. This fills a long-felt want, and is a very great boon to the men." He had also received from a P.M. of one of the Auckland Lodges an extract from a letter received by the brother from his son, which contained these words: "My word, we have got a grand Y.M.C.A. in our camp here—a big hut. It is given by the Masonic people of New Zealand. I reckon it is the best one of its kind up the line here, and they get some big shows there." This showed how the gift was appreciated. What he asked the brethren to do in the matter was to make their contributions to the fund annual contributions. If every brother under the jurisdiction of G.L. would devote, say, sixpence a week to the purpose, the Craft would be able to maintain thirty or forty hutments. He reminded the brethren that we in New Zealand were living in comfort and security through the sufferings' and hardships endured by our soldiers in the field. Surely, then, the least that could be expected from us was that we should practise some act of self-denial in order to contribute an annual amount to give them a little pleasure and comfort while serving the Empire. The establishment of the hutments would also be a living fraternal link between the brethren at the front and those still in New Zealand, and he commended the scheme to the Craft as one of the best to which it could devote its attention at the present time.

With regard to the contribution of G.L. to the New Zealand War Loans, the G.M. stated that the B. of G.P. had felt that in justice to the Craft their contribution to the last loan should be a substantial one. Of the first and second war loans they had taken up £1,200 and £2,500 respectively, and they decided to supplement

these amounts by taking up another £10,000. The money was not immediately available, but, in view of the arrangements made by the Government with the banks, the Board had arranged to borrow the necessary sum from their own bankers, pending the maturing of other funds which would enable the liquidation of the overdraft. The Board had felt that this was a contribution which, as loyal citizens, they ought to make to the country's financial necessities, and he felt sure that G.L. would approve and commend the step.

The affairs of G.L., both financially and numerically, were in a very prosperous state, as the reports of the several Boards would show. He urged the brethren, however, not to be satisfied with this kind of success, but to pledge themselves to exemplify in their daily lives the principles of their institution. Concluding, he thanked the D.G.Als, of his two years of office, R.W. Bros. Peterkin and Clark, for their kindly assistance, and especially R.W. Bro. Clark for having undertaken in his stead visitations to various parts of the jurisdiction. Further, he thanked the M.W.G.Sec. for his always-ready assistance. In this connection he reminded G.L. that the time was coming when M.W. Bro. Niccol would feel that retirement from office had become necessary to him. More than once the M.W. brother had hinted that he was feeling his responsibilities and his age. Probably after the term to be spent by G.L. office in the Wellington district it would be necessary to consider seriously M.W. Bro. Niccol's voluntary retirement. He hoped that when that time did arrive G.L. would not be unmindful of the important services he had rendered to the Craft, and the very efficient manner in which he had carried out the duties of his office. After also thanking the Presidents of the Masonic Boards of his term of office, the G.M. added that in retiring from the chair he would continue to take an active interest in the work of the Craft.

THE NEW GRAND MASTER.

On nominations for the office of G.M. being called for, M.W. Bro. H. J. Williams, P.G.M., nominated V.W. Bro. the Hon. Alexander Lawrence Herdman, P.G.Reg. There were, he said, few men in the Dominion who were held in higher estimation than V.W. Bro. Herdman—not alone for his integrity and up-rightness, but also for the very definite opinions he was known to hold and his courage in expressing them. G.L. might have full confidence that in his administration of the office of G.M. he would display urbanity, zeal, and equity.

The motion was seconded by M.W. Bro. Nicholson, and carried unanimously.

The G.M.-elect briefly acknowledged his election, but reserved his principal remarks until the evening.

ELECTIVE GRAND LODGE OFFICERS.

Other G. officers were elected in accordance with the following scheme of distribution, submitted by the B. of G.P.:—

WELLINGTON DISTRICT.

G. Chaplain, Bro. Rev. John H. Sykes ; G. Treas., W. Bro. John T. King ; G. Reg., W. Bro. Chas. M. Nielsen; Pres. of the B. of G.P., V.W. Bro. Jas. J. Esson; Pres. ,of the B. of B., R.W. Bro. Herbert H. Seaton ; G.Ds. of C., W. Bros. George Russell and Albert Erskine; G.S., W. Bro. T. F. Hewat ; members of the B. of G.P. W. Bros. Joseph G. Harkness, Richard Jenkins, S. T. S. Martin, Edward J. Guinness, and Edward P. Rishworth ; members of the B. of B., W. Bros. Jas. H. Jerram, Edward D. Alexander, Arthur A. George, William A. Baudinet, and James McLachlan.

AUCKLAND DISTRICT.

S.G.D, W. Bro. Matthew Blair ; G. Supt. of W., W. Bro. James W. Cochrane ; G.B.B., W. Bro. M. A. Benney ; G.Purs., W. Bro. William S. Williams ; G.Ss., W. Bros. Henry O. Searle and Thomas Kennedy ; members of the B. of G.P., W. Bros. John E. Herbert and William Coltman ; members of the B. of B., W. Bros. Thomas Corson and N. A. Winter.

CANTERBURY PROVINCE.

G. Chaplain, W. Bro. Rev. A. H. Julius ; G.D. of C., W. Bro. David Manson ; G. Organist, W. Bro. Alfred W. V. Vine; G.S., W. Bro. Richard W. S. Eastwood; member of the B. of GP., W. Bro. Sidney F. Pawson; member of the B. of B. W. Bro. Charles J. Talbot.

OTAGO DISTRICT.

G.Sd.B., W. Bro. William G. Hay G.St.B., W. Bro. John Forrester ; G.Purs., W. Bro. Henry E. Woodhead ; G.S., W. Bro. David Scrimgeour ; member of the B. of G.P., W. Bro. Alexander Steele ; member of the B. of B., W. Bro. William J. Hill.

SOUTHLAND DISTRICT.

S.G.D., W. Bro. E. B. Pilcher ; G.S., W. Bro. A. N. MacGibbon ; member of the B. of G.P., W. Bro. William R. Rusden ; member of the B. of B., W. Bro. J. J. Griffiths.

RUAPEHU DISTRICT.

Supt. of W., W. Bro. Robert Laurie; G.S.D.B., W. Bro. David Galloway; G.S., W. Bro. Charles F. Spooner ; member of the B. of G.P., W. Bro. George Bray ; member of the B. of B., W. Bro. Cyril L. Dymock.

HAWKES BAY DISTRICT.

G.B.B., W. Bro. W. H. Hobin ; G.S., W. Bro. D. Wilson; member of the B. of GP., W. Bro. John A. Miller ; member of the B. of B., W. Bro. William A. Wilkie.

WEST COAST DISTRICT.

J.G.D. W. Bro. Frank W. Robinson; G.S. W. Bro. Matthew S. Montiord; member of the B. of G.P., W. Bro. John Hart; member of the B. of B., W. Bro. Frederick Hobbs.

NELSON AND MARLBOROUGH DISTRICT.

J.G.D., W. Bro. Malcolm McKenzie ; G.S., W. Bro. Ralph H. Lash; member of the B. of G.P., W. Bro. Noel Paton; member of the B. of B., W. Bro. Alexander Weaver.

TARANAKI DISTRICT.

G.S.D.B., W. Bro. Joseph P. Keen; G.S., W. Bro. Louis de Launay ; member of the B. of G.P., W. Bro. Frank S. Johns ; member of the B. of B., W. Bro. Frederic G. Kimbell.

FUNDS AND FINANCE.

The financial clause in the report of the B. of G.P. showed that the cash balances of the several funds at 31st March, 1918, were as follows :—

	£	s.	d.
General Fund .	...4,937	14	11
Fund of Benevolence „	...2,797	3	1
W. and O. and A.M. Fund	... 31,594	3	9
Special War Benevolent Fund	... 11,523	4	2
Circular Appeal Funds ...	... 1,297	4	4
Representation Fund	693	8	9
Belgian Masonic Relief Fund	19	4	0
Masonic Hutment Fund ...	<u>...226</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>6</u>
Total ...	£53,088	10	6

A note added by the Board stated : The credit balance in the National Bank of New Zealand working account at 31st March, 1918, was £2,998 14s. 9d., but, to enable the Board to take up £10,000 of the War Loan last year, it was necessary to arrange for a special advance from our bankers in anticipation of the maturing of debentures early in 1919, so that at present we have an overdraft of £7,710 4s. 3d. on our Special War Loan Account, and our net credit balance at 31st March was therefore only £53,000.

BOARD OF BENEVOLENCE.

The report of the B. of B. showed that £398 10s. 3d. had been expended during the year in relief, twenty-seven specific grants being shown. Two circular appeals had been sanctioned during the last year, and were still current. Sixteen other funds, created by means of circular appeals, were being administered by the Board, the balances of such funds showing a total of £1,297.

ANNUITY BOARD.

The report of the Annuity Board showed that three annuitants had died during the year, and eight new annuities had been created. Forty-nine annuitants were shown on the current list, the total charge upon the fund being £1,285 10s.

It was stated in the report :—

The capital value of the Annuity Fund at present, taking into account accrued interest as at 31st March, 1918, is £32,384 16s. 9d., an increase of £2,080 5s. 7d. over the amount at the close of the financial year of 1917.

The increase was made up as follows :—

	£	s.	d.
Voluntary contributions from Lodges and brethren as per detailed tables herewith ...	...	1,489	7 2
Discount on purchase of Papatoetoe Road Board Debentures...		50	0 0
Refund on account of Pyle Circular Appeal ...		98	19 0
Interest capitalised after payment. of annuities ...		<u>441</u>	<u>19 5</u>
Total ...	..	<u>£2,080</u>	<u>5 7</u>

The income derivable from the invested Annuity Fund for the year 1918-1919 will be about £1,550. The annual charge upon the Annuity Fund is at present about £1,300, so that a margin of £250 per annum exists for the creation of new annuities.

All the above reports, together with the corresponding reports for the year ended, in March, 1917, were adopted.

BOARD OF GENERAL PURPOSES.

Two reports of the B. of G.P. were also considered. For the most part the report for the year just ended was formal. There were clauses recording the causes of the lapse of the communication of 1917, and the necrology of the year—including such names as those of R.W. Bro. the Rev. Wm. Ronaldson, P.G.Sec. ; R.W. Bro. Alfred Kidd, P.G.W.; R.W. Bro. Murdoch McLean, P.D.G.M.; R.W. Bro. John Thornton, Prov.G.M. of Canterbury; Sir Edward Letchworth, P.G.Sec. of the G.L. of England ; and many other worthy brethren. Other principal paragraphs were as follows :—

GRAND LODGE DE FRANCE.

A proposal has been received from the G.L. de France, Rite Ecossais Ancien Accepté, for the exchange of representatives and the establishment of official relations with that body, but the Board, whilst animated by the friendliest feelings towards our French brethren, did not feel justified in taking decided steps in regard to recognition in view of the attitude of the G.L. of England.

NEW LODGES.

No petitions for new Lodges have been presented to the G.M. during the year which has just closed, but numerous enquiries have been made and movements are on foot which will almost certainly result in the establishment shortly of several new Lodges in virgin soil, it being the fixed policy of G.L. to avoid the erection of new Lodges in the near neighbourhood of existing ones, as that might lead to unhealthy competition and consequent introduction of bad material.

The military wave which is agitating all circles at present has also had a tendency towards the relaxing of our ordinary conservatism, but proper precautions have been inculcated and observed.

REGALIA FOR DISTRICTS.

In order to meet long-standing complaints of Prov.G.Ms. that they were not supplied with regalia to enable them, to make a decent appearance when visiting Lodges in company with G.L. officers on official occasions, this Board distributed amongst the several districts nearly two years ago such regalia as could be spared from headquarters, and ordered a supply of new regalia from London.

Owing to war conditions in the Old Country we have been unable to get our order executed in London, although we are still buoyed up with hopes of ultimately getting it. Under these circumstances we ask the patience and consideration of those affected.

REPRESENTATION LEVY FOR 1918.

The Board decided not to make any levy upon Lodges for representation this year, but to expend the money contributed in 1917 in paying the transit expenses of Lodge representatives for 1918 so far as the sum available will go. In view, however, of the increased cost of fares by rail and the cancellation of all concessions hitherto allowed, it was found necessary to restrict the payment of transit expenses of representatives to second class by rail and first class by steamer and coach.

INCREASED COST OF SUPPLIES.

Owing to the increased cost of supplies of all kinds, particularly parchment, it has been found difficult to keep up our stock, and as the price for parchment is constantly rising it may be necessary to print our certificates on paper for a time. Samples have been obtained, and, no doubt, the Wellington Board will carefully go into the matter.

FINANCIAL CONDITION OF LODGES.

It is very pleasing to find that, in spite of the unfavourable conditions arising from the war, our Lodges continue to thrive. The G.Sec. reports that no Lodge on our roll is indebted to G.L., and every call is being met cheerfully and liberally, although these calls are exceptionally frequent and heavy.

WORK OF STAFF.

The quite exceptional experience and capability of M.W. Bro. Niccol have enabled him to render vital assistance to the Board in its deliberations on many difficult questions, while the excellence and efficiency of the work done by Bro. R. Hutcheson and other members of his staff conclusively prove that they have had at heart the best interests of the Craft. We experience much regret in parting with them, and wish them a pleasant stay in Wellington during the next two years.

Both reports of the Board were adopted. In reference to a clause in the 1917 report, a resolution was passed approving the payment of a war bonus of 10 per cent. to the G.L. office staff, and making it apply also to the G.Sec., and to be retrospective.

It was agreed that the next annual communication should be held in Christchurch, and the representation levy was fixed at 9d. per capita.

Some discussion arose in regard to the clause relating to the issue of M.M. certificates printed on paper. V.W. Bro. Bridge suggested that such certificates should eventually be replaced with parchment ones, and the G.Sec. said he thought that any Board administering the affairs of G.L. would recognise that that was the proper course.

AUDITORS AND TRUSTEES.

W. Bro. H. Ivory, of Wellington, was appointed Auditor to G.L.

New Trustees were appointed as follows : M.W. Bro. H. J. Williams, R.W. Bros. T. A. Peterkin, J. W. Ellison, A. Veitch, and H. H. Seaton.

THE CRAFT AND THE WAR.

THE SPECIAL BENEVOLENT FUND.

War subjects cropped up in two reports. The Annuity Board stated, in regard to the Special (War) Benevolent Fund:—

The fund has now reached a total of £11,523 4s. 2d., but the time for operating upon the fund has apparently not yet arrived, as, up to the end of the financial year of G.L., no claims had been made. One case has since transpired, and enquiries regarding its merits are now being made. In view of the fact that it will probably be some considerable time before calls upon the fund can be established, the B. of G.P. has invested the greater part of the capital, and the item of interest earned appears in the accounts of the Board for the first time. It will, however, be necessary to keep a portion of the fund readily available for use at short notice.

Paragraphs of war interest in the report of the B. of G.P. were as follows :—

REPRESENTATIVES IN MILITARY CAMPS.

W. Bro. James Williams, Staff Sergeant-Major in Trentham Military Camp, continues to devote considerable time and attention to the care of brethren arriving in camp. His services in a variety of ways have lightened the cares of those sojourning there. Frequently Bro. Williams has been very helpful, and always has he been very cheerful and optimistic.

In Featherston Camp we have lately enlisted the services of Bro. Lieutenant Johnson in succession to Bro. Chaplain-Captain Green, who has gone to the front. Bro. Lieut. Johnson is most active in promoting every movement calculated to further the happiness and comfort of brethren arriving in that camp, and Lodges should instruct their members to make themselves known to him immediately upon arrival.

FIGHTING MEMBERS.

The G.Sec. has prepared and issued a roll of the names of members of our Lodges who have left the shores of New Zealand to assist in fighting for the right in this terrible war. That roll contains nearly two thousand names, and is every day being added to, for the end, though never in doubt, is not yet in sight.

The War Benevolent Fund is now over the sum first aimed at when M.W. Bro. Dougall projected it, but our efforts to increase it should not flag, for undoubtedly the calls upon the fund will be many, and all we at home living in comfort and safety can do in the way of money contribution is small indeed in comparison with the sacrifices made by those who were able to go.

The N.Z.E.F. Masonic Association continues to thrive and prosper, thanks to the efforts of R.W. Bro. Colonel Geo. Barclay and his devoted assistants. This Association serves to bind our brethren at the front in one indissoluble band, and has done much to prove the reality and value of Freemasonry as an institution; it should therefore receive every encouragement we can give it.

