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THE SENIOR GRAND DEACON.

WORSHIPFUL Bro. LEONARD G. BOOR, Senior Grand Deacon, of the Grand Lodge of New Zealand, was initiated in 1868 in the Waterloo Lodge, then holding under the Grand Lodge of Scotland. In 1871 he joined the Southern Star Lodge, E.C., Nelson, and became Worshipful Master in 1877. He was one of the founders of the Nelson Lodge of Mark Masters of England and Wales, &c., which was opened in Nelson in 1873, and in 1874 he was the principal mover in procuring a Warrant from the Supreme Grand Chapter of Scotland, for the Trafalgar Royal Arch Chapter of Nelson.

Bro. BOOR was one of the founders, and first Worshipful Master—from 1881 to 1883—of the Victory Lodge, E.C., which is now working under the Grand Lodge of New Zealand. He is a Past District junior Grand Warden—Wellington, 1881. Has been First Principal of the Trafalgar Chapter for the last three years, and has been a member of the 18° since 1883.

For years Bro. BOOR has earnestly advocated the necessity for uniting the divided interests of Freemasonry in this colony, and at the Wellington Convention cast in his lot with the Grand Lodge. We don't think he regrets the step.

SIR ROBERT STOUT'S FAREWELL.

To use his own words—as misapplied to others—Sir Robert Stout may well be "heartily ashamed" at having given to the world his venomous rejoinder to the Grand Secretary, Bro. Col. Shadwell Clerke, after receiving the official notification of his removal from the position of Past Assistant Grand Director of Ceremonies. For some time past, there is scarcely need to point out, Sir Robert has been steadily losing ground in the estimation of that class of persons whose regard he could least afford to lose, while his declension, just of late, in the good opinion of a very large proportion of the Masonic fraternity has been at a greatly accelerated rate. His bearing with regard to the Grand Orient of France, was, needless to say, a matter of much offence to his Brethren ; though, when condign punishment was meted out to him, some reaction in his favour doubtless was felt, and would possibly have increased ; for he *could* have bidden farewell to British Masonry in a

dignified manner ; so that it might have been said of him that nothing in his Masonic life became him like the leaving it. But instead of this, he has put on permanent record a document, which at once shows how really unsuitable he was worthily to fill the exalted Masonic positions he occupied. The composition is laboured, the sneers are feeble, and the parade of virtuous indignation tawdry in the extreme. Whatever may be the errors or failings of the Prince of Wales, it ill became Sir Robert Stout to insult and vilify one who had only just ceased—and under *such* circumstances—to be his own official head. It suggests, vaguely of course, the irate outpourings of a domestic servant—discharged for some serious fault—whose last act on leaving her employer's premises, is to shout aloud for the edification of the neighbours, vilification of her mistress's habits and character.

THERE appeared in the issue of the *Otago Daily Times* of Saturday, May 23rd, a long letter, signed " A Brother Mason," and dated from Wellington. We say " a long letter," inasmuch as it occupies a column and a half of small type in *the Times*, but its writer naively terms it " a few lines." We could not find room for it, and would not if we could, for it is just a farrago of misstatements and malevolencies ; and, to sum it up, it is as foolish as it is false—which is saying much—and as false as it is foolish. The first paragraph has an unblushing falsehood, and the last one has another. The first paragraph ends thus : " I am obliged to trouble you with this letter; there being no recognised Masonic paper—that I know of—in New Zealand, I send it to you for insertion." If the writer did not thus pen a deliberate untruth, he is convicted of such gross ignorance upon matters Masonic as disqualifies him from writing on such subjects.

He can select which horn of the dilemma he prefers for impalement. Were we disposed to use space we might point out that this " Brother Mason " (heaven save the mark) insults quite gratuitously the chairman of the Masonic Convention (Bro. Gillon, P.D.G.M.), the Grand Master (to whom he owes fealty, as it appears), his own Lodge, and the Grand Lodge of Tasmania. Here is another proof to add to many that have recently been forced upon us, that New Zealand Freemasonry requires a drastic purge ere it can recover its pristine health.

POWER AND INFLUENCE OF THE MASONIC PRESS

IT is always somewhat invidious to speak about any institution specially connected with oneself, but during the last few days we have been brought face to face with several utterances on the subject which heads this article, utterances so weighty as to seem to justify us in working them out, because we do not think that even now the bulk of the brethren quite realise how impossible it is for a Masonic jurisdiction to take its proper place without its literary organ. In one of our Australian contemporaries we have come across a speech made at a Lodge banquet, in which the orator dwelt very forcibly upon the far-reaching power of a Masonic newspaper. He pointed out that, apart altogether from the influence exercised over its own circle of readers, a well con-ducted Masonic newspaper is absolutely necessary to enable the Masons of any particular country to carry weight in the Masonic world generally. As an instance of this, he pointed out that unimportant Grand Lodges like those of Rhode Island or Indiana have an influence far beyond what their numbers would entitle them to, solely in consequence of the excellence of their Masonic journals. Their decisions were quoted all over the world as authorities, whilst the Grand Lodges of Scotland and Ireland, which did not support a newspaper, were never mentioned outside the British Dominions. These remarks we emphatically endorse, and the circumstances of South African Masonry furnish an instructive commentary upon them. How much was known of South African Masonry before the *S. A. Freemason* came into existence ? Very little indeed. An occasional report of some special event appeared in the London *Freemason*, otherwise, so far as the world in general was concerned, the Craft in an important section of the British Empire was practically non-existent. Now scarcely a Masonic newspaper throughout the world appears without some paragraph or article referring to the events happening in, or the opinions emanating from, our country, whilst the taking over of leaders and other articles in their entirety is a constant occurrence. It may be said that the taking over of leading articles is only a compliment to one man, the leader writer. This is, however, by no means true. The tone of the editorial pen is bound to be influenced, consciously or unconsciously, by his surroundings, and his opinions are, to a very great extent, those of the men with whom he is brought in contact. And perhaps this is all the more true when, the local organ is unfettered by any official proprietorship, and is open to catch the popular voice as it likes. The Masonic Press generally should be recognised as an integral part of the Masonic system all over the world. And as a means to this end, there is one little point of courtesy *which* might be made to work powerfully in this direction. Why should not the " Masonic Press " be a regular toast wherever we have a representative to reply to it ? And that is the case in most of the larger centres. We trust

these remarks will not be taken to savour of egotism, but as a conscientious expression of loyal desire for the good of the Craft. And in that spirit we commend them to our readers.—Abridged from the *South African Freemason*.

CANADA, ENGLAND, AND NEW ZEALAND.
THE LONDON FREEMASON'S PRINCIPLES OF MASONIC LAW.

A POOR CASE.

OUR esteemed contemporary, the *London Freemason*, is very much distracted over our frank criticism of the action of the Grand Lodge of England in supporting the contumacious Lodges in New Zealand. After acknowledging that we may be right from our standpoint, with regard to what is termed territorial jurisdiction, the *Freemason* says that we do not understand the question, and begins reading us a lecture on English Masonic precedent, which it is pleased to term "The Principles of Masonic Law." We would respectfully ask where such a law is laid down in the English Constitution ?

But to revert to the principles of Masonic law which the *Freemason* so ably expounds. The Colonial Grand Lodges know this law only too well. The Grand Lodge of Canada had a taste of it, and in one case uniformity of ritual in the jurisdiction had to be sacrificed to this inexorable law. The Grand Lodge of Quebec might be heard respectfully on the subject of this law. Perhaps there are other colonial Grand Lodges that might wish to testify as to the charms of this law, which lays down the principle that the English Grand Lodge can hold concurrent jurisdiction in British territory outside of the United Kingdom.

Why is it that the Grand Lodge of Canada has had no trouble with the other Grand Lodges that have been formed in the different provinces of the Dominion ? Simply because we recognise the principle of territorial jurisdiction ; that when a new Grand Lodge is formed in any of the provinces of the Dominion, the Grand Lodge of Canada cannot and will not hold concurrent jurisdiction, and that all Lodges in the new jurisdiction must be ruled by the new Grand Lodge. The formation of new Grand Lodges has gone on in the provinces until the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Canada is now confined to the Province of Ontario. Still the greatest harmony prevails, and the Grand Lodge of Canada is proud of its children. This is a principle, if not a "Masonic law," which we would respectfully commend to the English Grand Lodge, and to the *Freemason*.

Now as to the reasons that generally impel private Lodges to stay out and rebel against newly constituted Grand Lodges. The trouble over the ritual only occurs when the new jurisdiction adopts the English or some other ritual, and endeavour to force Lodges using the Irish or Scottish rite to change. Of course this applies if it is the Scottish or the Irish rite that is adopted. As a rule, however, new Grand Lodges do not interfere with the ritual until all the diverse interests in the jurisdiction are cemented

But the most common cause of rebellion is, that self-government generally brings about a change in the *personnel* of the executive officers. The officers in the new jurisdiction are elected by the ballot, and the officers who received their favours and offices by appointment from the Grand Lodge of England, often fail to secure Colonial and Lodge honours. Is it therefore to be wondered at that they should be found hanging on to old charters, and even nailing up the doors of Lodge rooms; not through any desire to aid Masonry, but through personal pique?

The *Freemason* says, that as long as the Lodges planted in the colonies "obey the law," it is not in the power of the Grand Lodge of England to "compel them to give up their allegiance." Now this is absurd. If the Grand Lodge of England told the Lodges politely to go, as it will not allow concurrent jurisdiction, instead of espousing the cause of the rebels, and refusing recognition to the newly constituted Grand Lodge, it would very soon restore harmony, and retain that confidence in its justice and integrity which its conduct in dealing with Colonial Grand Lodges so often shakes.

If the *Freemason* gave some space to even plausible reasons why a Grand Lodge of New Zealand should not have been formed ; why some of the craft, in the interests of Masonry, were justified in refusing to join the new Grand Lodge, and why the Grand Lodge of England was justified in sustaining and encouraging the

non-seceding Lodges, then it might throw some light on this controversy, which it has so far sedulously kept under a bushel.

So far its only argument is this precedent which it calls "Masonic law," and which we must state frankly is a principle extremely distasteful to all colonial Masons, and an object of mingled ridicule and contempt to all other English speaking jurisdictions. But " Le vrai peut quelquefois a'etre pas le vraisemblable." *The Canadian Craftsman*.

