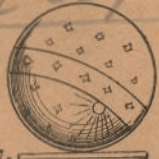


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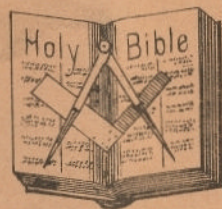


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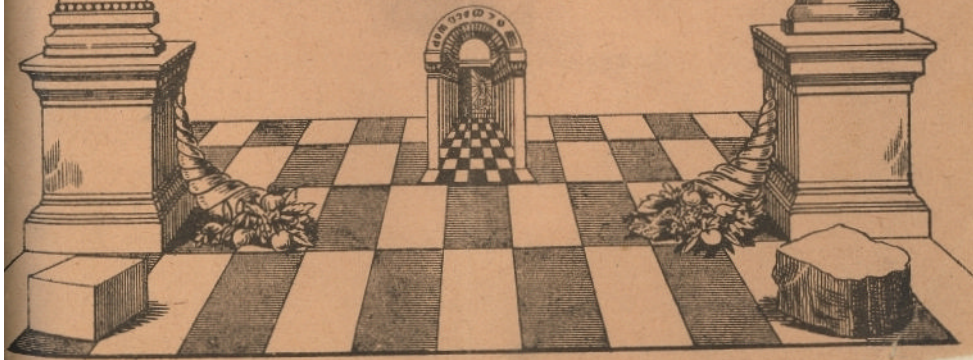
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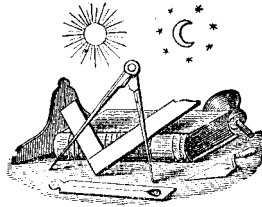
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NOTICES.

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All correspondents are requested to sign their own name as well as give the name and number of the lodge they belong to.

We would again earnestly request secretaries of lodges, and scribes of chapters, to fill up the blank forms for reports that we have sent them. All we require is the name of the presiding officer, and the work done; but we will at all times be only too happy to insert any other information that we are furnished with.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

The Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Scotland provides that no Mason shall be advanced to the degree of F. • C. •, or raised to that of M. • M.. at a shorter interval than two weeks between the degrees, unless in certain cases of particular emergency of which the Master and Wardens are to be the judges. This regulation of the Grand Lodge appears, from a return lately tabled by the Grand Secretary, to be more honoured in the breach than in the observance *in Scotland*. Of 981 Master Masons recorded under 377 returns of home lodges between 1st February and 25th April, 1887, 423 had their degrees within proper intervals, and 70 at irregular intervals; 164 were entered, passed, and raised, and 324 had two degrees conferred, without interval. In only 38 cases, reasons for departure from rules are given—the changes being rung on "going abroad," "proceeding to sea," "leaving town," "emergency," etc. We certainly think that it is the duty of the Grand Lodge to put a stop to this wholesale violation of the spirit of Freemasonry by the lodges in Scotland. In the colonies we know the evil is not nearly so rife. Art 173 of the Scottish Constitution gives far too much power to the Master and Wardens in this matter, and, as the Grand Secretary's return shows clearly that the power is extensively abused, it is high time that the Grand Lodge of Scotland should withdraw it, and delegate it to the Grand Master, and Provincial and District Grand Masters only, authorising them to levy a fee for a dispensation to confer degrees at irregular intervals. This is the law of the Grand Lodge of England, and the wisdom of it is shown by the very small number of applications for dispensations. The Grand Lodge of Scotland would also do well to follow the regulations of the Grand Lodges of England and Ireland by requiring a month, instead of a fortnight, to elapse between degrees.

The regulations of Freemasonry require that no brother shall have a higher degree conferred upon him until he has passed an examination in open lodge in the lower. The law does not lay down any particular mode of examination, nor does it absolutely specify that, as in Education Board examinations, a certain percentage of marks must be obtained. It therefore practically lies in the discretion of the Master to pronounce the result of the examination, satisfactory or otherwise. We cannot, however, but consider that Masters are generally altogether too lenient in this matter, and that the real intention of the Constitution is, in a multitude of cases, ignored. Surely the examination is meant to show the members of the lodge that the candidate has some little knowledge of the teachings of the degrees he has taken, and that, in order to do so, it is absolutely necessary that whilst the test is being made, he shall receive no assistance from any other brethren. We frequently see Masters conferring degrees on brethren whose examination has merely proved their ignorance of those

already received. Masters should forcibly impress on the proposer and seconder of a candidate that it is their duty to see that he is properly instructed, and if the duty is neglected, the advancement of the candidate to a higher degree should be postponed.

We thank the *N. Z. Herald*, for the following flattering notice :—We have received No. 7 of NEW ZEALAND MASONIC JOURNAL, published in Dunedin, and we have to congratulate Bro. D. Harris Hastings, and all connected with the publication, on the excellent manner in which the journal is got up, and the very marked support which it is receiving as an advertising medium. The journal has an excellent staff of correspondents, and the interests of Masonry throughout the colony are now very carefully looked after by the MASONIC JOURNAL. Hitherto Masonic publications have been too local, the present is general and wide-spread in its information. Take, for instance, the present number. Amongst other items, it contains carefully compiled reports of the installation services of the United Service and Ara Lodges of Auckland ; of Lodge Coromandel; Lodge Harmony, Otahuhu ; Lodge Alpha, Cambridge, besides those of the other provinces, and in the reports of lodge meetings we find those of Opotiki Lodge, E.C., Ara, I.C., Ponsonby, S.C., Beta, (Hamilton), Ara, R.A.M., besides meetings held during the month of July in all other parts of the colony. The leading matter is very instructive and well arranged, and the selected matter appropriate, and it contains lists of the various craft and other lodges in the colony, and the dates of their various meetings, in addition to a quantity of other very interesting matter. Messrs Kidd and Wildman are the Auckland agents for the MASONIC JOURNAL.

We acknowledge with thanks the receipt from D.G. Secretary, Bro. Charles P. Powles, of a handsome chromo-lithograph, of the address presented to Her Majesty, the queen, on the occasion of Her Jubilee, by the District Grand Lodge E.C. on behalf of the Freemasons of the Wellington District. The address was beautifully illuminated by Mr Bock of that city, and the chromo-lithograph has been executed by his firm in a manner which reflects the highest credit upon them. A limited number of copies have been struck off, and can be had by those interested in such a memento of the jubilee, on application to Bro. Powles. The price charged is 5s per copy. We shall be happy to show our copy to any brother desirous of inspecting this artistic piece of work,

INSTALLATIONS

LODGE DUNEDIN, 931, E.C.

Seldom, if ever, has the holding capacity of the Dunedin Masonic Hall been tested at an installation as it was on Aug. 16, at the annual meeting of Lodge Dunedin, 931, E.C., when Bro. Saul Solomon was installed as Master. Lodge Dunedin has always been a popular lodge, and its popularity was well displayed when every lodge in the city and suburbs, as well as a number of the country lodges, was each represented by a large number of its members. There must have been fully 300 brethren in the hall, and of these some 40 or 50 were P.M.'s or W.M.'s. The District Grand Lodge, E.C., was represented by R.W.D.G.M. Bro. T. S. Graham, and the majority of his officers. In the unavoidable absence of the two higher officers, R.W.S.D.G.M. Bro. Louis Court represented the District Grand Lodge of the sister constitution. Amongst the visitors present were a number who do not now often appear in the Masonic Hall, including amongst others Bros. S. G. Smith, W. J. M. Larnach, C. C. Kettle, R. H. Leary, and H. J. Walter. The lodges represented were :—Otago, 844, E.C. ; Hiram, 2008, E.C. ; Port Chalmers Marine, 942, E.C. ; Peninsula Kilwinning, 696, S.C.; Celtic, 479, S.C.; Otago' Kilwinning, 417, S.C. ; 114, I.C. ; 610, S.C., (Invercargill) ; St Andrew 432, S.C. ; Lodge Fortitude, 105, E.C. ; St John, (Mosgiel), 2102 E.C. ; 1128, E.C. ; St Patrick, 468, L.C. ; 829, E.C. ; 1372, E.C. (Ballarat) ; St John Kilwinning, (North East Valley), 662, S.C. ; Lodge Rothesay, S.C. ; 68, L.C.; 419, (Napier), E.C. ; St John Galashiels, 262, S.C. ; Cargill Kilwinning, 632, S.C. ; and Peebles Kilwinning, 24, S.C. Apologies were received from Bros. W. H. Reynolds, Dr Hislop, Sir R. Stout (D.D.G.M., E.C.), Sydney James, H. O. Capes, T. K. Weldon, J. Gore (D.D.G.M.S.C.), C. de Lougueville Graham (P.B. of G.P.), and others. The lodge was opened at 7.40 p.m., and by 8.30 all the visitors and visiting lodges had been received. Honours having been paid to the D.G.M., P.M.'s Bros. Westwood and Litchenstein presented Bro. Saul Solomon, S.W., to the W.M., O. J. Hodge, to be installed in the chair of K.S. A board of installed masters was then formed, and the W.M. installed Bro. Solomon in ancient form. The customary honours, proclamations, and salutes having been paid to the newly-installed W.M., the following officers were invested:—I.P.M., Bro. O. J. Hodge; S.W., Bro. S. W. Gibbs ; J.W., Bro. W. Parker; Chaplain, Bro. A. Beck;

Treasurer, Bro. H. W. Haydon; Secretary, Bro. B. Rotter; S.D., Bro. J. S. Capstick; J.D., Bro. J. Stone ; LG., Bro. H. W. Wait ; Tyler, Bro. H. W. Meyer. The ceremonies were carried out in an excellent manner, more attention being given to details than is usually clone at installation ceremonies. The retiring W.M., Bro. O. J. Hodge, made an excellent installing Master, and P.M. Bro. Silverstone gave the working tools. P.M. Bro. Westwood was an efficient D. of C., and a large amount of the success of the meeting was clue to the manner in which the various odes and anthems were rendered by the Masonic choir, Bro. J. Ferguson acting as conductor and Bro. F. Baily as organist. The newly-installed W.M. invested his own officers, addressing each one with a few appropriate remarks. P.M. Bro. Lichtenstein addressed the W.S'L, P.M. Bro. Westwood the W.S., and P.M. Bro. Peterkin (Lodge Otago) the remainder of the officers and brethren.

In his reply W.M. Bro. Solomon thanked Lodge Dunedin for the honour they had done him, and the visitors for attending. He felt confident that, with the support of his officers, he would have a very successful year, and he would spare no pains to do anything for lodge Dunedin. Before the lodge closed the D.G.M expressed his pleasure at being present that evening, and congratulated the lodge upon the new W.M. they had that evening installed. Bro. Caldwell, G. S.G.L.S.. having conveyed fraternal greetings on behalf of the Grand Lodge of Scotland, and Bro. Court for the D.G.L.S.C., the remaining visitors congratulated the newly elected W.M. and the lodge was closed in due form at 10 p.m.