MASONIC " CHEER-O HUTMENT SCHEME.

The G.M. recently issued a circular letter inviting Lodges and brethren to contribute to a fund having for its object the maintenance of one or more huts as near the fighting line as military rule would permit, at which huts all soldiers of the Allied Forces could obtain light refreshments and a cheery word when going into or returning from battle. Such refreshments to be supplied absolutely free of charge.

The Board arranged with the management of the Y.M.C.A. that G.L. would pay the cost of maintaining one such hutment for a year, the Association taking charge and running it, the cost not to exceed £500 per annum, and an announcement to be placed on or in the hut that those obtaining rest and refreshment are the guests of the Freemasons of New Zealand. The hutment has been established in the New Zealand artillery area, with great success, by the General in command, and is now in full swing.

The reply of Lodges to the G.M.'s circular indicates that he struck a responsive chord in their hearts, and it seems probable that sufficient will be provided to maintain several similar hutments.

RED CROSS FUND.

The Board has contributed from G.L. funds the sum of £100 to this admirable and well managed institution.

AFFLICTED BRETHREN.

On the motion of M.W. Bro. Williams, resolutions of fraternal sympathy were passed in regard to R.W. Bro. Robert Fletcher, P.D.G.M., and R.W. Bro. Dr. Withers, P.D.G.M., both of whom were stretched upon beds of sickness.

AMENDMENTS OF GRAND LODGE LAWS.

By this time all the business set down on the order paper for the first day's ordinary, as distinguished from the ceremonial, session had been disposed of. What remained was the consideration of notices of motion and amendments of G.L. laws, which the agenda paper had fixed for the Thursday's sitting. Standing orders were, however, suspended so far as to allow the business provided for the second day to be taken in hand, with an understanding that anything that appeared debatable should be postponed till the time appointed on the agenda paper.

First came an amendment brought forward by the B. of G.P., to provide for the rank and designation of Dep. Prov. G.Ms., and to alter the rank and designation of G.Ds. of C. and P.G.Ds. of C., so that they shall be designated and rank in order of precedence immediately after P.G.Lects. and before G.Ds.

A very short discussion was sufficient to show that the proposal in regard to Dep. P.G.Ms. was unpopular, if it had not even been brought in under some misapprehension, and the allusions to the subject were deleted from the motion. The alteration of status in the case of G.Ds. of C., present and past, was agreed to.

The next amendment proposed was one providing for the appointment of more than one Dep. Prov.G.M. where a district contains forty or more Lodges. On the motion of M.W. Bro. Dougall, the clause was amended to make it apply only to a district where no Prov.G.L. exists, and in this form was agreed to.

Rule 102 was amended to enable the G.M., by special dispensation, to provide for the eligibility to the Master's chair of a Warden who, through serving in a military capacity, has been unable to complete his full term of Wardenship.

An amendment to Rule 146, which relates to initiation in cases of special emergency, was meant to provide that, should emergent circumstances arise after a candidate has been proposed in any Lodge under Rule 145, the Master may apply to the G.M., or to the Prov.G.M., for a dispensation authorizing the Lodge to proceed under Rule 146, and if the G.M. or Prov.G.M. is satisfied that the emergency justifies it, he may grant a dispensation.

After some discussion, the final settlement of the question was deferred until next day.

An amendment to Rule 15 was adopted, providing a form of written application to be signed by joining members.

Rule 168 was amended to make it permissible during the continuance of the war for Lodges to issue to brethren going to the front proofs of their membership, but all such proofs must be verified by the signature of the G.Sec. and be impressed by the seal of G.L.

The form of the original rule was altered to make it quite clear that there shall be no charge for any certificate issued under it. The certificate to a brother engaged in active service is only to be issued after he has surrendered his M.M. certificate to the Sec. of his Lodge, that document to be at any subsequent time returned to him in exchange for the temporary certificate. In the course of the discussion it was made clear by the G.Sec. that no difficulty would be raised as to the return of the M.M. certificate to the relatives of a brother who loses his life at the front, or to a brother who proves the loss at the front of his temporary certificate.

Consideration of an amendment to Rule 177 (Mode of Permanent Exclusion), giving an excluded brother the right of appeal, was deferred until next day.

Rule 190 was amended to enable the B. of G.P. to waive the usual fee for the alteration of a Lodge's regular installation date, when such alteration is made for the convenience of the G.M. or the Prov.G.M.

Shortly after midday Grand Lodge adjourned until evening.

INSTALLATION OF THE NEW GRAND MASTER.

The ground floor of the Town Hall was well filled in the evening, when G.L. resumed for the installation ceremonies. M.W. Bro. Nicholson presided, and other P.G.M's. present were M.W. Bros. Niccol, Williams, Griffiths, and Dougall. The Prov.G.L. of Canterbury was represented, as at the legislative sitting earlier in the day, by a strong delegation, headed by W. Bro. Kenneth Mackenzie, Dep. Prov.G.M. A strong choir of Wellington brethren was present under the direction of Bro. Robert Parker, who also officiated at the grand organ. W. Bros. W. R. T. Leighton and E. P. Rishworth were the G.Ds. of C.

M.W. Bro. Herdman was invested and enthroned according to ancient forms by M.W. Bro. Nicholson, and duly proclaimed and saluted by all ranks in the Craft.

The Grand Master announced the appointment as his Dep. G.M., R.W. Bro. Judah H. Keesing, P.G.W., who was also obligated, invested, and enthroned.

The appointment of Prov. G.Ms. was announced as follows : M.W. Bro. Oliver Nicholson (Auckland District), R.W. Bro. J. W. Ellison (Wellington District), W. Bro. Kenneth Mackenzie (Canterbury District, Deputy), R.W. Bro. R. Hawcridge (Otago District), R.W. Bro. R. H. Richmond (West. Coast District), R.W. Bro. C. H. Mills (Nelson and Marlborough Districts), R.W. Bro. A. Le H. Hoyles (Southland District), R.W. Bro. H. L. Harston (Hawkes Bay District.), R.W. Bro. R. W. Sargent (Taranaki District), R.W. Bro. D. J. F. McFarlane (Ruapehu District).

The Prov.G.Ms. were invested by M.W. Bro. Niccol, with the exception of the temporary president of the Canterbury Province.

It was announced that the G.M. had appointed W. Bro. Chas. M. Page, of Auckland, as S.G.W., and W. Bro. Alfred E. Smith, of Invercargill, as J.G.W. Neither of the Wardens-designate was present, and it was stated that they would be duly invested in their own districts.

Such of the other officers elected at the morning sitting as were present were invested by M.W. Bro. Niccol.

ADDRESS BY THE GRAND MASTER.

Addressing the brethren, M.W. Bro. Herdman expressed his sense of the dignity of the installation proceedings, and of the high examples that he had to emulate in his distinguished predecessors in the chair. In these days of tragedy and anxiety, he proceeded, members of the Craft were specially called upon to exhibit the principles of brotherly love, relief, and truth. A shadow was hanging over the world, and thousands of human beings who had been fighting bravely against adversity and misfortune caused through war were looking for the assistance and comfort which true Masons were specially qualified to give. Freemasonry was not a benevolent institution, but a social body, whose members met together to cultivate the social virtues, especially those which tended to make men look with kindly and generous eyes upon the weaknesses of their fellow-men, and on those who were in need of help. Above all, Freemasonry was a loyal institution. Loyalty to the Sovereign and obedience to the law of the land were some of the features of its policy. If ever there was an opportunity for the exercise of Masonic principles it was to-day; if ever there was

a time when men should be loyal to their Sovereign, and rigidly and strictly obey the laws of the country, it was to-day.

For many years it had been his privilege and pleasure to meet in different parts of New Zealand many brethren who were prominently identified with the Craft, and it had been his pleasant experience to observe that the great bulk of the fraternity in this country exhibited in their daily lives the ancient principles of the institution. Occasionally, but very rarely, some brother brought discredit upon the institution, an institution which should receive the respect of everybody in the community. It was sometimes said that a Mason should always receive preference on the part of another Mason—that he should receive the support of brother Masons even for posts for which there were other candidates with superior qualifications. To that doctrine he refused to subscribe. A man who was placed in a position of responsibility must be faithful to his trust, and see that he who was best qualified for the vacant post received it, regardless of other considerations. If he failed to do that, he would be acting dishonourably, and if there was one thing more than another that a Mason should be, it was an honourable gentleman. Moreover, he need not prate about his honour. Some persons seemed to consider that honour was a rare quality, but his own observation was that most men of our race were disposed to be honest. He always looked with suspicion on the man who boasted about his honour, and who tried to impress one that he was not as other men were. When one came across such a person, one should beware of him, and watch him.

Another type of man rarely met with amongst Freemasons was the hypocrite. Beware of his unctuous smile, and do not be deceived by his oleaginous manners. Of all detestable creatures the hypocrite was the most detestable. Again, a type of Freemason who did not bring credit upon the institution was the brother who went about decorated with Masonic emblems. No Mason had the right to parade his Masonry.

A Mason should be a modest individual who did his work in the community quietly, who obeyed the laws, and was considerate to the weaknesses of his fellow men, and he should avoid advertising his connection with the Craft.

Some time ago he found in a book the observation that "A well ordered Masonic Lodge is a source of strength to the community. It really focuses all that stands for the good order of the community." That must be so. Every man who belonged to the institution had to pass a test. Every brother was a competitor in the dispensation of charity and in doing kindly actions towards his fellow men. That being so, must not every Masonic institution be a source of strength to the community? It must make for the good of the land and for its good government.

"We are;" proceeded the G.M., "passing through desperate times. As we sit in this hall to-night, brethren from all parts of New Zealand, I believe there is passing through every brother present some thought about what is taking place on the battlefields of France. We all earnestly hope, and we earnestly trust, that the struggle that is going on to-day will end in favour of our country and our race. But words will accomplish nothing. Words are only the tinkling of a cymbal and the sounding of brass. Sitting still will do no good. Action is needed, and I do not think I am trespassing beyond the bounds of propriety in a Masonic institution when I say I believe it is necessary, if success is to attend our efforts in this struggle, that every man in the community must place himself behind the leaders of our nation until those leaders are demonstrably proved to be wrong. It becomes the duty of every Mason to support those leaders with all the strength and the will and the power they possess.

"I am not at all certain that this war does not contain in it something for good. I am not at all certain that it is wholly evil. I believe I have detected in this country signs of a strength that is growing—a strength that would never have grown but for the circumstances of this war. I believe that to-day we are making history, the effect of which will be felt in this country throughout the ages. We are growing in strength, in wisdom, and in experience. Down at our wharves I have seen young men leave this country—happy men, men with smiles upon their faces, the happy product of a happy country. I have seen those men return to our shores, some of them broken, but still with smiles upon their faces and confidence in their hearts. And I have said to myself that in the years that are to come—a hundred years hence—stories will be told in thousands of homes in this country—on the hillsides, in the valleys, in the cities, and in the solitude of the bush—to the honour and glory and to the memory of those men who were prepared to sacrifice everything in order that our race might live and our nation might not suffer.

"So I venture to say, in conclusion, that it behoves every brother present to-night, in the days that are to come, and until this great struggle is ended in our favour, to comport himself before his fellow men, remembering the canons taught to him at his Lodge's monthly meetings, that those who do not belong to the Masonic institution will say— 'This man is indeed a worthy and upright citizen and a worthy Mason.' "

SECOND DAY'S SITTING.

AMENDMENT OF LAWS.

On resuming on the morning of Thursday, 9th May, G.L. quickly disposed of the postponed questions as to amendment of the laws.

The problem as to Rule 146 was solved by agreeing to the repeal of the existing rule and the substitution of the following :—

"In cases of special emergency the following course may be pursued : If any two M.Ms. of a Lodge shall transmit in writing to the Master the name, age, profession, or occupation, and place of abode of any candidate whom they may wish to propose and the circumstances which cause the special emergency, or if such special emergency shall arise after a candidate has been proposed in a Lodge and his proposer and seconder shall transmit in writing to the Master the circumstances which cause the special emergency, then and in either of such cases, if, in his opinion, the emergency be real, the Master shall apply to the G.M. or to the Prov.G.M. for a dispensation, who, being also satisfied that the emergency is real, may grant a dispensation, and in that event the Master shall notify every member of his Lodge, either in the summons for the next regular meeting or in a summons for a Lodge of Emergency, to meet at a period of not less than seven days from the issuing of the summons, and the candidate (subject to his being or having been approved on the ballot) may then be initiated. The Master shall, before proceeding with the business stated on the summons, read the proposition and dispensation, and state to the Lodge the cause of the emergency, which shall be recorded in the minutes."

The amendment to Rule 177, giving an excluded brother the right to appeal within three months, was agreed to. The opinion was expressed that its omission from former editions of the B. of C. had been an oversight.

LOCATION OF GRAND LODGE OFFICE.

Notices of motion were then dealt with. First in order was a motion by W. Bro. N. G. Armstrong, of Lodge St. Andrew Kil., No. 79, Wanganui—

"That the office of G.L. be permanently located in the City of Wellington, and that the B. of G.P. be empowered to take the necessary steps to carry this resolution into effect." The mover made it clear that his purpose was to bring about the centralisation merely of the office—that he desired that the principal Boards should still have their headquarters in the four chief centres in rotation, and that the G.Sec. should for each meeting travel to the centre where the Boards should sit. His main points in support of the motion were the expense and risks of the continual two-yearly removals of G.L. office, the centralness of Wellington as compared with other cities of the Dominion, and the economy which it was claimed would result from the change.

The history of former motions of the same kind was dealt with by several brethren, and finally Bro. Jolly, leader of the opposition at the last debate on the subject in Christchurch, when the decision of the Auckland communication of the previous year in favour of centralisation was rescinded traversed the proposal in one of his most trenchant speeches. With very little further debating the motion was negatived on a show of hands.

FRENCH FREEMASONRY.

M.W. Bro. Dougall, P.G.M., obtained leave to alter the motion of which he had given notice with regard to the recognition of the G.L. of France to the following form :—

"That G.L. is of opinion that the recognition of French Freemasonry should receive favourable consideration."

M.W. Bro. Dougall dealt with the subject at some length, acknowledging at the outset that his motives in bringing it forward were, in the first place, affection roused by the conduct of Frenchmen in the present war, and, secondly, a doubt whether Anglo-Saxon Freemasonry had treated Continental Freemasonry with the fairness that characterised Freemasonry as a whole. Developing his subject, he claimed that there was no foundation for the common assertion that French Freemasonry was atheistical—that it taught that there was no God. The keynote of French Freemasonry was absolute liberty of conscience, such as New Zealand asserted in regard to its education system. His address went in some detail into the history of the Craft in France and into the principles it there professes.

After a short discussion the matter was referred to the B. of G.P., to ascertain the policy of other G.Ls. in the matter and report to the next annual communication. This amendment was accepted by M.W. Bro. Dougall, and agreed to.

INCREASE OF ANNUITIES.

R.W. ' Bro. R. H. Richmond, Prov.G.M., moved :—

"That as our annuities, owing to the increased cost of living, are now less adequate than in pre-war days, G.L. recommends all Lodges under its jurisdiction to ask their members to contribute 2s. each per annum to the W. and O. and A.M. Fund, in addition to what they are disposed to give at the annual installation meetings. The additional sum thus raised to be spent annually by the Annuity Board in supplementing annuities where necessary, the balance, if any, to be capitalised as are the annual collections."

The proposition., he said, originated with W. Bro. Paterson, W.M. at the time of Lodge Runanga, and arose out of the difficulty which it was evident that the Annuity Board experienced, through the limitation of its funds, in granting the full annuity in a particular case. He estimated that if the scheme were taken up it would raise an additional £750 per annum, and that would go a long way in further lightening the burdens suffered by many brethren through sickness, poverty, and old age.

The motion was seconded by R.W. Bro. Ross, P.D.G.M., and agreed to.

SILVER BATON FUND.

The M.W.G.Sec. announced that the Silver Baton Fund, originated by Lodge St. Andrew, No. 32, had reached the sum of £500, which would presently be paid over for the benefit of the Special (War) Benevolent Fund. Of the total, more than one-fifth had been contributed by Lodge St. Andrew itself. G.L. passed a hearty vote of thanks to the committee who had charge of the Silver Baton movement—viz., R.W. Bro. J. J. Rod, V.W. Bro. J. Russell, W. Bros. J. Rod, P.G.J.D., and ,A. T. Wells, and Bro. L. A. George; and also to Bros. Scannell and Thompson, the donors of the baton.