POETRY.

GOOD-BYE.

WE say it for an hour, say it for years,
We say it smiling, say it choked with tears,
We say it coldly, say it with a kiss,
And yet we have no other word than this
Good-bye.

We have no dearer word for our heart's friend,
Nor for him who journeys to the world's far end,
And sear's our soul in going.
Thus we say As to him who steps across the way
Good-bye.

Alike to those we love and those we hate,
We have no other word in parting at life's gate ;
To him who passes out 'eyelid earth's sight,
We cry as to the wanderer of the night
Good-bye.

AGNES TENIO BOOTH

A CORRESPONDENT sends us the following newspaper clipping, but omits to mention the name of the paper from which it was cut. However, that does not much matter. We somehow do not care to know the name of a paper that deems it an " honour" to have made an apron, or a bustle, or a divided skirt for the Wellington branch of the Grand Orient of France. Here is the clipping : ` Mr C. W. Robert, the well-known maker of regalia, has had the honour of turning out the first apron ever made in New Zealand for the Grand Orient of France, the Wellington Lodge, *L'Amour de la Verite*, having favoured him with the order for the regalia required. The apron, which was shown to us yesterday, is an excellent specimen of decorative skill. In shape it is similar to the Masonic apron of other Constitutions, but is worn lengthwise. It consists of white lamb-skin with an edging of silver lace and fringe all round it, and the fall at top is of sky blue silk, also edged with silver lace and fringe with a chain of "true lovers' knots " running round the lower portion. In the centre of the fall is a five pointed star irradiated, *with the letter " G" in the centre.*' Our correspondent asks whether we can inform him what the letter `G' means in atheistical regalia. 'We cannot, unless it stands for *geese*.— *Catholic Times*.

GRAND LODGES.

NEW ZEALAND.

ANNUAL MEETING.

THE Annual Meeting of Grand Lodge will be held in the Masonic Hall, Welling-*ton*, on Monday, July 6th.

QUARTERLY COMMUNICATION AT INVERCARGILL.

As a Supplement we issue the official record of the Proceedings of the Quarterly Communication of Grand Lodge held at Freemasons' Hall, Invercargill, on April 10th, 1891.

JOINED THE FOLD.

LODGE EDEN, 1530, E.C., Auckland, has tendered its allegiance to the Grand Lodge (see Lodge Reports), and will open this month under the N.Z.C.

NEW LODGE IN THE WELLINGTON DISTRICT.

AN application for a new Lodge at Ashurst, Wellington District, will be presented to Grand Lodge at the Wellington Communication.

SOUTH AUSTRALIA.

THE Quarterly Communication of this Grand Lodge was held at Adelaide on April 15th, 1891. One hundred and thirty-one members were present, many visitors, and the representatives of many foreign Grand Lodges.

The balance to credit of Benevolent Fund is £654 3s 7d ; the amount to credit of Permanent Benevolent Fund is £939 19s 9d ; the balance to credit of General Fund is £609 9s 3d ; the membership has increased by 74 ; and the Lodges are in a very prosperous condition.

Worshipful Brother Dr. Barlow brought up and read progress report of Ritual Committee as follows :

" Your Committee have the honour to report that they have practically completed the revision of the Ritual of the First and Second Degrees, and of a great part of the Third Degree, and now await the reception of further communication from the Committee of the Victorian Grand Lodge.

" Your Committee further report that Brother George Gordon, Past Master, who at great sacrifice of time and exertion was good enough to act as Honorary Secretary to the Committee, has gone to Western Australia. We are unable to express adequately our grateful sense of the diligence, the enthusiasm, and the Masonic learning which he displayed. He acted as Secretary not only to this Committee, but also to each of the three Sub-Committees, to which respectively was confided the duty of revising in the first instance the ceremonials of the three Degrees respectively ; and Brother Gordon also personally conducted the whole of the correspondence with the sister Grand Lodges.

" The manual work alone which he performed was very great, and departure is to your Committee an irreparable loss.

" Your Committee have the honour to suggest that this Grand Lodge should in some way testify its sense of the zeal and ability which Bro. Gordon generously placed at its disposal, and should express its hearty thanks to Bro. Gordon, and confer upon him the rank of Past Grand Registrar in grateful recognition of the eminent services which he has rendered to it.

"Adelaide, March 24th, 1891.

WILLIAM BARLOW, Chairman."

Upon the motion of Worshipful Bro. Dr. Barlow, seconded by Worshipful Bro. J. LeM. F. Roberts, the report was adopted.

Worshipful Bro. Dr. Barlow proposed, and Worshipful Bro. A. Kemp seconded, that in recognition of the valuable services rendered by Worshipful Bro. George Gordon, the rank of Past Grand Registrar be conferred upon him.—Carried.

His Excellency the Right Hon. the Earl of Kintore, P.C., G.C.M.G., &c., was, upon the motion of Most Worshipful Bro. H. E. Downer, seconded by Right Worshipful Bro. H. M. Addison, elected Grand Master for the ensuing year ; whereupon the Worshipful Grand Director of Ceremonies proclaimed the newly-elected Grand Master in due form.

NEW SOUTH WALES.

AT the last Quarterly Communication of the United Grand Lodge of New South Wales, R. W. Bro. Victor Alfred George Child Villiers, His Excellency the Earl of Jersey, was nominated for the office of Grand Master. The installation will take place on the 11th inst.

THE Board of General Purposes is of opinion that when any Lodge is in arrears of dues twelve months, the Masters, Past Masters, and Wardens of such Lodges should be prohibited from attendance at Grand Lodge, and from taking a seat upon any Board or Committee by virtue of any qualification derived from such Lodges. The Grand Secretary states that, with one exception, all Lodges in arrears have paid up.

VICTORIA.

AT the last Quarterly Communication of the United Grand Lodge of Victoria, Bro. W. T. C. Kelly, P.B.G.P., gave notice of motion of certain amendments in the Book of Constitution, having for their object the *election* of President and all members of the Board of General Purposes. In the Grand Lodges of North America, which have adopted the Book of Constitutions of the United Grand Lodge of England as their bases, though the system of nomination is retained in some cases as to ceremonial offices, the executive offices are elected.

TASMANIA.

AT the Quarterly Communication held at Hobart on April 30th, the Board of General Purposes suggested that Grand Lodge should meet half-yearly until the 'Constitutions are prepared.

The Grand Secretary read a communication from the M.W.G.M. of Victoria, Sir W. J. Clarke, Bart., thanking Grand Lodge for conferring honorary member-ship upon him.

A letter was also read from Bro. Vincent Pyke, thanking Grand Lodge for appointing him as representative near the Grand Lodge of New Zealand.

LODGES in Scotland put through candidates wholesale. Lodge St. John, 543 advanced 42 Master Masons on March 10th, making a total of 130 within three months. Lodge St. John's, Shettleston, advanced 19 on March 27th. Lodge Plantation, 581, on March 30th, advanced 32 candidates. Lodge Clyde, 408, on March 20th, passed two, raised three, and advanced several. Lodge St. Kentisern, 429, advanced 34 on March 27th.

*OFFICIAL RECORD OF THE PROCEEDINGS AT
THE QUARTERLY COMMUNICATION OF THE GRAND LODGE OF NEW ZEALAND, HELD
AT THE MASONIC HALL, INVERCARGILL, ON FRIDAY, APRIL 10th, 1891,*

Present—The M.W. the Grand Master, Bro. H. Thomson; the R.W. Bro. A. H. Burton Grand Superintendent Otago District, Acting Deputy Grand Master, the Grand Officers, Masters, Past Masters, and Wardens of many Lodges, and a large number of visiting Brethren.

Opening of Grand Lodge.—The Grand Lodge was opened in ample form by the M.W. the Grand Master, at 8 15 p.m., with solemn prayer, by the V.W. the Acting Grand Chaplain.

Minutes.—The minutes of the Quarterly Communication held in Auckland on November 25th, 1890, were read and confirmed.

Address.—The Grand Master, in his opening address, referred to the steps which had been taken, in the hope that His Excellency, Bro. Lord Onslow, would find the Masonic body nearly unanimous, and so accept the position of Grand Master. He regretted to say that success had not attended the efforts, either of His Excellency on the one hand, or of the Grand Lodge on the other. The resolution had been put forth with a view to test the sincerity of those Lodges who had assigned as a reason for not fulfilling their obligation to join the Grand Lodge the refusal of Bro. Lord Onslow of the position of Grand Master. But if it had been unsuccessful to this end, it had nevertheless been passed by nearly all the Lodges holding under the Grand Lodge of New Zealand, thus evincing their willingness to accept Bro. Lord Onslow as Grand Master.

The M.W. the Grand Master read the following telegrams from His Excellency:

[CONFIDENTIAL.]

To H. THOMSON, Christchurch.

Yours received. Have been in communication with number of Brethren, in different parts of the Colony. Am hopeful of reconciliation, but cannot accept at present, or unless some means of reconciliation can be devised. I can never consent to head a party. I still prefer not to be put forward in any capacity except that of peacemaker.
(Signed) ONSLOW.
Dated, April 2nd, 1891.

Since the receipt of this, the following had come to hand, and enabled him to read the confidential telegram :

To H. THOMSON, Tapanui.

I think you may say that but for the inflexible determination to take no steps tending towards reconciliation exhibited by Southern Masons, I should have persevered in my efforts to bring about such a state of affairs as would have enabled free intercommunication between all New Zealand Lodges to be resumed, and my telegram of 2nd is not confidential. (Signed) ONSLOW.

The M.W. the Grand Master offered his hearty approval and congratulations to the Brethren in the District for such a splendid attendance. After briefly reviewing all that had transpired on the G.L. question since the Communication held in Auckland, especially reminding Brethren that no less than ninety-two Lodges had called Grand Lodge into existence, and that only twenty-one out of one hundred and forty-eight Lodges had voted against the resolution to form Grand Lodge, though so many had treated their obligation of no moment, and now held back when there was every reason why they should go forward; the M.W. the Grand Master urged the Brethren, notwithstanding that in some instances a want of courtesy had been shown by some of the Lodges who had not given in their allegiance to the Grand Lodge, to show as much courtesy and kindness as if they belonged to Lodges under their own Constitution.

