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*SUPERINTENDENT OF SOUTHLAND.*



**B**RO. WILLIAM HORATIO HALL, Grand Superintendent (Southland District) of the Grand Lodge of New Zealand, is one of Invercargill's oldest merchants, and was initiated in the Lodge Australia Felix, then No. 474, E.C., Melbourne, in 1867. He arrived in Victoria from Boston, U.S.A., in 1853, quite a lad, and spent the earlier years of his colonial life on the goldfields of that colony. In 1868 he left Melbourne for Invercargill to take part in the management of his firm—Ekensteen and Hall. BRO. HALL, shortly after his arrival joined the Southern Cross Lodge, No.997, E.C., now N.Z. Constitution. In 1882 he was appointed J.W., then S.W., and in 1884 was elected Master. In 1887 he was elected Treasurer, and has been continuously re-elected. Through his careful supervision of the funds, Lodge Southern Cross has passed successfully through the difficulties which are almost inseparable from institutions which take part in the erection of such handsome and substantial buildings as the Masonic Hall in Invercargill. On the establishment of the Royal Arch Chapter in Invercargill, BRO. HALL was one of the first Companions, and now holds the exalted position of Past Z. BRO. HALL takes great interest in all matters affecting Masonry, and warmly

supports any object of Masonic charity, which he rightly considers the fundamental principle of the Order. He was a consistent advocate for the establishment of the N.Z. Constitution, and never lost an opportunity of showing the advantages which would accrue from a united Masonic brotherhood in New Zealand. Although BRO. HALL has worthily filled several representative public positions, such as member of the Hospital Committee, Municipal Councillor, &c. ; he has not attained those positions so much from popular speech as from his recognised business qualifications and sound judgment ; and it is for these qualities, and as an energetic worker that he is so highly esteemed. BRO. HALL is in the prime of life, and we trust there is a long career of Masonic and public usefulness before him.

Since the above was written BRO. HALL has been elected Mayor of Invercargill by a majority of nearly double that of the other candidate, and by the time this number of the CRAFTSMAN is in our readers' hands he will have been installed. The Grand Lodge of New Zealand, we think, showed its wisdom by appointing a gentleman of BRO. HALL'S well-known energy and business ability to the office of Superintendent. Hitherto, men of ability and position have shunned N.Z. District Grand Lodge rank ;. simply to be the mouth-piece of the District Grand Master, does not satisfy men of BRO. HALL'S stamp.

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*BRO. LORD ONSLOW'S LETTER.*

THE letter addressed by the Governor, BRO. THE EARL OF ONSLOW, to the Masters of all Lodges in the Colony, outside the Grand Lodge of New Zealand, was a weighty utterance, and pregnant with meaning. Weighty, not merely from the position and rank of the writer, but from the thorough grasp of the question evinced, and from the true Masonic ring of the whole epistle. It is well to remember that our noble brother is a Past Warden of the Grand Lodge of England, not ignorant, it may well be assumed, of the mind of the Most Worshipful Grand Master, H.R.H. THE PRINCE OF WALES, and not likely to recommend a course that would be distasteful to H.R.H., or to the Grand Lodge at large.

LORD ONSLOW'S object in writing is declared to be to put an end to " the dissensions which the conflict of opinion in the Colony has caused among Masons," and which HIS EXCELLENCY has " witnessed with pain

and regret." And that object is to be attained—as HIS EXCELLENCY clearly realises—only by a union of all Freemasons under the government of a sovereign Grand Lodge.

What then are the difficulties in the way of union ? They are mainly, we believe, of a sentimental character : a somewhat vague feeling that the establishment of a Grand Lodge of New Zealand is an innovation, and that it suggests disloyalty. Surely to state these objections is to refute them. What need be there of talk of *innovation*, when a distinguished member of the Grand Lodge of England urges us on ? What room for even a whisper of *disloyalty*, when the QUEEN'S representative is ready to put himself at our head ? It seems to us that all reasonable objections are fully met and answered. There would be no innovation : there would be no disloyalty. Besides, recognition would be gladly accorded ; and—best boon of all—true fraternal feeling amongst us would be restored.

Should there still be doubters of the wisdom of complete union, let them read the speech of the M.W. the Grand Master of New South Wales, BRO. LORD CARRINGTON, upon the occasion of the farewell presentation to him ; and we think that the tribute he bears to the inestimable blessing that the setting up of the Grand Lodge of New South Wales has been to the Craft there, and his testimony that the troubles of Freemasonry "are over for evermore, and that nothing but peace and harmony will remain," must surely remove the last tinge of scepticism.

Oh, brethren [we feel disposed to drop for the moment the Editorial style, and to assume the tone of exhortation and apostrophe], let us embrace with avidity the opportunity now presented to us of healing up our late unhappy differences ! Let us reassure an observant but puzzled world, and show that the course along which so many earnest souls among us—taking either side of the question—have been of late impelled, is no necessity of our principles, but is one which we entered upon with reluctance, and one which we mean to traverse never again ! Let us, as with a common mind, so bear ourselves that when any one is said to be a Mason, the world may have reason to expect an exemplification of the principles we profess. Through such a speedy and complete union as HIS EXCELLENCY invites—nay, urges us to consummate—we may build up our Masonic Temple in New Zealand to be a glory to our own age, and a wonder to those that may follow us!

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#### ARTICLES 171, 204, AND 219, ENGLISH CONSTITUTIONS.

BELOW we give a copy of a letter sent by the Grand Secretary of England to BRO. P. CUNNINGHAM, Deputy District Grand Master in charge of the Canterbury District. It is evidently the opinion of BRO. COL. SHADWELL H. CLERKE that there was no occasion to have troubled the Grand Lodge as to the meaning of rule 219, as he pointedly says that the "question as to the majority taking the Lodge over has already twice been answered to the District Grand Master of Wellington." Surely now the nonsensical contention that a minority of a Lodge, that has decided to go over to the Grand Lodge of New Zealand, could retain the Warrant will never be heard again ; and thus is removed the last barrier which has served to keep back those twenty-six Lodges who appointed delegates to the Wellington Convention, with power to tender their allegiance to the new body, but who have hitherto hesitated to consummate the transaction through apprehension of a majority claiming the Warrant, and assuming a right to carry on their Lodges. Of course there was another influence that operated in this direction : namely, the astounding action of District Grand Masters, in seizing the jewels and other property of seceding Lodges. All such questions are now happily set at rest, and those Lodges can now redeem their pledges, as they are in honour bound to do. This ruling is, of course, actually authoritative only so far as the English Lodges are concerned ; but there is no doubt that the Grand Lodges of Scotland and Ireland will act in conformity with their sister Grand Lodge in this, as they have done in previous matters.

" Grand Secretary's Office, Freemason's Hall,  
Great Queen-street, London, W.C., 19th July, 1890.

BRO. P. CUNNINGHAM, D.D.G. Master-in-Charge, Canterbury, N.Z.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I am in receipt of your letters of 16th and 23rd May, and of your telegram of the 19th of the same month, on the subject of the recent movement in New Zealand for the formation of a Grand Lodge in that colony. In your telegram you ask for a reply by cable to certain queries. It would, however, be impracticable to give such replies satisfactorily, but having just at the same time received the

resignation of Bro. Thomson as your District Grand Master, I telegraphed its acceptance as soon as the recent break in the cable permitted, and this I understand to be about the most pressing point. I will now reply to your other queries:—(1) Brethren who leave the English Constitution and take part in the new body have *ipso facto* placed themselves under Arct. 204, Book of Constitutions, so long as the new body remains-unrecognised by our Grand Lodge, and therefore cannot be received as visitors in any English Lodge. (2) This question as to the majority taking the Lodge over has already twice been answered to the D.G. Master of Wellington, who has been informed that the Grand Registrar, as the legal adviser of Grand Lodge, has officially ruled that Article 219 of the Book of Constitutions was framed for *domestic* purposes, and was never intended to meet the case of a Lodge severing its allegiance from its mother Grand Lodge. Consequently, then, a majority can take the Lodge over. I may mention that this view was taken in the recent Australian Grand Lodge movements, and was officially confirmed by our Colonial Board. The question of the distribution and allotment of the funds of private Lodges and of District Grand Lodges under the circumstances referred to is one which the Grand Lodge has no power to decide. These funds and other property do not belong to the Grand Lodge, but to the local bodies, and with them must rest the onus of dealing with them on an exceptional occasion as they may think right and proper. Further, I may mention that an application has been received from the so-called Grand Lodge of New Zealand for recognition, which will be laid before the Grand Lodge on the 3rd September next. Of course I cannot say what the decision will then be, but looking at the relative numbers and other circumstances, the result is at all events very doubtful.—I remain, yours &c.

SHADWELL H. CLERKE, Col., G.S."

The articles referred to by the Grand Secretary of England :

171. FURNITURE IN TRUST FOR THE LODGE.--The jewels and furniture of every Lodge belong to, and are the property of, the Master and Wardens for the time being, in trust for the members of the Lodge ; and the proprietor or manager of the house wherein the Lodge is held shall have no lien thereon, nor shall he be suffered to acquire the jewels or furniture of such Lodge under the penalty of the forfeiture by the Lodge of its warrant of constitution.

204. OFFENCES: ASSISTING AT IRREGULAR LODGES. —A brother who has been concerned in making Masons clandestinely, or at a Lodge which is not a regular Lodge, or for small and unworthy considerations, or who may assist in forming a new Lodge without the Grand Master's authority, shall not be admitted as a member, or even as a visitor, into any regular Lodge, nor shall he be entitled to relief from the Fund of Benevolence, nor to any other Masonic privilege, till he make due submission and obtain grace.

219. MAJORITY RETIRING FROM A LODGE.—Should the majority of any Lodge determine to retire from it, the power of assembling remains with the rest of the members, but should the number of members remaining at any time be less than three the warrant becomes extinct.

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Now this same letter, it will be observed, is dated London, July 19th, 1890. Most probably it reached the colony on or about September 10th. But it was first made public here only *on* November 26th, and then in the *Auckland Star*, as *telegraphic News from "our own" at Christchurch*. We would desire to ask the R.W. BRO. CUNNINGHAM why it was suppressed for those eleven weeks. Though carefully kept from the knowledge of the Craft at large, we have good reason to believe that its contents were communicated to the R.W. D.G.M. of Otago and Southland, and we have now to ask why BRO. THOS. SHERLOCK GRAHAM ignored its existence. Failing a reply from that R.W. Bro., we will supply an answer to our own query, and it is this : Had this letter been known to the Craft at large, even BRO. THOS. SHERLOCK GRAHAM would not have dared to install the W.M. of the bogus "Lodge of Otago, 844, E.C.," as he did on the 1st October. As we have seen above, this letter reiterates the ruling that a majority of a Lodge can take the Lodge over to another Grand Lodge; and makes clear beyond possibility of cavil that the property of a Lodge belongs to the Lodge itself, and that District Grand Officers, or District Grand Masters even, have not the ghost of a claim to it. Now, BRO. THOS. SHERLOCK GRAHAM (making ourselves for the moment the mouthpiece of the Lodge of Otago), will you kindly apologise for your illegal and tyrannical acts, and return the property of which you have deprived the true Lodge of Otago, or shall we need to speak of your conduct in still plainer language ?

And mind you this, R.W. Sir, that it will be of no use your making an *ad miserecordiam* appeal to the Grand Lodge of England for forgiveness, for what you may plead is excess of zeal or ignorance of the proper interpretation of Articles 171 and 219, or even that "no official intimation" has been sent to you by the Grand Secretary. You have done this kind of thing once before, remember, and it will not work a second time !

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IN reply to the Governor's circular, the Lodge St. Patrick, 468, I.C., has said that

1. The brethren in the exercise of all due charity towards those who have thought it desirable to proclaim a so-called Grand Lodge of New Zealand, profoundly regret that disruption has been caused by the precipitate action of a minority, who, not content to abide the time for maturing " union and unanimity," attempt to force compliance with their self-imposed isolated position. 2. We are ever ready to heal the breach by receiving them back under either of the present constitutions. 3. We cannot allow the solicitations of friends to interfere with our free and voluntary determination to remain loyal to the constitution under which we have taken obligation as free and accepted Masons.

We insert the above as we think it would be a pity that so delicious a manifesto should not have the widest publicity among the Craft. We opine that it would not be easy in any composition of equal brevity to find a greater number of sins against common sense, grammatical propriety, or accuracy. In reading it, we cannot help recalling a certain verbose document that was read, if we do not mistake, by the erudite compiler himself before three or four different Lodges about twelve months ago. If the authorship in both cases is not the same, all we can say is that here is an instance of very clever literary imitation for in both there is the same inconsequence, the same assumption of lordly patronage, the same piling up of sonorous words, " full of sound and fury, signifying nothing." Surely, in addressing a nobleman, who is known to be a master of style, the rulers • of the Irish Craft would have done well to have exercised some little supervision in this matter, and not have allowed a production to go forth to the world which would have earned for the average school-boy a sound birching.