After votes of thanks had been passed to the retiring officers of the past two years, and to the Wellington brethren for their hospitality to visiting members of G.L., the proceedings were closed.

SOCIAL FUNCTIONS.

The Wellington brethren provided quite a plethora of social functions, which were much appreciated, especially by visiting ladies.

On Wednesday afternoon the Oriental Bay Kiosk was crowded, the occasion being afternoon tea provided especially for visiting ladies, and quite a number of local brethren and their wives were present to do honour to the visitors. An excellent programme of music was provided.

The same evening some forty or fifty brethren and ladies visited the Queen's Theatre, and a most enjoyable evening was spent. At the Town Hall supper was served, Grand Officers and representatives being the invited guests. R.W. Bro. Ellison, Prov.G.M., occupied the chair, and in response to the several toasts some excellent speeches were made. The splendid Wellington quartette party again delighted the brethren with their superb vocalisation., On Thursday after-noon an excursion to Day's Bay drew a monster crowd, and as the weather was glorious the outing was keenly enjoyed. Afternoon tea was served in the pavilion, and the ubiquitous photographer secured some groups of the revellers.

The evening was devoted to a concert in the Town Hall, when a really good programme was presented. At ten o'clock an adjournment was made to the large hall for supper, and though quite a number of the guests had to take the refreshments in picnic fashion, they were none the less enjoyed and hilarity reigned supreme. It is quite safe to say that the Wellington gathering will long be held in pleasurable remembrance.

Correspondence

WHO SHOULD ASSIST THE W.M. IN HIS WORK?

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TO THE EDITOR.

DEAR SIR AND BRO.,—In your May number there are two letters bearing on the question of whether floor members should be allowed to do any part of the work which it is the special duty of the W.M. to perform. I think there is even stronger objection to anyone under the degree of P.M. so assisting than there would be to

a floor member doing any part of the special work of the Wardens, when both those officers are present. I will not discuss the effect on the P.M. who may feel slighted by being passed over, though this does not tend to ensure their attendance or promote the true interests of the Lodge. On the face of things the P.M. should be best qualified to assist the W.M. with delegated work. I quite admit that some brother on the floor may be a better elocutionist, or perhaps have a more retentive memory, but that is scarcely the point, and in any case if the floor member has all the necessary qualifications he should in time be found in the chair of K.S. It should be obvious that if the P.Ms. cannot do the work as well as it should be done, the Lodge should never put them in the chair. The W.M. has no right to make the candidate it subject for experiment by one who has not attained the rank of W.M., for, as one correspondent admits, the chief consideration should be the impression made on the candidate. There is also the danger of the W.M. being suspected of favouritism and a too urgent desire to "push on" some member who is still on the floor of the Lodge.

While on this subject I also desire to enter my protest against the practice adopted by some Lodges of allowing other Lodges to work degrees for them. It is no doubt very friendly and all that, but it seems to follow that if the visiting Lodge does the work better, then every member who has taken degrees in that Lodge has reason to be dissatisfied with its officers ; if its working is worse, then the candidate has suffered.

Yours fraternally,

PENTALPHA.

ROMAN CATHOLICS AS FREEMASONS.

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TO THE EDITOR.

DEAR SIR AND BRO.,—I am sorry to see that "Canadian Mason" in your May issue, denounced the New Zealand Masonic Lodges for their tolerant attitude towards Roman Catholics. It seems necessary to remind him that Freemasonry knows no distinctions of creed, and that at one period all Freemasons were Catholics. We know of course that since Pope Pius the Ninth's excommunication of Freemasons a man cannot be at once a good Catholic and a Freemason. But even this may be but a passing phase. In the meantime, we do not welcome Catholics, though I for one would have no objection to initiate the Pope himself. So far as our secrets are concerned it is ridiculous to suppose that they have never been revealed. But it is the policy of this Church to discountenance anything that may promote the brotherhood of man—indeed, every church really understands brotherhood to mean belief in its own dogmas. That has been the case throughout the ages, and will continue so long as priestcraft exists. Freemasonry is the only institution the world has ever seen which embraces all religions in its scope, and it is doing most splendid work in creating what is really the religion of humanity. Its influence is specially marked in India, and your May issue, I notice, records the presence in a Lodge of Christians, Mohammedans, Hindoos, and Parsees. In what other institution dealing with morality and belief in a Supreme Being would such a combination be possible? I may also remind your correspondent that there are Catholics and Catholics—bigots and liberal-minded men. I can recall at least one case in which Freemasonry prevailed with a Catholic, and you will also probably remember it, when I mention that it occurred in a southern town about the year 1878. In the hospital there a Catholic who was also a Freemason lay dying. He had begged his brethren to keep the priests away from him, as he held that Freemasonry filled all his requirements. This exclusion of the priests led to a lot of angry correspondence in the newspapers and some brethren were foolish to answer the indignant protests of the priests. The result was to give the case much more than local interest. The brother who died had occupied the Master's chair in a Lodge in the North Island, but at the time of his death he was in very poor circumstances, and his widow and a son and a daughter were very poorly provided for. Though the Freemasons in those days numbered but few the collection taken up all over the colony on behalf of the widow and the fatherless resulted in obtaining a sum which proved sufficient to maintain the widow and family and educate the children. Not only that, but the final balance-sheet of the fund published in the Craftsman a few years ago showed that there still remained a sum of £700, which Grand Lodge decided should be set aside as a dowry for the daughter should she marry. The son now occupies an excellent position. So your correspondent will see that at least one Catholic died a true Freemason.—Yours fraternally, PENTALPHA.

FLOOR MEMBERS TAKING PART IN CEREMONIES.

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TO THE EDITOR.

DEAR SIR AND BRO.,— It is gratifying to know that a word of criticism by the Lodge Correspondent of Avon Lodge should have caused some comment in your paper as regards floor members doing work at the Lodge meetings. As a W.M., I consider that, in the first place, it was not correct for a correspondent of a Lodge—who, by the way, I have learnt is not a P.M.—to criticise any action by his W.M. in giving work out to a floor member ; but, this being done, I would like to mention that, unfortunately, there are not a great number of P.Ms. who make themselves acquainted with charges such as the Charge after Initiation. In the case mentioned I have also learnt that the P.M. who had agreed to give this charge was detained from his Lodge by ill-health, and that Bro. Hatch, I.G., gave this charge at practically a moment's notice. It is well to have brethren of this type to fall back on, and I might say, having heard the work done, I feel certain that it was quite as dignified and impressive as could be done by any P.M. It is a splendid thing to have younger brethren in a Lodge taking so much interest as to learn charges such as the one above mentioned. The only way for P.Ms. to prevent what they may consider an injustice to themselves happening is for them to attend their Lodges and make themselves conversant with the work to be done.—Yours fraternally,
W.M.

FLOOR MEMBERS AND RITUAL WORK.

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TO THE EDITOR.

DEAR SIR AND BRO.,— It is, indeed, gratifying to find that the Avon Lodge reports are read with interest by many Masons over New Zealand, and it is without doubt a striking comment upon the value of your paper in keeping Lodges in touch with each other's proceedings and ideas. We of Avon Lodge believe that we have many thoughts and ideas of benefit to other Lodges, and we gratefully acknowledge helpful ideas from others. Let me say at the outset that the opinions expressed in our reports are my own, as I hold that a correspondent has a right to voice his own opinions in his own way, subject only to the blue pencil of the Editor. Some may say that no correspondent should criticise his W.M.'s doings, but, while I concede that criticisms of what are purely Lodge matters should be made in the Lodgeroom, I cannot concede that criticisms of matters of general interest to all Freemasons should be withheld, just to save a W.M.'s feelings. Again, I hold that my criticism was constructive, and not destructive, and has been the means of creating a good deal of thought on a very important subject. In general reply to your correspondents, I would state that they will surely not contend that an E.A. could perform the same work equally as well as a M.M. Can they, then, hold that a floor member can perform the work better, or even as well, as a P.M.? Perhaps at this point it will be well to quote Captain Scott : " I do not regret this journey, as it has enlarged my vision, increased my faith in God and my fellow men, and brought to me opportunities of usefulness beyond my conception." The Masonic journey through the various offices cannot but have the same effect, and that effect is plainly shown in the giving of a charge. Forgive me for trespassing on your space to such an extent; and will you kindly assure one and all that I am not a P.M. nor an old fossil? On the contrary, I am supposed to be rather youthful and progressive.—Yours fraternally, AVON LODGE CORRESPONDENT.

[This correspondence must now cease.—ED. C.]

THE ORIGIN OF THE ROYAL ARCH.

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[A Lecture delivered by V.E. COMP. E. NORDON before the Members of Prince of Wales R.A. Chapter, Christchurch.]

In an earlier lecture, on the old return and the new, I dealt with the occupancy of Palestine by the Jews, and the dispersion, and probable happenings in case of a new return. Following on the interesting matter I looked up in connection with that lecture, I was induced to delve a bit further, and on this occasion I want to say something about the origin of R.A. Masonry. I do not claim any originality in the present lecture, since my matter is taken mostly from William James Hughan's "Origin of the English Rite of Freemasonry." This very valuable book, which is now practically unprocurable, was lent me by M.E. Comp. S. C. Bingham.

On the actual origin of R.A. Masonry, it is extremely difficult to speculate ; but it is not an unsafe venture to place the introduction of organised R.A. Masonry, with a distinct ritual, at about 1740.

In approaching the subject, it is necessary to go back to a brief consideration of the character of the three degrees, especially that of the Master Mason, both ritualistically and-generally. There seems to be little doubt, that these three degrees became separate and distinct only after the constitution of the first G.L. in 1717.

"It seems difficult to understand," says Bro. Hughan in the valuable work to which I am so much indebted, "how anyone conversant with their noble histories can cherish the fancy that the three degrees as we have them, and even the R.A. and other ceremonies were worked by our ancient brethren during the seventeenth century. Three grades there were undoubtedly in those early times—namely, apprentice, fellow-craft, and Master Mason—being suggestive respectively of apprentices, journeymen, and masters—but so far as the minutes of the Lodges testify prior to the 18th century, or, in fact, any document whatever, it is doubtful if there were any separate degrees known save the first—the only esoteric ceremony being a simple rite of initiation, its participants never afterwards being excluded from any Masonic meetings because of degrees being worked additional to, separate from, or superior to, the form of reception in which they took part on becoming apprentices. The apprentices accordingly became fellow-crafts or journeymen, on their essays or work being passed by competent judges, and then Master Masons according to circumstances, but never because of taking certain degrees until the G.L. era." (This is the considered conclusion of Bro. Hughan.) G.Ls. were an institution of the 18th century, and an outgrowth of speculative lodges, which existed from "time immemorial." The first of its kind was the G.L. of England, constituted on St. John Baptist's Day, 1717. This was followed by the constitution of York G.L. on 17th December, 1725, but it is important to remember that this Lodge collapsed in 1790. While these two G.Ls. were flourishing, however, disputes arose in London between some of the Lodges and G.L., and this led to the formation of another rival under the name of the G.L. of England according to the old constitutions. The members of this G.L., under the Grand Mastership of the 3rd and 4th Dukes of Atholl, became known as Atholl Masons, or "ancients," while those of the premier G.L. were unfairly styled "moderns" or "regulars"—the term "modern" being imported, rightly or wrongly, in view of the allegation of modern innovations in the ritual.

The antiquity of the Third Degree is a matter on which there is a wilderness of criticism, but the absolute records place it at about the revival in 1717, to 1720. It is probable that R.A. Masonry was the first ceremony associated with the Craft degrees, although, before minutes of the R.A. are met with, there are records of other extra degrees. Minutes of the R.A. of 1743-1744 place it in the position of being one of the earliest known of the additional ceremonies. Another point arises as to what the R.A. consisted of in its early days, and whether it was formed by taking from the M.M. a portion of its ritual, and amplifying the ceremony to form a fourth degree, or whether it was substantially and entirely a new creation. The oldest minutes of R.A.M. preserved are of the year 1753, in the United States, and 1758 in England, but the degree is mentioned in the Atholl records of 4th March, 1752. The earliest typographical account of the degree, published in Dublin in 1744 by Fifield Dassigny, M.D., reads :—

"I am informed in that city (York) is held an assembly of Master Masons, under the title of R.A. Masons, who, as their qualifications and excellencies are superior to others, they receive a larger pay than working masons ; but of this more hereafter. Now, as the landmarks of the constitution of Freemasonry are universally the same throughout all kingdoms, and are so well fixed that they will not admit of removal, how comes it to pass that some have been led away by ridiculous innovations, an example of which I shall prove by a certain propagator of a false system, some few years ago, in this city, who imposed upon several very worthy men, under a pretence of being Master of the R.A., which, he asserted, he had brought with him from the City of York, and that the beauties of the craft did principally consist in the knowledge of this valuable piece of masonry. However, he carried on his scheme for several months, and many of the learned and wise were his followers; till, at length, his fallacious art was discovered by a brother of probity and wisdom, who had some small space before attained that excellent part of masonry in London, and plainly proved that his doctrine was false—whereupon the brethren justly despised him, and ordered him to be excluded from all benefits of the Craft, and although some of the fraternity have expressed an uneasiness at this matter being kept a secret from them (since they had already passed through the usual degrees of probation), I cannot help being of opinion that they have no right to any such benefit until they make a proper application, and are received with due formality—and as it is an organised body of men who have passed the chair, and given undeniable proofs of their skill in architecture, it cannot be treated with too much reverence, and more especially since the character of the present members of that particular Lodge are untainted, and their behaviour judicious and unexceptionable, so that there cannot be the least hinge to hang a doubt on, but that they are most excellent Masons. I cannot help informing the brethren that there is lately arrived in this city a certain itinerant Mason, whose judgment (as he declares) is so far illumined, and whose optics are so strong, that they can bear the view of the most lucid rays of the sun at noon-day — and although we have contented

ourselves with three material steps to approach our *summum bonum*, the Immortal God, yet he presumes to acquaint us that he can add three more, which, when properly placed, may advance us to the highest heavens."