Apologies.—The Grand Secretary stated that a large number of telegrams had been received from Grand Officers, Masters, and Wardens of Lodges, and Members of Grand Lodge from all parts of New Zealand expressive of their regret at not being able to be present, and tending hearty good wishes to the M.W. the Grand Master and to Grand Lodge.

Treasurer's Balance.—An apology was received from the Grand Treasurer regretting his inability to be present, at the same time sending a voucher, signed by the Manager of the Bank of New Zealand, in Christchurch, which stated that the amount to the credit of the Grand Lodge on April 5th, 1891, was £166 9s 11d.

New Lodges.—A telegram was read from the Assistant Grand Secretary, V.W. Bro. W. H. Cooper, stating that petitions had been lodged with the R.W. the Grand Superintendent of Auckland for two new Lodges in that district.

Reports. — The following reports were presented to Grand Lodge :---

1. BOARD OF BENEVOLENCE, in which it was reported that the amount to the credit of the Fund was £115 5s 7d , that the amount of £26 5s. was due to the Fund from fees not yet received for patents, whilst a further sum from the payments of Lodges would, when received, be placed to the credit of this Fund. The Board had made grants to the widow and children of a Brother of Lodge Unanimity, Lyttelton, residing in England, of £5 ; to the widow and children of a Brother of Lodge Advance, Brunner, of £10, and to a Brother and his family of Lodge Palmerston, £5 The Board stated that they would willingly have voted larger sums to these deserving cases, but thought it prudent to be cautious in the administration of the Fund.

2. BOARD OF GENERAL PURPOSES.—The Board stated that since their last report Lodge Ngapara, a new Lodge near Oamaru, had been consecrated and opened; Lodges Hiram, E C, of South Dunedin, and Foxton Kilwinning, S C., had joined Grand Lodge ; that recognition had been granted by the Grand Lodges of Montana, Nevada, South Australia, and the Grand Orient of Belgium. In the case of South Australia, the resolution for recognition was moved by an old P.M. of New Zealand, Bro. George Gordon, who has worked earnestly to this purpose for a long time. Grand Representatives have been appointed by the following Grand Lodges, and by this Grand Lodge :

Grand Lodge	Representatives of Grand Lodge of	Representatives at Grand Lodge of
	New Zealand.	New Zealand.
New South Wales....	Herbert S. Thomson, J.G. Warden.	R. C. Hamerton, P. Provincial Grand Inspector.
Grand Orient of Italy	Dr. Achille Bullori, 33°	Geo. Robertson, Past Grand Secretary Grand Lodge of New Zealand.
Victoria	George F. Martin, Past S.G. Warden.	R. C. Bishop, Past District Grand Treasurer, E.C., Canterbury
Tasmania	I M. E. Robinson, Past Deputy D.G.M.	Vincent Pyke, Past Provincial Grand Master, S.C.
South Australia	George Gordon. Past District Grand Officer, Canterbury.	C. P. Hulbert, Past District S. G. Warden, S.C.

The Grand Orient of Belgium has also communicated in the most friendly way its recognition of this Grand Lodge, and has named Representatives for selection.

Nomination of Elective Officers of Grand Lodge.—All members of Grand Lodge had been notified by circular that nominations must be made at this Communication. Those received will be presented accordingly.

Returns from Lodges.—The Forms for Returns were forwarded to all Lodges under the N. Z. Constitution. These have to be made up to December 31st, 1890. On this occasion Lodges have been instructed to follow their usual custom, as required by Grand, Provincial, and D. Grand Lodges with which they were formerly connected. Their returns are now coming to hand.

Warrants, Certificates, &c.—These are in course of preparation, but as the Lodges cannot be numbered until the expiration of twelve months, as provided by Art. 14 of the "Basis of Union," no distribution can take place at present. The Board is, however, having all prepared, and will be ready to issue them when the time arrives.

Visits to Lodges.—The Board of General Purposes has much pleasure in informing Grand Lodge that the M.W. the Grand Master has been unremitting in his visits to Lodges, irrespective of distance. During this, together with a previous visit, all the Lodges in the Southern Districts will have been visited, just as on the visit to the North many Lodges on the East and West Coasts were also visited. This has had a most beneficial effect, as the proper supervision of Lodges will always be found a great bond of union to the Craft in general.

Conclusion.—In conclusion, your Board desires to congratulate the Grand Lodge on the very satisfactory way in which the Lodges have loyally and enthusiastically entered upon their work under the New Constitution. They have manifested a spirit of brotherly conciliation towards all those who have not yet thrown in their lot with us. We look forward hopefully to the time—not very far distant we believe—when the the Grand Lodge of New Zealand will be duly recognised everywhere, as the only Supreme Masonic authority in this Territory. Should it then be found that some few Lodges may not wish to unite with us, this Grand Lodge will be prepared to recognise their sentimental tendency, in the hope that time—the healer of many troubles—will bring us all together in the Unity of the Spirit, and the Bond of Peace, which cannot be sundered or separated.

(Signed) C. A. C. HARDY, Pres. B. of G.P.

Christchurch, April 2nd, 1891.

And finally revised at Invercargill, April 10, 1891.

(Signed) A. H. BURTON, G. Sup. Otago District.

Invercargill, April 10th, 1891.

Reports of Grand Superintendents-

1. SOUTHLAND DISTRICT.—BRO. W. H. HALL had purposed making his report in person, but owing to illness was unable to be present. He sent an apology for his absence. Since the last Communication, Lodge Harvey, S.C., of Gore, had tendered its allegiance, and was now working under the Grand Lodge of New Zealand.

2. OTAGO DISTRICT.—BRO. A. H. BURTON referred to the Consecration of Lodge Ngapara in January last, and to Lodge Hiram of South Dunedin which tendered its allegiance in February, and is now working under the Grand Lodge of New Zealand. This District has now eight Lodges holding under the Grand Lodge of New Zealand, as against five at the beginning of the Grand Superintendent's year of office.

3. WELLINGTON DISTRICT. — Bro. E. T. Gillen, Acting Grand Superintendent, and Bro. Geo. Robertson, P.G. Secretary, report that this District is progressing favourably. All the Lodges are working well, and candidates of the right sort are coming forward. They give a list of Lodges, 16 in number, of which two were only constituted in November last, with 641 members (over 40 to each Lodge). Five Lodges in the District have not sent in their returns.

4. AUCKLAND DISTRICT. — Bro. Malcolm Niccol, G. Superintendent, and Bro. W. H. Cooper, A. G. Secretary, send a list of names of officers they wish nominated to office in Grand Lodge, and express their regret that owing to distance it was not probable that any Brother could attend from Auckland. All the Brethren in the District who held office in Grand Lodge last year have expressed their willingness to retire in order that others should have an opportunity to serve, being desirous that no worthy Brother should even think himself passed over. Petitions have been received for the formation of two new Lodges in this District, one of which will absorb one of the existing Lodges; this will make an increase of three to the number of Lodges under the G.L. of New Zealand. The new Masonic Hall of Lodge Papakura has been consecrated by the G. Superintendent, a party of 25 members from Auckland being present, representing all the city and suburban Lodges. Candidates are being received by all the Lodges, and they are working well. They conclude with sending hearty good wishes to Grand Lodge, and wish them a successful and pleasant meeting.

Reports Adopted.—These Reports were all put and adopted by Grand Lodge.

Nominations of Elective Grand Officers.—The following nominations were made

AUCKLAND DISTRICT.

W. Bro. W. C. Walker, P.M., Lodges Wairoa, St. Andrew, and Manukau.
W. Bro. G. H. Powley, P.M. and Sec., Lodge Ara, Auckland.
W. Bro. J. F. Logan, W.M., Lodge Albion, Devonport, Auckland.
W. Bro. A. Primrose, senr., I.P.M., Lodge Beta-Waikato, Hamilton.
W. Bro. G. L. Clark, R. W.M., Lodge Sir Walter Scott, Thames.
W. Bro. W. Forrest, I.P.M., Lodge Ponsonby, Auckland.
W. Bro. C. A. Bruford, R. W.M., Lodge Manukau, Onehunga.
W. Bro. Dr. H. Walker, Y.M., Lodge St. Andrew, Auckland.
W. Bro. R. B. Lymore, D. M., Lodge St. Andrew, Auckland.
W. Bro. Rev. W. E. Mulgan, P.M., Lodge Manukau, Onehunga, as Grand Chaplain
W. Bro. James Brown Gatland, P.M., Lodge Coromandel, as Grand Steward.

In addition to the above R.W. Bro. H. Feldwick, P.M., M.H.R., Senior Grand Warden, nominated W. Bro. Frank Lawry, P.M., M.H.R., Lodge Manukau, Onehunga.

WELLINGTON DISTRICT.

W. Bro. Alfred Ison Masters, P.M., Lodge Waterloo, as Grand Steward. Bro. W. J. Gibbons, S.W., Lodge Paten Kilwinning, as Grand Steward.
W. Bro. James Patterson, P.M., Lodge Leinster, to any office in Grand Lodge. W. Bro. Rev. Thomas Porritt, W.M., Lodge St. John's, Featherston, as G.S. or any office.
W. Bro. J. H. Hankins, P.M., Lodge Manawatu Kilwinning, as Assistant Grand Registrar.
W. Bro. John Walkley, R.W.M., Lodge Manawatu Kilwinning, as G. Steward. W. Bro. Andrew Jack, P.M., Lodge St. Andrew, Wellington, as G. Steward.
In addition to the above W. Bro. De Renzy nominated W. Bros. R. C. Hamerton, P.M., and Geo. H. Elliott, P.M., to any office.
R.W. Bro. A. H. Burton nominated Bro. George Fisher, M.M., M.H.R., Lodge New Zealand Pacific, Wellington.

R.W. Bro. George Robertson, P.G. Secretary, nominated Bro. Young, P.M., Lodge New Zealand Pacific, Wellington.

W.M. Bro. F. P. Corkill, Lodge Ngamotu, New Plymouth, nominated W. Bro. G. T. Robinson, P.M., to any office.

NELSON DISTRICT.