A social reunion was afterwards held in the Choral Hall and attended by some 90 couples. Bro. Moss's band provided music to the satisfaction of the dancers, and in Bro. H. W. Meyer's hands the catering was well looked after.

FEILDING LODGE, NO. 1940 (WELLINGTON.)

A meeting was held on Monday 8th July, 1887. at the Foresters Hall, Feilding. Present—Bro. P. Thomson, W.M. ; Bro. W. Carthew, S.W. ; Bro. H. L. Sherwill, J.W. ; Bro. J. H. Stevens, Treas. ; Bro. T. W. H. Foster, Sec. ; Bro. O. Pleasant,, S.D. ; Bro. W. L. Bailey, J.D. ; Bro. J. Purl:is, acting LG. ; P.M., Bro. C. Bray, Tyler; P.M.'s, Bros. Bray, Kirton, Macarthur, Batt, and A. Roberts ; Bros. Thomson, Sherwill, Carthew, Foster, Stevens, Pleasants, Bailey, Bray, Macarthur, Lambert, Worsfold, Tremewan, Purkis, Nilsson, Bailey, Tinton. Kirton, Potts, Smith, Berry, Bray (junr.), Prior. Visiting Bros., J. C. Thomson, 727 S.C.; W. Manghan, 1851 E.C. ; W. Light, 463, S.C. ; C. Esam, 2137 E.C.; A. R. Curtis, 463 S.C. ; Robert Logan, 95 I.C.; A. H. Hosking, 113 A.C. ; C. A. Robert, W.M., 2137 E.C. ; W. J. Batt, P.M., 1721 E.C. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The secretary read the annual balance sheet, which was adopted. At the installation of W.M., and investiture of officers, I.P.M., Bro. Thomson officiated as Installing Master in an impressive manner; the following office-bearers being installed for the ensuing term :—Bros. W. Carthew, W.M. ; C. Pleasants. S.V. ; W. L. Bailey, J.W. ; T. IV. K. Foster, Secretary, (seventh time) ; J. H. Stevens, Treasurer (2nd time) ; E. Smith, S.D. ; W. A. L. Bailey, J.D. ; C. Lambert, J.G. ; C. Bray, (junr.) Tyler. The usual congratulations were conveyed to the W.M. by members and visitors present. After the ceremony the lodge was closed. An adjournment was made to the supper room. After full justice had been clone to the good things provided, the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were honoured, after which the company adjourned to the lodgeroom, which had been cleared for a ball-room. Dancing was vigorously kept up till morning. About 50 couples were present. Thus ended one of the best gatherings of the kind ever held in Feilding.

OPOTIKI LODGE, No. 1930, E.C. (AUCKLAND).

The annual meeting of the above lodge was held on Wednesday, August 3rd, at the lodge room, Opotiki Hotel, when there were present—Bro. R. Wright, W.M. : Bro. H. G. Walmsley, S.W. ; Bro. C. Rogers, J.A.V. ; Bro. R. Bush, P.M., Sec. ; Bro. M. Downey, S.D. ; Bro. C. Litchfield, J.D. ; Bro. A. Parkinson, I.G. ; Bro. G. Cuthbertson, Eyler; P.M.'s Bros. R. King and S. Bates ; Bros. John Rust and John Webb ; and visiting brethren, Bros. Fleming, Kemp, and Graham. After the minutes were confirmed, the ballot was taken for affiliation of Bro. J. Webb, 1878, S.C., and proved successful. Bro. H. G. Walmsley, the W.M. elect, was presented by P.M.'s Bros. Bush and Wright to the Installing Master, P.M. Bro. King, and subsequently a Board of Installed Masters was formed, consisting of P.M.'s Bros. King, Bates, and Wright, by whom Bro. H. G. Walmsley was duly installed W.M. of Lodge Opotki, the installing ceremony being conducted by P.M. Bro. King in a most able and impressive manner. P.M. Bro. Wright presented the tools in the 2nd degree, and P.M. Bro. Bush gave the addresses to the Wardens and brethren, and presented the tools in the 1st and 3rd

degrees. The usual annual ball in commemoration of the anniversary of this lodge took place in the lodge room during the same evening.

POETRY

THE DAYS THAT ARE NO MORE.

Tears, idle tears, I know not what they mean ;
Tears from the depth of some divine despair
Rise to the heart, and gather in the eyes,
In looking on the happy autumn fields
And thinking of the days that are no more.

Fresh as the first beam glittering on the sail,
That brings our friends up from the under world,
Sad as the last which reddens over one
That sinks with all we love below the verge;
So sad, so fresh, the days that are no more.

Ah. Sad and strange as in dark summer dawns,
The earliest pipe of half-awakened birds
To dying ears, when unto dying eyes
The casement slowly grows a glimmering square ;
So sad, so strange, the days that are no more.

Dear as remember'd kisses after death,
And sweet as those by hopeless fancy feign'd
On lips that are for others ; deep as love,
Deep as first love, and wild with all regret;
O Death in Life the clays that are no more.

Alfred Tennyson.

THE MASON'S TEMPLE.

A MASONIC SONG.

"A temple not made with hands."

By Comp. W. M. Stanton, (music by Bro. the late Charles Bonnington), written for the banquet at the opening of the Trafalgar Royal Arch Chapter of Nelson.

Fill, fill the rosy cup, to the brim, to the brim ;
Raise the cheerful song, and pious hymn !
Every Mason's heart rejoices
At the work this day begun,
And as jubilant our voices
Be our hearts and souls as one ;
We have left behind our labours
With the setting of the sun,
So around the social table, be banished every care
Where " we meet upon the level, and part upon the square."

The temple we are buiiding is sublime ! is sublime !
Its pillars are eternal—beyond time !
For in wisdom, strength, and beauty
Our Great Architect Divine,
Hath traced each craftsman's duty
To the true Masonic line ;
Then let brother aid each brother,

Love and labour thus combine ;
Cheerfully, untiring, let us build the temple fide,
Meeting on the level, parting on the square.

Then forward with the structure, let it rise ! let it rise !
Rear up its lofty arches to the skies !
Ply the chisel and the gavel
Till the ashlars square become;
Lay a true and perfect level,
Fix a just and upright plumb ;
Then pile up the glorious temple,
The perfect Masons' home
And adorn the sacred building, that palace bright and rare
Where we meet upon the level, to part upon the square.

PARAGRAPHS.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.—From the *Freemason* (London), we find that the total expenditure in connection with this noble institution for the year 1886 was £10,800. Of this sum, £750 was derived from interest on the permanent funds (£17,000), and grants from Grand Lodge and Grand Chapter, £2,200, representing expenditure on buildings, stands as an overdraft at the bank, and the balance of £7850 was provided by voluntary contributions. The number of boys in the establishment is now 258. The cost per boy for maintenance and education is £40 6s 7d per annum. The craft is asked to find a sum of £15,000 for the requirements of the institution for the present year.

Hiram Lodge, No. 1, on the roll of the Grand Lodge of Connecticut, and whose existence dates from 1750, has had its Charter withdrawn, and its members suspended, for insubordination to the Grand Lodge.

We extract the following information relative to Masonry in America from an article by Bro. W. J. Hughan in the *Freemason* (London) :—" There are 48 Grand Lodges in the States and Territories of the United States, with some 9,800 lodges, and 557,000 subscribing members. The largest of these is New York, which has 715 lodges on its roll, followed closely by Illinois, with 691 ; then come Missouri with 552 ; Indiana, 505 ; Kentucky, 496 ; Texas, 486 ; Ohio, 469 ; Tennessee, 411 ; Iowa, 395 ; and Pennsylvania, 380 lodges. The smallest is Arizona Territory, with 5, Wyoming having 6, and Utah 8 lodges. The average is rather over 200 for the United States Grand Lodges, with about 11,600 members. The average of members is 57 per lodge, but some lodges have several hundreds of members on their registers. The Secretarial department for the whole of these 48 Grand Lodges costs a trifle over £11,000 in all, or an average of about £235 for each Grand Lodge. For British North America there are the following Grand Lodges :—Canada (for Ontario), with 349 lodges, and 19,000 members; Nova Scotia, 66 lodges and 2800 members; Quebec, 59 lodges and 2620 members; New Brunswick, 32 lodges and 1959 members; Manitoba, 27 lodges and 1092 members and Prince Edward's Island, 11 lodges and 454 members. These represent a total of 544 lodges, and some 28,000 members, or, with the United States, a grand total of about 10,350 lodges and 585,000 subscribing members. As, in some returns, Cuba is also included, the grand total would in that case be raised by 77 lodges and 4000 members. In other words, in North America, taking in all the lodges under all jurisdictions, including that of England, there are some 600,000 brethren who are active members of our fraternity. In no country in the world has Freemasonry found a more congenial soil than in the United States, and we trust that the brotherhood on both sides of the " big pond " will continue to be on terms of intimacy and friendship, so long as the need for such associations exists."

At the quarterly communication of the Grand Lodge of Scotland, held on 5th May, the Grand Committee reported that the sum of £1665 had been transferred from the bank account of Grand Lodge to the Fund of Scottish Benevolence, as a further payment of the floating debt due by Grand Lodge. This left £424 to credit of Grand Lodge, which it was recommended should be invested. The Scottish Masonic Benevolent Fund now amounts to £6450. During the quarter £150 had been granted to Masons and widows and families of Masons. During the quarter the income of Grand Lodge was £1670, and expenditure £895. There had been 1525 entrants to Scottish Freemasonry during the three months.

INCREASE OF SALARY.—On the recommendation of the Board of General Purposes, the Grand Lodge of England has raised the salary of the Grand Secretary, Bro. Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, from £800 to £1000 a year.

At its quarterly communication on 1st June, the Grand Lodge of England authorised grants to twelve Masons and widows of Masons from the Benevolent Fund to the amount of £925, and, in commemoration of the jubilee of the Queen's reign, voted £2000 to the Masonic Institution for Boys, £2000 to the Masonic Institution for Girls, and £2000 to the Masonic Benevolent Institution.

The Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons of England and Wales has fined the Provincial Grand Secretary of Nottinghamshire for irregularly granting dispensations to unqualified brethren to fill the chairs of Mark Lodges.

The sixth and last volume of the "History of Freemasonry," by Bro. Robert Freke Gould, the eminent Masonic student and historian, has been published by Thomas C. Jack, Ludgate Hill, London.