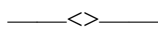
This long quotation is strongly emphasised by Bro. Hughan, who points out that it is clear that the aim of the Third Degree, in 1744, culminated in reverence for the *summum bonum*, the Immortal God. Bro. W. A. Lawrie, G.Sec., declared that there was no evidence of any kind of existence of the R.A. Degree in Scotland prior to 1743. This reference to 1743, Hughan declares, was likely to be to the old Lodge of Stirling, and he was fortunate in being able to examine the ancient records, including two old historic brasses. These brasses are three inches wide, and nine inches long, and are of rude workmanship. The one of special interest refers to "the Redd Cross, Knights of Malta, and the Night Templar." The idea of their having been engraved in the seventeenth century Hughan dismisses entirely, because the Knights of the Temple and other chivalric ceremonies under the protecting wing of Freemasonry cannot be determined so early. The by-laws of this Stirling Lodge are stated to have been agreed to on May 14, 1745, and provided for certain fees, from the Entered Apprentice onward, including the excellent and super-excellent 5s., and Knights of Malta 5s." The Sup. G. Chapter of Scotland sought to fix the dates of origin of the Chapters on its register, and in 1818 a special committee reported those which had (to use its own words) "produced satisfactory evidence of their having existed in the knowledge and practice of R.A. Masonry, etc., since the period set against their respective names, the first on the list being Stirling Rock R.A. Chapter from the 30th of July, 1743." As the Chapter at Stirling is still on the roll, it is the oldest on the world, if this date can be established. Hughan considers, however, that so early a reference to the Knights of Malta, detracts from the genuineness of the whole record. It is evident, indeed, that Bro. Hughan takes a conservative view of the matter, and rejects all but documentary evidence of the subject. Thus, in 1867-1868 he had a very interesting discussion with the Rev. A. F. A. Woodford, M.A., who insisted that the second part of the Third Degree existed certainly in the 15th century. This second part of the Third Degree he took to be substantially the R.A., holding to the theory that the R.A. was a mutilation or development of the Third Degree. This view is held by other authorities, and is in some measure justified by certain words and symbols, found on tracing boards, depicted in the oldest Masonic works extant. Dr. Oliver asserts that a certain Chevalier Ramsay visited London about 1740, for the purpose of introducing his degree into English Masonry, and his schemes being rejected, nothing appears more likely than that he would throw himself into the hands of the schismatics." It is therefore," he adds, "extremely probable that Ramsay was concerned in the fabrication of the English degree." Hughan dismisses this theory entirely, on the ground that there was not a tittle of proof that Ramsay's "inventions" were entertained either by the G.L. of England, or any other Masonic body in England or Ireland, and also on the ground that the Atholl Grand Lodge had no existence until seven years after his death. Dr. Oliver also declares that the degree "is very properly denominated the English R.A., for it was doubtless a fabrication of that country, and from thence was transmitted to every part of the world, where it now prevails." This guess, comments Hughan, is probably more correct than Dr. Oliver's previous theory, since what is known as the R.A. of the Continent cannot be considered precisely the same as the degree in England of that name. Dr. Oliver also declares:—"The true word never was lost, but was transferred by the seceding brethren, at the great Schism of 1740, to the R.A., and in corroboration of this hypothesis, I have before me an old French engraving of a Master's Lodge, dated in that very year, containing the usual emblems, and on the coffin the veritable word in Roman capitals. Hughan confesses his inability to decide which was the senior, the English or the Continental R.A. It is peculiar, and rather in support of the mutilation theory that the word, which was once lost and is now found, is alluded to in the ceremony of the Third Degree as worked in 1730. Much more, however, than a word is involved in the mutilation spoken of. The late Doctor Joseph Robbins, P.G.M., of Illinois, refers to the mutilation of the Third Degree as a pure fiction. He asks why, if the degree was mutilated as the result of differences between the Ancient and Modern Masons of England, it should have been mutilated in Scotland and Ireland. It is remarkable, too, that at the union of the rival G.Ls. of South Carolina, representing the Regular and Atholl Masons, the joint committee of both bodies reported that there existed no difference in the mode of passing and raising, instructing, obligating and clothing, in the respective G.Ls. Bro. Robbins considers that if there is any further room for doubt it is disposed of by the fact that the rituals extant from 1723 to 1730, in the five G.Ls., showed the same modes of recognition as exist at the present day. This period ante-dates by 20 or 30 years, the first appearance of the R.A., and he holds that the identity of the essentials of the ritual, then and now, is conclusive proof that the alleged mutilation of the Third Degree to form the basis of the R.A. is pure fiction. The theory that a word was placed in the R.A. prominently, which was previously given in the sections of the Third Degree, and known as "the ancient word of a Master Mason," is worthy of careful consideration. It is said to be still so communicated in some Master Masons Lodges on the Continent, and it is to be found on old Tracing Boards

of early 18th century. The amplification and prominence which followed such removal and incorporation into another degree, appear to provide the key to the problem, and permit of a change being made, without any violence to the ordinary ritual. According to this idea, that which was once lost and then found in the Third Degree was subsequently under the new regime discovered in the R.A., only much extended, and under most exalted and dignified surroundings. Had the R.A. necessitated any integral portion of the Third Degree being severed from its normal surroundings, and entirely removed from the ritual, is it likely that the ceremony would have been patronised by Lord Blaney, I.P.G.M. and other influential members of G.Ls. in 1767, and subsequently. But even if such had been the case, one could scarcely credit brethren who held aloof from R.A. Masonry being parties to such an arrangement. So that the prominence given to a word by R.A. Masons, not alluded to significantly in the degree of a Master Mason, save in one of the sections, might thus be omitted in the one, and made the chief feature of the other, without causing much disturbance ; its gradual elimination from the Lodge being the work of time, and in some parts the old system being still continued. The earliest records of R.A. Masonry in England are not quite so old as those of Scotland, but actual typographical references go further back. There is an interesting record of a Chapter in Bristol in 1798 where a brother who was already an Ancient R.A. Mason was proposed and exalted. This is a most unusual record, although re-making in Craft Lodges between Ancients and Moderns was quite common.

It is well to note that the ceremony in Ireland differs much from that of England and Scotland, for it has nothing to do with the rebuilding of the Temple as narrated by Ezra, but with the repairing of the Temple by Josiah, the three chief officers, or principals, being the King (Josiah), the Priest (Hilkiah), and the Scribe (Shaphan), not as we have them, Zerubbabel, Haggai, and Jeshua. It is extremely interesting to read the records of various old Lodges relating to the R.A. That R.A. Masonry was practised in Scotland at an early date may be inferred from the names given to various Lodges, which were styled R.A. The Grand Chapter of R.A. Masons for Scotland was formed on 28th August, 1817. This body was inaugurated notwithstanding G.L. opposition to the degree. In an address which prefaces the by-laws of the R.A. Chapter, No. 6, Dundee, it is stated that "from a minute dated 25th January, 1773, it appears that the G.L. of England had recognised and encouraged the R.A. and its concomitant degrees, and that by a special understanding with the G.Ls. of Ireland and Scotland they became fully authenticated in these kingdoms." But the G.Ls. of Ireland and Scotland did not so recognise R.A. Masonry, but only as working the three established degrees did they promise "Brotherly connection and correspondence with the Atholl Grand Lodge." The G.L. of Scotland in 1800 did something more than merely ignore the additional degree, for on 26th May of that year it 'expressly prohibited and discharged all lodges having charters, from the G.L., from holding any other meetings than those of the three Orders, namely, the first three degrees. A similar resolution was passed on August 4, 1817, and on December 27 it was agreed that from that date no person holding an official position in any Masonic body, which sanctions higher degrees than those of St. John's Masonry, shall be entitled to sit, act, or vote in the G.L. of Scotland." This was warmly opposed by the G. Chapter, and a protest was issued, signed by the G. Prins., two of whom were P.G.Ms., but for a time the effort to obtain, a more liberal treatment was not successful. Of late years, toleration (almost partial recognition, remarks Bro. Hughan) prevails, and the G.Ls. of Scotland, which has from the first refused to adopt R.A. Masonry, has agreed to an amended definition of St. John's Masonry—namely, Entered Apprentice, Fellow Craft (including the Mark), and Master Mason, and, moreover, has adopted the Degree of an Installed Master. The G.L. of Ireland strictly "prohibits as unlawful all assemblies of Freemasons in Ireland, under any title whatever, purporting to be Masonic, not held by virtue of a warrant or constitution from the G.L., or from one of the other Masonic Grand bodies recognised by and acting in union with it. So that in England R.A. Masonry is officially adopted, and the Mark Degree is not ; in Scotland the R. A. is not, but the Mark is ; and in Ireland both are recognised.

Enquiries on Matters of Masonic Interest

WHEN SHOULD THE T.B. BE EXHIBITED?



I am instructed by the members attending the Lodge of Instruction to write to you in connection with a discussion as to the position of the T.B. in the Third Degree, when the candidate is admitted as a F.C. to be raised to the Third Degree. The Preceptor said he considered that the T.B. should not be exhibited until the F.C. had taken the Ob. Several of the members were of the opinion that, as the Lodge was opened in that degree, the T.B. should be exhibited all the time. This Lodge works the Alternative or Scotch Third. Should

the T.B. be exhibited to a candidate admitted as a F.C., when the Lodge has opened in that degree for the purpose of raising him? or should it only be exhibited after the F.C. has taken the Ob. in the Third Degree?—Yours fraternally, E. G. HAYNES.
Moorhouse Street, Morrinsville.

[The usual custom is to unveil the T.B. on the opening of the Lodge.—ED. C.]

OBITUARY.

BRO. K. O. DE CEUT.

Word has been received that Bro. K. O. De Ceut, of Lodge Abercorn, No. 76, Gisborne, was killed in action in France on 12th April. Bro. De Ceut left as a 2nd lieutenant in the 13th Reinforcements, and has been promoted twice in the field, receiving his captaincy about two months ago. Bro. De Ceut was a member of the Gisborne R.A. Chapter, as well as one of the most prominent of the younger members of Lodge Abercorn.

W. BRO. J. C. R. WATTS.

We regret to have to record the death of W. Bro. J. C. R. Watts, who was killed in action in France. W. Bro. Watts was beloved and respected by every member, and his death is a great loss to Lodge Piako, but his true Masonic character will live long in the memory of the brethren. W. Bro. Watts leaves behind him a wife and young family.

BRO. W. H. ARROW, .I.D.

It is sad to reflect that on 2nd May our late brother, though in his usual good health—was, in fact; ready to leave his home to attend to his Masonic duties at the regular meeting of Lodge Avon—when suddenly some cord binding us to life snapped, and after a few hours Bro. Arrow passed into the presence of T.G.A.O.T.U. Bro. Arrow was initiated into Freemasonry by Avon Lodge on 2nd June, 1910, was passed on 5th July, and raised on 3rd November of the same year, and, at the time of his death, held the office of J.D. in his mother Lodge. Quiet and unassuming, he nevertheless possessed the confidence of the members of Avon Lodge, who recognised those sterling qualities necessary to make a good Mason. The funeral on Sunday, 5th May, was largely attended by brethren, there being in all seventy-eight Masons present, of which over fifty were members of his own Lodge—striking testimony, indeed, of the love and esteem in which he was held. The Masonic ceremony at the grave-side was conducted by W. Bro. W. E. Scott (W.M. of Avon Lodge), assisted by Bro. Rev. Tanner (of Robert Burns Lodge).

THE N.Z.E.F. MASONIC ASSOCIATION.

[Copy of Minutes of Meeting held in the N.Z. Masonic Gift Y.M.C.A. Hut, N.Z. Artillery Lines, "somewhere in Belgium," Monday, February 18th, at 2.15 p.m.]

By vote of the brethren present the chair was occupied by Bro. Major Evans, N.Z. Cyclist Corps. The object of the meeting was in response to an invitation from Bro. Kenner, Y.M.C.A. secretary, to meet in the hut presented to the N.Z.E.F. Y.M.C.A. by the Masonic brethren in New Zealand. The official opening of the hut had taken place a few days previously. There were 51 members present. A cordial welcome to new brethren was extended by the chairman. The chairman expressed the thanks of the brethren to Bro. Kenner for his invitation to them to be present, and at his request Bro. Kenner mounted the platform and gave details of the construction and opening ceremony of the hut. It had been opened the previous Saturday by General Russell, accompanied by General Johnson and a number of staff officers. The hut, although a large one, was crowded out for the opening ceremony, and a 30ft. extension was at once decided upon and immediately put in hand.

A draft syllabus of the week's activities was submitted to the brethren, showing concerts and lectures were to be held nightly. The hut was to be named "The Masonic Gift Hut." Three reasons had decided its erection on the present site : Firstly, artillerymen came from all parts of New Zealand ; second, the headquarters of the N.Z.E.F. Masonic Association were with the artillery and the hut would be most central for them; and, lastly, he, as secretary of the hut, was a member of the craft and attached to the artillery. It was the intention of the New Zealand Y.M.C.A. and himself to double the utility of the hut and make it a thorough credit to New Zealand Freemasonry. It would be always open and ready to receive and welcome members of the craft as a link uniting them with their brethren in New Zealand. He invited an brethren to visit him as frequently as possible and assured them of his hospitality at all times.

An interval was made, during which refreshments and smokes were handed around, kindly provided by the generosity of the Y.M.C.A. and the secretary, Bro. Kenner. Upon resuming, the following notice was moved by the chairman, Bro. Major Evans : "That this meeting of the members of the N.Z.E.F. Masonic Association, held in the Masonic Gift Hut, sends fraternal greetings, and desires to convey to the brethren of New Zealand Lodges their hearty appreciation of the gift through the Y.M.C.A. of this hut for the use of the members of the New Zealand Army in France." The motion was seconded by Bro. Major Howard, and carried unanimously, with the addition that the motion be forwarded by cable. The meeting closed with a vote of thanks to Bro. Kenner. The hut was gaily decorated with streamers and flags, and looked most attractive and homely. There were fifty representatives of New Zealand Lodges present.

A. HARDIE, Hon, Gen. Sec.,N.Z.E.F.M.A.

LADIES' NIGHT IN WHETU-KAIRANGI LODGE.

The fourth annual ladies' evening of Whetu-Kairangi Lodge was held at Seatoun on 20th April. The record attendance amply demonstrated the growing popularity of, and the necessity for, the brethren entertaining their lady friends at least once a year. The W.M. (Bro. Thos. O. Fox) presided, and was well supported by many eminent brethren, among whom were R.W. Bro. T. A. Peterkin, P.D.G.M., and R.W. Bro. J. W. Ellison, Prov.G.M. The proceedings were opened in accordance with Masonic custom by singing our opening hymn, followed by prayer, conducted by Bro. Rev. J. H. Sykes. W. Bro. Thos. O. Fox, W.M., in a few well chosen remarks, welcomed our guests to the first ladies' evening held in our new home. A solo by Bro. Laycock preceded an address on Masonry and its objects, delivered by our worthy V.W. Bro. Rev. T. Porritt, P.G.C. The subject was well treated by our Rev. Bro., and greatly appreciated by those privileged to hear him. A solo by Bro. Dunn, the hymn for brethren at sea, and the closing prayer terminated the first part. At the request of the W.M., our sisters retained their seats while the brethren dismantled the Lodge and set up the festive board. The loyal Masonic toast was proposed by the W.M. The next toast, that of the ladies, was in the hands of R.W. Bro. T. A. Peterkin, P.D.G.M., to which he did full justice in his usual characteristic manner. The response by W. Bro. Sergt.-Major J. Williams, on behalf of our sisters, added greatly to the enjoyment of the evening. The remainder of the evening was spent with dancing, singing, recitation, cornet and piano solos. "Auld Lang Syne " by the assembled company brought to a close the most successful ladies' evening we have had, in time for our guests to get the last car.

TRENTHAM CAMP.

W. Bro. J. Williams, G.L. Rep. in Trentham Military Camp., would like W.Ms. and Secs. of Lodges throughout the Dominion to notice that he is now in a position to get into touch with brethren coming into camp the day of their arrival, and would like Secs. to instruct members as follows :-

When members concentrate with a draft, soon after the medical examination, on arrival, they are taken to the Church of England Institute to have their personal records compiled. W. Bro. Sergt.-Major Williams is always in charge of this proceeding, and if Secs. have furnished their members with letters of introduction, this would be the best time to present them. Should members come in at other times, they are always taken to Records Office soon after arrival, and should then ask for Sergt.-Major Williams. In each case he will be then pleased to put them in touch with meetings in camp, and to give any other help or advice in his power.

Bro. Williams asks that Secs. of Lodges and others who may write will kindly excuse him replying to their letters (unless a direct answer is desired), as his duties keep him too busy to reply in every case. He would be glad also to receive monthly circulars from those Lodges who do not already forward them, as the reading of

these is always of interest to the members at the weekly meetings. Papers that have been read at meetings would always be welcome, and will be returned after use if desired.

J. WILLIAMS.

THE SILVER BATON.

The ownership of this implement was decisively settled on 10th May, when, by resort to the ancient method of drawing lots, Lodge St. Andrew, No. 32, was designated the lawful owner. The services of the G. Sec. were requisitioned to draw the ticket, the Prov.G.M. (R.W. Bro. Ellison) being present, and keeping a wary eye upon the operation. At the meeting of Lodge St. Andrew on 20th May V.W. Bro. J. J. Essen formally presented the baton to the W.M., on behalf of the organising committee, and referred to the fact that it had been the means of increasing the War Benevolent Fund by close on £550. Lodges generally had responded well, and as this particular Lodge had contributed over £100, its chances of securing a win were, of course, proportionate. It was hoped that the claims of the Hutment Fund would be kept in mind. Thanks were expressed for the services of Bros. Thompson and Scammell, who had made and donated the baton, for the willing assistance of the CRAFTSMAN, and of Bro. A. Ferguson, who had done much printing. The W.M. (Bro. J. C. Riddell) testified to the large amount of work that had been done by the committee, and delivered the baton to the D. of C., impressing upon him that he and his successors in office would be responsible for its safe keeping.

LODGE AVON ORCHESTRA.

One of the most pleasing features of the progressive Avon Lodge of Christchurch is the possession of an organised orchestra, providing incidental musical settings during workings of the various degrees of initiation, and which also adds much to the attractiveness of the, working of the Fourth Degree in its performance of suitable accompaniment to the gentle art of mastication. This excellent little body of musicians was formed at the instance, and during the term of office, of the energetic W. Bro. L. B. Hart, I.P.M. of Avon Lodge, and is also available for service in Bro. Lodges, on the payment of a small fee as contribution towards a music library fund.