W. Bro. Albert Edwin Cresswell, P.M., Lodge Victory, Nelson, as G. Steward. W. Bro. Wm. Gillspie, P.M., to any office, nominated by the R.W.M., Lodge Wairau, Blenheim,

CANTERBURY DISTRICT.

W. Bro. John Macpherson Murray, W.M., Lodge Geraldine, to any office. Bro: Alfred White, M.M., Lodge Geraldine, to any office.

W. Bro. R. C. Bishop, P.M., Lodge St. Augustine, as President of the Board General Purposes.

W. Bro. C. P. Hulbert, P.M., Lodge St. Augustine, as President of the Board of Benevolence.

W. Bro. A. Kaye, P.M., Lodge Concord, as Grand Treasurer.

Bro. E. C. Brown, M.M., Lodge Concord, as Grand Steward.

W. Bro. Rev. D. J. Murray, W.M., Lodge Southern Cross, Kaiapoi, as G. Chaplain. W. Bro. W. R. May, P.D.G. Assistant Standard Bearer, P.M., Lodge Southern Cross, as Grand Steward.

M. W. Bro. Henry Thomson, P.M., Lodge St. Augustine, Christchurch, to any office.

W. Bro. C. P. Hulbert, P.M., Lodge St. Augustine, Christchurch, to any office.

W. Bro. F. J. Smith, P.M., Lodge St. Augustine, Christchurch, to any office.

W. Bro. Charles Hull, P.M., Lodge St. Augustine, Christchurch, to any office.

W. Bro. George Tombs, P.M., Lodge St. Augustine, Christchurch, to any office.

W. Bro. F. W. Francis, P.M., Lodge St. Augustine, Christchurch, to any office.

Bro. E. C. Brown, M.M., Lodge St. Augustine, Christchurch, to any office.

W. Bro. J. L. Fenerty, P.M., Lodge St. Augustine, Christchurch, to any office.

W. Bro. S. Derbidge, P.M., Lodge Unanimity, Lyttelton, to any office.

W. Bro. H. F. Arnold, P.M., Lodge Unanimity, Lyttelton, to any office.

W. Bro. J. H. Schmidt, P.M., Lodge Unanimity, Lyttelton, to any office.

W. Bro. John Thomson, P.M., Lodge Unanimity, Lyttelton, to any office.

W. Bro. Colin Cook, W.M., Lodge Unanimity, Lyttelton, to any office.

OTAGO DISTRICT.

W. Bro. J. A. Kirby, W.M., Lodge Hiram, South Dunedin.

W. Bro. Elijah Titchener, P.M., Lodge Hiram, South Dunedin.

Bro. E. G. Lane, M.M., Lodge of Waitaki, Oamaru.

In addition to the above W. Bro. Rev. T. F. Dodd, Assistant Grand Director of Ceremonies, nominated R.W. Bro. T. Hay McKenzie, P.M., Lodge Clutha, Balclutha.

W. Bro. T. G. De Renzy, P.M., nominated Bro. A. J. Barth, I.P.M., Lodge of Otago, Dunedin, as Grand Organist; and W. Bro. William Hargood, P.M., Lodge Clutha, Balclutha.

R. W. Bro. A. H. Burton, Grand Superintendent of Otago District, nominated W. Bro. W. Henderson, P.M., Lodge Wai.koaaiti.

SOUTHLAND DISTRICT.

W. Bro. W. B. Scandrett, P.M., nominated R.W. Wm. H. Hall, Grand Superintendent, Lodge Southern Cross, Invercargill.

R.W. Bro. H. Feldwick, S.G. Warden, M.H.R., nominated W. Bro. Charles Sawyer, P.M., Lodge Southern Cross, Invercargill; and Bro. Ven. Archdeacon Stocker, Chaplain, Lodge Southern Cross, Invercargill, as Grand Chaplain.

W. Bro. G. Crosbie, W. M., Lodge Mokoreta, Wyndham, nominated W. Bro. Miles Reginald Bree, P.M., Grand Steward, Lodge Mokoreta, Wyndham.

W. Bro. Newman, P.M., nominated W. Bro. W. H. Hannay, P.M., Lodge Fortitude, Bluff.

W. Bro. W. Smith, W.M., Lodge Southern Cross, Invercargill, nominated W. Bro. A. Cross, P.M., Lodge Southern Cross, Invercargill

BOARD OF GENERAL PURPOSES AND BOARD OF BENEVOLENCE.

R.W. Bro. H. Feldwick, Senior Grand Warden, nominated all the members of the present boards.

AUDITORS.

The following Brethren were nominated and elected as Auditors :—W. Bros. Charles Hull, P.M. ; J. L. Fenerty, P.M. ; F. J. Smith, P.M. ; and T. G. De Renzy, P.M.

Book of Constitutions.—The M.W. the G. Master recommended the formation of local Boards of General Purposes, to consider the draft Book of Constitutions.

Proxies.—The Grand Secretary stated that several proxies had been received at the office, which were all duly registered. In most cases the Grand Secretary had been appointed the proxy. This the G. Secretary did not think was a desirable appointment to be made by the W.M. and Wardens of Lodges. The M.W. the Grand Master agreed that, for evident reasons, it was not desirable.

Grand Lodge Closed.—The Grand Lodge was closed at 9.50 p.m. by the M.W. the G. Master in ample form with solemn prayer.

A SCOTCH Lodge in the North-East Valley, Dunedin, has initiated a Chinaman. Some years ago a Lodge in the far south informed the D.G.M. that they intended making a Mason of a Chinaman ; but John had an objection to taking the obligation; he preferred blowing out a lighted candle. The initiation did not take place. We wonder how our friends in the North-East Valley got over the difficulty.

THE Editor of the *Madras Masonic Review* seems to have rather a hard time of it. In addition to a difficulty in getting matter for his serial, he has to travel on an average 300 miles every month by bullock coach to perform his duties. He therefore has come to the conclusion that some enterprising brother on the Atpot had better relieve him of these unwonted trials. He holds out to such an one the prospect of no pay and plenty of work, by way of encourage meat.

THE CONSTITUTION AND LAWS OF THE GRAND LODGE OF ANTIENT FREE AND ACCEPTED MASONS OF N.Z. GRAND LODGE.

THE PROPOSALS.

TITLES, PREFIXES, AND ABBREVIATIONS.
46. The Grand Master and Pro Grand Master are entitled to the appellation of "Most worshipful" (M.W.). The prefix of "Right Worshipful" (R.W.) is accorded to, and should be used only by present and past Deputy Grand Masters, present and past Provincial Grand Masters, present and past Grand Superintendents of Districts, and the present and past Grand Wardens of the Grand Lodge. The prefix of "Very Worshipful" (V.W.) should be used only by the present and past Grand Chaplains, the present and past Grand Treasurers, the present and past Grand Registrars, the present and past Presidents of the Board of General Purposes, and the present and past Grand Secretaries of the Grand Lodge, and no others. The title or address of "Worshipful" (W.) is to be used by the rest of the present and past Grand Officers of the Grand Lodge, and by the Masters and Past Masters of Lodges ; and all other members should be styled or designated as "Brother" only.

OUR REMARKS.

This is a copy of the English Regulation hence no provision has been made for the " Titles, Prefixes and Abbreviations " of present and past Presidents of the Board of Benevolence, the present and past Assistant Grand Registrars, and the present and past Assistant Grand Secretaries.

APPOINTMENT OF PROXIES.

47. If the Master and Wardens of any Lodge are by reason of distance or other sufficient cause unable to attend any Communication of Grand Lodge, the Lodge may, in writing, appoint proxies, being members of Grand Lodge, for those officers, who shall be entitled to attend and vote in Grand Lodge as if the Master and Wardens were themselves present.
(Appendix A.)

ANY MEMBER OF G.L. ELIGIBLE AS PROXY.

48. Any member of Grand Lodge may be appointed a proxy for Master or Wardens for one or more Lodges, and shall have a vote for each Lodge he represents.

PROXY COMMISSIONS.

49. Proxy Commissions must be lodged with the Grand Secretary at least seven days before the Communication of Grand Lodge, and a fee of 2s 6d for a Master, and is 6d for a Warden, shall be paid for registration.

DURATION OF PROXY COMMISSIONS.

50. Proxy Commissions shall remain in force for one year, unless sooner repealed, but they shall temporarily cease to be of effect should the principal, to represent whom any such Commission has been issued, be present in Grand Lodge.

If Masters and Wardens are unable to attend Grand Lodge their right of representation, by proxy, is taken away and given to their Lodges. Why? Have Past Masters and Grand Officers the right to be represented in Grand Lodge by proxy? Does this proposed law embody Article 5 of the Basis of Union, which says: "Members of Grand Lodge may vote personally or by written proxy in the election of Grand Officers"? What objection would there be to Masters and Wardens, or even any member of Grand Lodge, recording their votes upon any matter on the business paper of Grand Lodge, if the "Yes" or "No" of the member, with his signature, Lodge, and rank were forwarded, under cover, to the Grand Secretary, marked on the outside, "Voting Paper." Such voting papers to be handed to the scrutineers unopened.

This regulation contradicts Nos. 40 and 47 We submit the following:—Any member of Grand Lodge (with the exception of the Grand Master and Grand Secretary) may be appointed a proxy, and shall have an additional vote for each member he represents.

The Grand Secretary could not prepare his papers, pack up, and reach Auckland or Dunedin within 7 days. If Past Masters and Grand Officers can lodge proxies it will be necessary to state the fee payable for their registration.

Proxies used at one Communication would be of no use at the next, for very few of the members present at one would be present at the other. Proxies should only have value for one meeting. The system of proxy voting and proxy representation cannot give satisfaction, and we doubt if, on the lines herein laid down, it will even work. Members will not trouble themselves to search every three months for a proxy. A few enthusiasts might do so, but they will have a difficulty in finding out who will attend, they can of course write to the Grand Secretary for a list of members of Grand Lodge in the town where the Communication is intended to be held. On receipt of the list they could choose a Brother to represent them providing the member chosen was agreeable, but this plan would give the monopoly of voting to one district. The American plan, is to pay the actual travelling expenses of one representative from each Lodge, making it compulsory that once a year at least each Lodge

THE PROPOSALS (CONTINUED.)