The present senior Grand Warden of England is Bro. H.R.H. Prince Albert Victor of Wales. The Prince was born on 8th January, 1864, and is therefore 23 years of age. He was initiated into Freemasonry on 17th March, 1885, was passed to the degree of F. C. on 7th May, 1885, and was raised to the degree of M... M... on 8th June, 1885. He was appointed Senior Grand Warden on 27th April, 1887.

MASONIC RECEPTION TO LORD CARRINGTON.

[From *S.A. Register* of July 27, per favour W. Bro. J. H. Cunningham, G.S.]

The quarterly communication of the Grand Lodge of Freemasons, South Australian Constitution, was begun on Wednesday, July 20, when the Chief Justice (Hon. S. J. Way), the Grand Master, "called off" till Tuesday evening, July 26, to allow the brethren an opportunity of meeting Lord Carrington as P.S.G.W. of the Grand Lodge of England. Accordingly on the latter occasion about 200 brethren, representing every degree of rank above and including that of Master Mason, assembled in the Freemasons' Hall, Flinders street, and formed together a brilliant spectacle.

His Lordship, upon entering the Grand Lodge, was received with due ceremony, and conducted; by the Grand Stewards to a place at the right of the Grand Master.

The Grand Secretary (Bro. J. H. Cunningham) read the following address :—" To His Excellency the Right Honourable Lord Carrington P.C., G.C.M.G., Governor and Commander-in-Chief of Her Majesty's Colony of New South Wales, Past Senior Grand Warden of the United Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Mesonsof England, &c., &c. May it please your Lordship—We the members of the Ancient and Honourable Society of Free and Accepted Masons under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of South Australia in Grand Lodge assembled, desire to offer your Lordship a cordial and fraternal welcome upon the occasion of your visit to this colony. As British subjects we are proud of your Lordship's public career in England; as colonists we recognise the skill and ability with which your Lordship has filled the high office of Governor of New South Wales ; but as Masons we are especially proud of your Lordship's high rank in the Grand Lodge of England, of your services to the English Constitution, and of the zeal which you have always manifested for the welfare of the craft at large. Although as South Australian Masons we are not now under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of England, we entertain, both from old associations as well as present relationship, the most affectionate feelings towards that Grand Lodge. The Grand Lodge of England has accorded to the Grand Lodge of South Australia the most cordial recognition of its rights and privileges as an independent Grand Lodge. We are, therefore, glad of the opportunity of expressing through your Lordship our fraternal sentiments towards, the Grand Lodge of which your Lordship is so distinguished an ornament. The present also is the happy occasion of our welcoming in your Lordship's person the most eminent English Mason who has honoured our Grand Lodge with a fraternal visit. Offering your Lordship our warmest wishes for the health and happiness of yourself, Lady Carrington, and your children, we subscribe ourselves, on behalf of the Grand Lodge of South Australia, your Lordship's most obedient servants and brethren, S. J. WAY, Grand Master ; J. H. CUNNINGHAM, Grand Secretary."

The Grand Master in the course of his address said—I am sure you will all agree with me that the incident of this evening is one of the most interesting that has happened in the history of South Australian Masonry. We all appreciate it as a high honour that we are able to welcome to this Grand Lodge a nobleman and statesman of high rank, the great and able Governor of the neighbouring colony of New South Wales, and a distinguished member of the Grand Lodge of England. I think I may add that our interest in the proceedings of this evening is heightened by the fact that this is the first time we have had the opportunity of expressing to a member of the Grand Lodge of England in person the fraternal sentiments which we entertain towards that Grand Lodge. We no longer owe allegiance to and we are no longer under the authority of the Grand Lodge of England, but we are bound to it by the much more inseparable and indissoluble ties of fraternity and of affection. On the occasion on which recognition was granted to us, the Acting Grand Master was the Right Hon. the Earl of Limerick. That noble Lord was good enough to express the opinion that this Grand Lodge was " a promising addition to the Grand Lodges of the world," and he further went on to say that the Masons of South Australia, under the South Australian Constitution, " might be trusted to maintain and uphold the great traditions of English Freemasonry." It is not for me, representing the Grand Lodge of South Australia, to say that that promise has been fulfilled, but I may venture to assure your Lordship, and to ask your Lordship to assure your brethren in the Grand Lodge of England, that the Grand Lodge of South Australia is earnestly striving to maintain the great traditions of English Masonry. Is loyalty to the Crown one of those traditions? Then I venture to say that Her Majesty in her wide dominions has no more loyal subjects than the Masonic adherents of the South Australian Constitution, and certainly her jubilee was not more gratefully celebrated in any part of the British Empire than by South Australian Masons. Is purity of ritual another of the great traditions of British Masonry ? Then I am able to inform your Lordship that it you had had the opportunities which I have had of visiting lodges within the wide territory of the Grand Lodge, of South Australia—500 or 600 miles apart—not merely metropolitan lodges, but lodges so far distant as Port Augusta and some of the towns in the Northern Areas and Mount Gambier in the south-east, you would find the Masonic ritual carried out with the same faithfulness, with the same accuracy as are witnessed in the best of the English Lodges. And looking at the substance which underlies all ritual, it will be a source of satisfaction to your Lordship and to your brethren of the Grand Lodge of England to be assured that we take care in the South Australian Lodges to secure that none but true and worthy men are admitted into our brotherhood. Is brotherly love one of the great traditions of English Masonry ? Then, my Lord, in South Australian Masonry I present to you a united brotherhood. The serenity of our lodges has not been disturbed by the slightest difference or schism. If I may be pardoned for giving a single instance of that brotherly affection to which I refer you will find it in the kind forbearance and the affectionate loyalty with which I have been supported in the high office to which I have been undeservedly called by the suffrages of my brethren, and for which so many of the brotherhood are so much better fitted than I am to fill. Is charity another of the great traditions of English Masonry? Then I beg to assure your Lordship that charity is dispensed to distressed Masons from the private ledges and from the Benevolent Fund which forms one of the institutions of our Grand Lodge, and to the distribution of that charity we look only to the fact that the recipient is a Mason. No matter whether he be under the English, Irish, or Scotch Constitution, he has the same consideration as Masons belonging to the South Australian Constitution. * * * * To-day I am glad to present you, my Lord, to the Grand Lodge of South Australia, in the character of an able advocate of Masonic union. We have read with pride, and with greater pleasure than I can express, the noble, the courageous, and the patriotic words which you gave utterance to at a great Masonic gathering in New South Wales a few weeks ago, when you expressed a hope that Masonry in New South Wales might become what it is in England, in Scotland, and in South Australia, " a great harmonious whole."

* * * I have now the pleasure of handing to you the address which imperfectly expresses the feelings of the Masons of South Australia towards your Lordship. I assure you that every one present greets you with much stronger feelings than those which this address expresses, or which I have been able to express in the few imperfect words which I have addressed to you on behalf of the brethren of the Grand Lodge of South Australia.

M.W.D.G.M. Bro. H. E. Downer, M.P., added some complimentary remarks to His Lordship and to the Grand Master.

The Grand Master suitably responded, and added—I may be permitted to mention one thing which gives me personally very great pleasure in connection with the visit to this Grand Lodge of Lord Carrington. It is the

circumstance that I have been honoured by the Grand Lodge of England by being appointed their representative near this Grand Lodge.

Lord Carrington said in response--Most Worshipful Grand Master, Right Worshipful Brethren, and Brethren: I beg to return you my most respectful thanks for the cordial and fraternal welcome you have been pleased to accord to me on my first visit to the colony of South Australia. I received with satisfaction and I am very grateful for the terms in which this address has been tendered to me, not only in my capacity as a brother Mason, but as a representative of Her Most Gracious Majesty in the neighbouring colony of New South Wales. I recognise with pleasure the affectionate feelings and the cordial relations that you entertain towards the Grand Lodge of England, and it is my earnest hope and fervent prayer that the Great Architect of the Universe will ever continue to watch over and preserve the interests of our craft. I beg further with great respect to thank you warmly for the kind way in which you have introduced the names of Lady Carrington and our children. I think it would be unbecoming in me if, after the cordial, kind, and flattering remarks which my most worshipful brother has uttered to you about myself, I do not attempt in the few feeble words that I can at this moment command offer to you grateful thanks for the very gracious compliment which the brethren have pleased to pay to me this evening. I had no idea when I arrived to-night that I should be so highly honoured. I feel it deeply. This is an evening which to the end of my life I shall never forget. I feel most strongly the kind words which the Most Worshipful Grand Master has spoken about me, and the judicious and fraternal way in which he has referred to the unhappy divisions which at present exist among Freemasons in the colony of New South Wales. It would not be right for me to say one word on that subject, except to express the hope that these divisions may soon cease, and that we may presently find ourselves in the happy and fraternal condition in which you now are in South Australia. That happy conclusion can only be brought about by the blessing of the Grand Architect of the Universe and by our own individual endeavours, and it is my earnest hope and fervent prayer that I may see the brethren of New South Wales united and enjoying as true happiness as my brethren in the South Australian Constitution who are this evening assembled here.

The Grand Director of Ceremonies (Bro. G. C. Knight), who had charge of the ceremonial during the evening, then directed the brethren to accord the Grand Master and Lord Carrington special Masonic honours. The two distinguished Masons then left to attend the Governor's ball, and the Masonic business proceeded.

The Grand Lodge was closed in ample form by the D.G.M. (Bro. H. E. Downer, M.P.)