" The man in the street " (of course a Mason) informs us that at the last meeting of Lodge St. Patrick there were present just one Past Master and two other members, visitors making up the necessary number. Was *this* the occasion when the above reply to the Governor's address was adopted ?

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THE annual meeting of the District Grand Lodge New Zealand South, S.C., was, we understand, unusually interesting. As will be readily gathered, we can supply no " official " report, but our information as to what took place is "thoroughly reliable." *Par exemple*, there was a letter from the Grand Secretary, BRO MURRAY LYON, which referred in such eulogistic terms to the great service rendered to the Craft by BRO. HENRY NEILL, in the successful resistance he had offered to the so-called Grand Lodge of New Zealand, and which was in fact so full of what an old farmer friend of ours used to call "fulsum 'lojum," that the subject of it was observed to blush up to the ears, and was so embarrassed that he could scarcely stammer through the communication. Then came a delicious utterance from the R.W. the D.G.M. BRO. JAMES GORE declared that a great many of the seceding brethren had been deceived by the promoters of the Grand Lodge, and might he expected to return to the fold in about a month. He therefore enjoined upon his hearers that these umquhile black sheep should be tenderly entreated, and their return made facile and pleasant. A mee commentary upon this deliverance was the announcement—a week afterwards—that the Harvey Lodge at Gore—the soundest .and strongest of the Scotch country Lodges —had gone over to the enemy! Then followed some partial financial revelations. Of course there was no balance-sheet—that is nothing new,—but the Treasurer considerably read a few extracts from the accounts (guaranteeing them as " thoroughly reliable !"), from which it appeared that the year had ended with a balance on the wrong side of the ledger of £26! As the year began with a *credit* balance of £47, it does not require a professional accountant to point out that there is a loss on the year's transactions of £73! It would be interesting to learn how much of this loss has been incurred through fighting the Grand Lodge of New Zealand. In other words, how much Masonic money has been wasted in hindering what every true Freemason must ardently desire—namely, Masonic union,—and in perpetuating a state of things which every genuine brother deeply deploras.

MUCH has been said and written during the last eighteen months upon the subject of Masonic benevolence. Those advocating the advantages to be derived from having a supreme body, placed relief first. The believers in the old time system of three Grand Lodges with nine petty jurisdictions declared that this was simply a

party cry, and one District Grand Secretary asserted as a fact that in his part of New Zealand between £180 and £200 was the annual charity expenditure. He " never knew of a case which had not been liberally dealt with, and no case has been refused unless on very good grounds." We have before us the record of an appeal on behalf of a penniless widow and eight children of a late Secretary of Tongariro Lodge. From this record it appears that applications for assistance were solicited from 130 Lodges. Fifty-four replied, sending donations. Five regretted being unable to assist, and seventy-one Lodges did not respond at all. The district of the official who boasted of his Lodge's annual charity expenditure sent £9, his District Grand Lodge gave nothing, and the remaining eight followed the example. So the farce goes on year by year—£16,000 annually frittered away by one hundred and forty-three private, and nine District Grand Lodges. Something less than threepence per head was the "liberal assistance "given by New Zealand Masons to this "poor and penniless " widow and her eight children.

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AT a private meeting of the United Manawatu Lodge, E.C., held on the 9th inst., it was resolved that although the Lodge had expressed their allegiance to the Grand Lodge of England, yet the members shared the feelings of regret expressed by EARL ONSLOW with reference to the present dissensions among Masons, and would gladly hear of a plan for their removal. The proposer and seconder were Past Masters, *both hitherto strong opponents* of the Grand Lodge of New Zealand ! This is true Masonry ; and this is the mode in which fraternal accord will *ultimately* be restored amongst us. We trust the spirit in which the United Manawatu Lodge have considered and answered the Governor's letter will have its effect upon Lodges that have not as yet pronounced on the subject, as we think it might have influenced other Lodges who have so pronounced could the above meeting have been held earlier. But what a contrast does the conduct of the members of the United Manawatu offer to that of some brethren we wot of!

TO the " Tetrarchs of the Fishing Villages "—the District Grand Masters (to apply to them the telling title affixed years ago by a prominent politician upon the Superintendents of the old Provincial system)—we owe all the opposition to Masonic autonomy. The *fons et origo* of the mischief lies in that most unwise arrangement by which these brethren were appointed for life. And the Grand Master of England is elected annually! To state these two facts is enough. Naturally the issuing of the Governor's letter was a great blow to these distinguished brethren. Hence we learn of influence being brought to bear to prevent that letter from being read in Lodges. Hence the hawking about the country of (not a " testimonial " this time, but) a reply to the Governor's letter, in which His Excellency—in language of which the rudeness is scarcely veiled—is practically desired to mind his own business. Two Masters of town Lodges, to their credit be it recorded, refused to sign the document. In one of these instances the promoters realise they have a " hard case," but in the other they darkly intimate that "pressure will be brought to bear."

THAT was a very neat, courteous, and Masonic remark of BRO. BEVAN—one of the " Tetrarchs "—that brethren should not allow themselves to be influenced by the " tinsel rank " of BRO. the EARL OF ONSLOW!

SAID a Past Master, the other day, in the course of conversation, " I feel ashamed, humiliated, when I remember how I suffered myself to be cajoled into signing that `testimonial.' I knew well that they had done what they were charged with, and that they deserved all that was said of them, and yet I signed it ! I abhor myself for the act !"

FOR thirteen months we have regularly posted a copy of the CRAFTSMAN to each of the nine Provincial and District Grand Secretaries. Our eight predecessors were favoured with a copy of the proceedings of each quarterly communication, but this courtesy has not been extended to us. With the exception of the District Grand Secretaries of Canterbury, E.C. and S.C., and one copy of the proceeding of the District Grand Lodge of Wellington, no notice whatever has been taken of the obligation by the remaining six. Why is this ?

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#### NEW SOUTH WALES ON NEW ZEALAND.

THE establishment of the Grand Lodge of New Zealand has not evoked any enthusiasm in England. Taking its cue from an inspired source, the official Craft organ—the *London Freemason*. has issue after issue sneered at this lawfully-established body. This official mouthpiece has never looked with favour upon the establishment of colonial Grand Lodges. It has always had a doubt ready when referring to the subject, and if

there has been a technical objection which could be raised, it was rained and dilated upon with irritating frequency. Now all this carping is amusing, and has as much effect as a "blister upon a wooden leg." It is notoriously true that the Grand Lodge movements in the colonies have received but scant attention and justice from the Grand Lodge of England and its official organ. Take this movement in any of the colonies, and what sympathy has it ever received from the Grand Lodge of England, or its organ? If the movement has been unanimous, as in the case of Tasmania and this colony, it has been damned with faint praise. Then take Victoria; and because some Lodges stubbornly refused to participate in the "Union," out came a rasping article, condemning the movement as premature, and imploring the dissentient brethren to remain true to England. The Grand Lodge of England, with a daring inconsistency and an assumed ignorance of the circumstances of its own creation, and in defiance of the recognised Masonic law and custom relating to the establishment of Grand Lodges, has refused to recognise the Grand Lodge of New Zealand, and its official organ hysterically urges the recalcitrant Lodges in that colony to "stick to the old flag," and they will be protected. The bunkum of this appeal is too apparent. The protection hitherto afforded has been the treating of dissentient Lodges as "poor relations." The sympathy expressed has been the cold advice, "stick to us," and when, after years of Masonic discomfort, the non-conforming Lodges found that they were really "out in the cold," and joined the Union, the farewell they received was akin to telling them "Union is Strength."

The treatment New Zealand has received is such as to alienate all respect for the wisdom and justice of the Grand Lodge of England, which appears to have no fixed rule for dealing with applications for recognition. It has a new method with each case, thus creating confusion and irritation, and fraying the silken thread which binds the fraternity of the New World with the Old. That the Grand Lodge of New Zealand is lawfully established is beyond doubt. It has a majority of Lodges under its banner, which is all that is required, and is a condition which *the* Grand Lodge of England, when established in 1717, lacked when it came into existence. The "majority" condition is that only demanded by American Grand Lodges, and why England ignores it in the case of New Zealand has yet to be explained. Except for peace and harmony in the Craft in that colony, the refusal of recognition by England is a small matter. It will not arrest progress, but simply make that desirable condition of existence slower and more difficult, and induce those officers of the late District Grand Lodges, whose ambition has been blighted, to persevere in their tin-Masonic and unjustifiable opposition to the newly established Grand Lodge. What makes the action of the Grand Lodge of England yet more ungracious and absurd, is the fact that when the high office of Grand Master was generously offered to Bro. Earl of Onslow, he, curious to say, consulted *the rulers* of the Grand Lodge of England as to the propriety of accepting the position. The advice tendered was that if four-fifths of the Lodges then existing, on paper, joined the proposed Grand Lodge, he might accept the office. Now, three-fifths of the "live" Lodges had decided to transfer their allegiance, and we ask—What is the difference between three-fifths and four-fifths as a condition precedent to recognition? for we take it that if Bro. Onslow had accepted the Grand Mastership, that the recognition by England would have followed in due course very quickly. Why refuse it, then, with only three-fifths of the Lodges? The position of the non-joining Lodges would have been exactly the same as with four-fifths, the principle not being in any way affected. It is now clear that making four-fifths of the Lodges as a condition of acceptance of office as Grand Master by Bro. Earl of Onslow was deliberately intended to "block" the creation of the Grand Lodge in New Zealand. But it failed; hence the refusal to recognise that body.

We earnestly urge the Grand Lodge of New Zealand to pursue its onward course steadily and sturdily, adhering loyally to the ancient landmarks, and heeding not this petty etiquette of recognition. All the Australian Grand Lodges will recognise it, and for all useful purposes of Masonic intercourse, help, and sympathy, that will be ample. All other recognitions will come in time. By a wise and fraternal administration of its affairs, the objecting brethren will be gradually converted until within a short term the whole of the Lodges will be happily united under one banner, self-reliant, and enjoying the many solid benefits of local self-government, by which merit is loyally recognised, abuses removed, and cliques obliterated. We but echo the warm feeling of the brethren of the United Grand Lodge of this colony, when we wish Peace, Progress and Prosperity to our brethren in New Zealand.--*Freemason*, Sydney.

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THEY have in Canada a Mason in his hundredth year, and who has been in the Craft 72 years. Next, please.

DURING the September quarter the Bard of Benevolence in South Australia relieved 19 cases, to the extent of £75.

LIFE membership is becoming a prominent grievance and difficulty in some American jurisdictions. It should be prohibited by every Constitution.

THE *Chain D' Union*, the best written of French Masonic journals, has ceased to exist. It voiced the Grand Orient of France with no uncertain sound.

THE old Lodge St. John, of Melrose, Scotland, which has at last come in under the Grand Lodge of Scotland, possesses its records complete from December 26, 1674, over two centuries ago.

CLASS Masonry is becoming a vexed question in England, and is strongly objected to by many experienced brethren, as a coming danger to that equality of men in a Lodge which is one of the charms of Masonry.

THE title of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts is The Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of A.F. and A. Masons of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, in Union with the Most Ancient and Honorable Grand Lodges in Europe and America, according to the Old Constitutions."

THE Grand Lodge of Florida, at its sixty-first Annual Communication, resolved as follows - "That the sovereign power of Masonry is in the Grand Lodge, and that the Grand Master is subservient thereto as a creature to its creator." This seems to us to be a reasonable conclusion.

THE Grand Master of British Columbia, in his annual address, pertinently said : "I hold it to be the imperative duty of each brother who consents to represent a foreign Grand Lodge, to be present at the " Communications " of the *body* to which he is accredited.—[Correct, M. W.G.M.]

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## POETRY.

*Μειλιοω.*

How a kind word makes a person, previously so much disliked,  
Quite a different kind of person, quite a person to be liked.  
How a face so dark and traitrous, how a face of fell design  
Quite a different aspect gathers, as it smiling, looks in mine.  
How a mind of concentrated villany and passions vile,  
Passes into good, from evil, by a kind word and a smile !  
Thus our natures form opinions, root impressions in our minds,  
From the look, and tone, and gesture, that our judgment often blinds.

FRANK MAÇON.

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### UNITY IS STRENGTH.