OUR REMARKS (CONTINUED.)

must be represented. The following is the Bye-law of the Grand Lodge of Colorado upon this subject: "5. Pay of Members. The officer highest in rank, or in the absence of officers, the representative highest in rank from each Lodge under this jurisdiction, shall be allowed their actual travelling expenses (railroad, stage, or other fare) going and returning from their place of residence, computed by the nearest travelled route, *Provided*, No one shall draw mileage both as Grand Officer and Representative ; *Provided, further*, That in case of absence from any regular session of the Grand Lodge (except in case of sickness or other unavoidable cause), without the permission of the Grand Master, or Grand Lodge, all claim to payment or compensation under this section shall be forfeited." This Grand Lodge has a Special Committee whose duty it is to examine and report on all accounts and financial matters to them referred, and to make a full report before the close of each annual Grand Communication, on the financial condition of the Grand Lodge. Also, to ascertain the sums to which each Representative is entitled on account of traveling expenses. The traveling expenses of the Representatives of the seventy-five Lodges, on the roll of this Grand Lodge, on September 16th, and 17th, 1890, came to £112. The highest rate paid was £6 4s 6d, and the lowest 2s 1d, or an average of £1 10s per Lodge. The membership of this Grand body is 5252, and the payment of the Representatives' travelling expenses is less than sixpence per head, a mere bagatelle for the result obtained—the attendance of the Master and the two Wardens from nearly the whole seventy- five Lodges. The Grand Lodge of N.Z. claims to have 3000 members on its roll, a Representation Tax of one shilling per member per year would produce £150, which would be ample to pay the travelling expenses of one Representative from each Lodge to the Annual Meeting of Grand Lodge.

CRAFT LODGES

APPLICATION FOR A WARRANT FOR A NEW LODGE.

51. Every application for a warrant to hold a new Lodge must be by petition to the Grand Master, signed by at least seven Master Masons regularly registered under the Constitution of any recognized Grand Lodge, and specifying the Lodges to which they belong, or formerly belonged. The petition must be recommended by the Masters and Wardens of a regular Lodge, and be transmitted to the Grand Secretary for the

Every application for a Warrant to hold a new Lodge must be by petition to the Grand Master, signed by at least seven Master Masons in good standing, each of whom shall sign his full name, and state the Lodge to which he belongs, or formerly belonged. The Petition shall also be accompanied by evidence of the standing of all the signers, as follows : If from Lodges beyond this jurisdiction, by Certificates of Clearance ;if from within this jurisdiction, by Certificates from the Lodge Secretaries, that the Brethren are

decision of the Grand Master ; and in the case of any petitioner who is not a present subscribing member of a Lodge, his clearance certificate from his last Lodge must also be transmitted. (Appendix B.)

under no charges, and have paid dues to the time of the next half-yearly return to Grand Lodge. The Petition shall be forwarded to the Superintendent of the District, if there be one, if not, to the Grand Secretary direct, with the minimum fee of £1010s, accompanied by a recommendation from the nearest chartered Lodge, certifying to the truth of the statements contained therein, and that the Brother named for Master is qualified to open and close a Lodge, and to confer the Three Degrees. The application shall also contain the proposed name of the Lodge, the name of the town, the estimated population ; that the material is sufficient to sustain a healthy and reputable Lodge; whether the petitioners reside within the proposed jurisdiction ; if they have at their disposal suitable quarters for the practice of Masonic rites; if the expenses incident to a new Lodge have been donated, or if they are to be paid at a future time by the Lodge : and that they will conform to all the orders of the Grand Master, and the laws and regulations of the Grand Lodge.

A LODGE: MUST BE REGULARLY CONSTITUTED.

52. In order to avoid irregularities, every new Lodge will be solemnly constituted, according to antient usage, by the Grand Master, with his Wardens ; or, in the absence of the Grand Master, by the Pro. Grand Master, or in his absence by the Deputy Grand Master. If the Deputy Grand Master be absent, the Grand Master may appoint some other Grand Officer or Master or Past Master of a Lodge to act as Deputy *Pro tempore*. No Lodge shall be acknowledged, nor its Officers admitted into the Grand Lodge, nor any of its members entitled to participate in the Fund of Benevolence or other Masonic privilege, unless it has been regularly constituted and registered.

A copy of the English Law, No. 120.

MISCELLANEOUS

SIR ROBERT STOUT AND FREEMASONRY.

IN the course of an interview with Sir Robert Stout, a representative of this journal brought up the question of Sir Robert's severance of his connection with English Freemasonry, and the position which the Grand Orient held in this colony. Sir Robert stated that, so far as he was concerned, he had no objection to give any information he possessed regarding this subject. What might be termed a new departure had, he said, been taken in Masonic matters during the past two or three years. Previously to that Masonry 'had been looked upon as a secret society, and any differences between the members of the society were dealt with in the Lodge, and not before the public. However, since the beginning of the agitation for a Grand Lodgeline New Zealand, Masons had made their differences public property. The seriousness of this mistake was great, for there had been published in the press in connection with these differences intemperate language which was certainly un-Masonic. He, however, did not wish to refer to that, believing that the Brethren who had been guilty of this practice were now heartily ashamed of what they had done. He was exceedingly vexed that there had been such a split in Masonry, and was afraid that the union that had been within measurable distance two years ago was now far from being possible for many years to come. As he was not now connected with any English or Scottish Lodge, he was looking at this matter as a mere outsider. So far as the Grand Orient was concerned, his letter to the Grand Orient had been published, and he now might say that he had received two short notes from the Grand Secretary's office in London, enclosing the resolutions which had been already published in the *Otago Daily Times*, removing him from the rank of Past Grand Director of Ceremonies. He might say that prior to the receipt of these letters, and prior to his seeing the exact form of the resolution that had been passed, he had resigned his position in the District Grand Lodge and in the Lodge of Dunedin, not that if he had seen it that would have made any difference in his action, because he believed that Masonry necessitated harmony amongst its members, and if this could not be maintained, there should be a resignation from the Lodge. His remaining in Masonry, indeed, after the ruling of the Grand Lodge in England would have led only to an unnecessary warfare, and he certainly had no desire to enter on anything of the sort.

Reporter : Have you replied to the Grand Secretary's letter?

Sir Robert: Yes; and have no objection whatever to my reply being published.

The reply was as follows :— " Dunedin, N.Z., June 3rd, 1891.

"Bro. Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, Grand Sec. United G.L. of England.

"Very Worshipful Sir and Brother,—I have the honour to acknowledge receipt of your two letters, dated respectively March 20th and 25th, 1891, and the inclosure in the first named of a printed extract of minutes of proceedings at the quarterly communication of the Grand Lodge, held at Freemasons' Hall, London, on March 4th, 1891. This extract gives the resolution passed removing me from the rank of Past Assistant Director of Ceremonies. I notice that both your two letters before referred to, as well as your letter of September 4th, 1891, are addressed "Sir and Brother," from which I presume the old mode of addressing a Deputy District Grand Master has been altered. You are too good a Mason to be lacking in any official courtesy the Book of Constitutions enjoins,

"Before I received your two letters, and before I heard of any resolution having been passed by the Grand Lodge, save one removing me from the rank of Past Assistant Grand Director of Ceremonies, I had resigned my position as Deputy District Grand Master of Otago and Southland, and as a member of the Lodge of Dunedin, No. 931, E.C. It has been peculiarly gratifying to me to learn that my resignations were received with sincere regret. You may also be interested in hearing that I have been the recipient of kind and sympathetic letters from Masons of all Constitutions from all over Australia and New Zealand, It would not surprise me to hear that at no distant date there was what your Grand Lodge terms an invasion of British Masonic Territory, and that numerous Lodges holding under the Grand Orient of France were opened.

"In closing this correspondence with you and your Grand Lodge, I hope I may be pardoned for making a respectful suggestion. English Freemasonry is without doubt, a great social power, and it might be the means of doing an immense good to humanity if it used its influence to reform some social evils, instead of wasting its energy in a futile attempt to make Masonry sectarian and national. Let me give an example of what it

might do. If the London newspapers are at all truthful, the vice of of gambling is prevalent in the highest social circles, and even amongst Masons of high rank. Gambling is un-Masonic, for it is unfraternal. It is egotistic, selfish ; Masonry is altruistic, kindly. It drags every year hundreds down to the depths of moral and physical wretchedness. Suppose English Freemasons deprived all Masons who gambled of rank in the Grand Lodge, and threatened to expel them unless they reformed and gave up the evil habit, might not that foul spirit of gambling be exorcised from English social life. Could Masonry only help to do this, would not the world see and say it was truly a ` beautiful system of morality.' Nay, might it not become what the Grand Orient declares it to be : an institution `essentially philanthropical, philosophical, and progressive,' having for its objects pursuit of truth, study of morality, and practice of solidarity, labouring for the moral improvement, and social and intellectual perfecting of humanity.

"Sincerely hoping that the Grand Lodge of England may soon enter on such a noble mission,—Believe me to be, very Worshipful Sir and Brother, fraternally yours,—ROBERT STOUT, W.M. Of Lodge l'Amour de la Vérité, Grand Orient, of Wellington, N.Z., and late D.D.G.M. of Otago and Southland, E.C.'

Reporter : What is the position of the Grand Orient in New Zealand ?

Sir Robert : There is only one Lodge here as yet, but there will soon be several. The Lodge in Wellington is in an exceedingly healthy and progressive state. There was what was called an open night when I was in Wellington the other week, and there attended a large number of ladies and gentlemen who are not Masons. This is a feature of the Grand Orient. An address was given on Freemasonry, and a paper was read by myself on the motto of the order, "Liberty, Equality, Fraternity ;" showing its relations to the social and political questions of the day. There is this feature about the Grand Orient that it does not object to discuss any question in its Lodge, social, political, or even religious. The ladies and gentlemen who were visitors at the open Lodge were, I believe, from their expressions, exceedingly pleased with the meeting, and I believe that once the peculiar features of Lodges connected with the Grand Orient are known, it will be the Masonic body chosen in preference to all the rest. There is a new Lodge under the Grand Orient being started in Sydney, and I have had letters desiring one to be started in Queensland. This has been entirely brought about by people seeing telegrams in the papers connected with myself, and steps are also being taken in several districts in New Zealand to start Lodges. The Grand Orient is not, however, desirous of starting new Lodges, nor of seeing any efforts to do so. It is only if the thing is desired by Masons that a charter will be granted.