LODGE MEETINGS

ROBERT BURNS LODGE OF INSTRUCTION, S.C. (Dunedin).—The regular monthly meeting of the above Lodge of Instruction was held in the lower Masonic Hall, Moray Place, on Thursday evening, 4th August, at 8 o'clock. The lodge was opened in ancient form, and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and con-firmed. The following brethren were in office for the evening :—R.W.M., Bro. Price; S.W., Bro. Sinclair; J.W., Bro. Ross; S.D., Bro. Newton ; J.D., Bro. Tennant ; LG., Bro. Brew. The candidate, Bro. Nugent, was then placed between the Pillars, and satisfactorily answered the usual questions. The lodge was then passed, the ceremony being conducted by the R.W.N. Bro. Price. The working tools were presented by J.W. Bro. Ross. The lecture on the tracing board was ably delivered by the R.W.M., and the final charge by Bro. Brew. The lodge was then reduced to the E.. A.. degree. P.M. Bro. J. Baxter congratulated the R.N.M. on the way in which he delivered the lecture.—The regular monthly meeting of the above lodge was held at the lower Masonic Hall, Moray Place, on Thursday, 7th July, at 8 p.m. The following brethren filled the offices :—R.W.M., Bro. Price ; S.W., Bro. Brew ; J.W., Bro. Raflils ; S.D., Bro. Ross ; J.D., Bro. Newton ; I.G., Bro. Pennant. The business of the evening was Initiation, P.M. Bro. Cherrie, preceptor, (who also acted as candidate), the ceremony being ably conducted by the R.W.M. Bro. Price, who also gave the lecture on the tracing board in a very creditable manner. Bro. Ross gave the working tools, and Bro. Brew the final charge. After electing the officers for the next monthly meeting, the lodge was closed in ancient form at 9.30 p.m. (*This report was unavoidably held over.*)

HIRAM LODGE OF INSTRUCTION, E.C. (Dunedin).—The usual fortnightly meeting was held on Monday, 8th August, at the Freemasons' Hall, Moray Place, Dunedin. There were present—Preceptor, P.M. Bro. T. A. Peterkin ; Deputy Preceptor, P.M. Bro. Geo. Gordon ; Secretary, Bro. Hunt ; the officers for the evening as follows V.M., Bro. De Renzy ; S.V., Bro. H. A. Hatton ; J.W., Bro. Capstick ; S.D., Bro. Blackmore ; J. D.,

Bro. Ronaldson ; LG., No. Ahfeldt ; also, P.M.'s Bros. Ronaldson and Silverston, and other brethren. The lodge was opened in the first, second, and third degrees. The ceremony of " Raising " was rehearsed by the W.M. The lodge was called off and on, and reduced to first degree. The various greetings and Masonic fire were explained. The work of the evening was then criticised by the Preceptor and Deputy Preceptor. Bro. F. A. Green (W.M. of Waikouaiti Lodge), and P.M. Bro. Silverston were elected members of the lodge. Bro. H. A. Hatton was elected W.M. for the next fortnightly meeting, and appointed his officers. The lodge was closed in due form at 10 o'clock.—The usual fortnightly meeting of the Hiram Lodge of Instruction was held in the Freemasons' Hall, Dunedin, on Monday, 22nd August. Present--P.M. Bro. T. A. Peterkin, Preceptor; P.M. Bro. George Gordon, Deputy Preceptor ; the officers for the evening, viz., Bro. H. A. Hatton, W.M. ; Bro. Capstick, S.W. ; Bro. Stone, J.W. ; Bro. W. Hatton, acting Sec. ; Bro. Ronaldson, S.D. ; Bro. Ahfeld, J.D., and other brethren. The lodge was opened in the three degrees, and reduced to the host. The ceremony of Initiation was rehearsed by the W.M. The seventh section of the first lecture was then worked by Deputy Preceptor, Bro. Gordon, assisted by Bro. Ronaldson. After the transaction of routine business, the lodge was closed in due form.

LODGE OTAGO KILWINNING, No. 417, S.C. (Otago).—The regular monthly meeting of Lodge Otago Kilwinning, No 417, S.C., was held at the Freemasons' Hall, Moray Place, Dunedin, on Thursday, t 1 th August, when Mr. Charles Fraser and Mr. Harry William Cook were initiated into the mysteries of ancient Freema. sonry. The ceremony was conducted by the R.W.M., Bro. Raffills, assisted by Bro. Price, S.W., who presented the working tools, and Bro. Wm. Dawson, D.M., who delivered the final charge. The lodge was closed at 9.35 p.m., after which the brethren retired to the refreshment room, and enjoyed a social hour.

LODGE OF OTAGO, NO. 844, E.C. (Otago). —The regular monthly meeting was held in the Freemasons' Hall, Moray Place, Dunedin, on Tuesday, 2nd August. Present—W.M., Bro. Rev. W. Ronaldson; S.W., Bro. T. W. Croft; J.W., Bro. G. J. Blackmore ; acting S.D., Bro. Bamfield ; acting J.D., P.M. Bro. Gen. Gordon ; Sec., Bro. T. G. De Renzy ; Treas., P.M., Bro. T. A. Peterkin ; LG., Bro. W.)McAdam; Steward, Bro. Wright; also, several members and visiting brethren. The lodge was opened punctually at 8 o'clock. The principal business of the evening was the initiation of Mr W. A. Short, the ceremony being performed by the W.M. and P.M. Bro. Bamfeld, the final charge given by P.M. Bro. T. A. Peterkin, and the lecture on the tracing board by P.M. Bro. Geo. Gordon. The W.M. called the attention of members to the new bye laws, which had been printed and distributed. The Treasurer gave a very favourable report of the financial position of the lodge, and said that if the quarterly dues were promptly paid, he would be able at the next meeting to announce that the lodge had discharged all liabilities, and had a sum to credit. Two brethren were proposed as joining members, and three candidates for initiation were proposed. The Secretary read out the names of brethren eligible for the office of W.M., the election for which will take place at the next meeting. After the transaction of some routine business, the lodge was closed in due form at to p.m.

LODGE ST JOHN, No. 1137, E.C. (Timaru).—This lodge held its regular monthly meeting on Friday evening, July 29th, at the Lodgeroom, Church st. Lodge opened at 8.15 by Bro. Shappere, R.W.M. ; Bro. Shepherd, acting S.W. ; Bro. Walker, J.-W. ; Bro. Glasson, S.D. ; Bro. Shirtcliffe, J.D. ; Bro. Milton, Secretary ; Bro. Mullins, Treasurer; Bro. -Watson, LG.; Bro. Morgan, Tyler. The following visitors were also present:—P.M. Bro. Stephens, Lodge Somerset, 1811 ; P.M. S. Anderson, and Bros. Wright, Morgan, Waugh, Mair, and Hooper, Caledonian, 534, S.C. ; Bro. AV. D. Meers, Victory, 1927 ; Bro. A. Little, Brotherly Love, 229. After a considerable amount of business had been dispatched, Messrs. 'Wells and Green, two candidates, being in attendance, were duly balloted for, and initiated into the E.. A.. degree. The officers of this lodge would do well if they acted on the advice given in last month's issue of the MASONIC JOURNAL, viz., that of forming a Lodge of Instruction, it being very evident from the manner in which the ceremony of Initiation was performed, that such an institution in connection with the lodge is sadly needed. After congratulations from visitors present had been conveyed, the lodge was closed in due and ancient form at 10.20 p.m.

DISTRICT GRAND LODGE OF CANTERBURY, S.C.--The Quarterly Communication of the District Grand Lodge of Canterbury, S.C., took place on Thursday evening, 14th July, at the St. Augustine Hall, Manchester street, Christchurch, R.W.D.G.M., Bro. the Rev. Jas. Hill presiding. The Lodges represented at roll call were Nos. 5762, 534, 585, 604, 619, 675, and 694. Quarterly reports were received and laid upon the table from the Grand Lodge of Scotland, Prov. G.L.N.I. of N.Z., S.C. ; D.G.L. of Otago and Southland, E.C. ; and D.G.L. of Canterbury, I.C. Correspondence was read from the Grand Lodges of Scotland, Prov. G.L. N.I. of N.Z., S.C., relating to the " Nellie " case, and D.G.L. of Queensland, advising the expulsion and suspension

of two members of the Craft. Correspondence was read from subordinate lodges. The report of the Standing Committee was received—recommending "That to celebrate the occasion of the Queen's Jubilee a Benevolent Fund be instituted in D.G. Lodge," which received the unanimous approval of the members, and the Standing Committee was instructed to meet at an early date, and draw up a report for consideration at the next communication, for the establishment of the said fund, several of the brethren present subscribing as a nucleus. The D.G. Master appointed as his officers for next term—D.D.G.M., Bro. J. C. Watson; D.G.S.W., Bro. H. T. Gourlay; D.G.J.W., Bro. J. Wendelkin; D.G. Secretary, Bro. J. L. Carrell; D.G. Chaplain, Rev. Bro. Geo. Barclay; nominated by D.G. Lodge as D.G. Treasurer, Bro. H. Christie; D.G.S.D., Bro. L. Francis; D.G. J.D., No. J. T. Park; D.G. Bible-Br., Bro. John Grubb; D.G. Dir. Ger., Bro. W. Pine; D.G. Swd.-Br., Bro. R. Buchanan; D.C. Stand.-Br., E. Eastwood; D.G. Organists, Bros. Rowe and Bourdôt; D.G. Stewards, Bros. Coltman, Sealy, A. Mills, R. Patton, W. Jackson, and Thos. Coupar; D.G.J.G., Bros. Barsht and Natsey; D.G. Tyler, A. Fraser. Resolved—"That to suit the accommodation of the visiting brethren, D.G.L. endeavours to have the Quarterly Communication held upon the second Monday, instead of second Thursday, as at present. The D.G. Secretary drew the attention of the officers nominated at the present meeting to the necessity of making themselves financial members in their respective lodges and in District Grand Lodge dues, before the date of election. Nothing further offering, the D.G. Lodge was closed in due form at 10 p.m.

REMOVAL.—The Robert Burns Lodge, S.C., and the Canterbury Lodge, E.C. have shifted their quarters from the Canterbury Masonic Hall, to the St. Augustine, Manchester street North, Christchurch, so that now no meetings of the brethren are held in the Canterbury, and the ridiculous proceeding of making use of two buildings in a comparatively small place like "the City of the Plains" for fraternal meetings has at last been swept away. The St. Augustine Hall is a fine building, and likely to prove quite commodious enough for Masonic purposes during the next quarter of a century. *N.Z. Freemason.*

ST. THOMAS KILWINNING LODGE, No. 659 (Otago).—A meeting was held on August 3rd, at Masonic Ball, Kaitangata. Present—Bro. W. Bain, W.M.; Bro. W. Reid, S.W.; Bro. J. G. Bentley, J.W.; P.M. Bro. J. Shore, Sec.; Bro. G. Leishman, S.D.; Bro. J. Hislop, J.D.; Bro. J. Clark, I.G.; Bro. W. McInnes, Tyler; P.M.'s Bros. Dobbie and Shore, and a large attendance of menthe's. The lodge was opened in the E. A... degree. After some business of a formal nature had been transacted, a ballot was taken for W. F. Crow and W. Barross, which the W. M. declared clear. The candidates were then duly admitted into the mysteries of the E. A. degree. The W.M. conducted the ceremony, P.M. Bro. J. Shore presented the tools and gave the charge, and P.M. Bro. Dobbie the lecture. The lodge was then closed in peace, harmony, and brotherly love, at 9.30 p.m.