At the invitation of the W.M., W. Bro. W. E. Scott, and of W. Bro. Hart, the efforts of Avon Lodge orchestra were met with tangible appreciation by a motor picnic to the Hill Top Hotel, overlooking Akaroa, on March 16th, where an excellent lunch was provided by the host, and which was done ample justice to. Comic element was furnished to the entertainment by the local cat, which, disguised as a captive balloon, paraded the dining-room and performed various antics in return for small donations of food.

The day was a most delightful one, and after lunch a number of selections were performed by the orchestra in the ground attached to the hotel to an audience composed of three local residents and the cat, aforesaid.

In the afternoon the party motored to the beautiful residence of Bro. W. Gray at Kaituna, where they were most hospitably entertained by the host and family, a most enjoyable couple of hours being spent, and a number of musical items contributed. The party reached home again about 7 p.m., and the kindness of AV. Bros. Scott and Hart was very much appreciated. Special thanks is also due to Bro. Price, Bro. Falck, J. W., and Bro. Simes, who provided cars. The photograph in our paper was taken in Bro. Gray's grounds by Bro. Westwood.

CHILDREN'S SOCIAL.

Christchurch Lodge, No. 91, held its twenty-second annual children's social on 13th April, when there was a large gathering of parents and children present in the refectory of the Masonic Hall. An excellent programme

of recitations, songs, dances, etc., was contributed by juvenile performers, and a ventriloquial item by Mr. C. Wood, whose patter with "Jacky" proved most acceptable to old and young alike. A dainty supper, distribution of toys, and an hour's free-and-easy brought a most successful evening to a close.

Reports.

[Secretaries and Scribes are requested to forward Reports.]

CRAFT LODGES.

SOUTHLAND.

Southern Cross, No. 9.—The regular meeting was held on 3rd May, when four candidates were initiated. W. Bro. Copeland obligated the candidates, and was assisted in the ceremonial work by a number of brethren. This being the final night of W. Bro. Copeland's year, the attendance of members and visitors was very good. The brethren afterwards adjourned to the refectory, where a very sociable meeting was held.—[Lodge Correspondent.]

St. John, No. 94.—The regular meeting, held on 19th April, was well attended, each of the other town Lodges paying official visits. Two F.Cs. were raised to the degree of ALAI. The report and balance-sheet disclosed an exceptionally successful year—a good increase of members and a sound finance. After receiving one proposition for membership and H.G.W. from visitors, brethren adjourned to the refectory, where a pleasant and harmonious hour was spent, the usual toasts being duly honoured.—[Lodge Correspondent.]

Lodge Victoria, No. 147.—One candidate was initiated at the regular meeting on 10th May. In the absence of the W.M. (at G.L. communication), W. Bro. Alex. Wilson occupied the chair, and conducted the ceremonial work, being assisted by officers and members of the Lodge. The work was good, and enjoyed by all present. At the after-meeting harmony was contributed by Bros. Buchanan, Watson, and Brokenshire.—[Lodge Correspondent.]

Waihopai, No. 189.—An emergency meeting of the Lodge was held on Monday, 13th May, when three initiates were passed. W. Bro. Vernon Smith, W.M., after a six months' absence, was in the chair, and his temporary presence in the town, combined with the fact that this was his only opportunity of presiding at a meeting of his Lodge, drew a very fine representative attendance. The ceremony was decorously conducted, giving pleasure to all. An enjoyable after-meeting followed.—[Lodge Correspondent.]

OTAGO.

Teviot, No. 148.—Our meeting on 26th April was not so well attended as it should have been. Two candidates were passed to the F.C. Degree. The working went smoothly, and the various charges were well given. Our Lodge has sustained a severe loss in the departure of W. Bro. Dr. Gilmour, who is proceeding on active service. Our loss, however, will be many a gallant brother's gain. Dr. Gilmour has been Sec. of Lodge Teviot for many years, and its present flourishing condition is due in large part to his faithful and self-sacrificing work. That our brethren realised his worth is evidenced by the fact that the office of Sec. is kept open for him, and Bro. H. Henderson has been appointed acting-Sec. At the installation ceremony on 23rd March W. Bro. Gilmour was presented with a Sec.'s jewel and apron. Bro. Flett, P.Prov.G.W., made the presentation on behalf of the brethren of Lodge Teviot, and also paid a high tribute to Dr. Gilmour. We wish our Sec. God-speed and a safe return.—[Lodge Correspondent.]

Oceanic, No. 154.—The monthly meeting was held in the St. Kilda Masonic Hall on 17th April, when W. Bro. A. Walker presided over an extra large attendance. Five candidates were initiated, the W.M. giving the Ob., W. Bro. J. Couchman the Secrets; W. Bro. W. Jacobsen presented the Aprons; W. Bro. H. W. Hellyer gave the N.E. Charge; W. Bro. A. McKenzie, the M. of P. ; Bro. H. F. Harris, J.W., the W.T.'s. ; and Bro. W. Mills, S.W., the Final Charge. One candidate was elected. Amongst the visitors present were the Prov.G.M.,

R.W. Bro. A. Flett, and the majority of the W.Ms. of the various town and suburban lodges, who all congratulated the Lodge upon the class of candidates who were initiated that evening. The usual pleasant hour was spent in the social ball, there being extra talent on the occasion, notably W. Bro. J. D. Cameron, Bros. Moore and Mearns. Bro. Gordon Titchener had charge of the musical arrangements within and outside the Lodge.

The annual P.Ms.' meeting was held on the 15th ult., and, as is usually the case, there was an extra large attendance of members and visitors, when the W.M., W. Bro. A. Walker, handed the gavel to W. Bro. A. McKenzie to conduct the business of the evening, who was supported in the E. by all the P.Ms. of the town and suburban Lodges who were in the chair in the same year as himself, making a unique gathering. W. Bro. McKenzie appointed the following officers :—S.W., W. Bro. W. Jacobsen ; J.W., W. Bro. J. Couchman ; D. of C., R.W. Bro. A. Stoneham ; S.D., W. Bro. H. W. S. Hellyer ; J.D., W. Bro. J. A. Black ; I.G., W. Bro. H. C. Anderson. Five E.As. were passed in the Second Degree, the ritual work being distributed as follows :—The O., the W.M. ; Secrets, R.W. Bro. A. Stoneham ; S.E. Charge, W. Bro. D. Harris Hastings ; W.Ts., W. Bro. J. Couchman ; Final Charge, W. Bro. J. D. Cameron. At the conclusion of the work, W. Bro. McKenzie thanked the W.M. for the opportunity he had given the P.Ms. of doing the work, and said that it had been a pleasure to all concerned. Bros. H. F. Titchener and Ross were presented with their M.M.'s diplomas, and one candidate was proposed. As is usually the case on P.Ms.' night, the proceedings in the supper room were of an extra festive character. Songs and other items were given by W. Bros. J. D. Cameron and Page, Bros. A. Moore, W. Mills, Penrose, Currie, and others. R.W. Bro. Stoneham, in proposing the usual military toast gave an appropriate and exceedingly interesting patriotic speech, and, as it was the anniversary of the W.M.'s natal day, reference was made to the coincidences and his health toasted in the usual manner. The company broke up shortly after eleven o'clock, one and all feeling that they had spent a profitable and enjoyable evening.—[Lodge Correspondent.]

CANTERBURY.

Unanimity, No. 3.—The usual meeting was held at Lyttelton on 4th May. W. 13ro. R. J. Connal presided over a goodly gathering of both visitors and brethren. The work was the passing of a brother. The candidate was obligated by the W.M., the Charge after Investiture being given by W. Bro. Merrifield (W.M., Lodge Canterbury Kii., No. 23). The S.E. Charge was given by W. Bro. Scott (W.M., Lodge Avon, No. 185), and the W.Ts. were presented by W. Bro. Francis (W.M., Concord Lodge, No. 39). W. Bro. Pearson, P.M., gave the Final Charge. The brethren then adjourned to the refectory, where a pleasant hour was spent.—[Lodge Correspondent.]

St. Augustine, No. 4.—The regular monthly meeting, held in the Christchurch Masonic Hall on 14th May, proved more than ordinarily interesting. The Sec., a new broom, had been dipping into the first minute-books of the Lodge, and had produced three gems, which the W.M. decided should be again recorded in appreciation of the foresight of our pioneers. From the minutes of 11th January, 1854: "That the thanks of the brethren be given to Bro. W. G. Brittan, F.C., for his liberal gift of a site for the proposed Masonic hall." Minutes of 18th September, 1861; "That every working officer not being present at Lodge at the appointed time shall be fined 2s. 6d. (except in case of sickness), unless he gives notice one hour beforehand to the W.M. or Sec. of his intention to be absent." Minutes, 27th December, 1861: "That the ballot-box do circulate through Lodge, instead of the Master and members moving to vote." The Sec. was instructed to ascertain if the second item had ever been rescinded—perhaps with a view to collecting back fines. The W.M. (W. Bro. Redpath), in furtherance of that fraternal feeling existing between the two Constitutions working in Christchurch, had undertaken to pass a brother of Conyers Lodge, No. 1916, E.C., and the ceremony was carried out in a manner which met with the warm approval of an exceptionally large number of visitors. Bro. Albert Cutts, initiated in Conyers Lodge, No. 1916, E.C., on 14th February, 1918, was passed to the degree of a F.C., and four of the local sitting Masters assisted in the work. W. Bro. Bailey (Conyers Lodge, No. 1916, E.C.) communicated the Ss. ; Bro. Scott (Avon Lodge, No. 185), Charge after Investiture ; W. Bro. Maffey (Civic Lodge, No. 157), N.E. Charge; and W. Bro. Danks (Canterbury Lodge, No. 1048, E.C.), the W.Ts. The Lecture on the 2nd T.B. (heard only too seldom in No. 4) was given in a pleasing manner by Bro. Stewart—a young, but enthusiastic, brother of No. 4. Some sixty guests were entertained in the refectory, and, after being regaled on the result of the sporting propensities of two of our keenest officers, in the shape of juggled and roast hare, were treated to equally satisfactory mental fare. V.W. Bro. Julius, G.C., took advantage of the very representative gathering to strongly recommend every brother to make himself familiar with Masonic politics, in view of the G.L. communication in Christchurch in May, 1919, and especially with regard to the matter of the recognition of the G.L. of France. W. Bros. Jones (Lodge Mokoreta, No. 63),

Holmes (Lodge Whangarei, No. 78), Menzies (Lodge Dunstan, No. 103), Buchanan (Lodge Victoria, No. 147), and several other visitors from far afield, expressed their appreciation both of the evening's work and the magnificent hall the Christchurch brethren possess. The musical programme was agreeably augmented by Bro. Mel. Orchard (of Canterbury Lodge, No. 1048, E.C.), whose always willing services will shortly be sadly missed, as he is on the eve of joining the colours.—[Lodge Correspondent.]

Concord No. 39.—The regular meeting was held in the Masonic Hall, Papanui, on April 24th. The Lodge was tyled at 7.15 p.m. The W.M., W. Bro. Francis, presided, and the Lodge-room was well filled with brethren and visitors. The election of W.M. resulted in the S.W., Bro. A. J. Nicholas, being elected W.M. for the ensuing twelve months. The names of officers will appear with the installation report. The Third Degree was worked. The W.M., W. Bro. Francis, obligated the candidate ; W. Bro. Wilson communicated the S., T., and W. The S.W., Bro. Nicholas, invested our brother with B. of M.M. the address after being given by W. Bro. Hollow. W.M. of Crown Lodge, No. 138. The T.H. was recited by W. Bro. Pengelly, of Canterbury Lodge, and continued by W. Bro. Hobbs. W. Bro. Sheffield, W.M. of Christchurch Lodge, presented and explained the W.Ts. ; the Final Charge being given by the S.W., Bro. Nicholas. W. Bro. Danks (W.M. of Canterbury Lodge), at the request of the W.M., presented the candidate with the copy of the V.S.L. on which he had taken his three Ohs. The usual pleasant hour was then spent in the refectory.—[Lodge Correspondent.]

Methven, No. 51.—The Lodge had a very good gathering on 17th April. Two brethren were passed to the degree of a F.C. W. Bro. H. H. Parson, W.M. presiding, obligated the candidate. He was assisted by Bro. :A.dams, acting-S.W., who invested the candidates. Bro. Campbell gave the S.E. Address ; Bro. Lock presented the W.Ts. ; the Secrets were given by Bro. Maginness, J.D. ; the Charge after Passing was delivered by W. Bro. Hall. The work was all carried out in a manner creditable to Freemasonry. The following officers were elected : W.M., Bro. J. F. Stone; S.W., Bro. H. Maginness; J.W., Bro. S. J. Carleton; Chaplain, W. Bro. Blacklor; Treas., Bro. Angus McKay. Sec. was left over, as some difficulty was presented in that officer being supplied. S.D., Bro. J. Osburn ; J.D., Bro. W. T. P. Lock ; I.G., Bro. J. Campbell; O.G., Bro. A. Reid ; D. of C., W. Bro. Goodwin ; Organist, W. Bro. Todd ; S.S., Bro. Robinson ; Ss., Bros. T. Gray and W. Buchan. A pleasant half-hour was spent in the "Fourth" after closing the Lodge.—[Lodge Correspondent.]

Christchurch, No 91.—The monthly meeting was held in the Masonic Hall on 23rd April, the W.M., W. Bro. Sheffield, presiding. The ritual work was the initiation of a candidate, who was obligated by the W.M. The Secrets were communicated by W. Bro. Jas. Mitchell, P.M. ; the Charge after Investiture was delivered by the J.W., Bro. Newth ; the Charge in the N.E. by W. Bro. R. Macfarlane, P.M. The W.Ts. were explained by W. Bro. Francis (W.M., Concord Lodge); the Final Charge being delivered by the S.W., Bro. W. Doig. Routine business having been disposed of, the Lodge was closed, members and visitors spending a pleasant hour in the refectory.—[Lodge Correspondent.]

St. Augustine, No. 99.—An emergency meeting was held on 17th April, when the W.M., Bro. C. R. Bateman, assisted by the following P.Ms, and officers, conferred the Second Degree on three brethren : Ob., W. Bro. Bateman; Secrets, etc., W. Bro. Fulton ; Investiture, Bro. Beckett, S.W.; S.E. Charge, W. Bro. Shackleton; W.Ts., Bro. C. Manchester, J.W. ; Final Charge, W. Bro. Colville. Twenty-seven brethren signed the roll. On 24th April the regular meeting took place. An attendance of forty-four brethren met the W.M., Bro. Bateman. The work was conferring the First Degree upon two candidates. The ceremony was gone through impressively, the work being distributed as fellows : Ob., W. Bro. Bateman; Apron Charge, W. Bro. Hoskins; N.E. Charge, W. Bro. Fulton ; W.Ts., Bro. E. R. Beckett, S.W.; R. for Prep., Bro. E. J. Atwill; the Final Charge was impressively rendered by W. Bro. Coath. Two proposals for membership were received and one demit granted. A vote of sympathy with Bro. G. B. Turnbull, who lost a brother in the recent fighting in France, was passed in the customary manner. It was decided to obtain an enlarged photo of the late Prov.G.M., R.W. Bro. Thornton, to hang in the Lodgeroom; also to contribute to the fund for completing the dressing of R.W. Bro. Thornton's grave. It was decided to support the request to W. Bro. F. C. B. Bishop to take the office of Prov.G.M. Needless to say, this motion was unanimously agreed to. W. Bro. Bishop's popularity in this Lodge is well known and sincere. A motion asking Prov.G.L. of Canterbury to hold one of its quarterly sittings in Waimate was agreed to. The usual adjournment to the refectory was made, the proceedings therein being greatly enhanced by the loan of a piano by Bro. M. Cochrane, and no small

merriment was caused by the strenuous efforts of a brother who essayed to "vamp" an accompaniment to the lender's Scotch song.—[Lodge Correspondent.]