RESPECTFULLY DEDICATED TO BRO. A. DE B. BRANDON, DISTRICT GRAND REGISTRAR,  
WELLINGTON, E.C.

The following poetry has been sent to us by a talented brother. The song may be sung to the tune of "Ring, Ring, de Banjo," and is perhaps of a more Masonic character than that ballad. It can be sung to banjo or pianoforte accompaniment :

#### I.

The time has come for Union,  
For an end to faction strife.  
For generous communion  
In a joint Masonic life ;  
When Brethren should endeavour,  
For the common cause we claim.  
That Masonry should ever

In this land have honoured name.

CHORUS.—Come, then, my Brothers,  
We'll sing that good, old song,  
"Unity is Strength"—so !  
Let us, then, be strong !

II.

The past has seen division  
Of interests that were one,  
Outsiders, in derision,  
Ask, " What have the Masons done?"  
The past has had its troubles,  
But good from them will spring,  
When Union quickly doubles  
The benefits we bring. (Chorus.)

III.

So, Brethren, by combining,  
As New Zealand Masons prove  
In our hearts there are entwining,  
Peace, Harmony, and Love,  
Our Mothers best can measure  
How we value our descent,  
And their mem'ries fondly treasure,  
By some fitting monument. (Chorus.)

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## GRAND LODGES

*NEW ZEALAND.*

### QUARTERLY COMMUNICATION IN AUCKLAND.

FROM the *N.Z. Herald* of 26th ultimo, courteously forwarded to us by Bro. W. H. Cooper, Assistant Grand Secretary, N.Z.C., we take the following particulars about the Grand Lodge Communication recently held in Auckland :

"The quarterly communication of the Grand Lodge of New Zealand, the first held in Auckland, took place on November 25th, in the Freemasons' Hall, Princess street. The event had been looked forward to with great interest, and there was a gathering of the brethren from all parts of the district to represent the individual Lodges who have given in adherence to the new constitution. The whole of Auckland and suburbs, as well as the Thames and Waikato, were fully represented, and when the Grand Master took his seat in the east he was able to see an excellent hall, a crowded Lodge, busy workers, and earnest Masons. There were 195 brethren accounted for, but there must have been many others present, and the capacity of the hall was fully taxed.

"The officers of Grand Lodge present were :—G.M., Bro. H. Thomson ; D.G.M., Bro. A. S. Russell ; P.D.G.M., Bro. E. T. Gillen ; G.S., (Auckland) Bro. M. Niccol ; S. W., Bro. Dr. Boor ; J. W., Bro. W. B. Franklin ; Chap., Rev. W. Mulgan ; A.T., Bro. T. L. Murray ; Secretary, Bro. Rev. W. Ronaldson ; Assistant Secretary, Bro. W. H. Cooper ; S.D., Bro. W. Craig ; J.D., Bro. W. Edgumbe ; D.C., Bro. G. H. Powley ; S.B., Bro. J. Page ; Pursuivant, Bro. A. Kidd ; Tyler, Bro. E. Tonge ; Stewards, Bros. T. H. Tewsley, J. L. Logan, S. Vispe, F. M. Hewson.

"The various Lodges were well represented, and marched in under their respective banners.

"The Grand Master opened with an address, and in the course of his speech he alluded to the action of Lord Onslow in trying to heal the present breach, in terms of the highest praise and appreciation.

"The routine Lodge business followed. The roll of Lodges was called, and the response almost universal. The reports from the Board of General Purposes, the Board of Benevolence, the Grand Treasurer's balance, etc.,

were read. The Board of General Purposes, in their report, referred to the opening of the Pahiatua and Danevirke Lodges, and to the consecration of a hall for the Scinde Lodge at Napier.

#### "RECOGNITION.

"Letters were received from the Grand Lodges of Victoria, Tasmania, and the Grand Orient of Italy, according cordial recognition to the Grand Lodge of New Zealand, and resolutions were passed according the fraternal thanks of the New Zealand Grand Lodge to these Lodges. Bro. V. Pyke, P.P.G.M., was, by request of the Tasmanian Grand Lodge, appointed to represent that body at the New Zealand Grand Lodge. Bro. G. Robertson, P.G.S., was appointed to represent the Grand Orient of Italy, and Bro. Hammerton to represent the Grand Lodge of New South Wales.

#### "SYMPATHY.

"A cordial resolution of sympathy was accorded to Bro. Forrest, R.W.M. of Ponsonby Lodge, on the treatment he had received from the Scottish P.G. Lodge, and a similar vote of sympathy was tendered to the Lodge of Otago for treatment they had received from the English Constitution.

"Votes of thanks were accorded to the Grand Superintendents of Districts for their various services and the valuable reports which they had furnished."

A banquet, which was largely attended, was afterwards held, and the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were honoured in bumpers. On the following evening a Celebration Ball took place in commemoration of the first meeting of the Grand Lodge in Auckland, and it passed off very successfully. Altogether the proceedings in connection with the visit of the M.W. the Grand Master to the northern capital were carried out in a most perfect manner and reflect great credit on the various brethren who organised them.—*N. Z. Mail*.

Bro. Thomson, Grand Master of New Zealand, on his way to Auckland to attend the Quarterly Communication of the Grand Lodge, opened Lodges under the N.Z.C. at Pahiatua and Danevirke. From private sources we learn that the proceedings passed off in a most successful manner, and great enthusiasm prevailed. He also consecrated a new Masonic hall at Napier in the presence of about 100. brethren from all parts of the province. Bro. Thomson intends to come down from Auckland by way of the West Coast. He will instal the W.M., and invest the officers of Lodge Ngamotu at New Plymouth, and intends if possible to pay an official visit to the Lodges at Hawera Feilding, and Palmerston North. On his return to Wellington he will perform the ceremony of installation in the St. Andrew's and Waterloo Lodges. Our Grand Master is indefatigable in his labours, and the Craft is justly proud of him.—*N.Z. Mail*.

The Grand Master (Bro Thomson), Grand Secretary (Bro. Ronaldson), and Past Deputy Grand Master (Bro. Gillen) left for Palmerston by the mid-day train today, where they are to be engaged in an interesting installation ceremony to-night.—*Wanganui Herald*, December 1st.

The Grand Master is at present in the Wanganui district, with the object of promoting the accession of the local Lodge to the Grand Lodge. He intends interviewing Lord Onslow on the subject upon his arrival in Wanganui on Wednesday. It is hoped that if Lord Onslow will accept the Grand Mastership next year a large number of the English, Scotch, and Irish Lodges will give in their adhesion.—*Wanganui Herald*, December 1st.

Three gentlemen holding high office in the New Zealand Grand Lodge were in Hawera to-day, Bro. H. Thomson, M.W. Grand Master; Bro. Rev. W. Ronaldson, Grand Secretary; and Bro. E. T. Gillon, Superintendent of the Wellington and West Coast District. Some of the local brethren of the Craft met them and suitably entertained them. Much information was gathered during their short stay of a little over an hour's duration. [The above is clipped from. the *Hawera and Normanby Star*.]

Lodge Harvey, Gore, 695, S.C., passed a unanimous resolution to join the Grand Lodge. The installation of the R.W. Master-elect, Bro. Boyne, P.M., will take place this evening. The ceremony of installation will be performed by the Superintendent of Southland, R.W. Bro. W. H. Hall, assisted by R.W. Bro. A. H. Burton, Grand Superintendent of Otago, and other Grand Lodge officers.

The new hall for Ngapara Lodge will be ready for consecration and dedication some time this month. The M. W. Grand Master, it is expected, will be present.

Lodge Thistle (late No. 647 S.C.) Masterton, has amalgamated with Lodge Masterton (late No. 1430, E.C.) These two Lodges have been working harmoniously together for some time past. By the amalgamation Lodge Masterton becomes one of the strongest Lodges under the banner of the Grand Lodge.

The name of the new Lodge at Danevirke is called " Rawhiti " ; that at Pahiatua is named "Tararua."

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*NEW SOUTH WALES.*

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FAREWELL TO THE M.W.G.M., LORD BRO. CARRINGTON.

A SPECIAL communication of Grand Lodge was held on Wednesday. October 16th. The attendance was large, despite the storm of wind and rain raging during the whole evening. Over 300 were present.

The Grand Lodge was opened in ample form by the M.W. the Grand Master, .His Excellency Bro. Lord Carrington.

The M. W. the Pro. Grand Master, Bro. the Hon. Dr. Harman J. Tarrant, M.L.C., rose and addressed the M.W. the Grand Master, and asked his acceptance of the following address, as a souvenir of his connection with the United Grand tLodge of New South Wales :-

"HIS EXCELLENCY THE RIGHT HONOURABLE CHARLES ROBERT BARON CARRINGTON, P.C., G.C.M.G., GOVERNOR OF THE COLONY OF NEW SOUTH WALES AND ITS DEPENDENCIES, MOST WORSHIPFUL GRAND MASTER OF ANTIENT FREE AND ACCEPTEED MASONS OF NEW SOUTH WALES.

" Most Worshipful Grand Master,—We, the Grand Officers and the Worshipful Masters and Wardens of the Lodges within your jurisdiction, on the eve of your departure for England, desire to express our earnest and fraternal appreciation of the manifold benefits which Freemasonry in this colony has enjoyed under your wise and genial Grand Mastership. Peace and harmony have been its guiding stars, and unity its goal, which have resulted in the Craft being solidly united and its progress phenomenal.

" We ask your acceptance of this address as a memento of our happy intercourse, hoping that it will ever remind you of your connection with Freemasonry in New South Wales, and the love and esteem with which the brethren regard you.

"Assuring you of our loyalty to you as the worthy representative of our beloved Queen, and reverently wishing you, Lady Carrington, and family, ` God Epee

" We beg to subscribe ourselves,

"Yours Fraternaly,

"THE GRAND LODGE OFFICERS,

" THE MASTERS AND WARDENS OF ALL LODGES,

and

" DISTRICT GRAND INSPECTORS OF WORKINGS."

The M.W. Grand Master, in reply, said :—" M.W. Sir, R.W., V. W., Wor. Brethren and Brethren,—In my wildest moments I could not have expected such a compliment as this. When I landed in this colony, as my Most Worshipful Bro. has just observed, Masonry was in a disturbed condition. He has said that I was instrumental in bringing Masonic affairs to a happy conclusion. With this, unfortunately, I cannot quite agree. I was only too proud and too pleased to place my humble services at the disposal of the Craft ; but this reconciliation which, under the blessing of the Great Architect of the Universe, has been given to us, was brought about by Masonry, and Masonry alone. No individual can claim any hand in it at all. It is a great thing to remember that through the delicate and difficult negotiations which led to this happy result, there was not one word spoken for which regret had to be expressed. The whole of the difficult negotiations were carried through to a satisfactory issue, under the blessing of the Great Architect of the Universe, and Masonry is now in a happy harmonious condition in this colony. But, brethren, I hardly feel worthy of the

compliment you have been good enough to pay me to-night. Believe me, all through the term of my office here, as representative of the Queen, my best wishes have been for the Craft, knowing, as I do, from my experience in the Old Country how loyal and good men Masons are, and what valuable functions it performs in keeping peace and order in the land. In my wildest moments I could not have believed, even if sanguine enough, that Masonic unity would have been so consolidated during the few short years I have had the honour of representing the Queen in this colony. I never would have believed that the Craft could become so consolidated that 4000 loyal, God-fearing men had joined our ranks. This shows how true, how real, and how genuine the spirit of true Masonry is in this fair land. It is with deep and sincere regret, and for the last time as your Grand Master, that I bid farewell to the Craft that has been so kind to me and supported me so well. I could not have believed that so great a compliment would have been paid to a Grand Master as has been paid to me, for amongst the 187 Lodges which constitute the Craft in this great colony, I am pleased to learn that everyone is represented, and so the compliment is spontaneous, is united. I accept this magnificent address with deep and real gratitude, as showing the loyalty which all men in New South Wales feel towards the Queen as the representative of law, order, liberty, and justice. This occasion is not the time to make any long speech ; my heart is too full to make any such effort, but I cannot help being reminded this evening by the wild storm that is going on around us at this moment, when the elements seem at war and in discord, that tomorrow the sun will rise on the earth and shine in the heavens, brightness will reign once more, and just in the same manner all our difficulties are in the past, and the bright future is happily assured. I leave the Craft in New South Wales with the firm conviction that its troubles are over for evermore, and that nothing but peace and harmony will remain for ever. This is my most sincere and earnest wish ; and now for the last time, not as a mere matter of form, but with all sincerity, respect, and fraternal affection for the distinguished representatives of Masonry I have the honour of seeing here in this grand hall, I most affectionately, most heartily, bid you farewell.