Robert Burns Lodge, No. 604, S.C. (Christchurch).—A meeting was held on Tuesday, August 16th, at the St. Augustine Masonic Hall, Manchester street, Christchurch. Present—Bro. W. Jackson, W.M.; Bro. P. Hill, S.W.; Bro. J. Gunthrip, J.W.; Bro. H. Tuck, Treas.; Bro. W. Barsht, Sec.; Bro. E. H. Cooper, S.D.; Bro. R. Belgrave, J.D.; Bro. C. W. Pught, D.C.; Bro. J. M. Walker, I.G.; Bro. R. Stevens, Tyler; P.M.'s Bros. J. if. Park, H. T. Gourlay, and about 20 members; Bro. W. Sharland, W.M. St. Augustine, 609, E.C., and a large number of visitors from different lodges in the district. Messrs. Finlay, Campbell, and William Heavey were balloted for, and duly declared elected members of the lodge, and, being in attendance, were duly initiated into the mysteries and privileges of an E. A. Mason, W. Bro. Sharland, W.M. St. Augustine Lodge, presenting the working tools in a very able manner, and Bro. P. Hill, W.S.W., delivering the charge. The lodge was then closed in due and ancient form, after which the brethren adjourned to the supper room, where a very pleasant evening was spent, thus terminating a very successful meeting.

LODGE ST ANDREWS, No. 639, S.C. (Wellington).—The regular monthly meeting of this lodge took place on Thursday, the 28th July, R.W.M., No. William Stuart presiding. A very large number of brethren were in attendance. The W.M., officers, and brethren of Lodge Wellington paid a fraternal visit. The W.M. of Leinster Lodge, and several members of the Pacific Lodge, were also present. Bros. Boeek, Thomas, and Anderson were initiated, the R.W.M. performing his work in a very impressive and able manner, Bro. A. Jack giving the charge in good style. A most enjoyable evening was spent by the brethren after the lodge closed.

CARGILL KILWINNING LODGE, No. 632, S.C. (Port Chalmers).—A meeting was held on loth August at the Sailors' Rest, Port Chalmers. Present—Bro. John T. Warburton, W.M.; Bro. R. G. Anderson, S.W.; Bro. R. Robertson, J.W.; Bro. Wm. Budge, Sec.; Bro. E. Holland, S.D.; Bro. J. McKay, J.D.; Bro. A. Speak, I.G.;

Jas. Arnott, Tyler ; and P.M. Bro. Alfred Perry. Mr. Robert Morton, engineer, aged 32, was initiated, the ceremony being performed by the R.W.M., assisted by the S.W., who gave the working tools and the N. E. charge.

LODGE WELLINGTON, No. 1521, E.C. (Wellington).—The regular monthly meeting of this lodge was held at the Masonic Hall, Boulcott street, on Friday, Aug. 19th. The W.M.'s of Lodges Leinster, I.C., St. Andrew, S.C., and Ruapehu (Mar-ton), E.C., were present, as well as several other visitors. The work of the evening consisted of two " Passings," which were worked in an efficient manner. The working tools were presented by the S.W. Bro. Pinel, and the charge was delivered by Bro. Sir E. C. Gibbes, P.M. The lodge having resumed in the first degree, a long discussion ensued on the Treasurer's statement. It was decided to vote £5 towards the D.G.L. Fund for aged and distressed Masons, and to invest a portion of the surplus funds in shares in the Freemasons' Hall Co. Hearty good wishes having been tendered the lodge closed in due form at 11.15 p.m.

LODGE N.Z. PACIFIC, No. 517, E.C. (Wellington).—The regular monthly meeting was held on August 8th, the attendance of brethren being somewhat small. The ceremony of the evening was a " passing," which was worked in an able and efficient manner. The lodge was closed in peace, love, and harmony at 10.10 p.m.

LODGE ST ANDREW, No. 639, S.C. (Wellington).—The regular monthly meeting of this lodge was held on Thursday, July 28th, there being a very large attendance of brethren. The W.M., officers, and brethren of Lodge Wellington were present on an official visit, and amongst the visitors were the W.M. of the Leinster Lodge, I.C., and several members of N.Z. Pacific, E.C. The work of the evening consisted of three initiations which were conducted by the R.W.M. and his officers in a satisfactory manner. The R.W.M. rose for the first time, when Bro. Carr, P.M. moved the motion standing in his name, relative to reduction in the current expenses of the lodge. A long discussion ensued, and a very general desire appeared to be present to keep down expenses as much as possible, without impairing the maintenance of becoming hospitality. The lodge was closed in peace, love, and harmony at 10.40 p.m.

LODGE WATERLOO, No. 463, S.C. (Wellington).—This lodge held its regular monthly meeting on Tuesday, 9th August. There was no ritual work to be done, and, at the request of the R.W.M., the S.W. gave the lecture on the T.B. in the second degree in a very accomplished manner. On the lodge resuming in the first degree, a discussion ensued as to the lodge finances, and upon the motion of Bro. Treasurer the whole question was referred to a committee to report to the October meeting. The lodge was closed at 9.45 p.m.

LODGE LEINSTER, No. 469, I.C. (Wellington).—The regular monthly meeting of this lodge was held on Wednesday, August 3rd, and was attended by nearly sixty brethren. Lodges Waterloo, S.C., and N.Z. Pacific, E.C. were present officially, and numerous other visitors were in attendance. The I.P.M., Bro. Ellison, is about to proceed to Auckland, and opportunity was taken of the occasion to present him and P.I.I.'s Bros. Fownes and Patterson with P.M. jewels. The presentations were made by Bro. Grady, W.M., in a very appropriate speech, which was suitably responded to by the three brethren. On an adjournment to the supper room, Bro. Ellison's health was drunk in bumpers, and every good wish expressed for his health and prosperity.

WATERLOO R.A. CHAPTER, S.C. (Wellington).—A meeting of the Mark Lodge attached to this Chapter was held on Tuesday, August 16th, when a candidate was duly advanced to the Mark degree. The ceremony was ably conducted by Bro. Williams, Z. of the Chapter, and acting Master of the Mark Lodge.

ST JOHN KILWINNING, No. 662, S.C. (Otago).—The monthly meeting of this lodge was held on the 25th ult., in the Masonic Hall, N.E. Valley, when there were present a number of members and visitors. R.W.M., Bro. C. Allen was in the chair, and was supported by I.P.M. Bro. J. Farquharson, Bros. D. McNicol, W.M. 468, I.C., D. Cherrie, P.M. 432, S.C., and Murray, W.M. Lodge Taieri, S.C. Bro. A. Smith was passed to the F. C. degree, the ceremony being excellently performed by the R.W.M., S.W. Bro. Smith giving the working tools, J.W. Bro. Jeffery the charge, and I.P.M. Bro. Farquharson the lecture. The R.W.M. reported that he had made satisfactory arrangements *re* the rent, for which service he was accorded a hearty vote of thanks, and authorised to sign the necessary agreement. The lodge was closed at 9.45 p.m., and a pleasant hour spent in sociality.

LODGE HIRAM, M.M.M., No. 272, E.C. (Otago).—A meeting of this lodge was held in the Freemasons' Hall, Dunedin, on Wednesday, August 10th. M.W.M. M.M.U. Westwood presided. Bros. W. Wishart and B. Rotter were balloted for, and proved unanimous in their favour. Business general, after which the lodge was closed in due form.

KILWINNING OTAGO CHAPTER, No. 116, S.C. (Otago).—The monthly communication of this Chapter was held in the Dunedin Hall on August 22nd. The Chapter was opened in the Mark degree, M.W.M.M. Bro. Robertson being in the chair. There were two candidates on the circular, but, owing to a misunderstanding about the night of meeting, neither of them was in attendance. M.E.Z. Comp. W. Caldwell then took the chair for the nomination of officers, but before taking the nominations he gave a short address, in the course of which he mentioned that on the 23rd inst, the Chapter would have reached its 21st year of existence, and out of that time he had nine times been Z: After nominations had been taken, a committee was appointed to attend to the installation, and the Chapter was closed.

LODGE CALEDONIAN, No. 534, S.C. (Timaru).—A meeting was held on Aug. 9th, at Lodge-room, Bank street. Present—Bro. Thos. Henderson, W.M.; Bro. J. Broadhead, S.W. ; Bro. F. White, J.W. ; Bro. T. Bassford, D.M. ; Bro. S. Anderson, Treas. ; Bro. R. Thickens, Sec. ; Bro. T. H. Clarke, S.D. ; Bro. C. H. Hooper, J.D. ; Bro. J. R. Hooper, Organist ; Bro. J. Gliddon, I.G. ; Bros. A. Waugh and A. White, Stewds. ; Bro. C. Kelly, Tyler ; P.M.'s Bros. B. Rawley, W. D. Akers, Victory, 1927, E.C. ; H. Stephenson, Somerset, 1811 ; Bros. James Mail., P. Bertie, Chas. Moore, W. R. Quinn, J. S. Keith, E. G. Chiffey, and W. Jones ; and visiting Bros. O. Shaw, 537, S.C., R. Wood, 1811, E.G., H. H. Guthrie, 432, S.C., and Chas. Green, 1137, E.C. Bros. Bertie, Moore, and Quinn, were " passed." Bro. Stephenson gave a very interesting and instructive lecture on " Symbolic Light." Four candidates having been proposed and hearty good wishes having been received, the lodge was closed in peace and harmony at 10 p.m.—An emergency meeting was held on Tuesday, August 23rd at the lodge-room at 8 p.m. Present—Bro. T. Henderson, W.M. ; Bro. J. Broadhead, S.W. ; Bro. F. White, J.W. ; Bro. J. Hooper, Organist ; P.M. Bro. S. Anderson, Treas. ; Bro. R. Thickens, Sec. ; Bro T. Clarke, S.D. ; Bro. C. H. Hooper, J.D. ; Bro. T. Bassford, D.M. ; Bro. J. Gliddon, I.G. ; Bro. A. Waugh, Stewd. ; Bro. C. Kelly, Tyler ; P.M.'s Bros. T. G. Rawley, R. Stuart, and Reid, and several members and visitors. Five candidates were balloted for and elected. Two, Messrs. Jas. Allen and J. Baird, being in attendance, were duly initiated into the E.. A.. degree, the charge being delivered by P.M. Bro. Rawley in a very able and impressive manner.