Reporter : Is the Grand Orient recognised by the Masonic bodies of countries other than Great Britain ?

Sir Robert : It is recognised by Belgian and also by Spanish Masonry, and it has fraternal arrangements with Italian, German, and in fact with all Continental Masonry. I may add that Belgian and Spanish Masonry is almost identical in its Constitution with the French, and I observe that the New Zealand Grand Lodge allows a representative of the Belgian Constitution, and also elects a representative to attend the Belgian Grand Lodge, but it ignores the French. This of course is caused by want of knowledge of what the Constitutions are.—*O. D. Times.*

CONTRIBUTIONS FROM VARIOUS LODGES, ENTERED AS RECEIVED

Board of Benevolence, E.C., Christchurch	£10 0 0	To amount brought forward	£77 2 6
Robert Burns (692, S.C.), N.Z.C., Reefton	2 2 0	Robert Burns Lodge, 603, S.C., Christchurch	1 1 0
Lodge of Progress (1651, E.G.), N.Z.C., Southbridge	2 2 0	Tongariro Lodge, 705, E.C., Wanganui	2 2 0
Lodge of Unanimity (604, E.O.), N.Z.C., Lyttelton	1 1 0	Lodge Zealandia, 2072, E.G., Whangaroa	1 1 0
Lodge of Waitaki (1111, E.C.), N.Z.C., Oamaru ...	1 1 0	St. Andrew's Lodge (418, S.C.), N.Z.C., Auckland	1 0 0
St. Augustine, 576, S.C., Waimate	2 2 0	Lodge Coromandel (456, I.C.), N.Z.C.	1 1 0
Pacific Lodge, 1453, E.G., Reefton	3 3 0	Lodge Waikouaiti (2115, E.C.), N.Z.C.	1 0 0
Palmerston Lodge (1749, E.C.), N.Z.C., Palmerston South	1 1 0	Lodge Killarney, 472, I.C., Blenheim	1 1 0
Sc. Andrews (746, S.C.), N.Z.C., Kumara	2 2 0	Lodge Abercorn (1813, E.C.), N.Z.C., Waipawa ...	0 10 6
Members Wairoa Lodge (709, S.C.), N.Z.C., Auckland	1 0 0	Lodge St. John, 610, S.C., Invercargill	1 1 0
Arrow Kilwinning, 639, S.C., Arrowtown	1 0 0	Methven Lodge (S.C.), N.Z.C., Canterbury	2 2 0
Lodge Beta (450, L.C.), N.Z.C., Waikato, Hamilton	1 1 0	Ruahine Lodge, 2178, E.C., Woodville	2 2 0
Lodge Wellington, 1521, E.G., Wellington	2 2 0	De Burgh Adams Lodge, 446, I.O., New Plymouth	1 1 0
Feilding Lodge (1940, E.G.), N.Z.C., Feilding	2 2 0	St. John's Lodge, 2102, E.C., Mosgiel	1 0 0
Lodge Taringatura, 743, S.C., Lumsden ...	1 1 0	Abercorn Masonic Lodge, 472, I.C., Gisborne	2 10 0
St. John's Lodge, 1137, E.C., Timaru	3 3 0	Ashley Lodge (1877, E.C.), N.Z.C., Rangiora	3 3 0
Lodge Northern Light, 1878, E.G., Kawa Kawa ...	1 1 0	Lodge Hiram (2008, E.C.), N.Z.C., South Dunedin	1 1 0
Somerset Lodge, 1811, E.C., Ashburton ...	1 0 6	Lodge Harvey (695, S.C.), N.Z.C., Gore...	0 10 6
St. John's Lodge, N.Z.C., Featherston	1 0 0	Lodge St. John, 461, S.C., Milton	1 1 0
Lodge Duke of Albany, 2073, E.G., Helensville	2 0 0	Greymouth Lodge, 1233, E.C., Greymouth	1 1 0
Lazar Lodge, 1689, E.C., Kumara	1 0 0	Turanganui Lodge, 1480, E.G., Gisborne	3 6 0
Lodge Wairau (663, S.C.), N.Z.C., Blenheim	2 2 0	Lodge Taieri, 620, S.C., Outram	1 1 0
Canterbury Lodge, 1048, E.G., Christchurch	1 1 0	Lodge Victoria, 471, I.C., Invercargill	1 1 0
Thistle Lodge (647, S.C.), N.Z.C., Masterton	1 1 0	Lodge Oamaru Kilwinning, 537, S.C., Oamaru	2 0 0
St. Mark Lodge (2059, E.C.), N.Z.C., Carterton	1 0 0	Lodge Golden Bay, 2194, E.G., Takaka ..	1 17 6
Phoenix Lodge, 1690, E.G., Westport	2 2 0	Lodge Harmony, 2180, E.G., Otahuhu	0 10 6
Wellington District Masonic Benevolent Fund	3 3 0	Lodge Mokoreta (2287, E.C.), N.Z.C., Wyndham	0 10 6
St. Andrew Kilwinning Lodge, 481, S.C., Wanganui	1 1 0	Lodge Victory (1927, E.O.), N.Z.C., Nelson	2 2 0
Manawatu Kilwinning Lodge (690, S.C.), N.Z.C., Palmerston North	2 0 0	Charleston Kilwinning, 487, S.C., Charleston	1 1 6
St. Augustine and Members (609, E.G.), N.Z.C., Christchurch ...	8 6 0	Crown Lodge, 675, S.C., Sydenham	1 0 0
St. John's Lodge, 1858, E.O., Ashburton	1 1 0	St. George, 1128, E.C., and Members, Lawrence ...	2 0 0
Marlborough Lodge Unanimity, 1236, E.C.,	1 1 0	Lodge Hawera (652, S.C.), N.Z.C., Hawera	1 1 0
Lodge Ionic, 1917, E.G., Leeston	1 11 0	Montrose Lodge, 722, S.C., Gisborne	1 1 0
Aorangi Lodge, 2300, Wellington	3 3 0	Lincoln Lodge (1918, E.C.), N.Z.C., Lincoln	1 10 0
Ara Lodge (348, I.C.), N.Z.C., Auckland	3 3 0	Pacific Lodge, 1229, E.G., Hokitika	2 0 0
Lodge Remuera, 1710, E.G., Auckland ...	2 2 0	Bro. A. Carrick, National Insurance	0 5 0
Lodge Sir Walter Scott (533, S.C.), N.Z.C., Thames	1 1 0	Lodge Bedford (464, I.C.), N.Z.C., Waipukurau ...	2 2 0
		Lodge Otago Kilwinning, 417, S.C., Dunedin	2 2 0
			£128 2 6

OBITUARY

GEORGE PATRICK PIERCE, PROVINCIAL GRAND MASTER OF THE IRISH CONSTITUTION.

VERY great regret was expressed in town to-day when it became known that Mr G. P. Pierce, the well known general manager of the New Zealand Insurance Company, had died at Walkomiti yesterday (May 17th), under shockingly sudden circumstances. The deceased gentleman was so widely known and respected in Auckland that the news came as a great shock to his friends and acquaintances.--*Auckland Star.*

The late Mr George Patrick Pierce was 66 years of age at the time of his death. He was a native of Devonshire, England, and was born at Plymouth. He was a son of the late Captain Pierce, R.N. He arrived in Auckland about the year 1855. Mr Pierce was also an old and highly distinguished member of the Masonic brotherhood. He was initiated in Lodge Ara, 348, I. U., as far back as the 18th of February, 1858, when Bro. C. P. O'Rafferty (afterwards first P.G.M.) was Worshipful Master. In 1863 Bro. Pierce became W.M., an office which he again filled in 1868. When Bro. De Burgh Adams (Assitant Commissary-General of the military forces in this colony) was called Home. Bro. Pierce was chosen to succeed to the position of Provincial Gland Master. A recommendation was forwarded to the Grand Master of the Irish Constitution, Bro. the Earl of Leinster, by whom the patent was issued. This was afterwards confirmed by the Earl of Abercorn. The deceased has occupied that position ever since, and has ever been an enthusiastic Mason, highly esteemed by his brethren. Courteous, and at the same time firm and impartial, Bro. Pierce has been looked to as the type of a true Mason. When the recent division occurred Bro. Pierce naturally maintained loyalty to the Irish Constitution, but at the same time he made no secret of the fact that he sympathised with those who had seceded, and on more than one occasion expressed the opinion that those who formed the

New Zealand Constitution were entitled to every consideration as regards the property which they had helped to build up. His sudden death will therefore be deeply regretted by Masons of all Constitutions.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE CRAFTSMAN.

SIR,—Permit me space to pay a brief tribute to the memory of our late Bro. George Patrick Pierce, of Auckland, whose sudden decease brought grief to such a large circle of relatives and friends. It was as a man, rather than as a Mason, that I knew him best, though I sat in Lodge with him on many occasions, but no one more fully than he carried out the Masonic principle of brotherly love in every-day life ; indeed, he was honoured as a Master, esteemed as a friend, or admired as a man by all who knew him. While his keen insight, mature judgment, and straightforward dealing were well appreciated by those who were associated with him in business, his genial and hearty manner endeared him to those who were privileged to claim him as a friend. He was no bigoted sectarian though a staunch churchman, and he devoted time and money ungrudgingly to the support of the Anglican Church and its missions ; indeed, his place, not only in St. Sepulchre's parish but in the diocese of Auckland, will be hard to fill. Heart and purse were alike open to the relief of the afflicted and the well-being of parochial and diocesan institutions, which his mellow sympathy and sound judgment materially assisted to manage to the best advantage.

" He was one of four laymen through whose exertions the first St. Sepulchre's Church was built for the late Bishop Selwyn, and to the day of his death an active supporter of the new church under Archdeacon Dudley, and the Melanesian Mission under the present Bishop Selwyn. In his beautiful home in Auckland, at the head of the fern-clad gully sloping down to the sunny shores of the Waitemata, or in his cottage on the sea shore, near Lake Takapuna, his hearty welcome, his hospitality, and his almost boyish humour left memories of pleasant days 'mid the desert of time. Now that he has reached his journey's end, I would engrave on his headstone the words of Abou Ben Adhem to the angel in Leigh Hunt's little poem : " Write me as one who loved his fellow-men," and may his name, like Ben Adhem's, head the roll of those " whom love of God has blest."—I am, &c.,

ONE WHO KNEW HIM WELL. Dunedin, May 23rd.