"The M. W. Grand Master then announced that as he had been elected by the suffrages of the brethren as representative of the United Grand Lodge of New South Wales near the United Grand Lodge of England, he accepted this compliment with the greatest pleasure, and when in Grand Lodge assembled would offer the "hearty good wishes " of New South Wales, and every Mason in England would know that this was not a mere matter of form ; that having combined themselves into a separate Grand Lodge did not in any way mean separation from the Old Mother Country, and that the members of the United Grand Lodge of New South Wales were now as hearty, as loyal, and as sincere in the Craft as they were in the happy days gone by."

The farewell address to the M.W.G.M., Lord Carrington, is a superb work. The front cover is of polished African onyx, enclosed in a rim of burnished gold. On the onyx, in gold and oxidised silver, is the armorial badge of the United Grand Lodge, with its motto, " Juncta Juvaut." It is a choice example of colonial workmanship, and will excite warm approval. The address is in book form, and the various pages are rare specimens of illumination in colours. On the front page is a view of the Masonic Hall, the bordering being filled in with native flowers, birds, butterflies, &c. The binding is of purple morocco, with gold workings, the whole being a masterpiece of Mr John Sands' artistic staff, and an appropriate memento of the Craft in the colony. We understand that Bro. Lord Carrington purports placing it in the Grand Lodge of England for "general information," and as a Masonic record to be prized.

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## *SCOTLAND.*

### REFUSAL TO RECOGNISE NEW ZEALAND.

THE following is the copy of the letter addressed by the Grand Secretary of Scotland, to the Grand Secretary of New Zealand: -

"Freemasons' Hall, Edinburgh, August 21st, 1890.

W Ronaldson, Esq., Christchurch. N. Z.

"Sir and Brother,—Two printed circulars bearing your signature have been received here.

That dated May 1st, 1890, announces the formation of an independent Grand Lodge in New Zealand, and asks that it be recognised. The Grand Lodge Scotland, in quarterly communication assembled, has unanimously refused to accord recognition to the body in question.

"The circular, dated May 12th, advises and upholds as right and proper the seizure of charters of Lodges by members of the same, who may elect to withdraw their allegiance from the Grand bodies under which the charters are held. Such a course of action as is commended by the body you represent is in direct violation of the constitution and laws of the Grand Lodge of Scotland, and of the conditions under which its charters are accepted.

"Grand Lodge is represented in New Zealand by three Provincial Grand Masters, who themselves, or by their deputies, are empowered to take all necessary action in guarding the Lodges and brethren under their Masonic jurisdiction against the unconstitutional measures that may be promulgated by any unrecognized body within their respective districts.

"Any further correspondence to the Grand Lodge must be conducted through their representatives in New Zealand.—Ever faithfully,

"(Signed) D. MURRAY LYON, Grand Secretary."

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#### THE LAST TO JOIN THE FOLD.

It may not be generally known that up to the present there has been one Lodge (St. John, Melrose) in Scotland which has always maintained its independence of the Grand Lodge of Scotland. It appears, however, that now a basis of union between the Grand Lodge and this *older* Lodge has been agreed upon, and that St. John, Melrose, will shortly take its place on the roll of the Grand Lodge of Scotland as No. 1 (2). The records of the Lodge, it is stated, date in almost unbroken sequence from December 26, 1674. There are great rejoicings in the Grand Lodge of Scotland in consequence of this union.

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#### TOUR OF THE GRAND MASTERS AND OFFICERS (BY ONE OF THE PARTY.)

THERE is only one point in which our otherwise most successful trip to the North was not successful, and that is in the reporting. I used all my endeavours to succeed, but it was not a success—how I cannot tell.

Just to give you in brief a *resumé* of our interviews and work during our journey : Leaving Lyttelton on 15th November, our first meeting was at Masterton, on November 18th, where by arrangement brethren of Lodges Masterton and Thistle gave us a hearty reception, at a very short notice.

November 19th, at Pahiatua—A rising and very thriving township, in the Seventy-mile Bush. A new Lodge (Rawhite) was consecrated, and the W.M. installed. This Lodge gives every promise of being very successful. A candidate for initiation was proposed, and a joining member. November 20th, at 5 a.m.— We left to drive to Woodville ; we had a very pleasant drive through fine, real bush country, which promises to be a very valuable and important country. Seventeen miles by train took us to another thriving township— Danesvirke. A new Lodge called Tararua, was opened, and the W.M. installed. On the 21st we left at 8.15 a.m. for Napier. Here we found all the arrangements made for consecrating the new hall of Lodge Scinde—a fine building erected by the brethren to replace one burned down in 1886.

Our reception in all these places was all we could possibly have wished. Everything seemed propitious ; the weather was splendid, the country giving a most promising appearance, and the brethren everywhere anxious that our visit should be a success. We left Napier on the 23rd ulto., the steamer being a day behind time. We called at Gisborne on the 24th, when the M.W. the G.M. landed, and had a pleasant interview with the W.M., P.M.'s, and others, time being too short to prove sufficient—only about an hour—but much promising work was done in that hour.

We reached Auckland on the 25th about 2 p.m., and at once we went to a meeting of the Board of General Purposes to complete the arrangement for the meeting at 7.30 p.m. Here we had a full meeting, over 200

being there to welcome the G.M., and to carry on the work so happily and auspiciously commenced—of course this is so far as we are concerned. I need not say much about the meeting ; it was hearty, unanimous, and very satisfactory. Sundry resolutions were passed, which will all appear in the Quarterly Communication.

The business was followed by a banquet, and supplemented by a ball on the following evening, the brethren evidently meaning to show their good-will to the new officers, and their hearty approval of the new Grand Lodge.

On the 27th we left for New Plymouth via the Manukau, which we reached on the evening of the 28th. The brethren of Lodge Ngamotu were at the wharf to meet us, and showed us every attention during the day by pointing out all the lovely attractions of this delightful place. In the evening we found everything arranged for the installation of the V M., and we met with the same enthusiastic-spirit that we had met with all along the line. The usual banquet followed, giving rise to much pleasant interchange of thought respecting the work of the, Lodge.

We left for Wanganui on the 29th, and on the 30th a meeting was held with. Masters and P.M.'s of the different Lodges there. The G.M. and Bro. Gillen both spoke on the question of the Grand Lodge, removed some difficulties, and the brethren expressed themselves pleased with the interview, thanked the G.M. by resolution for his courtesy and the information he had given them on the subject.

We left on December 1st, and again at Palmerston North met the brethren in Lodge Manawatu Kilwinning—one of our first Lodges—the brethren evincing every desire to show their pleasure at the visit. On our journey we met the brethren at Hawera. As the train stayed there over an hour and a half, the brethren took us to the hall, and then we adjourned to dinner provided for us, the brethren again accompanying us with every demonstration of satisfaction even at our short stay with them. At Patea, too, many met us. Our trip was a continued ovation from beginning to end. We had right royal weather, hardly a shower all the way, and we shall long remember our trip as being wonderfully-successful in every way.

At Wellington we found the steamer leaving in the evening, and we went on board, reaching Lyttelton again on the 3rd December. On the 10th we went to Geraldine to open a new Lodge there, and install the W.M., as also on the 11th. at Temuka, our reception being as cordial and enthusiastic as we could possibly, wish.

WM. R.

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## CORRESPONDENCE.

### *TO CORRESPONDENTS.*

All communications should be addressed to the Editor, CRAFTSMAN, Box 322, P.O., Dunedin, and should be written on one side of the paper only.

Correspondents and contributors are requested to be as brief as possible, as the space at our command is limited.

[Letters intended for insertion must be accompanied in all cases by the real name and address of the writer, as well as by the name and number of the Lodge to which he belongs, not necessarily for publication, but as a guarantee of good faith. We do not hold ourselves responsible for opinions expressed by our correspondents.]

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### BRO. LORD ONSLOW'S CIRCULAR.

#### TO THE EDITOR.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—Kindly allow me to correct an error in your publication of the 17th inst. In speaking of a letter from His Excellency Bro. the Earl of Onslow you say : " We may add that before addressing the Masters of Craft Lodges, Bro. Lord Onslow communicated with the several District Provincial Grand Masters, and submitted the letter to them." This is incorrect, as up to the present time I have not received any communication from Bro. Lord Onslow on the subject, although I am informed that

the letter in question has been sent to the Craft Lodges under my jurisdiction. By inserting the above in your next, you will oblige, yours fraternally,

CHARLES LOUISSON,  
District Grand Master, S.C , Canterbury.

Christchurch, November 28th, 1890.

[We have ascertained that Bro. Lord Onslow communicated with the several District Grand Masters of the English Constitution *only* ; not, as we announced in our last, with *all* the District and Provincial Grand Masters. We need hardly *say* that, when we penned the announcement, we had every reason to believe it strictly correct.—Ed. CRAFTSMAN.]

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"OUR INACCURATE STATEMENTS " *RE* THE FRENCH ORIENT.

TO THE EDITOR.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—On account of my being away from home I have not your back numbers to refer to, and so cannot point out the inaccurate statements I made mention of. Speaking from memory, the intention to open a Lodge under the G.O. of F. in the Waikato may be put down as one : but, as I said before, I do not think that it is worth wasting space over. Your correspondents doubtless sent you these items in good faith as reliable information, with the best of intentions, and there is no harm done. With regard to the question as to the duty (and pleasure) of the representative of the Grand Orient of Italy, I beg you to note that it was *your* opinion I desired to obtain, not Bro. Robertson's. His opinion will be best ascertained by his future conduct in refraining, or otherwise, from carrying out his official duties in connection with the G.O. of F., and I would not attempt to dictate to him what he ought or ought not to do ; it is none of any business ; it was your ideas on a point of Masonic etiquette I wished to ascertain. Your frank answer to my question re being the official organ of the (so-called) Grand Lodge of New Zealand is very satisfactory, because I know many other brethren than myself have been under the impression that you were subsidised by that body, and hence it was risky to write you anything which did not favour its existence. You seem to think I make use of the term "so-called Grand Lodge of New Zealand " from personal ill-feeling. It is not so ; but it is necessary when writing and talking on Masonic jurisprudence, to be careful of the meaning of terms. Speaking in this sense, no one, I think, who knows any-thing of such matters, will object to the term. I presume it will be by yourself admitted that until the (so-called) Grand Lodge of New Zealand is unanimously admitted to be supreme in this colony, it must be only a (so-called) Grand Body to those Lodges or Grand Lodges who deny the supremacy. It is a distinctive term necessarily made use of to prevent confusion or misunderstanding, and one that long custom has given a sanction to. Hoping I have not intruded too much on your space.—I am, yours fraternally,

WALTER HILL, Lodge L'Amour de la Verité.

Greymouth, November 8th, 1890.

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ADVANCE LODGE, BRUNNERTON.

TO THE EDITOR.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—My attention was to-day drawn to a letter signed "T. Bland," in your issue of 17th ult. As Mr Bland has distorted facts to make his case good, and cast unmerited reflections on myself, will you kindly allow me space for reply ? To state what really did take place I must go back to the formation of Advance Lodge, which is now entering on its fourth year. The first year I had the honour of occupying the W. M.'s chair, the second year Bro. W. Burrough was elected and installed ; shortly after the installation the J. W., Bro. Smith, left the district ; Mr Bland, who happened to visit the Lodge the following meeting, was asked to act as J. W., which he did, and on this or the following meeting was proposed by the W.M., and in due course admitted—by what I term the back door, not having any Lodge clearance. I communicated with his mother Lodge and received the following reply, which I now hold : " Bro. Bland has no clearance ; never applied for any ; owes 32s." How nicely this fits in to your answer to " Correspondent," published over Mr Bland's letter, in your journal of 17th November ! Shortly after this Mr Bland called me aside, and asked if I would install him as a J.W. (What indecent haste to reach the W.M.'s chair !) He contended I had the power to do so ; I thought otherwise, and stated Bro. Smith had been elected until the ensuing year. Who is right ? From this time I date Mr Bland's antagonism to myself. The W.M., Bro. Burrough, having left the district

shortly after Bro. Smith, and I being the only P.M., carried on the work of the Lodge till the end of the year. When I was requested by a number of the brethren to stand again, and when I consented, active canvass was carried on by this gentleman and his friends, and any one thought favourable to myself and not being good on the books was notified that he was in arrears. By these means I was defeated by a majority of one ; but mark what follows : Two nights before the installation, while auditing, I found more than one favourable to Mr. Bland were out of compliance, being in arrears, but who took good care to vote. Why were they not notified? Echo answers, Why? One in particular, the secretary, had not paid anything since his initiation ; he was two years in arrears but this did not prevent him voting. Actions of this description require no comment.