Civic, No. 157.—The monthly meeting was held on 7th ult., W. Bro. Wm. Bottrell, I.P.M., in the chair, the W.M., W. Bro. Maffey, attending G.L. at Wellington. Two brethren were passed before a good attendance of brethren and visitors. The ceremony was very well carried out, the following assisting; in the work : Charge after Investiture, Bro. R. J. Thompson, J.W. ; Address, W. Bro. C. T. Johnston, I.P.M., Cromwell Lodge; W.Ts., W. Bro. H. G. Bailey, W.M., Conyers Lodge; Charge after Passing, W. Bro. R. English.—[Lodge Correspondent.]

Amuri, No. 184.—The regular meeting was held on 26th April, W. Bro. T. G. Thomson, W.M., presiding. Correspondence was received from Prov.G.L. respecting a memorial to our late R.W. Prov.G.M. when £1 was donated. A request from Canterbury Kil. Lodge to raise a member of that Lodge at present in our district was acceded to. The ceremonial was the passing of a candidate, in which the following members took part : Ob. and Secrets, W. Bro. D. H. Hunter ; Investiture and Presentation of W.Ts., Bro. C. E. Denett, S.W. The Address in the S.E. was given by Bro. H. R. Davison, J.W. ; the Address after Investiture by Bro. E. Britton. W. Bro. Dr. Turnbull impressively addressed the candidate on the duties of a Craftsman. The usual happy time was spent in the "Fourth."—[Lodge Correspondent.]

Avon, No. 185.—The last regular meeting was held on 2nd May: and was in every way the equal of those that have gone before. Summoned as they were by a circular of uncommon design and interest, the members responded well, and forty-four were seated in the Lodgeroom before visitors were received. The work was the conferring of the E.A. Degree upon two candidates by the W.M., W. Bro. W. E. Scott, who obligated and communicated the S. and S., assisted by W. Bro. Bailey, W.M. of Conyers Lodge. The other work was done as follows : Address after Investiture, W. Bro. Francis (W.M., Concord Lodge); N.E. Charge, W. Bro. H. Owen (Avon Lodge) ; W.Ts., W. Bro. Bailey (W.M., Conyers Lodge); Final Charge, W. Bro. S. P. Smith (Avon Lodge). W. Bro. E. Norden was requested by the W.M. to present Bro. Macfarlane, of Lodge Harvey, Core, with his M.M.'s certificate. At the conclusion of the business, and before closing, the W.M. asked the S.W. if every brother had had his due, and was informed that many had not, as they were absent serving their King and country.

The J.W. then read the names of those brethren serving at the front, after which prayer was given by the Chaplain, the brethren standing to order. "Almighty Father and Supreme Governor of the Universe, we commend to Thy Fatherly providence our brethren who are serving in the cause of righteousness and liberty, and maintaining the honour of their King, their Empire, and their Order. Be unto them a tower of strength, and cover their heads in the day of battle. In the midst of toil and fighting, in suffering and captivity, give them brave endurance of body and soul, and confidence in Thine abiding presence. Grant that, in Thine own good time, their warfare ended; they may return safe and victorious to their beloved country, and to this their Lodge, if it be Thy most holy will, and Thine shall be the glory.—So mote it be." So closed a most impressive meeting, members leaving with a close fellowship for those of our brethren who were not present to receive their dues. It was, indeed, stretching our thoughts and Prayers across the sea, to strengthen and sustain our soldier brethren in their great fight against the evil forces of the world. The "Fourth" was of more than usual interest and enjoyment., for, in addition to the Avon talent, there was present Bro. Philip Newbury, who sang "Come into the Garden, Maud," and also "I'll Sing Thee Songs of Araby."—[Lodge Correspondent.] [We regret the necessity of condensing this report, but necessity knows no law.—ED. C.]

HAWKE'S BAY.

Bedford, No. 25.—At the last meeting, held on 1st May, a very interesting letter was read from an old member, in the person of Major J. L. C. Merton, M.C., now stationed at Sling Camp, England. As chairman of the Sling Branch of the N.Z.E.F. Masonic Association, he forwarded a resolution passed thereat tendering H.G.W. to their brethren in New Zealand. No less than 44 Lodges were represented on that occasion, a complete list of which were given. Evidently the brethren appreciate the facilities offered for a common meeting ground, and one can readily understand how every opportunity for fraternising was eagerly embraced. Bro. Sec. was requested to acknowledge fraternal greetings tendered from over the seas, and in reciprocating the good wishes of the branch, to express the hope that it may continue to flourish until such time as the need for its services may happily be no more. After investing the S.W., who was unable to attend the installation meeting last month, the W.M. invited our Chaplain, W. Bro. A. W. C. Stace, to address the

Lodge. The speaker took for his subject the first seven verses of the twelfth chapter of Ecclesiastes, and gave an interesting interpretation thereof.—[Lodge Correspondent.]

Lion, No. 114.—The installation meeting was held in the Masonic Hall, Ormondville, on 17th April. The usual routine business having been disposed of in the afternoon, the Lodge received visitors at 7 p.m. There was a large and enthusiastic gathering, every Lodge in the Hawkes Bay district being represented. At 7.30 the R.W. Installing Master, Bro. H. L. Harston, P.G.M., was admitted, and conducted the installation ceremony, assisted by W. Bro. J. W. Ritchie as G.S.W. and W. Bro. Miller as J.G.W. Bro. H. N. Benson was duly installed in the Chair of K.S. In the B. of I.M. W. Bro. Hobin, of Lodge Abercorn, No. 30, explained the W.Ts. to the newly installed Master. W. Bros. Fraser, James, and Hunt presented the W.Ts. respectively. The address to the W.M. was given by W. Bro. Gillespie, after which the J.W. was invested, the S.W. (Bro. Fothergill) being absent through illness. The address to the Wardens was given by W. Bro. Elliott (Lodge Bedford). The W.M. then invested the other officers, after which R.W. Bro. Harston gave the address to the brethren. G.L. then offered H.G.W. and retired, when congratulations were offered from Lodges. Refreshments were served in the hall adjoining. Midnight saw the conclusion of one of the most successful installation meetings, both as regards the ceremonial and the spirit of enthusiasm shown throughout the proceedings.—[Lodge Correspondent.]

AUCKLAND.

Ara, No. I.—The monthly meeting held in the Lodgeroom Princes Street, on the 10th April, was devoted entirely to harmony. The past two years having been exceptionally strenuous ones for the officers, owing to a record number of candidates going through (all of whom are playing good and true Freemasons and worthily upholding the traditions of the Fraternity), consequently very little time has been devoted to festivity. As this would be the last occasion on which the popular and energetic Bro. A. G. Graham (who has served a term of two years in this office) would be occupying the chair at a regular monthly meeting, it was decided to have no degree work on that occasion, so that both officers and brethren could have a little Masonic recreation. The programme was one of exceptional merit, every item being contributed by members of the Lodge. Special invitations were sent to the W.Ms. and brethren of the city and suburban Lodges, and resulted in a record attendance of some 250 brethren of different Lodges being present. During the evening M.W. Bro. Oliver Nicholson, G.M., on behalf of the Secs. of the Lodges in the Auckland Prov. District, presented M.W. Bro. Malcolm Niccol, G.Sec., with a valuable case of cutlery, to mark their very great appreciation of his valuable services to Freemasonry in general and the brotherly assistance and advice afforded to the Secs. during his two years in Auckland, it being probably his last appearance in this city in this capacity. M.W. Bro. Nicholson, in making the presentation, spoke in glowing terms of the work done for Freemasonry by our G.Sec., and hoped to see him occupying that position for some years to come. He asked the brethren to see that their glasses were fully charged, as he intended to propose the toast -of the M.W.G.Sec. M.W. Bro. Niccol, on rising to respond, received a very enthusiastic reception. Replying to the toast, he thanked the brethren for the hearty reception accorded to him, and expressed his very great pleasure at being with them that evening. The presentation came as a complete surprise, and he heartily thanked the Secs. for the kindly feeling which prompted the gift, it being one in which his wife also participated. He did not require anything to remind him of the pleasant relations existing between himself and the Secs. of the Lodges in the Auckland Province, but he would always value this gift as a mark of esteem from the donors. A most enjoyable evening terminated at about 11 o'clock.—[Lodge Correspondent.]

Wairoa, No. 55.—The installation meeting was held in the Lodgeroom, Ellerslie, on 15th April, when about seventy brethren assembled to do honour to Bro. Ernest Reeves Pilkington, M.-elect. The Installing Master was W. Bro. A. J. S. D'Ewes, the retiring Master. The presenting officers were W. Bros. F. Mason (W.M., Lodge Auckland, No. 87) and C. H. Holland (W.M., Prince of Wales Lodge, No. 1338, E.C.). Bro. E. R. Pilkington was duly installed into the Chair of K.S. The whole ceremony was carried out in a very able manner by W. Bro. D'Ewes, and he is to be congratulated on the careful attention he must have given to the details of the work of the degree. The address to the W.M. was delivered by W. Bro. Graham (W.M., Ara Lodge, No. 1) ; the address to the Wardens by W. Bro. N. Williams (W.M., Lodge Maungawhau, No. 168); and the address to the brethren by W. Bro. J. Wooller (P.M., No. 55). The following officers were invested : I.P.M., W. Bro. A. J. S. D'Ewes; S.W., Bro. G. V. Westbrooke; J.W., Bro. A. C. Hill ; Treas., Bro. J. Dykes (re-elected) ; Sec., W. Bro. H. Nutt (re-elected) ; Chaplain, W. Bro. J. Wooller ; D. of C., W. Bro. Kent-Johnstone, P.G.S. ; S.D., Bro. G. P. J. Bracewell ; J.D., Bro. S. M. Knight; Organist, Bro. A. J. Burrows (re-

elected); I.G., Bro. W. Walker ; S.S., Bro. W. H. Rice; J.S., Bro. O. A. Darby ; Assist.-S., Bro. F. G. Alpe; Tyler, Bro. Hadfield (re-elected). The "Walter Reginald Pountney " Memorial Chair (S.D.) was unveiled by W. Bro. J. Wooller, and presented to the Lodge on behalf of the brethren who had subscribed to the same. W. Bro. Wooller addressed a few remarks to the brethren *re* our late beloved brother, who gave his life at the battle of the Somme on 15th September, 1916. Bro. Pountney was S.D. of the Lodge when he volunteered for service. The collection on behalf of the W. and O. and A.M. Fund amounted to £3 10s. W. Bro. H. Nutt presented the I.P.M. with a P.M.'s jewel as a token of esteem from the brethren and in recognition of services rendered to the Lodge. The brethren of Lodge Wairoa regret that no representatives of G.L. were present. We presume that they have had their time fully occupied with other important Masonic business. It was bearing this in mind that sitting Masters of city Lodges were asked to deliver the various addresses, so that the G.M. and his officers might be relieved to a certain extent. It should be very gratifying to the G.M. (especially as we are without a Prov.G.M.) that there are such efficient members of G.L. as W. Bros. Graham (W.M., No. 1), N. Williams (W.M., No. 168), and our own W. Bro. J. Wooller. All the brethren of Lodge Wairoa are grateful to these W. brethren for their assistance. The brethren spent a pleasant hour in the South, when the customary toasts were honoured.—[Lodge Correspondent.]

Taupiri, No. 118.—At a recent meeting a very interesting ceremony was performed by W. Bro. A. H. Waring, P.M., when he unveiled the portrait of our late W. Bro. John Kinson, P.M. In performing the ceremony, W. Bro. Waring made touching and eulogistic reference to the character of our late esteemed brother. He pointed out the many excellent characteristics he possessed, especially laying stress on his whole-hearted devotion to Freemasonry, his perfect charity, simplicity, and transparency of character, his intense belief that Freemasonry, properly practised, would be a powerful means of uplifting humanity. He deplored the accident which had deprived Lodge Taupiri and Freemasonry generally of one of its brightest ornaments. The brethren then stood in silence while the portrait was unveiled.—[Lodge Correspondent.]

Piako, No. 160.—The monthly meeting was held on 24th April, a good number of brethren and visitors being present. The ceremonial consisted of raising a brother, the work being done by the W.M., assisted by the P.Ms. and officers, after which an adjournment was made to the refectory, where light refreshment was partaken of and the usual courtesies duly exchanged.—[Lodge Correspondent.]

Maniapoto, No. 206.—The monthly meeting was held in the Lodgeroom on 23rd April, the attendance being very satisfactory. The ceremonial work consisted of passing a brother, the work being allocated as follows : The Ob. and Secrets were given by W. Bro. S. A. Cook, the Investiture by Bro. C. J. N. Miller, the S.E. Corner by Bro. J. A. Ruddy, the W.Ts. by Bro. C. J. N. Miller, and the Final Charge by Bro. Heerden. Two new candidates were proposed, one for affiliation and one for initiation. After the Lodge was closed, a happy hour was spent in the " Fourth."—[Lodge Correspondent.]

TARANAKI.

De Burgh Adams, No. 446, I.C.—On 17th April the monthly meeting was held, when W. Bro. Wm. Hoskin, W.M., presided over an attendance of some eighty brethren, mostly visitors. The ceremony was a Third Degree, which was worked by Lodge Ara, No. 348, LC, Visitors were received. There were present : The P.G.M., R.W. Bro. W. J. Rees, of Auckland; the W.M., officers, and brethren of Lodge Ara, No. 348, I.C. ; several brethren from Lodge of Light, No. 454, I.C., of Thames; W. Bro. B. L. Catt, P.M., Lodge Eden, No. 1530, E.C. ; W.M. and brethren of Mount Egmont Lodge, No. 670, E.C. ; I.P.M. and brethren of Ngamotu Lodge, No. 48. Other Lodges represented were : Otago Kil., No. 143 : Hawera, No. 34 ; Stratford, No. 75 ; Sir Donald McLean, No. 1646, E.C.; Moutoa (Wanganui), and others. The Prov.G.M., R.W. Bro. W. J. Rees, was received with honours. He immediately took charge of the gavel, and opened up G.L. proceedings, after which he passed the gavel back to the W.M., who handed it to the W.M. of Ara Lodge to conduct the ceremony of raising. He was assisted by W. Bro. Schnaeur, who gave the T.H. ; the J.W. Bro. Fletcher, who gave the W.Ts. ; and V.W. Bro. Frank Wiseman, who gave the Final Charge. The degree was worked in an-excellent manner, especially considering that only one officer was in his place, the rest being substitutes. After the ceremony the W.M. of Ara Lodge, W. Bro. Wm. Wilson, thanked the W.M. and brethren of De Burgh Adams Lodge for the invitation to work the degree. On resuming the chair, the W.M. of Lodge De Burgh Adams heartily thanked the visitors for their presence. During the evening nomination of officers for the ensuing year was taken. R.W. Bro. W. F. Brooking was nominated for the W.M.'s chair. It will be R.W. Bro. Brooking's jubilee on 13th July, 1918, as a member of De Burgh Adams Lodge. It was

thought fitting to do him honour by placing him as W.M. The Lodge closed at 10.30 p.m., when the brethren adjourned to the refectory, where they were entertained and the usual toasts honoured. During the hours of refreshment the W.M. of Lodge Ara was presented with a pair of gold sleeve-links by V.W. Bro. Piggott, on behalf of the Ara brethren, as a token of the very high esteem in which he is held by them.—[Lodge Correspondent.]

RUAPEHU.

Manawatu Kil., No. 47.—At the regular meeting on 9th May two candidates were initiated, the ceremony being conducted most impressively by the W.M., Bro. D. Dustin. He was subsequently warmly congratulated by the P.M. on his success with this, his first degree work as W.M. The N.E. Charge was given by Bro. C. Rush, P.M.; the W.Ts. by Bro. W. Mundy, I.P.M.; the Secrets by Bro. A. Clarke, P.M.; the Prep. by Bro. A. Wright; and the Final Charge by Bro. W. H. Smith. Three candidates for initiation were approved and three brethren from other Lodges were elected members. The finances were shown to be in a flourishing state.—[Lodge Correspondent.]

St. Andrew Kil., No. 79.—The regular meeting was held on 9th May, when the W.M., W. Bro. R. W. Green, presided over a good attendance of members and visitors. The business was raising a brother. The W.M. was assisted by W. Bros. Treadwell, Craig, Doig, Bullock, and King, in an impressive ceremony. The notice of motion to increase the annual subscription was held over. Mention was made that a brother had been passed on our behalf at St. John's Lodge, No. 37, Featherston, by brethren from Featherston Camp. We are indebted to our sister Lodge for its courtesy. Nominations for office for the ensuing year were taken, and the usual keen competition for the position of I.G. and Stewards was shown in the large number of aspirants. The brethren expressed their great pleasure in welcoming among them again Bro. C. W. Tremewan, who has for years past been in ill health. We hope to see him ultimately restored to the full use of his limbs, towards which, after a long illness, he is making steady progress. The brethren are highly gratified at the honour paid R.W. Bro. J. H. Keesing, P.M., in his appointment to Dep. G.M. After so distinguished and useful a Masonic career we are glad to see his services so honourably rewarded. We also congratulate R.W. Bro. D. McFarlane on being re-elected Prov.G.M. of Ruapehu District.