LODGE ST JOHN. No. 610, S.C. (Invercargill).—The regular monthly meeting of this lodge was held on 19th August, and was fairly well attended by P.M.'s and members. The lodge was opened in usual form at 8 p.m. sharp. A ballot was taken for Mr. F. W. Mitford, who was declared elected. Mr Mitford and Mr Forrester (who had been elected at previous meeting), were then admitted, properly prepared, and initiated into the E.. A.. degree by the R.W.M. Bros. Crawley, Fall and Taylor, candidates for passing, having satisfied the lodge that they were prepared to be passed, were then admitted and passed to the second or F. • C.. degree. The lodge was then reduced, and correspondence was read and disposed of. Bro. F. W. Burwell sent in his resignation, which was received. One gentleman was proposed for initiation. The lodge was then closed in the usual form at 10.40 p.m.

LODGE CELTIC, No. 477, S.C. (Otago).—The usual monthly meeting of this lodge was held in the Dunedin Masonic Hall, on August 18th. W.M. Bro. C. Macandrew presided, and there was a good attendance of members and visitors. Messrs. J. Grindley, T. Mackie, and W. Johnston were initiated into the mysteries of the first degree, the ceremony being conducted by the R.W.M., assisted by P.M.'s Bros. Baxter and Mowat, and Bros. Macpherson and Sinclair, after which the lodge closed in peace and harmony at to o'clock. A small social meeting was afterwards held, when the visitors spoke in high terms of the working they had seen.

LODGE ST JOHN'S, No. 461, S.C. (Milton).—A meeting was held on Thursday evening, August 18th, at the Council Chambers. Present—Bro. W. "4cElrea, W.M.; Bro. W. Moore, S.W. ; Bro. W. Mitchell, J.W. ; Bro. J. Whytock, S.M. ; Bro. F. Bastings, Treas. ; Bro. W. W. White, Sec. ; Bro. A. McKechnie, S.D. ; Bro. N. Roulston, J.D. ; Bro. F. Grant, Organist ; Bro. T. O. Scott, I.G. ; Bros. W. Wallis and D. Tweedie, Stewards ; Bro. F. Julius, Tyler ; P.M. Bro. J. Hollick ; Bros. W. Taylor, T. Corsan, A. Young, J. McMurtrie, W. Watson, J. Porter, W. Reid, and H. Fitzsimmons. The lodge was opened in the first degree, and the minutes of the previous meeting read and confirmed. Two candidates, being in attendance, were examined previous to being passed, and, the examination proving successful, the lodge was passed, and the ceremony performed

in a very masterly manner. The lodge was then lowered, and business of an unimportant nature transacted. During the ceremony Masonic odes and hymns were rendered by the choir. The lodge was closed in peace and harmony at 9.30 p.m.

LODGE ST ANDREW, No. 432, S.C. (Otago).—The regular monthly meeting of this lodge was held on Tuesday, 9th of August. The lodge was opened in due form, and there was a good attendance of members. Three members were initiated by the newly-elected R.W.M., Bro. P. Wilson. The working tools were presented by J.W. Bro. Nugent, the final charge by S.W. Bro. J. Ogg, and P.M. Bro. Cherrie, in a very able manner, delivered the lecture.

LODGE UNITED SERVICE, No. 421, I.C. (Auckland).—The brethren of Lodge United Service presented Bro. Thos. Wm. Allen with a handsome marble timepiece at the last meeting of the lodge, held on Wednesday, 27th July in the Masonic Hall, as a tribute to the excellent manner in which he had fulfilled the duties of Master during the past twelve months. The presentation was made on behalf of the lodge by Bro. Trafford. The timepiece is a valuable one, and will, doubtless, be prized by Bro. Allen as a souvenir of a very pleasant occasion.

LODGE TAURANGA, No. 462, I.C. (Tauranga).—Bro. D. Lundon, W.M. ; Bro. L. D. Easton, S.W. ; Bro. J. Gilmore, J.W. ; Bro. W. Johnston, B.A., Chap. ; Bro. A. C. Turner, Leas. ; Bro. J. Murphy, M.A., Sec. ; Bro. A. W. Burrows, S.D. ; Bro. R. Carson, J.D. ; Bro. A. Gilmore, P.M., D.C. ; Bro. G Gardi ter, I.G. ; Bro. W. A. Clarke, Steward ; Bro. W. Harkness, Tyler. The above are the names of the officers of Lodge Tauranga, No. 462, I.C., for the present year. They were elected on May 6th, and installed on June 24th.

ST. JOHN'S LODGE, No. 1137, E.C. (Timaru).—A meeting was held on Friday, August 26th, at the lodge-room, Church street, Timaru, at 8 p.m. Present—Bro. Shappere, W.M.; Bro. Fraser, S. W. ; Bro. Walker, J.W. ; Bro. Mullins, Treas. ; Bro. J. Melton, Sec. ; Bro. S. H. Kirby, acting S.D. ; Bro. W. Hobbs, acting J.D.; Bro. F. Watson, I.G. ; Bro. R. Morgan, Tyler; P.M. Bro. Stephenson (Somerset Lodge, 1811, E.C.) ; Bros. J. Shepherd, C. Green, Bruce, Shirtcliffe, Towsey, Wells, Penny, and Drummond ; visiting Bros. T. Henderson, W.M., J. Broadhead, S.W., and C. H. Hooper, J.D., of Lodge Caledonian, 534, S.C. IMO. Wells was passed to the F.. C.. degree, the charge being very impressively delivered by Bro. Shappere, RAN .M. Non-financial members' names were erased from the roll. One candidate was proposed, and the lodge was closed in clue and ancient form at 11.10 p.m.

Miscellaneous Articles

THE FREEMASONS AND THE QUEEN.

The brilliant and imposing ceremony which took place at the Royal Albert Hall on June 13th, will be long remembered in the annals of English Freemasonry. Only once before in the memory of any Mason now living has any such gathering of the Craft been seen in this country, and that was twelve years ago, when the Prince of Wales was installed as Grand Master of the Order. Then the event was marked by the attendance of eight thousand of the Brethren, who filled the Albert Hall, and were the witnesses of a spectacle, the gorgeous magnificence of which no one who was present is ever likely to forget. Yesterday's gathering could not in one sense vie with the memorial event of 1875 ; but it fell not far short in picturesque beauty and interest. Six thousand three hundred guinea tickets had been sold through the medium of the various Lodges of England, Scotland, and Ireland, and the attendance was little short of that number.

The doors of the hall were opened shortly after two o'clock, and the building immediately began to fill with Brethren, who, in obedience to the command of the Grand Master, all wore full Craft clothing. The seats had, with certain special exceptions, been allotted in the order of priority of application, and the arrangements were carried out by a large staff of stewards with a precision which contributed not a little to the agreeable character of the gathering. Under the great organ had been erected a dais, carpeted with scarlet cloth, on which stood the throne of the Grand Master, gorgeous in purple and gold, and surmounted with the Prince of Wales's feathers, flanked

on either side with the globes. In the background hung the Prince's banner, with the motto " Audi, vide, tace," amidst a forest of luxuriant palms ; the front of the dais was adorned with a wealth of hothouse plants, ferns, and flowers. In front of the throne stood a richly-upholstered pedestal bearing the gavel and a quaint silver inkstand, intended for the Grand Master's use in signing the Address to the Queen, to adopt which was the purpose of the gathering. To the right and left of the throne were chairs for the members of the Royal family and other distinguished visitors. Behind, the richly decorated orchestra provided accommodation for eminent members of the Craft from all parts of the Empire, especially notable amongst whom were the representatives of the eighteen " Red Apron " Lodges, which have the exclusive privilege of sending Grand Stewards to the annual festivals. The Stewards, who carried wands of office, wore elaborate and brilliant clothing, and the green aprons and collars of the Scotch Lodges blended admirably with the purple and gold of the officers of the Provincial Grand Lodges, and the garter blue which was the predominating colour in the clothing of the majority of the Brethren. During the interval which elapsed before the arrival of the Grand Master a selection of music was played on the organ. A few minutes before four o'clock a fanfare of trumpets announced that the Prince had arrived, and with little delay a procession was formed, and walked from the grand entrance down the hall to the dais.

The appearance of the Grand Master was hailed with round after round of cheering, which the Prince repeatedly acknowledged before taking his seat. On his right were the Duke of Connaught, looking in excellent health and spirits, the Earl of Carnarvon, Pro-Grand Master, the Maharajah of Duch Behar, in a sumptuous costume of purple velvet embroidered with gold, Mr Shackleton, Q.C., Deputy Grand Master of Ireland, Lord Methven, and Lord Wolseley. On the left of the throne sat Prince Albert Victor, Senior Grand Warden; the Earl of Lathom, Deputy Grand Master; General Dominis, of Hawaii; the Earl of Rosslyn, Deputy Grand Master of Scotland ; Lord Leigh, and Lord Sheffield. The banners of Grand Lodge and of the Grand Master, which had been carried in the procession, were placed at the side of the throne, and assisted in completing what at this moment was a superb *coup d' cell*. The Address to the Queen was carried with the utmost enthusiasm, and each of the Brethren on whom Past Grand honours were subsequently conferred, was cordially greeted, the Maharajah of Duch Behar especially so. The Address, itself which was beautifully illuminated on vellum, and has the seal of Grand Lodge attached to it, was enclosed in a casket of chaste design, was surmounted by the Imperial Crown, the Monogram V.L.R., and two medallions, one being a portrait of Her Majesty and the other a representation of the Arms of the United Grand Lodge, together with a scroll containing the words " Jubilee, June, 1537— June, 1887." Each of the corners is decorated with a gold plate, having the Rose, Shamrock, and Thistle, and the Square and Compasses engraved thereon.

The Grand Master, who was loudly cheered on rising, said : Brethren, this is, I think, one of the largest gatherings of Freemasons I have ever seen, with the exception of that which took place at the time when you conferred on me the high honour of installing me as your Grand Master (cheers). It is most gratifying to me, and I am sure it will also be to the Queen (cheers), that so large a gathering as the one assembled here to-day has taken place for the purpose of doing honour to her on the anniversary of her succession to the Throne (cheers). It will be a proof to her, as it is to me, of the great devotion and loyalty to the Throne manifested by the free and accepted Masons of England (cheers). We are met here to-day to vote an Address to the Queen, congratulating her on having attained the fiftieth anniversary of her reign (cheers). You are well aware that my ancestors, former Sovereigns of England, have always done all they could to support Masonry, for they knew that, though we are a secret Society, we are not a dangerous one (cheers). Among our tenets and our mottoes loyalty and philanthropy are two of which we are especially proud (cheers). It is most gratifying to me, as I said before, to see so large, so important, and so influential a gathering, and I am sure that in the events which are about to take place to celebrate the Jubilee of the Queen, this meeting in the Albert Hall of Freemasons, will stand one of the first in the list (cheers).

The Grand Secretary (Colonel Clerke) then read the following Address :

"TO THE QUEEN'S MOST EXCELLENT MAJESTY."