Being defeated by a majority of one only, and that majority obtained by unconstitutional means, is ample proof that I was not so obnoxious nor the tyrant Mr Bland would have your readers believe. No, Sir, my reasons for retiring were : I could sit no longer among men who would use such un-Masonic means to gratify personal spleen, and whom I could no longer honour or respect. As for the other brethren mentioned, they will probably treat Mr Bland's letter as it deserves—that is, with contempt.

In conclusion, I submit that very bad taste has been shown by dragging me before the Craft in a false light ; especially as I had severed my connection a year ago, and had not since troubled Mr Bland nor his friends. Apologising for my lengthy letter.—I am, etc.,

F. W. PATTLE, P.M., Advance Lodge, 2245, E.C.

Brunnerton, December 3rd, 1890.

[The above letter supplies, we think, another argument in favour of one governing body in Freemasonry. No brother should be affiliated to a Lodge unless he produces a demit or clearance from the Lodge he has left, or furnishes satisfactory reasons for the non-possession of such a document. If rulers of the Craft neglect their duty, it is not for them to complain afterwards of the result of their laxity. When the Grand Lodge of New Zealand controls the whole of the Lodges in the colony, doubtless we shall have a healthy strictness enforced in this and in other matters.—Ed. CRAFTSMAN.]

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## MARK MASONRY

We understand that a Mark Lodge is to be opened in the Wairarapa shortly, warranted from Lodge Hiram.

A number of brethren leave Dunedin to-day to attend the installation of Lodge Harvey, Gore (late S.C.), and to attend the opening of the Mark Lodge at Wyndham. Brethren from Invercargill, Tapanui, Queenstown, Milton, and Lawrence will be present.

A special meeting will be held at Wyndham, Southland, on the 17th inst., to advance candidates ; to open Lodge Mokoreta Mark Master Masons ; to install the W.M M. elect, Bro. Miles Reginald Bree, and to invest the officers, and to do enbh other business as may be necessary.

A special meeting was held at Palmerston, Otago, on the 28th November, to advance candidates ; to open Lodge Palmerston Mark Master Masons ; to install the Worshipful Master elect. Bro. Henderson, of Waikouaiti, and invest the officers of the Lodge ; and to transact such other business found necessary.

A petition was read from a number of Mark Master Masons at Oamaru, praying for a Warrant of Constitution to open a Lodge in that town to be called Lodge Hamilton Mark Master Masons, to be under the protection of, and attached to, Lodge Waitaki, N.Z.C. The prayer of the petition was granted, the brethren having complied with the laws and regulations.

LODGE HIRAM, Mark Master Masons (late No. 272, E.G.), held its regular monthly meeting on the 26th November. There was a good attendance, and the following was the business to be transacted : To ballot for, advance, and affiliate brethren, if properly vouched for by their Worshipful Masters, upon the production of their Grand Lodge certificates. To arrange for holding the regular monthly meeting of this Lodge on the fourth Wednesday in every month. To grant Warrant of Constitution to members to work the Mark Degree in Palmerston, Otago, to be called Lodge Palmerston Mark Master Masons. To grant Warrant of Constitution to

members to work the Mark Degree in Wyndham, Southland, to be called Lodge Mokoreta Mark Master Ma.,ons. To consider applications for warrants from brethren at Oamaru, Balclutha, and the Bluff. To make arrangements for opening Lodge Palmerston, and installing the W.M.M., on Friday, the 28th November, at 8 p.m. To revise the by-laws, and the transaction of other general business.

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## INSTALLATIONS.

THE annual meeting of Lodge Celtic, No. 477, S.C. was held in the Masonic Hall, Moray Place, Dunedin, on November 20th, and was largely attended. The chief business of the evening was the installation of Bro. R. Ross as R.W.M. for the ensuing year, and the investiture of officers. The Lodge was opened at 8 p.m. by the W.M. Bro. S. G. Smith, and, after the visitors had been received in due form, the District Grand Lodge, S.C., was announced. Bros. R. Sinclair and Colin Macandrew presented the W.M. elect, and a board of installed masters formed, Bro. Colin Macandrew acting as Installing Master. P.M. Bro. S. G. Smith then invested the following officers :—D. M., Bro. D. Cherrie ; S. M., Bro. McLaundress ; S.W., Bro. J. Jack ; J.W., Bro. G. Springer ; Secretary, Bro. J. Greenwood; Treasurer, Bro. C. Macandrew; S.D., Bro. J. Campbell; J.D., Bro. J. Munro ; I.G., Bro. D. M. Millar ; Chaplain, Bro. D. McPherson ; Steward (sen.), Bro. J. McMillan; Steward (jun.), Bro. J. Davies; Steward (jun.), Bro. W. H. Melton ; Organist, F. W. Bayley : Piper. Bro. J. McKay; Tyler, Bro. H. Meyer; Auditor, Bro. W. Reid. P.M. Bro. Smith moved, and P.M. Bro. Sinclair seconded a motion : " That a letter of condolence be sent to Mrs Louis Court sympathising with her in her sad bereavement." On the motion of Bro. Wathen, it was resolved—" That a letter of condolence be sent to the widow of the late P.M. Bro. J. Baxter, acknowledging his many years' service to Masonry." It was resolved on the motion of P.M. Bro. Macandrew, seconded by P.M. Bro. Sinclair—" That it letter be sent to Bro. S. G. Smith acknowledging his many services to the Lodge, and that the same be recorded in the minutes." After some routine business had been transacted, the Lodge adjourned. A banquet was afterwards held in the lower hall, at which a goodly number sat down.—*Globe*.

LODGE AORANGI, No. 2300, E.C.—The installation of Bro. W. H. Quick as W.M., and the investiture of officers of Lodge Aorangi, No. 2300, E.C., was held at the Freemasons' Hall, Wellington, on the 25th ultimo. His Excellency Bro. the Earl of Onslow, P.G.W., acted as Installing Master, and the following brethren were invested as officers for the year, viz. : I.P.M., Bro. A. de B. Brandon, P.M. ; S.W., Bro. A. Gray, P.M. ; J.W., Bro. N. W. Werry, P.M. ; Treasurer, Bro. Sir E. O. Gibbes, Bt., P.M. ; Secretary, Bro. R. J. S. Todd; S.D.. Bro. J. M. Richardson; J.D., Bro. W. G. Rutherford; I.G., Bro. J. O. Anson ; Tyler, Bro. H. Erith. The musical arrangements were left to Bros. T. Tallis, Trimwell, P.P.G.O., and W. H. Hardwick, and were carried out in an admirable manner. Vocal selections were also rendered by several members of the Lodge. The usual banquet was afterwards held, and appropriate toasts were duly honoured. During the course of the evening Bro. the Earl of Onslow referred to the Grand Lodge of New Zealand and the circular he had issued relating to the matter. He trusted that in a very short time practical unanimity would result, and that all differences would be settled. Several songs were given by the brethren present to enliven the proceedings. Bro. A. de B. Brandon, District Grand Registrar and Immediate Past Master of the Lodge, appeared for the first time as a vocalist, and gave " Ping, ring de banjo," with an accompaniment on that instrument, in genuine plantation style.

ST. ANDREW KILWINNING LODGE, NO. 481, S.C., Wanganui.—The installation of the R. W.M. and officers of this Lodge took place on the 28th November. There was a very large attendance, including the Master (Bro. G. Marshall), and officers of the sister Lodge (Tongariro), and several visitors from the country districts. There were also present the following P.M.'s :—Bros. Borlase, Tripe, Stevenson, Spurdle, Watt, Keesing, Newham, W. Russell, Sewell, Hughes, Foster, Noake, and Blennerhasset. Bro. Keesing, P.M., occupied the chair and con-ducted the ceremony in a most efficient manner according to ancient custom. Bro. J. L. Stevenson, P.M., (Provincial Grand Junior Warden) acted as Master of Ceremonies, and also delivered the charge to the R. W.M. The investiture of officers was ably conducted by Bro. Spurdle, P.M., and the charge to the Warden and brethren was delivered by Bro. Hughes, P.M., the whole of the ceremony being fully choral ; Bro. Holden conducted and Bro. Blackett presided at the .organ. The working tools were presented in the different degrees by P.M.'s Bros. Borlase, Tripe, and W. Russell. The following. were the officers installed :—R.W.M., Bro. I. Salek ; S.W., Bro. John Stevenson ; J.W., Bro. May ; S. D., ,Bro. Meuli; I. D., Bro. Dickson ; Secretary, Bro. Couchman ; Treasurer, Bro. J. L. Stevenson ; Organist, Bro. Holden ; Senior Steward, Bro. F. W. Jenson ; J.S., Bro. Perry ; O.G., Bro. Brandon ; Substitute Master, Bro. R. Law ;

Deputy Master, Bro. Perrett. At the close of the installation the brethren adjourned to the banquetting hall, where a sumptuous and *recherche* repast was partaken of. When the cloth had been removed the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured, songs being given by several brethren during the intervals. During the evening Bro. Noake took his farewell of the brethren, on the eve of his departure to another part of the colony.— *Wanganui Chronicle*.

LODGE NGAMOTU, N.Z.C. — The annual meeting of Lodge Ngamotu (late 2053, E.G.), was held on Friday evening, the 28th November, in the Foresters' Hall, Gill street, New Plymouth. The business of the evening was the installation of the first W.M. under the N.Z.C., by the M. W.G.M., assisted by the Grand Lodge officers, and considerable interest was awakened thereby, brethren from various parts of the colony being present. Amongst others, the attendance book was signed by the M. W. G.M., Bro. H. Thomson; R. W.P. D. G. M., Bro. Gillen; V. W.G.S., Bro. Ronaldson; Bro. G. F. Robinson, P.M., 670, E.C.; Bro. H. Kitchingman, P.M. (late 760, E.C.); Bro. H. Dempsey, P.M., 788, I.C.; Bro. T. A. Murphy, P.M., 1233, E.C.; Bro. W. H. Webb, W.M. (late 2053, E.G.); Bro. D. McAllum, P.M. (late 2053, E.C.); Bro. W. H. Clark, Lodge Hawera (late 652, S.C.); Bro. W. G. Coker, 481, S.C.; Bro. D. S. Millar, 1229, E.C.; Bro. R. B. Roy, Bro. C. Rodgers, &c., &c. The Lodge having been duly opened by the retiring W.M., the M. W.G.M. and Grand Lodge officers were announced and received with the honours due to their exalted rank. The M. W.G.M. took the chair, and the ordinary business of the Lodge was transacted. Four brethren were balloted for as joining memmers, and declared duly elected. The W.M. elect, Bro. F. P. Corkill, was then presented by Bro. H. Dempsey, P.M., and the M.W.G.M. proceeded with the ceremony of installation, which was conducted in a very impressive and instructive manner. Bro. F. P. Corkill having been duly installed in the chair of K.S., he was proclaimed and saluted according to ancient custom. The W.T.'s were presented by the G.S., Bro. Ronaldson, and the following officers were invested by the R. W. P. D. G. M., Bro. Gillon :— S. W., Bro. J. Little; J.W., Bro. T. P. Lister; Treasurer, Bro. G. H. Foote; Secretary, Bro. D. McAllum, P.M.; Organist, Bro. H. Kitchingman, P.M.; S.D., Bro. J. W. Warren; J.D., Bro. O. Deacon; I.G., Bro. C. W. Heudrey; Tyler, Bro. S. Howell. Two gentleman were proposed as fit and proper persons to be made Masons. In response to an application from Lodge Palmerston (Palmerston South), a vote was made from the Benevolent Fund. Telegrams were read from various parts of the colony, congratulating Lodge Ngamotu. W. Bro. McAllum rose from his seat, and said that as this was the first meeting of the Lodge under the banner of the Grand Lodge of New Zealand, and as they were honoured by the presence of the Grand Lodge officers, he thought it would be a fitting sequence to the evening's proceedings if the Grand Lodge officers present would allow them-selves to be elected honorary members of the Lodge, and he had therefore much Leasure in moving that they be asked to accept the honorary membership. Bro. 3. W. Warren said he had much pleasure in seconding the motion, which was carried with acclamation. The M.W.G.M., on behalf of himself and officers, graciously accepted the compliment. Hearty good wishes were received from the visiting brethren, and the Lodge was closed at 9.45 p.m., the brethren adjourning to the White Hart Hotel, where a most *recherche* supper was prepared. Bro. Hamerton, P.M. (late P.G. Inspector, I.C.), having just arrived from Wellington by the through train, joined the assembly. The W.M., Bro. F. P. Corkill presided, being supported on his right by the M.W.G.M. and G.S., and on his left by the R.W.P.D.G.M. and W. Bro. Hamerton. Justice having been done to the very excellent spread, in which Host Walker had almost surpassed himself, several hours were spent in hearty good fellowship, the usual toasts being proposed and duly responded to. Songs and recitations were given by Bros. Lister, Rodgers, Paul, Hendrey, and McAllum, and a most enjoyable evening ended with "Auld Lang Syne."