On 16th ult. an official visit was paid to Lodge Tongariro, E.C. The occasion was the more interesting in that W. Bro. J. Curtis, P.M. of that Lodge, acted as W.M., and had the pleasure of initiating his son into Ancient Freemasonry.—[Lodge Correspondent.]

Lodge Kimbolton, No. 123.—The monthly meeting was held in the Lodge-room on the 25th April. The work was an initiation. The candidate was obligated by the W.M., who was further assisted by W. Bro. McKay (Ex. of P.), W. Bro. Bailey (S.), W. Bro. Nix (Lesser Lights), and Bro. E. S. Davies (Address in the N.E.). The J.W. presented the W.Ts., and the S.W. delivered the C. After the ceremony an adjournment was made to the refectory, where a pleasant time was spent, the usual toasts, including that of "Brethren at the Front" and the "Newly-Initiated Candidate," being honoured. A distinguished visitor for the evening was W. Bro. Cameron, travelling representative of the CRAFTSMAN, who, in response to the toast of his health, gave a highly interesting address, based on his observation of the differences in Lodge working he had noticed in his travels.—[Lodge Correspondent.]

Te Awahou, No. 133.—The annual installation and investiture of officers was held on 15th inst. There was a good attendance, including Lodge representatives from Dannevirke, Eketahuna, Palmerston, Rongotea, and Levin. Owing to a motor-car mishap R.W. Bro. McFarlane, Prov.G.M., and the D.G.M., R.W. Bro. Keesing, were unable to be present. R.W. Bro. J. A. Nash, P.G.S.W., officiated as Installing Master, and W. Bro. J. K. Hornblow, D. of C. Other brethren who assisted with the ceremony were: W. Bros. A. J. Graham, A. Clarke, W. Amon, D. Dustin, R. James, and E. Healey. Our esteemed and aged brother, R.W. Bro. T. A. Peterkin, was unable to be with us this year, owing to indisposition, but sent fraternal greetings and good wishes. The W.M., W. Bro. J. J. W. Stevenson, who has been elected for a further term in office, was presented by the Lodge with a handsome and suitably inscribed jewel. During the ceremony a special hymn was sung in memory of the brethren at the front. In the evening the visiting brethren, wives, sisters, and sweethearts were entertained at a social gathering in the Town Hall, the interior of which was tastefully decorated for the occasion. A number of vocal items were much appreciated. The following officers were invested W. Bro. J. W. Stevenson; I.P.M., W. Bro. H. J. Berry; S.W., Bro. S. E. Cowley; J.W., Bro. W. Renton; Chaplain, W. Bro. J. H. Bredin; Sec., Bro. A. E. Wainwright; Treas., W. Bro. E. Healey; S.D., Bro. J. M. Barr; J.W., Bro.

R. M. Parkes ; I.G., Bro. H. J. Claris ; Tyler, W. Bro. F. W. de Ridder; S.S., Bro. Knewstub; D. of C., W. Bro. Hornblow. [Lodge Correspondent.]

Moutoa, No. 195.—The night of 25th April was a favourable one, when well over one hundred brethren attended the annual meeting. Both the sister Lodges were present in strong force; while outside Lodges were well represented. W. Bro. N. G. Armstrong, P.M. of Lodge St. Andrew Kil., again came forward to assist us as Installing Master. With him were associated : S.W., W. Bro. A. King ; J.W., W. Bro. H. C. Price ; Ds. of C., W. Bros. Craig, Deem, and Gordon. After the reception of visitors and of the Prov.G.M., R.W. Bro. McFarlane, the W.M.-elect, Bro. F. Symes, was presented and installed in the Chair of K.S. In the various addresses and presentations able assistance was given to the officers of the Lodge by the W.Ms. and P.Ms. from Lodge St. Andrew Kil. and Lodge Tongariro, F.C. Thanks are due to Bros. Walpole and Robertson for assisting the ceremony with appropriate solos. Regret was expressed by the newly installed W.M. at the unavoidable absence of the I.P.M., W. Bro. McLean. His regret was, however, he stated, tinged with pride, for our esteemed brother had that day embarked with his Reinforcement to do his share in the Empire's work. He trusted his return would be safe and not far distant. The Lodge having been closed, the brethren adjourned to the adjacent Town Hall, where, in the course of a pleasant evening, the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured. The following brethren fill the various offices for the ensuing year : I.P.M., W. Bro. G. L. McLean; S.W., Bro. F. Bourne ; J.W., Bro. J. Arnold; Treas., W. Bro. G. G. Bullock, P.M. ; Sec., W. Bro. N. P. Svenson, P.M. ; Chaplain, Bro. Rev. D. Campbell ; S.D., Bro. E. Runnerstrum; J.D., Bro. C. L. Cornish ; I.G., Bro. C. C. Moutray ; Tyler, Bro. C. P. Bates ; S.S., Bro. E. Senior ; J.S., Bro. N. B. Allan; Organist, Bro. S. Austin ; Choir Master, Bro. C. J. Sharpe ; Auditor, Bro. D. R. Robbins.—[Lodge Correspondent.]

Nganruhoe, No. 205.—The regular meeting was held on 23rd April, the W.M., W. Bro. T. P. Finnan, being in the chair. Three candidates were elected. One brother was proposed for affiliation. The election of officers was taken for the ensuing year. [Names will appear in installation report.] Two candidates were initiated. The W.M. obligated and communicated the Secrets. The Address after Investiture was given by W. Bro. C. H. Wardell, of United Manawatu, E.C. The S.E. Charge was delivered, and the W.Ts. presented by Bro. M. Vance, J.W., and the Final Charge was given by Bro. A. C. Yelland, S.W. An enjoyable hour was spent in the " Fourth " Degree, when the usual toasts were honoured.

On Sunday, 14th April, the brethren attended a commemoration service in St. John's Church. Bro. J. A. Butler assisted in the first part of the service. The lesson was read by Bro. M. Vance. The W.M. and W. Bro. Laurie offered up prayers on behalf of those at the front, while the vicar, Rev. Bro. Atelier, delivered an appropriate and eloquent address.—[Lodge Correspondent.]

WELLINGTON.

St. Andrew, No. 32.—The regular meeting was held on 20th May, when, although Lodge was tyled earlier than usual (7p.m.), the attendance of members was very satisfactory. M.W. Bro. M. Niccol, G.Sec., and R.W. Bro. J. W. Ellison, Prov.G.M., were received and accorded honours. The G.Sec. expressed his acknowledgments in his own apt manner. The business was raising two candidates, one being the son of an old and esteemed member. The W.M. presided, and was assisted by his officers and by W. Bro. J. Rod (Exhort.), W. Bro. A. Schmidt (Prayer and Secrets), V.W. Bro. C. W. Nielsen (15 F.Cs.), R.W. Bro. J. W. Ellison (Address on Investiture), V.W. Bro. J. J. Esson (T.H.), W. Bro. H. G. Teagle, W.M., Waiwhetu Lodge (W.Ts.), W. Bro. G. F. Lenzini, W.M., Tutanekai Lodge (F.Cs.). At the request of the W.M., M.W. Bro. M. Niccol presented the candidates with copies of the V.S.L. with appropriate remarks. A brief interlude, having relation to the Silver Baton Fund, followed, to which reference is made elsewhere, and G.L. officers retired, proceedings being subsequently closed and an adjournment made to the refectory. Here the brethren enjoyed some musical items of excellent quality, interspersed with interesting speeches. One of the visitors astounded his hearers by solemnly announcing that he had that evening made his fifty-seventh visit within the space of three months. His remarkable record was subsequently explained by the circumstance that he is the CRAFTSMAN representative, and the Lodge was pleased to make his acquaintance. Both in Lodge and subsequently, letters and extracts from letters written at the front and received by members were read for general information and reflection. The meeting was generally of a cordial and satisfactory nature, in painful contrast to the sousing downpour which greeted brethren on their sallying forth into the night at the close.—[Lodge Correspondent.]

Tararua, No. 67.—The monthly meeting was held on 25th April. Two ballots were successful. The W.M. and his officers initiated a candidate in a capable manner, the charges, etc., being given as follows : W.M., the Ob. and Secrets; S.W., Investiture and N.E. Corner ; J.W., Prep. ; I.G. W.Ts.; J.D., Charge after Initiation. W.Bro. Hewat was elected Chaplain and invested by the W.M., who recalled the brethren's notice to what the jewel represented. The W.M. read another short paper. On retiring, a short time was spent in the refectory, and we are now looking forward to next meeting, when the P.Ms. will work a Third. Bro. W. R. Richards, on holiday, was operated on in Dunedin Hospital, and is making good recovery ; whilst Bro. J. G. C. Cox is only holding his own in a local hospital after a very serious operation.—[Lodge Correspondent.]

Tutanekai, No. 156.—An emergency meeting was held in the Masonic Hall, Berhampore, on 25th April, for the purpose of raising two brethren. There was a fair attendance of brethren and visitors. The W.M., Bro. Lenzini, presided, and administered the Ob., and gave the Exhort. The following brethren assisted in the ceremony : W. Bros. Shand and Alexander (F.F. and Raising), W. Bro. Whitelaw (Signs), Bro. Martin, S.W. (Investiture); Bro. Howell, Sec. (Apron Charge), W. Bro. Riddell, W.M. of Lodge St. Andrew (T.H.), and Bro. Key, J.W. (W.Ts.). W. Bro. Mather, of Lodge Ulster, presented the V.S.L. The labours of the evening being ended, a pleasant hour was spent in the refectory.

The regular meeting was held on 2nd May in the Freemasons' Hall, Berhampore. There was a large attendance of brethren and visitors. Official visits were paid by Lodges Otari, Whetu-Kairangi, and Leinster. There were also present several visiting P.Ms. The W.M., Bro. J. Lenzini, presided. The ceremonial work was the initiation of one candidate. The W.M. obligated, and, assisted by W. Bro. Nicol (W.M., Lodge Otari) gave the S., T., and W. The investiture was in the hands of the S.W., Bro. C. Martin. W. Bro. Sexton, I.P.M., gave the Apron Charge ; Bro. E. Howell, the N.E. Corner ; Bro. Donald, the Prep. ; W. Bro. Alexander, the W.Ts. ; Bro. Read, the Final Charge; whilst the Lecture on the T.B. was in the hands of W. Bro. Whitelaw. Nothing further offering, the Lodge closed at 10 o'clock, after which an adjournment was made to the refectory, where a most enjoyable time was spent.

An emergency meeting was held on 18th May for the purpose of raising two brethren. At the request of the W.M. (Bro. J. Lenzini), W. Bro. Shand occupied the chair, and appointed his officers as follows : D. of C., W. Bro. F. Robinson; S.W., W. Bro. P. C. Watt ; J.W., W. Bro. Alexander ; S.D., W. Bro. Whitelaw ; J.D., Bro. C. Martin; Chaplain, W. Bro. O. Neilsen; LC., W. Bro. Riddell. The W.M. (Bro. J. P. Shand) administered the Ob., and the work was apportioned as follows :— Exhort., W. Bro. F. Robinson; F.F. and Raising, W. Bros. J. Lenzini and P. C. Watt ; Investiture, W. Bro. Watt ; Apron Charge, Bro. E. Howell ; T.H., W. Bro. Riddell ; W.Ts., Bro. C. Martin ; Final Charge, W. Bro. Alexander. The V.S.L. was presented by W. Bro. McKenzie (W.M., Lodge Korangi). After H.G.W. from the visitors the Lodge closed at 9.45, and an adjournment was made to the refectory.—[Lodge Correspondent.]

Otari, No. 190.—The regular meeting on 14th May was well attended by members and visitors, amongst the latter being the W.Ms. of Lodges Ulster, Coronation, and Wellington, No. 1521, E:C. At the request of the W.M. (Bro. R. A. Nicol), W. Bro. J. G. Harkness, P.G.D., assumed the chair, and, with the assistance of the P.Ms., who filled the subordinate offices, conducted the ceremonial of the Third Degree. The S.W. Bro. A. Ferguson, was the sole nominee for the office of W.M. for the ensuing year. At the conclusion of business a pleasant half-hour was spent, during which the popular representative of the N.Z. CRAFTSMAN, W. Bro. Cameron, "got busy."

At an emergency meeting on 21st inst. the W.M. (W. Bro. R. A. Nicol) raised two F.Cs. to the S.D. of M.M. The comfortable little Lodgeroom is being further improved by the provision of additional ventilation. The supervision of the I.G., Bro. Holdsworth, has been most effective.—[Lodge Correspondent.]

Whetu.Kairangi, No. 201.—An emergency meeting was held on 27th April in the Masonic Hall, Seatoun, the W.M. (Bro. Thos. O. Fox) presiding. The ceremonial was the raising of two brethren. The W.M. (Bro. Thos. O. Fox) gave the Ob., Exhort., and 15 F.Cs. to the first candidate; and W. Bro. T. W. Boon, P.M., 15 F.C's. to the second candidate. The S. and S. were communicated by the D.M., V.W. Bro. Rev. T. Porritt, P.G.C.; Inv, Bro. E. Morris, Jun., S.W. ; Charge after Investiture, W. Bro. Thos. O. Fox, W.M., ; T.H. and Ext. Ss., Bro. T. S. Robertson ; W.Ts., Bro. E. Morris, Jun., S.W. ; Final Charge, W. Bro. T. O. Fox, W.M. V.W. Bro. Rev. T. Porritt, P.G.O., presented the candidates with the plans and specimens of a perfect Mason—the V.S.L.

The regular meeting was held on 11th May, the W.M. (Bro. Thos. O. Fox) presiding. Routine business having been disposed of, the ceremonial of passing two brethren was proceeded with. Ob., the W.M. ; S. and

S., V.W. Bro. Rev. T. Porritt, P.G.C. ; Inv., Bro. E. Morris, Jun., S.W. ; Charge after Investiture, W. Bro. D. Sheffield (W.M., Christchurch Lodge, No. 91); S.E. Address, W. Bro. T. W. Boon, P.M. ; W.Ts., Bro. T. S. Robertson ; Final Charge, Bro. C. E. Bennett, J.D. ; T.B., W. Bro. Thos. O. Fox. W.M. One proposal for a joining member and two for initiation were received. A pleasant hour was spent in the refectory.—[Lodge Correspondent.]

ROYAL ARCH CHAPTERS.

Otago, No. 7.—The advancement of Bros. W. S. McCrorie and E. Pringle as E.Ms. took place on 4th May, in the presence of a representative gathering. The brethren were obligated by W. Bro. A. McKenzie, W.E.M., W. Bro. G. T. Lumsden illustrating the Signs.

A week later W. Bro. E. Pringle (who is employed in the Railway Department) received instructions to proceed to To Kuiti (Main Trunk, North Island), and expressed his desire to be exalted prior to his leaving Dunedin. With that end in view, an emergency convocation was held on 17th May, and, under the guidance of V.E. Comp. G. T. Lumsden, P.Z. (in the absence of V.E. Comp. A. Stoneham), Bro. Pringle was exalted to the Degree of a R.A. Mason. The work was very creditably performed, E. Comp. D. Scrimgeour, as 1st Soj., acquitting himself in a highly satisfactory manner. We again had the pleasure of having with us V.E. Comp. G. Menzies, P.Z. (Waterloo, No. 2), who, on a former occasion, when replying to the toast of his health, ventured the hope that ere long his name would be added to our roll.—[Chapter Correspondent.]

Manawatu, No. 11.—The regular convocation was held on 16th May, when V.E. Comp. W. H. Smith presided. The routine business was lengthy, included in the same being three ballots for exaltation. All proved successful. The ceremonial work consisted of the exaltation of ten brethren to the R.A. Degree. The following assisted in the work: E. Comp. A. J. Graham, E. Comp. A. W. Gallichan, V.E. Comp. J. Stone. The 1st Soj. (Comp. Oliver) rendered his portion in an impressive and excellent manner. An adjournment to the refectory after the ceremonial work had been completed concluded a most interesting and enthusiastic meeting, which included the acceptance of an offer from the Wanganui Chapter to visit and work the next degree.—[Chapter Correspondent.]