" We your Majesty's loyal and dutiful subjects, the Free and Accepted Masons under the United Grand Lodge of England, most respectfully desire to approach the Throne on the auspicious occasion of your Majesty having completed the fiftieth year of your reign over the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, to assure your Majesty of our fervent and unabated attachment to your Majesty's Throne and Royal person.

" Founded as our ancient Institution is, on principles of unswerving loyalty **to** our Sovereign, and fidelity to our country—we rejoice to think that the great increase of our Order in all parts of your Majesty's dominions is in unison with the welfare of the nation and the maintenance of the established institutions of the land—which it will ever be our earnest desire to preserve inviolate.

"We would humbly express our gratitude to the Great Architect of the Universe for having spared your Majesty to reign over these realms for so extended a period, and we pray that He may continue to preserve your Majesty to rule with that full Sovereignty which affection can alone ensure the hearts of your faithful subjects, and more especially of the Fraternity which we to-day represent.

" May the Almighty vouchsafe to your Majesty a long and happy continuance of your reign over a loyal and devoted people.

"Dated at the Royal Albert Hall, London, this 13th day of June, 1887. "

ALBERT EDWARD, Grand Master.

"SHADWELL H. CLERKE, Grand Secretary."

The adoption of the Address was moved by the Earl of Carnarvon and seconded by the Earl of Lathom.

The Grand Master then put the resolution, which was carried with loud cheering.

His Royal Highness then signed the address and said—" It will be for me later to take the Queen's pleasure as to how the address shall be received." The Prince then called for three cheers for the Queen, which were given enthusiastically, and the National Anthem was sung by the brethren standing.

The Prince of Wales said—We have amongst us an Indian Prince, his Highness the Maharajah of Kuch Behar, and it affords me great pleasure to confer upon him the rank of Past Senior Grand Warden. The Maharajah was then conducted to the throne, amidst cheers, and invested with the office, being warmly congratulated by the Grand Master.

The Grand Secretary then read a list of the names of brethren, 116 in number, on whom Past Grand rank was to be conferred by his Royal Highness. Grand Junior Wardenships were conferred on Sir R. Hanson, Lord Mayor of London ; Mr Justice Field, Lieut. Colonel the Hon. H. Byng, and Sir Francis Knollys, and minor degrees upon the rest of the officers designate who were present to receive them.

The Grand Master next stated that he had approved of a design for a special jewel to be worn by all Masons who may be subscribing members of lodges on the 20th June, 1887, and that he was pleased to grant permission for a bar to be worn on the ribbon by all the brethren present in the hall, with a slight addition in the case of stewards serving.

Lord Carnarvon said he had to ask his Royal Highness's acceptance of a jewel of the pattern he had approved, and which he begged to offer to him in the name of the whole body of Freemasons (cheers).

The Prince of Wales, in accepting the jewel, said - I accept this jewel with the greatest pleasure from the hands of Lord Carnarvon in the name of all the brethren, and I can assure you that it will be a memento to me of this most interesting occasion, which is one I am not likely ever to forget. I have only now to declare that the fees for admission to this meeting, amounting to over £6000, will be divided, without any deduction, between our three great charities, the Girls' School, the Boys' School, and the Benevolent Institution (cheers).

The procession was then re-formed in the inverse of its original order, and the Grand Master was conducted to his room amidst loud cheers and the fanfare of trumpets. The Royal party left soon after, being loudly cheered by the crowd assembled outside.

FREEMASONRY: ITS HISTORY, PRINCIPLES, AND OBJECTS.

(From a pamphlet printed by Bro. I. Hogg, Paternoster Row, London.)

(Continued.)

8. *Masonic Architecture*.—The architecture that prevailed during the Saxon monarchy was a rude and clumsy imitation of the Roman. That of their Norman successors was a vast improvement ; but in the early part of the twelfth century an entirely original, most picturesque, and highly symbolical style of architecture began to make its appearance, the characteristic of which was the lofty pointed arch. This style happily blending with, and, as it were, grafting itself on, the Norman, gradually developed itself in beauty and effect, until it reached a culminating point in the thirteenth century, and then began to deteriorate and decline, until it was entirely superseded by an abortive attempt to restore the classic architecture of Greece and Rome in the sixteenth century.

The performances of operative Masonry in the twelfth and thirteenth centuries would, did our space allow us to dilate on them, form a most interesting theme for disquisition ; to the Masonic Order of the period we are indebted for the magnificent, often gigantic ecclesiastical structures which adorn every country in Europe. It is quite certain that the Freemasons were the inventors of that beautiful pointed architecture, erroneously called Gothic, originally a term of opprobrium and contempt, as *Goth* is now. The masons alone were acquainted with the principles of its construction, and they so planned their Houses of God as to present in the boldest relief the symbols of their peculiar and beautiful system, by which the attention of the worshipper might be directed to the Grand Lodge above. It was, moreover, a principle with them that there should be no features about a building that are not necessary for convenience, construction, or propriety ; that all ornaments should consist of enrichment of the essential construction of the edifice, and that the smallest detail should have a meaning or serve a purpose. This principle they carried out to the most rigid extreme, and nothing could surpass the truthfulness and honesty of their details. Whatever they did, it was their pride and ambition to do their very best. No matter that the details were too remote from the eye to be the subject of criticism, or so situated as to be wholly or partially concealed, they were executed not less faithfully than if at any time they could have been subjected to the most searching scrutiny. It was an offering of their best efforts to the Great Architect in the earthly temple dedicated to His service.

9. *Michelet on Masonic Architecture*.—Michelet, in his "History of France," touching on the episode of Gothic architecture, remarks on the wonderful self-denial of the Masonic artists, the extent of which can only be fully appreciated by following them into the most retired and inaccessible parts of their labours. All that we know of them, says he, is that they belonged to that obscure and vast association spread over the world. They had their lodges at Strasbourg and Cologne. Their sign, as old as Germany, was the Hammer of Thos. Armed with the pagan hammer, sanctified in his Masonic hands, the Mason continued throughout the world the work of the New Temple, renewed from the Temple of Solomon. With what care he worked, though obscure and lost in the association ! With what self-denial, which can only be known by exploring the most retired, the most inaccessible cathedrals and churches ! Mount up to those airy solitudes, to the highest points of those spires, which the tiler ascends but with fear and trembling ; and often you shall find, solitary under the eye of God, exposed to eternal storms, some delicate workmanship, some masterpiece of art, of sculpture, to which the pious workman has devoted his life. No name, no mark, no letter : he would have been afraid of robbing God of His glory !

10. *Freemasonry in England*.—The authentic history of Freemasonry in England dates from Athelstan, from whom his brother Edwin obtained a royal charter for the Masons, by which they were empowered to meet annually in a general assembly, and to have power to regulate their own order. And, according to this charter, the first Grand Lodge met at York in 926, when all the writings and records extant, in Greek, Latin, French, and other languages, were collected, and constitutions and charges in conformity with ancient usages, so far as they could be gathered from such recovered records, were drawn up and adopted.

The old York Masons were, on that account, held in especial respect, so that when a Grand Lodge was afterwards formed in London, it was called the Grand Lodge of England, while the old York one was known, distinctively, as the Grand Lodge of all England.

On the death of Prince Edwin, Athelstan himself presided over the lodges. After his decease, the Masons in England were governed by Dunstan, Archbishop of Canterbury, in 960, and by Edward the Confessor in 1016. In fact, down to the beginning of the eighteenth century, their Grand Masters have either been persons of Royal blood, sometimes the King himself,—or their deputies appointed by them. And truly the highest

titles suffer no diminution of lustre by belonging to professors of Masonry, and the highest nobility acquires an additional distinction by countenancing and associating with it.

11. "*Free and Accepted Masons.*"—When and how frequently persons, not operative Masons, in modern times sought admission into the Order, is not known. The records of a lodge at Warrington, as old as 1648, note the admission of Colonel Mainwaring, and the great antiquary, Ashmole. Charles I., Charles II., and James II. were initiated, or accepted—hence the term "accepted Mason,"—and, as a mark of respect and confidence, were admitted to all the privileges of the craft, and hence "free." From this we have the designation "free and accepted Masons;" though the expression "free" may have been prefixed, because none but the *free-born* could be admitted. There could be no safety to the Order in entrusting to a slave their secrets, which might at any time be extorted by his master.

12 *Laws of Freemasonry.*—The written laws of Freemasonry are contained in the *Ahiman Rezon*, or Book of Constitutions. The word is derived from three Hebrew terms : *Ahim*, brothers ; *manah*, to choose ; and *ratzon*, the law ; the whole signifying "the law of the chosen brethren." But the unwritten law is of much greater extent, and found in the universal customs and landmarks of the Order, in Masonic usages, and decisions of various Grand Lodges. One of the laws of the Order is that every candidate for admission must be a man ; but attempts have been made, at least in France, to evade this ancient landmark.

13 *Adoptive Masonry*—Certain degrees have been invented in what is called Adoptive Masonry, some of which are still practised in America. In France, where the plan was first devised, Adoptive Masonry was for a time much in vogue; the Empress Josephine in 1805 presided over a Lodge. But passwords uttered by rosy lips must lose their solemn import, and pressure of soft hands may bring danger, instead of averting it. In this country the idea never found favour. To the initiated, the motive for the exclusion of the fairer portion of creation is perfectly obvious. To the uninitiated, it will suffice to say a woman cannot keep a secret. There may be exceptions ; but the secrets of Masonry, though they are not its essence, but only the keys to the treasures of the Institution, must not be exposed to any risk whatever.

(*To be continued.*)

OUR PREMIUMS.

To those brethren who would prefer premiums in lieu of cash discounts fo clubs, we offer the following :

For 10 subscribers, we will send free copy of the N. Z. MASONIC JOURNAL for twelve months.

For 20 subscribers, we will send a handsome gold masonic token for the watch-chain.

To any Lodge sending us 30 subscribers, we will send as a premium a book of well-printed clearance forms.

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TO CORRESPONDENTS.

T.S. (Nelson).—We should certainly say left to left, but will definitely ascertain before the next number comes on.

HOME AND FOREIGN NEWS.