The funeral took place on Wednesday, May 20th, and the Brethren of all Constitutions mustered to pay their last sad tribute of respect to departed merit, Bro. Pierce was always averse to public Masonic display, consequently the Brethren did not attend in regalia.

The following Grand and daughter Lodges were represented :—The Grand Lodge of New Zealand by Bros. A. S. Russell, D.G.M., M. Niccol, Grand Superintendent, W. H. Cooper, A.G.S., and A. Kidd, Grand Pursuivant. The Irish Constitution was represented by Bros. H. R. Rees, P.G.S., A. Brock, J. H. Hanna, and the Rev. Dr. Kidd, P. G. Chaplain. The English Constitution was represented by Bros. G. S. Graham, D.G.M., J. P. Clarke, D.G. Secretary, Leers, La Roche, A. Wright, &c. The P.G. Lodge of Scotland was unfortunately not represented by the P.G.M. Bro. Sir F. Whitaker, he being too ill to attend, but several members of the Provincial Grand Lodge were present. The Ara Lodge, N.Z.C., was represented by Bro. G. H. Powley, Secretary, and Bro. Chapman, S.W., and a large number of Brethren ; and the "Ara, I.C." was represented by Bro. C. C. McMillan, W.M., and a number of Officers and Brethren. The United Service Lodge, N.Z.C., was represented by Bro. W. Craig, P.M., and about fifteen Brethren. Lodge Waitemata, E.G., by Bro. C. Grey, P.M., and a number of Brethren. The Remuera Lodge, E.C., by Bros. Colonel Shepherd and Esam, P.M.'s, and a number of Brethren ; and the Prince of Wales Lodge, E.C., by Bro. Herapath, W.M., and Brethren, and the Ponsonby Lodge, N.Z.C., by Bro. G. Fowlds, Secretary, and a number of Brethren. Other Lodges were also represented by members, and the gathering of Brethren, although not very large numerically as a body—many members attending the funeral in other capacities as representative men in other bodies—was a proof of the high esteem in which the distinguished Brother was held by the Masonic fraternity, while the high estimation in which he was held as a representative business man, an earnest worker in the cause of charity and for the public good, was manifested by the large concourse of representative men of the city who attended the obsequies.

On arrival at the Purewa Cemetery the Masonic Brethren, marshalled by Bro. G. H. Powley, opened right and left, and the coffin was borne to the open grave, where it was received by the Right Rev. Dr. Cowie (Bishop of Auckland), the Ven. Archdeacon Dudley, the Revs. H. S. Davis, Dr. Purchas, W. Calder, and R.

Burrows. The concluding portion of the burial service was read by the Ven. Archdeacon Dudley, the Rev. R. Burrows, and Bishop Cowie.

A very interesting feature then ensued. The children of the Parnell Orphan Home, numbering about fifty (who had been brought out in brakes), under the matron of the school, and who were assembled near the grave, sang with great feeling the 400th hymn, commencing

"Christ will gather in His own
To the place where he is gone ;
Where their heart and treasure lie,
Where our life is hid on high."

His Lordship then addressed the large crowd assembled round the grave, and during the course of his remarks said :—" His daily life was an exemplification of the words of St. James, 'Pure religion and undefiled before God and the Father is this—to visit the fatherless and widows in their affliction, and to keep himself unspotted from the world.' Our brother, being dead, yet speaketh, and will continue to speak, to us ; and this is what his life says to each of us—though he would not have thought so himself—Go, and do thou likewise."

The orphan children were then marched past the grave of their benefactor-and friend, and each dropped a little nosegay on the coffin."

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.]

ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS.

"AMOS WILBY," KUMARA.—Compiling a Ritual for the Grand Lodge is a work for the future.. Your letter could not be published in its present form. The subject, however, will not be lost sight of.

SIR ROBERT STOUT INTERVIEWED. TO THE EDITOR.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER.—If you have not already resolved to transfer to your columns the report of an interview with Sir R. Stout, by a representative of the *Otago Daily Times*, which appeared in that journal on the 9th inst., permit me to urge you to do so, and I am sure your readers will bless me ; for it is just a long joke, or rather a series of jokes. It literally teems with fun and bristles with comicalities. I know that some persons regard our knightly friend as rather a ponderous person, a square-toed individual, who muses solely upon moral and mental philosophy, upon environment, and the unearned increment. Little do these unobservant persons know of the matter or of the man. Read, oh read, Bro. Editor, that interview-report, and let your subscribers do the same, and you and they will realize that he can be as funny as Feste, and as playful as a puppy dog. But it must be admitted that now and then the joke is somewhat subtle, and requires to be pointed out ; but that only adds ultimately to the pungency of the pleasantry. For example, take that exordium, upon the unadvisability of publishing matters Masonic to the world—that solemn urgency of "the seriousness of this mistake ; " and at first sight it seems to be but the verbose utterance of a colonial " Old Morality." Then suddenly realise that all this is spoken to a reporter, for publication in one of the leading newspapers of the colony, and the joke—delicious—irresistible—flashes upon one ! And so, throughout the article, heaviness and frivolity alternate, like the leaves in Letts's diaries, or the fat and lean in a streaky side of bacon. With serious mien he says, now, he is "exceedingly sorry that there has been such a split in Masonry, and was afraid that the union that had been within measurable distance two years ago, was now far from being possible for many years to come ; " and then (one can easily fancy) his features relax as he calls to mind, that, had it not been for the actions of himself and his friends, such "union" would have been perfect ere now. Again, how high-toned, how self-denying seems to be his declaration that "his remaining in

Masonry, indeed, after the ruling of the Grand Lodge in England would have led only to unnecessary warfare, and he certainly had no desire to enter on anything of the sort." But the joke comes in here, when he and we remember, that it was by that smart sending in of his resignation, just before the mail conveying the dictum of Grand Lodge was delivered to the general public, that he avoided expulsion from the Craft. So, to talk of "warfare" is almost too funny, even from Sir Robert Stout.

We can imagine the Grand Sec., Bro. Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, on receipt of Sir Robert Stout's letter will be somewhat puzzled as to whether, in the second paragraph, he should roar at the funnyisms or be withered by the satire. At any rate he cannot be in doubt as to the third paragraph, for after Sir Robert has loftily announced that his resignations as Deputy D.G.M., and as member of the Lodge of Dunedin " were received with sincere regret," he drops again into the role of jester, and says to the Grand Sec., "you may also be interested in hearing that I have been the recipient of kind and sympathetic letters from Masons of all Constitutions from all over Australia and New Zealand !" "Interested " is not the word—the gallant Colonel will be *convulsed*. After this the following paragraph is only comparatively comical, in fact is almost common-place, or would be so were Sir Robert capable of penning anything commonplace:

" It would not surprise me to hear that at no distant date there was what your Grand Lodge terms an invasion of British Masonic territory, and that numerous Lodges holding under the Grand Orient of France were opened." And yet there is something even here not quite serious. I do not mean in the matter of the subjunctive, for *that* would be too solemn a matter to joke upon.

But the penultimate paragraph of this racy letter is the gem. Do not our hearts as colonists glow within us when we find one of ourselves boldly standing forth and denouncing—like another John Knox—wickedness in high places : holding up the Craft as it has hitherto been practised amongst us to ridicule, for " wasting its energy in a futile attempt to make Masonry sectarian and national," instead of directing its efforts to the practice of solidarity, and the extinction of the Almighty ! Is this not grand ! Is it not "essentially philanthropical, philosophical and progressive " ! We feel almost pained to turn away from this picture to see Sir Robert under his other aspect ; but the fan will assert itself once more when we recollect that all this would never have been said while Sir Robert remained an officer of Grand Lodge, and is only said now because he has been ignominiously drummed out therefrom.

I have not even yet exhausted all the funniments to be found in this unique interview and thi's more charming letter, but will wind up with one more jokelet. After declaring that Lodges are about to be opened far and wide, Sir Robert Stout says: "The Grand Orient is not, however, delirious of starting newLodges, nor of seeing any effort to do so."

Should a New Zealand *Charivari* be started, and the W.M. of Lodge L'Amour de la Verite not be secured as editor and chief jokist, the proprietors will be blind to their true interests.—I am, &c.,

QUIS ?

June 11th, 1891.

FOR the six years ending June 24th, 1890, a Lodge (N.Z.C.) in Auckland paid away £387 7s 10d in charity. The same Lodge gave £52 10s to the "Jubilee Masonic Fund of 1887." Can any Auckland Brother give us particulars of this fund ?

LODGE REPORTS.

Secretaries of Lodges, and Scribes of Chapters, will confer a favour on the Editor of this Journal if they will forward monthly a copy of their Lodge Circulars 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.

THE LODGE OF CONCORD, N.Z.O., PAPANUI, CHRISTCHURCH, at their meeting, held on Thursday, May 21st, balloted for, elected, and initiated Mr Arthur Richards Phelps Hopkins, age 33 ; proposed by Bro. W. Nicholls, seconded by Bro. John Hayes. Bros. Schofield and Benson were passed to the Second Degree, and Bros. Eccles and Penfold raised to the Third Degree.

SCINDE LODGE, N.Z.C., NAPIER.—The following officers were nominated for the ensuing year at its last meeting :—P.M. Bro. J. E. Provis, W.M. (P.M. Bro. C.D. Kennedy, I.P.M.) ; Bro. T. Sidey, S. W. ; Bro. W.

S. Provis, J.W. ; Bro. R. Goulding, S.D. ; Bro. J. W. McDougall, J.D. ; P.M. Bro. R. Price, Secretary; Bro. J. Sidey, Treasurer; Bro. C. S. Galloway, I G. ; Bro. D. A. Sturrock, organist ; Bro. H. Yarrall, Tyler. The above officers will be elected at the next monthly meeting, and installed on St, John's Day.