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

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., W. Bro. J. W. Swales, P.G.D.; S.W., 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 Freemasons' Hall, Mackay St., Thames, third Tuesday in month, 7.30 p.m. Installation March. W.M., Bro. J. E. Ensell; S.W., Bro. W. C. Morrison; J.W., Bro. H. C. Cordes; Sec., Bro. W. Bongard, P.M.

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

Te Aroha, No. 52:—Meets Masonic Hall, Te Aroha, Thursday nearest full moon, 7.30 p.m. Installation March. W.M., Bro. J. Simpson; S.W., Bro. H. Dalton; J.W., Bro. — Whyte; Sec., Bro. J. Motley.

Ponsonby, No. 54:—Founded 1890, meets 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. E. R. Pilkington; S.W., Bro. G. V. Westbrooke; J.W., Bro. A. C. Hill; 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. Hokiana, No. 69:—Founded 1891, meets 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 Masonic Hall, Kaitiaki, 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., Kaitiaki.

Alpha, No. 81:—Founded 1881, meets at Masonic Hall, Cambridge, Wednesday on or before full moon. Installation March. W.M., Bro. H. H. 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.

Ohaeawai, No. 101:—Meets Masonic Hall, Ohaeawai, 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.

Ohinemuri, No. 107:—Founded 1896, meets Masonic Hall, Paeroa, Wednesday on or before full moon. Installation November. W.M., Bro. G. E. Allen; S.W., Bro. J. G. McDougall; J.W., Bro. B. Gwilliam; Sec., Bro. C. B. Gentil, P.M., Paeroa.

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., Bro. A. Shand; S.W., Bro. F. Harris; J.W., Bro. R. T. Hill; Sec., Bro. W. A. Joll, P.M., Taupiri.

Waipa, No. 119:—Founded 25th Sept., 1901; meets 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 Masonic Hall, Aratapu, Tuesday on or before full moon. Installation 29th January. W.M., W. Bro. D. Savident; S.W., Bro. S. L. Spanhake; J.W., Bro. J. H. Bergman; Sec., W. Bro. C. E. Smith, Te Kopuru.

Tauranga, No. 125:—Founded 1902, meets at Lodgeroom, First Avenue, Tauranga, Thursday on or 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 Masonic Hall, Fenton St., Rotorua, Tuesday nearest full moon, 7.30 p.m. Installation August. W.M., Bro. J. W. Webber; 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 Masonic Hall, Morrinsville, Wednesday on or before full moon, 7.30 p.m. Installation March. W.M., Bro. S. B. Sims; S.W., Bro. J. W. Clark; J.W., Bro. W. Morrice; Sec., Bro. F. A. Pickett, Morrinsville.

Plunket, No. 163:—Founded 1910, meets Masonic Hall, Te Kuiti, Wednesday on or before full moon, 7.30 p.m. Installation April. W.M., W. Bro. A. F. Howarth; S.W., Bro. A. Pettigrew; J.W., Bro. R. Ormsby; 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 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 Masonic Hall, Hakiaha St., Taumarunui, 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, Taumarunui.

Marsden, No. 169 (Maungaturoto).

Waitakerei, No. 170 (Henderson).

Waipu, No. 179.

Onewa, No. 182 (Northcote).

Te Marama, No. 186:—Founded 1911, meets Masonic Temple, Ngaruawahia, 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, Ngaruawahia.

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. Amore; 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 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 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 Masonic Hall, Waipukurau, first Wednesday in month, 7.30 p.m. Installation April. W.M., Bro. H. T. Newling; S.W., Bro. H. Hobson; J.W., Bro. G. F. W. Gay; Sec., W. Bro. J. W. Elliott, P.M., P.O. Box 5, Waipukurau.

Abercorn, No. 30:—Founded 1878, meets Masonic Hall, Waipawa, third Monday in month, 7.30 p.m. Installation third Wednesday in March. W.M., Bro. G. H. Hunt; S.W., Bro. J. Milburn; J.W., Bro. E. E. Bott; Sec., Bro. S. W. Strang, P.O. Box 35, Waipawa.

Rawhiti, No. 66:—Founded 1890, meets 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 Masonic Hall, Hastings, second Tuesday in month, 7.30 p.m. Installation second Wednesday in July. 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 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 third Wednesday in April. W.M., W. Bro. H. N. Benson; S.W., W. Bro. T. Fothergill; J.W., Bro. W. Chadwick; Sec., W. Bro. D. Wilson, Box 12, Ormondville.

Waikaremoana, No. 158:—Founded 1909, meets 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 Masonic Hall, Takapau, Friday on or before full moon, 7 p.m. Installation third Wednesday in 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. E. C. Wood; S.W., Bro. J. R. Paterson; J.W., Bro. F. G. Davies; Sec., W. Bro. J. J. Holtham, P.M.

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 Masonic Hall, Stratford, third Wednesday in month. Installation March. W.M., Bro. J. H. Ashton; S.W., Bro. R. M. Peattie; J.W., Bro. E. A. Drake; Sec., Bro. J. McAllister, P.M., P.O. Box 103, Stratford.

St. John's, No. 95:—Founded 1892, meets Masonic Hall, Eltham, third Tuesday in month, 7.30 p.m. Installation February. W.M., Bro. G. H. Buckridge; S.W., Bro. J. W. Harrison; J.W., Bro. C. B. Martin; Sec., W. Bro. J. L. Weir, Eltham.

Moa, No. 110:—Founded 1890, meets in Freemasons' Hall, Inglewood, second Friday each month, 7.30 p.m. Installation March. W.M., Bro. G. H. Taylor; S.W., Bro. J. Johnston; J.W., Bro. G. W. Hutton; Sec., W. Bro. A. E. Surrey, P.M., Inglewood.

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

RUAPEHU DISTRICT: 16 LODGES.

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

Rangitikei, No. 38:—Founded 1880, meets 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. 79:—Founded 1891, meets Masonic Hall, Ashurst, 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.

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

St. Andrew Kil., No. 79:—Founded 1866, 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, Liddle St., Foxton, second Tuesday in month. Installation May. W.M., Bro. J. J. W. Stevenson; S.W., Bro. S. E. Cowley; J.W., Bro. W. Renton; Sec., Bro. A. E. Wainwright, Box 34, Foxton.

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

Grand Sword Bearers—W. Bro. W. A. Galloway.

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. West; 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. Lauchlan; 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 82, 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. F. Symes; S.W., Bro. F. Bourne; J.W., Bro. J. C. Arnold; 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. Firman; 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 Masonic Hall, Wellington, fourth Monday in month, 7.30 p.m. No meeting December. Installation March. W.M., Bro. R. H. Webb; S.W., Bro. J. H. Hutchins; J.W., Bro. G. W. A. Clark; 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. Godber; 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. Hutcheson; J.W., Bro. 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., W. Bro. M. H. Kendall; S.W., Bro. G. Campbell; J.W., Bro. E. A. Merlet; Sec., W. Bro. F. C. Everton, P.M.

Leinster, No. 44:—Founded 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. J. A. Rayne; S.W., Bro. J. J. Knox-Smith; J.W., Bro. A. J. Lindop; acting-Sec., W. Bro. A. Phillips, Box 7, Carterton.

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. Swaby, 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 St., 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. Wall; Sec., W. Bro. J. McIntyre, D.H. School, Levin.

Puketoi, No. 149:—Founded 1907, meets Masonic Hall, Pongaroa, Tuesday on or before full moon, 7.30 p.m. Installation February. W.M., Bro. J. H. Thomas; S.W., Bro. W. G. Neville; J.W., Bro. E. W. Clemens; Sec., W. Bro. W. Souness, P.M., P.O. Box 15, 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. Lenzini; 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, Hautana 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.M.s.)

Whetu Kairangi, No. 201:—Founded 1914, meets at Masonic Hall, Seaton, 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. C. M. Whelan; S.W., Bro. L. Reynolds; J.W., Bro. A. G. Shrimpton; 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. Tylor; J.W., Bro. T. E. Cleator; Sec., W. Bro. W. C. Lucas, Redwood St., Blenheim.

Postal Address:—Box 1047, G.P.O.

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

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, Pictou, third Tuesday in month, 7.30 p.m. Installation third Tuesday in April. W.M., Bro. H. Aubry; 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. Franklyn, P.M.

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

St. Cuthbert's, No. 144:—Founded 1905, meets Masonic Hall, Collingwood, Saturday nearest full moon, 7.30 p.m. Installation October. W.M., Bro. R. Daniel; S.W., Bro. J. W. McKinna; 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. Dafforn; 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, Dennistown, 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.

Mokihinui, 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. 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 (Karamae).

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., Wor. Bro. R. J. Connal; S.W., Bro. C. H. Smith; J.W., Bro. F. H. Law; Sec., Bro. L. Salt, Heathcote Valley.

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. Readdie; 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. A. J. Nicholas; S.W., Bro. J. W. Bealand; J.W., Bro. G. F. Drury; 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. J. F. Stone; S.W., Bro. H. Maginnis; J.W., Bro. S. J. Carleton; Sec., Bro. S. Smith, P.O. Box 27, Methven.

Kaikoura, 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. 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. Jeeks; 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. 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.

PROVINCE OF OTAGO: 27 LODGES.

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

Otago, No. 7:—Founded 1860, meets in Freemasons' Hall, King St. (opp. Museum), Dunedin, second Wednesday in month, 8 p.m. Installation October. W.M., Bro. J. Wood, P.M.; S.W., Bro. J. E. Atkin; J.W., Bro. H. Ross; Sec., Bro. F. W. C. Clayton, 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.

Herules, No. 36:—Founded 1880, meets in Masonic Hall, Tapanui, Wednesday nearest full moon, 7.30 p.m. Installation April. W.M., Bro. H. S. Jackways; S.W., Bro. W. C. Dale; J.W., Bro. T. J. Quayle; 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.

St. John, No. 84 (Mosgiel).

Mount Ida, No. 97:—Founded 1868 (originally No. 1262, E.C.), meets Masonic Hall, Naseby, Wednesday nearest full moon. Installation February. W.M., Bro. J. Baird; S.W., Bro. E. Carey; J.W., Bro. T. C. Hore; Sec., Bro. A. E. Inder, P.M., P.O. Box 20, Naseby.

Cromwell Kil., No. 98 (originally No. 535, S.C.):—Meets Lodgeroom, Melmore Ter., Cromwell, Wednesday nearest full moon, 7.30 p.m. Installation February. W.M., Bro. J. P. Parcell; S.W., Bro. J. J. Halliday; J.W., Bro. R. A. Shore; Sec., W. Bro. W. Campbell, P.O. Box 27, Cromwell.

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

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

Manuhirikia Kil., No. 109:—Founded 1896, meets Masonic Hall, Alexandra, Friday on or nearest full moon. Installation February. W.M., Bro. R. D. Cox; S.W., Bro. G. Asquith; J.W., Bro. G. Smith; Sec., Bro. J. B. Arnott.

St. Bathans, No. 126:—Founded 11th November, 1902, meets Masonic Hall, Becks, Thursday nearest full moon, 8 p.m. Installation February. W.M., Bro. Rev. A. V. G. Chandler; S.W., Bro. O. Moen; J.W., Bro. J. Owens; Sec., W. Bro. J. Sheppard, Becks.

Otago Kil., No. 143:—Meets Masonic Hall, Moray Place, Dunedin, first Thursday in month, 7.30 p.m. Installation December. W.M., Bro. A. F. Browne; S.W., Bro. A. McLachlan; J.W., Bro. J. E. Gallie; Sec., Bro. E. W. G. H. Watts, P.M., 53 Clyde St., Dunedin.

Teviot, No. 148:—Founded 1907, meets Masonic Hall, Roxburgh, Saturday on or nearest full moon, 8 p.m. Installation March. W.M., Bro. E. F. Allen; S.W., Bro. J. George; J.W., Bro. J. H. McKay; Act.-Sec., Bro. H. Henderson, P.O. Box 43, Roxburgh.

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

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

Masters, No. 161.

Kurow, No. 164:—Founded 18th May, 1909; meets in Masonic Hall, Kurow, Thursday on or before full moon, 7.30 p.m. Installation September. W.M., Bro. R. H. Appleby; S.W., Bro. J. Pringle; J.W., Bro. W. H. Smart; Sec., Bro. W. W. Mercer.

Owaka, No. 180:—Founded 1911, meets Masonic Hall, Owaka, Thursday nearest full moon, 7.30 p.m. Installation March. W.M., Bro. J. Logan; S.W., Bro. R. McG. Lavery; J.W., Bro. R. Barr; Sec., Bro. W. K. Hayward, P.O. Box 13, Owaka.

Clinton, No. 183:—Founded 1911, meets Odd-fellows' Hall, Clinton, Thursday nearest full moon, 7.30 p.m. Installation March. W.M., Bro. J. Steven; S.W., Bro. W. Brown; J.W., Bro. R. Shepherd; Sec., Bro. J. C. Borthwick, P.O. Box 26, Clinton.

Ionic, No. 191 (Green Island).

Morning Star, No. 192 (Mornington).

Strath-Taieri, No. 199 (Middlemarch, Otago Central).

PROVINCE OF SOUTHLAND: 17 LODGES.

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

Southern Cross, No. 9:—Founded 1864, meets in Masonic Hall, Forth St., Invercargill, first Friday in month, 7.45 p.m. Installation June. W.M., Bro. I. Copeland; S.W., Bro. W. F. Irvine; J.W., Bro. W. H. Johnson; Sec., Bro. C. H. Roberts, P.O. Box 214, Invercargill.

Harvey, No. 49:—Founded 1883, meets in Masonic Hall, Gore, Wednesday nearest full moon, 7.30 p.m. Installation second Wednesday in April. W.M., W. Bro. D. D. St-adman; S.W., W. Bro. A. G. Clarke; J.W., Bro. T. J. Sherburne; Sec., Bro. D. Gee, P.M.

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

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

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

Lake Lodge of Ophir, No. 85:—Founded 1864, meets in Masonic Hall, Queenstown, third Tuesday in month. Installation February. W.M., Bro. J. McNeil, P.M.; S.W., Bro. A. Fraser; J.W., Bro. L. Curtis; Sec., Bro. W. D. Warren, P.M., Queenstown.

Arrow Kil., No. 86:—Meets Monday on or before full moon at Masonic Hall, Arrowtown. Installation February. W.M., Bro. F. E. Dunlop; S.W., Bro. T. Pope; J.W., —; Sec., Bro. J. S. Jenkins, P.M., Box 16, Arrowtown.

St. John, No. 94:—Meets at Masonic Hall, Invercargill, third Friday in month. Installation May. W.M., Bro. F. Bonifant; S.W., Bro. J. S. Lipscombe; J.W., Bro. J. Manson; Sec., Bro. E. Lyon, Box 285.

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

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

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

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

Wairaki, No. 145 (Nightcaps).

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

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

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

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

ENGLISH CRAFT LODGES.

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

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

BOARDS OF ENQUIRY.

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

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WELLINGTON.—Meets Masonic Hall, Boulcott St., third Tuesday in month, except December. Pres., W. Bro. W. C. Robinson; Vice-Pres., W. Bro. H. G. Teagle; Sec. and Treas., W. Bro. H. Hobbs, Hautana Square, Lower Hutt.

NORTH CANTERBURY.—Meets Masonic Hall, Gloucester St., Christchurch, first Monday in month, 7.30 p.m. Pres., R.W. Bro. S. C. Bingham; Sec., W. Bro. R. Baldwin, P.Prov.G.W., 72 Aikman's Rd., Christchurch.

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

ANCIENT AND ACCEPTED SCOTTISH RITE. GRAND LODGE OF FRANCE.

Veritas, No. 884:—Founded 1907, meets Freemasons' Hall, Mission St., Papeete, fourth Saturday in month, 7.30 p.m. Installation December. W.M., Bro. W. J. Williams; S.W., Bro. V. Gooding; J.W., Bro. G. Spitz; Sec., Bro. C. H. Norris. (This Lodge, working in English, cordially invites brethren from New Zealand.) L'Oceanic Française, No. 350.—Dormant.

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