All things appear to have conspired together in order to render the success of the Queen's Jubilee celebration as complete and as brilliant as possible. It is long since we have been favoured with such splendid weather, and it is bright, sunshiny weather such as we have been having this week that is most needed for a fete, which in its main aspect is a popular and therefore an out-door one. The scene in Westminster Abbey would have been as gorgeous, had Jupiter Pluvius been at his best, but, though people might and probably would have laughed at his terrors, it is as well we escaped them. A steady downpour for a few hours is not a pleasant prospect on a Jubilee morning, and everyone rejoices there was none. Then the arrangements appear to have been admirably planned and as admirably carried out. The route was well defined, the instructions for everybody were clear and concise, and the people generally were determined on enjoying themselves thoroughly, and they did so. And as there was fine weather, better arrangements and better observance of them than usual, we are not surprised at the enthusiasm of the people, which is deep and true enough, but not over-demonstrative, having been more displayed than on any previous occasion we can call to mind. The sympathy that exists between the Sovereign and her subjects will in a measure explain this. But the chief reason seems to have been the presence yet again in our midst of the lady who has played her part both as Queen and Woman so well during her reign of fifty years. People were pleased with the pageantry, but they were more pleased at having the opportunity of seeing her Majesty, and were she to renew her visits to London more frequently, we are sure that every drive she took through the streets would be attended with the same amount of sincere acclamation as was her drive to Westminster Abbey on Jubilee Day. However, what principally concerns us is to know that every part of the celebration that has been held till now has passed successfully. So that, apart from the rare occurrence of such an event, this particular fete, when notes have been properly and fully compared will be found to have been as glorious in things external, as it was a true reflection of the national feeling. We again offer our tribute of respect to the Queen, and sincerely hope that during the years that may remain she may enjoy, to the same extent as now, the love and respect of her people.—*Freemason*.

DISTRICT GRAND LODGE OF THE EASTERN ARCHIPELAGO.—At the last regular Communication, held at the Masonic Hall, Singapore, the District Grand Master, Bro. Col. S. Dunlop, C.M.G., appointed the following officers for the ensuing year :—Bro. Hon. J. P. Joaquim, D.D.G.M. ; Bro. J. C. B. Beal, D.S.G.W. ; Bro. A. Knight, D.J.G.W. ; Bro. Wonnacott, D.G. Chap. ; Bro. W. C. Hooper, D.G. Reg. ; Bro. J. T. Leask, ALB., D.G. Sec. ; Bro. W. A. Parker, D.S.G.D. ; Bro. Jennings, D.J.G.D. ; Bro. Goldham, D.G.S. of W. ; Bro. E. A. Thomson, D.G.D. C. ; Bro. S. C. Hodges, D.A.G.D.C. ; Bro. J. S. Sturrock, D.G. Swd. Br. ; Bros. C. F. McKie and Daudo, D.G. Std. Brs. ; Bro. G. Thompson, D.G. Org. ; Bro. J. D. Stuart, D.G. Purst. ; Bros. J. G. Koch, W. Allen, and C. D. H. Currie, D.G. Stwds. ; and Bro. J. Lannon, D.G. Tyler.

MASONIC FUNERAL.

SOUTHERN STAR LODGE, NO. 735, E.C. (NELSON).

On the 23rd ult., a lodge of emergency, and one of sorrow, was held in connection with the above lodge. A good brother, of twelve years' faithful brotherhood, on the 21st ult. was called up higher. Our loss, we trust, is his great gain. In a short local in the *Evening mail*, Bro. T. J. R. Oxley is thus spoken of :—" A courteous, kindly, old man, who was well known in Nelson, where, for a long time, he was a much respected citizen, has passed away from our midst. Mr T. J. R. Oxley arrived here some thirty years ago, and started in business as a photographer, and since then he has had many ups and downs. For some years during the latter part of his life he held a position under the City Council which required a good deal of tact, and in this he was never wanting, but always contrived to perform occasionally very disagreeable duties in a very inoffensive manner. He died yesterday morning after having been a great sufferer for some weeks." Such was the brother for whom the Southern Star and Victory Lodges yesterday showed their appreciation by the large company who attended his funeral. The lodge was duly opened up to the sublime degree, and at 2.15 the coffin was placed on the bier, the brethren and the lodges being in full mourning regalia. The W.M. read the versicles and the brethren responded thereto, and then sang the ode—" When those we love are snatched away." &c., the J.N. Bro. Browne presiding at the organ. Soon after, the procession formed, accompanied the hearse to the house and from thence to the cemetery, where, after the service appointed by the C. of England had been gone through very impressively by the Rev. J. P. Kempthorne, the incumbent of Christ Church, Nelson, the W.M. Bro. G. B. Vause in a most feeling and able manner took up the service approved of by the

Masonic body, at the close of which he deposited the lambskin, and the brethren gathering around cast in their sprigs of acacia, and one more of their number was left in that bourne whence no travellers return. The brethren returned to the lodgeroom, and the very impressive ceremony was concluded with all the ancient rites by the W.M. Pro. G. B. Vause, who was ably assisted by W.M. Allan, of the Victory, P.M.'s Bolton and Cann of the Southern Star, Bro. A. E. Cresswell, I.P.M. of Victory, Bros. P.M.s Lightfoot and Brown, and a large number of visiting brethren; the organist and choir solemnizing the service by their able rendering of the odes and hymns specially printed and circulated among the Craft.

LATE NEWS

MEETING.

LODGE HIRAM, No. 2008, E.C. (Otago).—A meeting of this lodge was held on the 23rd ult., when four brethren were raised, but particulars are not to hand.

INSTALLATIONS.

VICTORY LODGE NO. 1927, E.C. (NELSON).

At the regular monthly meeting of the Victory Lodge, No 1927, E.C., held in the Freemason's Hall, Nelson, on Tuesday 9th of August, a large number of brethren and visitors were present. After the usual reading of the minutes and correspondence, one brother was passed to the degree of fellow craft, by the W.M. Bros. Robert Allan, assisted by P.M. Bolton, of Southern Star, No. 735, E.C. Immediately after Bro. Rev. A. C. Wright was invested by P.M. Boor at the request of the W.M., with the jewel and badge of office, as Chaplain of the lodge. Another brother was raised to the sublime degree of M.M., the W.M. being assisted by Bro. A. E. Cresswell, I.P.M. giving the brother the exhortation and charge; Bro. P.M. Boor giving the lecture on the tracing board and explaining the working tools of the third degree; Bro. the Rev. Chaplain reciting the passages "Remember now thy Creator" &c., in a very impressive manner. Several brethren, visitors, gave the W.M. the H.G.W. of their various lodges. Besides the above another very pleasing ceremony took place. The brethren of the lodge had determined to evince their esteem for their I.P.M., Pro. Cresswell by presenting him with a P. Master's jewel, designed and executed by our Bro. Browne, of the firm of Browne and Kerr, jewellers of this city. The jewel was surmounted by a medallion bearing a representation of Nelson's ship the Victory, and above the medallion were two bars on which were engraved the number of the lodge, while on the back of the square on the jewel were the words—"Presented by the brethren of the Victory Lodg 1927, E.C., to Bro. A. E. Cresswell, I.P.M." The bars, medallion, and jewel were in gold, and the workmanship reflected the highest credit on the manufacturers.

At the request of the W.M., Bro. Allan, the presentation was made by P.M. Boor, in a very effective and pleasing manner, calling to mind the many duties which devolved on Bro. Cresswell during his two years of office, and concluding by saying he had much pleasure on behalf of the officers and members of the Victory Lodge in attaching on his, (Bro. Cresswell's) breast, the very handsome P.M.'s jewel voted by the lodge, at the same time hoping he would live many years to wear it as a credit to himself and the lodge which conferred it. Bro. Cresswell in his reply said - W.M., officers, and brethren, nothing could give me greater pleasure than to rise and return thanks for so handsome a jewel and so flattering a speech, as that just fallen from our dear and esteemed Past Master Boor. Unaccustomed to speak in public, I feel unable to express my feelings, or to do justice to the occasion especially, before so intelligent a company as I see around me. I cannot, however, refrain from making a few remarks. The Victory Lodge has now existed six years, and during that time has had much up-hill work to contend with, in order to keep up to the general standard of Masonic Lodges throughout New Zealand. No doubt the existence of two lodges in the town under the same constitution, has had much to do with this, but as I am at liberty to use my own opinion, I must say I am pleased for my part that there are two rival lodges, as it causes greater interest to be taken in our noble work. It has been said by some that the lodges are jealous of each other, but this, should it exist, is wrong and ought not to be so, as it does not show the true Masonic spirit in its perfection, brotherly love, relief, and truth. The present position of our lodge, is, I am glad to state, an excellent one, thanks to the able and willing manner in which the officers and brethren work at all times together, so making every meeting a success and instructive to all. We have an able organist, and a choir second to none in the Colony. Long may they work thus together, for it is that portion of the ceremony which gives solemnity to the whole. You have greatly

honoured me to-night, by placing on my breast this magnificent jewel. Little did I think when I took office two years since as W.M., that in so short a period, I should have so won your esteem and handsome a gift. I cannot make myself feel that I am entitled to it, for I have only performed my duty, as every brother should. I can therefore but express my heart-felt thanks to one and all and trust that I may long be spared to wear it amongst you and continue to fulfil my duties as a faithful brother of the craft. The lodge was closed in due form at 10.30 p.m.

LODGE EDEN, No. 1530, E.C., (AUCKLAND).

The installation of officers of Lodge Eden, 1530, E.C., took place on Monday 26th July in the Masonic Hall, Karangahape Road. There was a large attendance of brethren present, and among those who occupied seats on the dais were D.D.G.M. Lodder, Past Masters J. Hanna, La Roche, Esam, J.P. Clark, Cooper, Carlaw, Dr Walker, and Powley. Bro. Jones, the retiring W.M., opened the lodge, and after some routine business vacated the chair in favour of D.D.G.M. Lodder, who efficiently performed the duties of Installing Master. The W.M, elect, Bro. A. Hadley, was presented by Bros. Past Masters Warren and Carlaw, and after the attendant ceremonies, was duly seated in the chair of King Solomon. Bro. Hedley then invested his officers as follows :—Bro. J. C. Dickenson, S.W. ; Bro. F. Warren, J. W. ; Bro. Rev. Dr O'Callaghan, Chaplain ; Bro. G. P. Cox, Treasurer ; Bro .I. Warren, Secretary ; Bro. G. Hardy, S.D. ; Bro. S. Jickell, J.D.; Bro W. C. Dickson, I.G. ; Bro. W. Johnson, Tyler; Bro. W. L. Prime, organist. Bro. La Roche acted as Director of Ceremonies during the evening, and just before closing Bro. Lodder offered his congratulations to the officers and lodge, and made some remarks to the good of Freemasonry. An apology was given for the absence of Bro. P.M. Kitt through illucss. The lodge was then duly closed, and the hall cleared for the "social." Between 40 and 50 couples took part in the dancing, Messrs Warren and Morrison acting a, Masters of Ceremonies.

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