ANNUAL MEETING OF LODGE PONSONBY, N. Z. C., AUCKLAND, AND PRESENTATION TO THE RETIRING R.W.M., BRO. W. FORREST.—On December 2nd the annual meeting of the brethren of Lodge Ponsonby, N.Z.C., for the installation of officers and the transaction of other general business, was held in the Lodge-room, Ponsonby Hall. There was attendance of 76 brethren, including a number of Grand Lodge officers and visitors from sister Lodges. Amongst the Grand Lodge officers present were Bro. A. S. Russell, D.G.M.; Bro. M. Niccol, G.S.; Bro. Cooper, A.G.S.; Bro. Dr. Boor, S.G.D.; and a number of Masters and Past officers of Lodges who are also officers of the Grand Lodge. The Lodge was opened by the retiring R.W.M. Bro. Forrest. It had a very bright appearance, the greater portion of the furniture being new, the gift of individual members of the Lodge. The pedestals, pillars, candlesticks, &c., are in black and gold, and have a very rich appearance. The working tools are also in excellent taste, and the cushions, &c., are also neat and appropriate. A handsome organ has also been procured for the Lodge, at a cost of £30, altogether raised by private subscription, and without cost to the Lodge, and this was in use that night for the first time, Bro. Dr. Walker officiating during the musical portions of the ceremony. The principal business of the meeting was

the installation of officers, and the whole of the ceremony, with the exception of the address to the newly-installed R.W.M., which was delivered by Bro. Niece], G.S., was carried out by Bro. Forrest in a most pleasing and perfect manner, in which he displayed thoroughly the high proficiency which he has acquired. The following officers were installed :—Bro. H. Grey, R. W.M. ; Bro. W. Forrest, I.P.M. ; Bro. M. Niccol, D.M. ; Bro. A. S. Russell, S.M. ; Bro. A. H. Jones, S.W. ; Bro. Magee, J.W. ; Bro. Johansen, Treasurer; Bro. Fowlds, Secretary ; Bro. D. Jones, D. of C. ; Bro. R. O. Clark, jun., Bible bearer ; Bro. Smart, S.D. ; Bro. Simmonds, J.D. ; Bro. Sheppard, I.G. ; Bro. Danneford, S.S. ; Bro. Massey, J.S. ; Bro. Purcell, Tyler. After the close of the ceremony, Bro. Grey returned thanks for the honour conferred on him by the Lodge in placing him in his present position. Bro. Forrest said he had a very pleasant duty to perform in presenting to Lodge Ponsonby, N.Z.C., which had lost the greater portion of its furniture, the candlesticks, pedestals, pillars, etc., with which the Lodge-room Was now furnished, as the gift of Bros. Fowlds and Mahony, the former of whom presented the material, and the latter the labour and workmanship, and the manner in which the work was executed was highly creditable. The intrinsic value of the gift was very high, but the value in which it would be held by Lodge Ponsonby was still higher. On the motion of Bro. Russell, seconded by Bro. Niccol, a hearty and cordial vote of thanks was accorded to Bros. Fowlds and Mahony for their munificent gift. Mr Mahony briefly responded, and Mr Fowlds, in responding, made reference to the handsome gifts of tools, etc., made by Bros. Jones, Smart, M'Culsky, and others. Bro. Fowlds then referred to the career of Bro. Forrest as Master of Lodge Ponsonby, and the services he had rendered to it, in terms of the highest praise, and said that he was much pleased that the duty devolved on him as one of Bro. Forrest's oldest friends in New Zealand, if not in the world, of making a presentation to him on behalf of the Lodge for which he had done so much. He alluded to the action taken by Bro. Forrest during their recent difficulties, and the punishment meted out to him by those who ought to have known better; but that circumstance moved the members of the Lodge to make to him a presentation on his retirement from the chair, as some slight recompense for what he had suffered. He then on behalf of the Lodge presented to and pinned on the breast of Bro. Forrest a magnificent P.M.'s jewel with three clasps, elegantly chased and raised, and bearing a suitable inscription, and he wished him long life to wear it as a token and reminder of the well wishes of Lodge Ponsonby. Bro. Forrest was about to reply, but Bro. Fowlds interrupted him, and said he was not done yet. He then presented him with an elegantly-framed picture of himself, stating that they had procured a second similar one to decorate the walls of the Lodge, and remind them of him when he was absent. He also presented to him a magnificent tea and coffee service for Mrs Forrest. The tray had a suitable inscription, and each piece of the set had on one side the initials of Bro. Forrest, and on the other the monogram of Mrs Forrest, each being elaborately chased and bordered. This gift evidently took Bro. Forrest by surprise, and deeply affected him. He rose to reply, but could only say that he could not thank them for their kindness. He had expected such a recognition as a jewel, and would have been able to return thanks for it, but he did not think he would have to return thanks for such a number of extraordinary and munificent gifts as they had given him that night.—(Applause.) Hearty congratulations were accorded from representatives of all the Lodges present, and Bro. Russell, D.G.M., said that G.M. Bro. Thomson had delegated to him the duty of returning his grateful thanks for the reception accorded to him in Auckland. Bro. Gillon, P.G.M., also requested him to return thanks on his behalf, and as for himself and the Grand Superintendent, they thanked them all for what they had done. Their meeting was such as had never been seen in Auckland since the consecration of the hall. Bro. Thomson had also requested him to especially thank Bro. Logan for the attention he had paid him during his visit, in taking him out to the most interesting scenes in the vicinity of the city. The Lodge was then closed, and the brethren were invited to a handsomely spread repast, which was laid on the stage.—*New Zealand Herald*.

ST. ANDREW'S LODGE, Wellington.—The annual installation of the R.W.M. of St. Andrew's Lodge, N.Z.C., and investiture of officers for the ensuing year, was held in the Freemasons' Hall, Wellington, on Thursday, 4th instant. The attendance of members and visitors was very large. The Worshipful Masters of the New Zealand Pacific, Leinster, Waterloo, and Ulster Lodges) were also present, accompanied by the officers and members of their respective Lodges. The Grand Lodge of New Zealand was represented by the R.W.P.D.G.M., Bro. E. T. Gillon; V.W. Bro. George Robertson, P.G. Secretary ; Bro. H. J. Williams, Grand Director of Ceremonies ; V.W. Bro. R. C. Hamerton, P.P.G.I. ; and W. Bro. F. J. Dawes, Grand Steward. R. W. Bro. Gillon performed the installation ceremony in a most impressive manner, being assisted in his duties by V. W. Bro. H. J. Williams. During the ceremony the Masonic orchestra and a choir under Bro. W. H. Warren, the organist of the Lodge, rendered appropriate music. The following is the list of officers :—R.W.M., Bro. John Danks ; D.M., Bro. C. B. Press, P.M. ; S.W., Bro. G. France ; Treasurer, Bro. Carr, P.M., Grand Steward ; J.W., Bro. T. Jaffray ; Secretary, Bro. Fletcher ; Chaplain, Bro. Meek, P.M. ; S.D., Bro.

Crowther ; J.D., Bro. Townsend ; I.G., Bro. Homand ; Organist, Bro. Warren ; S.S., Bro. J. Buchanan ; J.S., Bro. Neilson ; Tyler, Bro. J. Atkinson. After the ceremony a banquet was held, at which the toasts usual on such an occasion were duly honoured. Bro. John Danks has already done good service in Masonic circles, and we feel sure that as R. W.M. he will largely increase the popularity and *prestige* of the St. Andrew's Lodge. We offer him our hearty congratulations.—*N. Z. Mail*.

WATERLOO LODGE, WELLINGTON.—The regular monthly meeting of the Waterloo Lodge, N.Z.C., was held at the Freemasons' Hall, Wellington, on the 8th instant. As is usual when this Lodge meets there was a very large attendance of members and visitors. The Worshipful Masters of all the city Lodges now under the N.Z.C. were present, accompanied by the officers and members of their respective Lodges, and altogether about 80 brethren were in attendance. The ceremony of installing Bro. James Godber as R.W.M. for the ensuing year was then proceeded with, the duties of installing being performed in a most efficient manner by Bro. A. I. Masters, P.M. The following officers were also invested by the installing officer, viz : D.M., Bro. MacMorran ; S.M., Bro. Wm. Mitchell ; S.W., Bro. Georgeson ; J. W. Bro. George Wilson ; Treasurer, Bro. Masters, P.M. ; Secretary, Bro. Davis ; Chaplain, Bro. Jack ; S.D., Bro. J. W. Turnbull ; J.D., Bro. Duncan ; Organist, Bro. Warren ; S. Steward, Bro. Wright ; J. Steward ; Bro. Staples ; [G., Bro. Morris ; Tyler, Bro. Connell ; Bros. H. J. H, Elliott and D. Greig, P.M.'s, anted as Directors of Ceremonies. During the course of the ceremony appropriate music was rendered by an orchestra under W. H. Warren, and vocal selections were given by Bros. Wilson and Munt. After the ceremony an adjournment was made to the banquet room, where the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were honoured, and a very pleasant evening was spent, the proceedings being enlivened by songs given by Bros. Wilson, Wright, Munt, Copithorne, and Warren. We sincerely wish Bro. James Godber and his officers a prosperous term of office. —*New Zealand Mail*.

THE annual installation of the R.W.M. of Lodge Otago Kilwinning, 417, S.C., took place on the 11th inst., in the Freemasons' Hall, Moray Place, Dunedin. There was a large attendance, including D.G.M. Bro. James Gore, S.C., as installing officer, and D.G.M. Bro. T. S. Graham, E.C., and their principal officers. Bro. W. R. Cole was duly installed into the chair of the Lodge, and he appointed the D.M. and S.M. The other officers were invested as follow:—S.W., Bro. Carter; J. W. Bro. Frame; Treasurer, Bro. Basstian, P.M.; Secretary, Bro. Turnbull ; Chaplain, Bro Neill, P.M. ; S.D., Bro. Ponsouby; J.D., Bro. Shaw; organist, Bro. Godso; I.G., Bro. North; auditors, Bros. Ross and North ; stewards, Bros. Statherswaite, A. Meyer, and Richardson ; Tyler, Bro. W. Meyer. The choir, including Bros. Marsden, H. Smith, and Blenkinsopp, were accorded a vote of thanks for their services. A handsome P.M.'s jewel was presented to I.P.M. Bro. R. Brew, who briefly acknowledged the compliment. The usual reunion having been postponed, a banquet took place in the lower hall, where songs and toasts enabled the brethren to spend two hours in harmony.

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FULL MOONS FOR THE YEAR 1891.

January 25— Sunday	July 22— Wednesday
February 24—Tuesday	August 30— Thursday
March 26— Thursday	September 18—Friday
April 27— Monday	October 18— Sunday
May 24— Sunday	November 16—Monday
June 22— Monday	December 16—Wednesday

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**LODGE REPORTS.**

Secretaries of Lodges, Scribes of Chapters, will confer a favour on the Editor of this Journal if *they* will forward monthly a copy of their Lodge Circular to Box 322, Post Office, Dunedin.

We shall also be glad to receive from the District and Provincial Grand Secretaries the printed proceedings of their Quarterly Communications.

A LODGE OF SORROW, in memory of the late Bro. Dr. Smith, an old and much respected resident of the Wairarapa, was held by the St. Mark's Lodge, Carterton, on Sunday evening, November 9th. There were upwards of fifty brethren present, and all the Lodges in the district were represented. The beautiful ceremony appropriate to the solemn occasion was rendered in a most impressive manner by the W.M., Bro. Booth, who was assisted by Bro. N. Grace, Grand Steward. Bro. H. J. Williams, Grand Director of Ceremonies, who

went up purposely from Wellington to attend the ceremony, delivered the eulogium. During the evening a capital orchestra and choir performed suitable music. The proceedings throughout were carried out in a faultless manner.—*N.Z. Mail*.

LODGE WATERLOO, N.Z.C., WELLINGTON. — The regular monthly meeting of Lodge Waterloo, N.Z.C., was held at the Freemasons' Hall, Wellington, on Monday, November 10th. There was a capital attendance of members and visitors. The business of the evening was to raise a brother to the high and sublime degree of an M.M., and the ceremony was performed in an able manner by the R.W.M., Bro. C. A. Deacon, assisted by the Wardens. On the Lodge being lowered to the First Degree the election of officers for the ensuing twelve months was proceeded with, and resulted as follows :—R.W.M., Bro. J. Godber; S.W., Bro. Georgeson; J.W., Bro. G. Wilson; Treasurer, Bro. Masters, P.M.; Secretary, Bro. Davis; Chaplain, Bro. Jack; Organist, Bro. Warren; S.D., Bro. J. W. Turnbull; J.D., Bro. Duncan; I.G., Bro. Morris; S.S., Bro. Wright; J.S., Bro. Staples; Tyler, Bro. Connell.—*N.Z. Mail*.

AT the regular monthly meeting of Lodge Sir Walter Scott, No. 26, Thames, held on November 18th, three candidates were successfully balloted for, and four Brethren proposed for affiliation and one for initiation. It was unanimously resolved to do away with all fees for affiliation, excepting the charge made by Grand Lodge for diploma. The following Brethren were elected as officers for the ensuing year: R.W.M., Bro. Clark; I.P.M., Bro. T. L. Murray; D.M., Bro. West; S.M., Bro. Simmonds; S.W., Bro. Mair; J. W. Bro. Peat; Treasurer, Bro. Smith (eleventh year); Secretary, Bro. Bruce (sixth year); S.D., Bro. McGregor; J.D., Bro. Townsend; Chaplain, Bro. Neill, P.M.; Architect, Bro. McLaren, P.M.; Jeweller, Bro. Bowie; I.G., Bro. Patterson; Tyler, Bro. Lowie; Bible Bearers, Bro. Ellis and Schofield; Stewards, Bros. Davies, Menzies, Rattray, and Peat; Organist, Bro. Marston; Master of Ceremonies, Bro. Dunlop; Investigating Committee, Bros. R.W.M., S.W., J.W. West and McLaren, P.M.; Auditors, Bros. Gillespie and Rattray. The Lodge has made much progress under Bro. Murray's able Mastership during the last three years. Indeed, he has so won the brotherly love and regard of all the members that they have desired him, —like Tennyson's "Brook"—to go on for ever. To this, however, Bro. Murray demurred, as he considered that the honours should go round. Bro. Murray has at all times given the greatest satisfaction, and his wisdom and tact in this respect have been the means of making his Lodge a bond of unity and friendship. Bro. G. S. Clark is a most fitting successor to Bro. T. L. Murray, and as he is a most enthusiastic Mason, the Lodge will continue to progress under his rule in a manner similar to what it has done under his able predecessor.

THE quarterly communication of the District Grand Lodge, E.C., was held on November 19th, in the Freemasons' Hall, Moray Place, Dunedin, and was well attended by Brethren of the three Constitutions. The chair was occupied by Bro. T. S. Graham, D.G.M., and he was supported by Bro. Sir R. Stout, D.D.G.M., and C. de L. Graham, P.B.G.P. Bro. James Gore, D.G.M., S.C., South Island, Bro. Bevan, D.G.M., E.G., Westland, and Bro. D. McNicoll, D.G.I., I.C., were announced and received with Masonic honours. The minutes of the last communication were read by the Secretary, Bro. Sydney James, P. D. D. G. M., and confirmed. A lengthy report was read from the Board of General Purposes. The D.G.M. invested Bro. A. Beck with a Steward's regalia, as a slight token of esteem for the way he had worked to benefit the Craft. The D.G.M. then informed the Brethren of an interview he had with Lord Onslow *re* the Grand Lodge question. At his suggestion the Governor invited Bros. C. de L. Graham, S. James (representing the English Constitution), Nees, Neill, Court (representing the Scotch Constitution), Barrett and McNicoll (representing the Irish Constitution), to discuss the question. He did not know what the outcome was, but since that time various letters and telegrams had passed between himself and Lord Onslow on the matter. The gist of the Governor's communications was, that so far as he had been able to ascertain, some attempt should be made to improve the Craft in general in New Zealand. In reply; the speaker informed Lord Onslow that the continued offences of the new body was enough to stop all steps being taken to bring about a reconciliation. After some correspondence had been read, Bro. T. S. Graham thanked the visitors for their attendance. Bro. Bevan, in reply, spoke at some length on the Grand Lodge question, saying that the circular issued by the Governor the other day was nothing more nor less than inspired. He said that if Lord Onslow had the interests of the Craft at heart he might have found time to visit some of the Lodges since he arrived in the Colony. The D.G.M. said that while the Governor was in Dunedin during the Exhibition he had been invited several times to visit the Grand Lodge, but had never replied to the invitations. Bros. James Gore and D. McNicoll also thanked the D.G.M. for the reception they received, and the Lodge closed.—*Globe*.

WELLINGTON LODGE.—The regular monthly meeting of the Wellington Lodge, No. 1521, E.C., was held at the Freemasons Hall, Wellington, on Friday, 21st November. There was a capital attendance of members and visitors. The business of the evening was an initiation, which was conducted in an able manner by the W.M., Bro. J. H. Richardson. The W.T.'s were presented by the S.W., Bro. D. C. Innes, and the charge was delivered by Bro. W. H. Field. Several candidates were proposed for initiation, and, after hearty good wishes had been tendered by the visiting Brethren, the Lodge was closed in peace, love, and harmony at 10 p.m.

NEW ZEALAND PACIFIC LODGE.—The regular monthly meeting of the New Zealand Pacific Lodge, N.Z.C., was held at the Freemasons' Hall, Wellington, on Monday, 24th November. The attendance of members and visitors was above the average, and the chair was occupied by Bro. J. J. M. Hamilton, P.M. The work of the evening consisted of an initiation, the acting W.M. being assisted in the work by Bro. W. D. Lyon, P.M. The election of W.M. then took place, and Bro. W. H. Freeman was unanimously chosen to fill the position. Bros. J. J. M. Hamilton, P.M., and H. Erith, were elected as Treasurer and Tyler respectively, and the proceedings terminated at 10 p.m.

WE are informed that His Excellency Brother the Earl of Onslow, P.G.J. W. of the Grand Lodge of England, installed the W.M. of the Lodge Aorangi, 2300, English Constitution, Wellington, on Tuesday, 25th November.

METHVEN MASONIC LODGE, N.Z.C. (LATE 694, S.C.).—The usual monthly meeting of this Lodge was held in the Public Library, on the evening of the 25th ult., the W.M., Bro. James Gillanders, presiding. After the usual business had been disposed of, Bro. Richard MacBride was duly balloted for affiliation, and admitted. Two other brothers who had been duly proposed for affiliation on the previous Lodge night were absent. A notice of motion to reduce the affiliation fee, given at the previous meeting, in the absence of the mover, was left over till next meeting. The meeting was closed in the usual Masonic manner at 10.15 p.m. Some time ago the members of the above Lodge discussed the question of erecting a memorial tombstone over the last resting place of their late Bro. Robert Patton, P.M., who died on May 26th, 1889. With the help of a little assistance from their brethren in Rakaia and Ashburton, they were enabled to purchase a pretty marble headstone. This they have just erected over the grave. Besides the usual Masonic symbols, the stone bears the inscription—"Erected to the memory of our late Bro. Robert Patton, P.M., by the brethren of the Methven Masonic Lodge, 694, S.C. Died November 26, 1889; aged, 51." Bro. Patton was one of the founders of this Lodge, and for many years acted as secretary.

THE SOUTHERN STAR LODGE, No. 735 E.G., Nelson, at its meeting on Tuesday-evening, 25th November, elected as its W.M. for the ensuing year Bro. H. Baigent, P.M. There were ten Brethren whose names were eligible for re-election, four had votes cast for them, but the brother chosen had a large majority, and was therefore declared duly elected. Bro. P.M. Bolton was chosen as Treasurer. The election of Tyler was postponed till next month. The second degree was conferred on one Brother, and another received the third degree. A long letter (circular) from Bro. Lord Onslow, Past Grand Warden of the Grand Lodge of England, *re* Grand Lodge of New Zealand, was read by the Secretary, but its consideration was deferred for a month. There were several visiting brethren; Bro Rev. W. H. Wilson of Reefton, Pacific, No. 1453, E.C. ; Bro. Beecham, of Forest Lodge, Wakefield, No. 1481, E.C., Bro. Heginbotham of N.Z. Pacific Lodge, Wellington, and the officers of the Victory Lodge, Nelson, who, on this occasion made a special official visit. The usual day for installation and investiture of officers (St. John's Day, 27th December) coming this year on Saturday, the ceremony will, no doubt, take place at some other date, due notice of which will be given.

AT the regular monthly meeting of the Lodge Port Chalmers Marine, No. 942, E.G., at Port Chalmers, on Wednesday evening, 26th November, Bro. J. Cunningham, Junior Warden, was elected Worshipful Master for the ensuing year.

LODGE ABERCORN, N.Z.C., WAIPAWA.—The regular meeting of Lodge Abercorn, was held on November 26th. During routine business a small offering was made to the Lindsay (Palmerston South) relief fund, and a report was made that assistance had been given a distressed Brother passing through the district. A ballot was taken for Mr Edward Macfarlane, of Makaretu, which proved favourable. The ballot for officers for the ensuing year resulted as follows : W.M., Bro. John Pickett ; Treasurer, Bro. Alex. Todd (re-elected) ; Tyler, Bro. Fred. Lowe (re-elected). A Brother was proposed for affiliation. One of the Brethren who attended the

Scinde Lodge (Napier) Consecration ceremony, gave a short *resume* of the proceedings. The M.W.G.M. seems to have won golden opinions both there and at Danevirke.

LODGE WAITAKI, N.Z.C., Oamaru (late No. 1111, E.C.), held its regular meeting in the Masonic Hall on the 26th November. Bro. E. Wade was passed to the Second and Bro. D. Dunn raised to the Third Degree by the W.M., Bro. Hamilton, assisted by Bro. McJennett, P.M. The working tools were presented by the S. Warden. This *way* distributes the work as much as possible amongst the officers, so that, at a moment's notice, any officer could take any position in the Lodge and do the work creditably. Two clearances were supplied to brethren, they wishing to join the new Lodge at Ngapara under the Grand Lodge. Bro. E. G. Lane proposed and Bro. Pocklington seconded, and it was carried unanimously, that Lodge Waitaki grants its protection to the proposed Mark Master Masons' Lodge, to be held in Oamaru, and to be called Lodge Hamilton as a compliment to the Master of Lodge Waitaki, who will also be the first Master of the Mark Lodge. Bro. Keys gave notice of motion to appoint a financial committee to consider the advisability of taking such steps as may be necessary to wipe off the whole of the debt now remaining on the hall, either by debentures or otherwise.

LODGE HAWERA (652), N. Z.C.—The annual election of office holders in Lodge Hawera, N.Z.C., was held on Thursday evening, November 27th, Bro. K.W.M. Hill presiding ; and about 30 of the brethren were present. The following were duly elected :—R.W.M., H. Caplen ; S.W., R. H. Nolan ; J. W., R. Smart ; S. D., W. A. Nairn ; J. D., Jas. Thomson ; I.G., J. C. Yorke ; D.M., P. L. Neilsen ; S.M. and Treasurer, N. Johnston ; Secretary, C. F. Hill ; Tyler, W. Swinbourne. The installation will take place on December 18, 1890, arrangements in respect to which were placed in the hands of a committee.

MANAWATU KILWINNING LODGE, N.Z.C., PALMERSTON NORTH. — An emergency meeting was held on December 1st to receive the M. W. Grand Master, Bro. Henry Thomson. The G.M. was accompanied by Bro. E. T. Gillen, P. D.G.M., Bro. Ronaldson, Grand Secretary, and Bro. J. Herbert Hankins, Deputy Grand Registrar. The Grand Master delivered a very interesting address to the brethren, in which he sketched out the history of the Grand Lodge movement, and alluded to the certainty of recognition being accorded within a very short period. Reference was made to the fact that unanimity was the only thing required to ensure this, and numbers of Lodges are giving in their adhesion to Grand Lodge since the issue of Bro. Lord Onslow's circular. After alluding to the reasons which induced him to accept the office of first Grand Master, Bro. Thomson expressed the belief that the coming year would see His Excellency occupying the position. Lengthy reference was made to the advantages to be gained by the Craft through the establishment of a National Grand Lodge, and to the rapid extension of the movement. The meeting was also addressed by Bros. Gallon and Ronaldson, who gave interesting information as to the progress made. It was mentioned also that a representative body of Past Masters of the Wanganui Lodge had met the G.M. on the previous evening, and, as a result, it was expected that these would shortly join the New Zealand Grand Lodge. It was hoped that the complete unity of the Craft in New Zealand would shortly be effected, and this could not be otherwise than beneficial to all concerned. At the subsequent adjournment for refreshment the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were honoured, the G.M. making a capital speech in reply to the toast of his health. Among the other toasts given was that of " Sister Constitutions," proposed by Bro. Gallon, and ably responded to by Bro. Cohen, W.M. of the United Manawatu Lodge, 1721, E.C.

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## BRIEF MENTION

THE *Sydney Freemason* has entered on its 14th year.

THANKS to Bros. Couchman (Wanganui), and W. H. Cooper (Auckland), for favours.

THE Rev. W. Ronaldson, Grand Secretary of the New Zealand Grand Lodge, who has been in the North Island recently, preached in the Napier Cathedral on Sunday week.

*On dit* that the Masonic authorities of the three constitutions have decided that the Grand Orient of France is not a Masonic body, but are waiting further instructions from Home on the subject before taking any further action. —*Globe*, Dunedin.

WITH pleasure we notice that a good many Lodges are doing *away* with the high affiliation fee. The *Freemason*, Sydney, warmly commends the step and says : "We hope to find that every Lodge under the Constitution will so alter their by-laws as to make the fee for affiliation the exact amount required by the Constitution to be paid into the Grand Lodge fund."

THE Grand Lodge of Tasmania has adopted the regalia of England as the most suitable for Tasmania.

IT is stated by the *Masonic Chronicle* of New York that the Lodges in Germany are obligated to ignore Jews applying for admission to the Craft.

ON the 15th November the Masons of Ngapara presented a silver trowel to Bro. John McLean, in commemoration of the laying of the foundation stone of the Masonic Hall at that place. The presentation was made in the presence of a number of the brethren at the Star and Garter Hotel, by a deputation consisting of Bees. McWhirter, Webber, Wm. Stringer, Gibson, and Howden ; and Bro. McWhirter in an appropriate speech, referred to the interesting event which the trowel was destined to mark, and the prominent part that Bro. McLean had played in connection therewith. Bro. McLean suitably responded in a speech expressive of his pleasure as the recipient of the memento. The deputation was introduced by Bro. Wanabrough, *P.M.*—*Oamaru Mail*.

A FEW nights ago a deputation of New Plymouth brethren interviewed His Excellency Bro. Lord Onslow.

THE system that prevails in Pennsylvania is an excellent one to prepare *officers* in line of promotion for the duties of Master. The Master confers the third degree, the Senior Warden the second, and the Junior Warden the first. This plan gives to the Lodge three active working officers, each competent to preside.

THE first meeting of the Grand Lodge of New Zealand in Auckland was, celebrated with great *eclat*. All the Masonic Lodges of Auckland and suburbs, as well as those of the Thames and Waikato, were fully represented. The Grand Master took occasion at the banquet to express the hope that the Earl of Onslow would yet see his way to accept the office, and that he would be prepared to give him a loyal support. There was a large attendance of the Craft at the gathering, and the ball which was given in celebration of the meeting of the Grand Lodge was an unqualified success. The Southern visitors returned homewards well satisfied with their kindly and courteous reception.--Auckland Correspondent of the *Otago Daily Times*.

IT is amusing, yet irritating, to read the comments of our London contemporary on Colonial Masonry. It does not like Grand Lodges being established in the colonies, and indulges in many irritating references to the efforts made to uplift Masonry from the deteriorating influences of District and Provincial Grand Lodge government, as doled out to the colonies.—*Freemason*, Sydney.

THE transactions of Lodge Quatuor Coronati, No. 2076, London, vol. iii., part 2, are unusually interesting. The front-piece is a capital likeness of Bro. Walter Besant, one of the founders of the Lodge. Should any brother desire to subscribe to the transactions of this Lodge, we shall be pleased to give any information that may be desired. The yearly subscription is only 15s, and the information that can be obtained for that sum is surprising.

THE *Masonic Review*, Cincinnati, Ohio, regards the action of Bros, T, S Graham and Gore as "Masonic tyranny," and ends the article with the following : "This was no sooner done than the D.G.M.'s of the E.C. and the S.C. issued a joint edict, excommunicating all the brethren, except two or three, whom they made use of as stool-pigeons to cover their groundless charges of treason and rebellion, prohibiting all Masonic intercourse, and locking the doors of some of the Lodges against the brethren, compelling them to accept the hospitality of other fraternal societies. These tribulations will soon come to an end. The Grand Lodges of England and Scotland, with their accustomed liberality and good sense, will, no doubt, give their fraternal blessings, and bid the youngsters God-speed, with the injunction the All-Father gave to Noah on leaving the Ark—' be fruitful, and multiply and replenish the earth.' "

THE extraordinary series of edicts issued by the District Grand Masters of the E. C. and S. C., and scattered broadcast through the territory, have evoked much amusement and disgust. What sad reading they will be in a year or two.—*Freemason*, Sydney.

THE recognition by New South Wales, Victoria and Tasmania of the Grand Lodge of New Zealand has been enthusiastically received, and is a dignified reply to those who have questioned the legality of the *movement*.—*Freemason*, Sydney.

AT the Quarterly Communication of the District Grand Lodge of Canterbury, on the 16th October, which claims to have nine lodges attached to it, only two lodges were repr, sented. There was one visitor. Nine of the Grand officers had their places filled by substitutes. These included the D,G.M., the S.W. and J.W., and the Deacons. This looks unhealthy.—*Freemason*, Sydney.

THE Grand Lodge of England and Scotland seem to be in a very unfraternal frame of mind over the establishment of a Grand Lodge in New Zealand. They decline to recognise that sturdy body, and Scotland has denounced and ex-communicated the seceders. This seems to be a favourite mode of procedure with these two venerable Grand bodies. Time works wonders.—*Freemason*, Sydney..

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*BRO. LORD ONSLOW'S CIRCULAR.*  
*HOW RECEIVED.*

WE regret to learn that in certain quarters the circular issued by Bro. the Earl of Onslow to those Lodges which have not joined the Grand Lodge of New Zealand, has not met with approval. The fraternal feelings which prompted our distinguished brother to offer his services, with the view of bringing about practical unanimity in Masonry, are evidently unappreciated by the very brethren, who, as rulers in the Craft, ought certainly to second the efforts of a Past Grand Warden of England. One thing we are sure of, and that is that the Grand Lodge of England will, without doubt, uphold Lord Onslow's action. —*N.Z. Mail*.

Lodge Rodney, No. 1711, E.C., Auckland, has considered the Governor's circular *re* Masonic autonomy in the Colony, and a resolution has been passed concurring with Lord Onslow in regretting the dissensions, and expressing a determination to continue allegiance to the English Constitution.

Southern Star Lodge, No. 735, E.C., Nelson, at its last meeting, November 25th, read Bro. Lord Onslow's circular, but owing to the election of Master, &c., its consideration was deferred for a month.

At a meeting on December 10, of the United Manawatu Lodge, E.C., Palmerston North, it was resolved that, although the lodge had expreed their allegiance to the Grand Lodge of England, yet the members shared the feelings of regret expressed by Earl Onslow with reference to the present dissensions among Masons, and would gladly hear of a plan for their removal.

The statement which has appeared in the daily newspapers, that Bro. Earl of Onslow, Governor of New Zealand, has issued a circular to all the recalcitrant lodges in that colony, counselling them to accept the new order of things Masonic, as contained in the newly-established Grand Lodge, is cheering news. That it will have a good effect cannot be doubted, as the exalted position of His Excellency in the Craft gives a weight to his advice, which no lodge would care to ignore. If this circular had been issued earlier, much scandal would have been avoided, but we do not blame Bro. Earl of Onslow for the delay, as he probably did not dream that the courtesies of Masonic intercourse would have been so grossly outraged as they have been by those from whom he naturally expected a better example. We feel sure that wise counsels will prevail, and that the unanimity which was expected at the inception of the Grand Lodge will now be obtained, and harmony restored.—*Freemason*, Sydney.

His Excellency the Earl of Onslow, P. G. W. of England, and who unwisely refused the Grand Mastership of New Zealand, has undertaken the *role* of mediator, and has issued a circular to the lodges which have not yet joined the new Grand Lodge. His efforts to bring about unity are watched with much interest.—*Exchange*.

We understand that Bro. Earl of Onslow is endeavouring to bring about unanimity in Masonry in New Zealand. Better late than never. We earnestly wish him success. —*Exchange*.

A special meeting of the members composing Lodge Pacific, No. 1453, E.C., Reefton, was called for the 5th December, "To consider circular from Lord Onslow, P. Grand Warden of England."

The Prince of Wales Lodge, Auckland, met on November 20th, to consider the circular letter of the Governor relative to the United Grand Lodge of New Zealand. The following resolution was passed :—" That the Worshipful Master be requested to inform our right worshipful brother that, while duly appreciating his desire to heal the dissensions at present existing amongst Freemasons in this Colony, and while they are willing to consider any suggestions he may make to that end, the members of this Lodge have absolutely decided not to sever their allegiance to the Grand Lodge of England under any circumstances."

At the meeting of Wellington Lodge, No. 1521, E.C., on the 21st November, the courteous and fraternal circular forwarded by Bro. the Earl of Onslow to all those Lodges which have not joined the Grand Lodge of New Zealand was read by the Secretary, and the W.M. intimated that he would call a meeting of the brethren at an early date to consider the matter.

Our correspondent in the Napier District says :—Lord Onslow's circular is regarded here as a step in the right direction, and hopes are entertained of a speedy return to—if nothing more—amicable relationship with those brethren who differ with us as to the necessity for a New Zealand Constitution.

#### MEETING OF WANGANUI PAST MASTERS.

A representative body of the Past Masters of the local Masonic Lodges was held recently in the Freemasons' Hall to receive information concerning the - Grand Lodge of New Zealand. There were present :—P.M.'s Bros. Borlase, Parsons, Russell, Keesing, Tripe, Stevenson, Sewell, Hughes, Foster, Cottle, Marshall, Salek, and secretary, Bro. Couchman. P.M. Bro. Keesing was voted to the chair. The chairman introduced the object of the meeting, and then called upon Bro. Thomson, G.M. of the Grand Lodge of New Zealand, to address them. Bro. Thomson spoke at considerable length upon the subject of the establishment of the New Zealand Grand Lodge; and he was followed by P. D.G.M. Bro. Gillon and G.S. Rev. Bro. Ronaldson, who also contributed interesting information upon the same subject. In the course of their remarks the speakers entered fully into the details of the new Grand Lodge of New Zealand, defending the legality of their action in severing their allegiance from the Grand Lodges of England and Scotland, and referring to the objections held by some of the Lodges holding under the Home charters, viz., that of disloyalty. In New South Wales and other Australian colonies where a similar movement had taken place, they had faced the same difficulties, yet those Grand Lodges were now recognised by the Grand Lodges of England, Scotland, and Ireland. Already the New Zealand -Grand Lodge had received recognition from a great many of the principal Grand Lodges, including one of the oldest constituted Lodges in Europe—the Grand Orient of Italy, Reference was made to the circular recently issued by his Excellency Bro. Lord Onslow, and the hope was entertained that those Lodges which had remained loyal to the Lodges of England and Scotland would seriously consider the practical advantages attending the unanimous support of a Grand Lodge in this colony. Unanimity amongst the Craft would give strength to the cause, and would ultimately succeed in obtaining for the Grand Lodge of New Zealand the recognition of the Grand Lodges at Home.

At the conclusion of the addresses a number of important questions were put by P.M.'s present, relating to some of the objections to the movement which had been put forward. To these questions the Grand officers gave very full and satisfactory replies, showing that they as the principal promoters of the movement had seriously contemplated and grasped the position in all its bearings. The meeting closed with a hearty and unanimous vote of thanks to Brits. Thomson, Gillon, and Ronaldson, proposed by Bro. Keesing and seconded by Bro. Parsons.

After the meeting, the visitors were shown over the Lodge rooms, and they expressed themselves exceedingly pleased with everything they saw, acknowledging that the Freemasons' Hall in Wanganui was at once beautiful and useful.

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BRO. COOPER, A.G. Secretary, has sent us a copy of Lodge Ponsonby's balance sheet. Two years ago the Lodge had a bank overdraft of £50. It now has assets over liabilities of £167 9s 6d. This is exceedingly creditable to the retiring Master, Bro. Forrest, and partly explains his popularity. We notice that the Lodge had £56 19s 2d worth of furniture and regalia *taken* from the hall by members of the so-called "Lodge Ponsonby, S.C." Lodge Ponsonby, N.Z.C., has no liabilities.