LODGE MANUKAU, N.Z.C., ONEHUNGA.—There was a fine muster of brethren at the Masonic Hall Onehunga on April 21st. (Arrangements should be made to prevent clashing of nights of meeting of N.Z.C. Lodges in the same district.) About forty brethren and a visitor being present. There was four candidates initiated (*a fifth* who arrived late had to be postponed.) Lodge Manukau seems to have taken a new lease of life under the New Zealand Constitution and is rapidly gaining strength and bids fair to be one of the best Lodges of the district.

ST. JOHN'S LODGE, No. 1858, E C., Ashburton, met on April 14th. The election of Master, Treasurer, and Tyler took place. Bro. Geo. McRae, Lodge Star in the Far South, N.Z.C., Papakura, Auckland district, was on the circular for affiliation. P.M. Bro. Malcolm was to give a lecture, and Bro. Bisset was to move the following resolution :—" That the W.M.-elect confer with the Masters of sister Lodges, *re* holding a Masonic service after St. John's day." Bro. T. W. Jones has been elected Master of the St. John's Lodge, and will be duly installed at a special meeting to be held on St. John's Day.

LODGE ADVANCE, N.Z.C., BRUNNERTON.—The ordinary meeting of this Lodge was held on Thursday, April 30th. At the close of the meeting Bro C F. R. Harrison, who is leaving for Auckland, tendered his resignation as secretary. A hearty vote of thanks was accorded him for his past services Bros. Bland, Ward, Hunter, and Armstrong, expressed regret at -losing such an enthusiastic Mason as Bro. Harrison, who for two years has ably discharged his duties as secretary to our Lodge, has never been absent from a single meeting, and has, in matters Masonic, always shown a deep and active interest. He carries with him the hearty good wishes of all.

WELLINGTON LODGE, 1521, E.C. — The regular monthly meeting of this Lodge was held at the Freemasons' Hall, Wellington, on Friday, May 17th. There was a large attendance. The business of the evening consisted in Passing and Raising, the former ceremony being performed by the W.M., Bro. J. H. Richardson, and the latter by P.M , Bro. George Robertson, assisted by Bro. T. Larchin, P.M. The working tools in both degrees were presented by the S. W., Bro. W. Jessup. The election of Master for the ensuing year was then proceeded with, and Bro. T. Larchin, P.M., was duly elected to the office. Bro. S. Robin-son, who has filled the office of treasurer with credit to himself and benefit to the Lodge for the past twelve months, was again elected to the position. Before closing the Lodge the Master thanked the officers and members for the support given to him during his term of office. £he installation will take place on the 19th inst.

ASHLEY LODGE, N.Z.C., RANGIORA, passed Bros. Taylor, Bailey, and Forbes to the Second Degree, on May 21st. Bro. Barker gave the third part of his lecture. The election of Master and Treasurer then took place.

NEW ZEALAND PACIFIC LODGE, N.Z.C., WELLINGTON.—The regular monthly meeting of this Lodge was held on Friday, May 22nd. There was a very good attendance, but as there was no business to be transacted, the proceedings terminated shortly after 9 p m.

LODGE VICTORY, N.Z.C., NELSON.—Before the W.M. elect, Bro. A. W. Bain was installed on May 29th; he moved the following resolution, which was carried: " That the initiation fees be reduced from seven to five guineas, and that the affiliation fee be the Grand Lodge charge for registration." We agree to the last part of the resolution, but are in doubt as to the wisdom of the reduction in the initiation fees. Will Bro. Bain give us his reasons for moving this resolution! He may have good ones which might convince us of the wisdom of the step.

LODGE BETA-WAIKATO, N.Z.C., met in the Masonic Hall, Hamilton East, on Thursday evening, April 23rd, at 8 o'clock. There was a good attendance of Brethren, and in the absence of the W.M., Bro. Rathborne, the LP.M.. Bro. Primrose took the chair. Bro. John McNicol and Thomas Nicholson Allright were passed to the Second Degree. — A special meeting of this Lodge was held at 1 p.m. on Monday, May 18th, there being about thirty-five Brethren present, P.M. Bro. A. Primrose in the chair. The Lodge was opened in form in the First Degree, passed to the second and raised to the third, when the W.M. explained the object of the meeting, which was to attend the funeral of Bro. Francis Henry Edgecumbe, who died at Seymour street, Auckland, on May 16th. The Lodge then adjourned, and the Brethren met the body at the Hamilton West

Station. On re-assembling at the Lodge the coffin was placed within the portals, when the usual service was conducted by the W.M., after which the coffin was conveyed to the cemetery, the Brethren preceding the hearse. The funeral service of the Church of England was read at the grave by the Ven. Archdeacon Willis, after which the V.M. read the concluding portion of the Masonic ceremony. Having performed the last sad offices, the Brethren marched back to the Lodge, which was closed in peace, love, and harmony. The deceased Brother was well-known and widely respected throughout the Waikato, where he had resided for about twenty-five years, and Brethren, as well private individuals, from all parts attended to pay their last tribute of honour and respect to one who will be greatly missed.)—On Thursday, May 21st, this Lodge met at the Masonic Hall, Hamilton East, at 8 o'clock, Bro. W. Day, P.M., in the absence of the W.M., Bro. Rathborne, being in the chair. The Lodge was opened in form in the First Degree. A copy of the notice of motion, as tabled by Bro. Chapman, S. W., of Lodge Ara, was received from that Lodge. There was a considerable discussion on this subject, which was eventually adjourned till the next meeting of the Lodge of Instruction on July 4th. Bro. T. W. Allright, being in attendance, was raised to the Sublime Degree of a M.M. Notices of motion were tabled that at next meeting Mr. T. B. Fleming, station master, Hamilton West, and Mr. James N. Marsden, schoolmaster, Karamu, would be proposed as fit and proper persons to be made Masons. The election of officers for the ensuing year was then proceeded with, and resulted in the following being elected:—W. M., Bro. J. Primrose; S. W., Bro. G. W. Sare; J.W., Bro. W. March; Secretary and Treasurer, Bro. G. Edgecumbe, P.M.; S. D., Bro. R. J. Gwynne; J.D., Bro. T. J. Prince; I.G., Bro. T. Slade; Tyler, Bro. E. Hope. The secretary was instructed to forward letters of sympathy to the widows of the late P.G.M. (I.C.) Bro. G. P. Pierce and Bro. F. H. Edgecumbe. Bro. Primrose, & W., returned thanks for the honour the Lodge had done him in electing him to the high office of W.M. He said he fully felt the responsibilities of the office, and would not have been so willing to take the office were it not for the great assistance which the P.M.'s of the Lodge had rendered in the past, and which he hoped they would continue to him. The Lodge then closed in the usual manner.

LODGE OF DUNEDIN, 931, E.C., affiliated Bro. Dr. James Macpherson, late of Lodge Southern Cross, Invercargill, and initiated Mr Herbert C. Shand at its meeting on May 19th.

WATERLOO LODGE, N.Z.C, WELLINGTON. — The regular monthly meeting of this Lodge was held on Monday, May 11th. There was a very good muster of members and visitors. As there was no ritual work to be done, the report of the-committee on the Constitutions of the Grand Lodge was considered and finally adopted.

LODGE ABERCORN, N. Z. C., WAIPAWA.—At the April meeting Mr Thompson was initiated into Masonry with all antient rites, and Bro. Edward Macfarlane was raised to the Third Degree.—The ordinary monthly meeting was held on May 20th. There was a very small muster of Brethren, probably because no Degree work was to be performed. It is regrettable that this should be so often made an excuse for non-attendance, as it shows the existence of a large number of Brothers who consider that the making, passing, and raising of Brothers is the be-all and end-all of Freemasonry, whereas it is but the outer skin. The outstanding dues were reported to be heavy, another good (?) sign, and a special effort is to be made to collect them. To render the ceremonies of increasing interest to the Brethren more music is to be introduced in them, and a supply of "Lodge and Chapter Music," by Lewis, has been ordered.

SOUTHERN STAR LODGE, 735, E.C., NELSON.—At the meeting of this Lodge on May 26th, one Brother was admitted as an affiliating Brother from Lodge 467, Westland Kilwinning; one was passed to the Second Degree; and a candidate was initiated. There was also a proposition for membership read from the Congregational minister. The Lodge was fairly attended by its own members, and there were several Brethren of the Victory Lodge, N.Z.C., also present, with the W.M. and a P.M. of that Lodge. The article on "Benevolence," issued by the Editor of the N.Z. CRAFTSMAN, was read by the secretary, but it was not considered obligatory on the part of the Lodge to state its doings for the past five years in the way of benevolence. The Lodge during that time has done good work, and wills to leave it at that. Many of the Brethren intended to go next evening to the installation ceremonies of the Forest Lodge, 1481, E.C., and a cordial invitation, particularly to the W.M. and his Wardens, was given by the Victory Lodge, and a similar general invitation to the members of the Southern Star, to attend their anniversary ceremonies on Friday, May 29th, when Bro. H. J. Williams, Grand D.C., would be present, and conduct the installation of the W.M. and investiture of his officers for the ensuing year.

LODGE SIR WALTER SCOTT, N.Z.C., THAMES.—At the ordinary monthly meeting of this Lodge, held on May 19th, there was the largest gathering of members for years ; Bro. G. S. Clark, R.W.M., in the chair. After the routine business had been disposed of, and one candidate successfully balloted for, the Lodge was raised to the Master's Degree, when four Fellow - Crafts. and one Fellow-Craft of Lodge St. Andrew, N.Z.C., Auckland, were raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Masons. The beautiful ceremony applicable to the Degree was rendered in an able manner by the R W.M., assisted by Bro. J. P. M. Murray, G.B.B. A vote of sympathy was passed to. the widow of the late Bro. G. P. Pierce, P.G.M., I C., Auckland. After closing the Lodge, the Brethren partook of refreshments provided by the newly-raised Brethren, at which the Masonic and patriotic toasts were given, and heartily responded to. The health of the M. W. Grand Master, Bro Henry Thomson, was proposed by the R. W.M., who spoke in high terms of the tact and judgment, displayed by Bro. Thomson in the performance of the duties• appertaining to his high office. The toast was received with the greatest enthusiasm, the Brethren cheering tho G.M. " three times three " and one more. The meeting was brought to a close by singing " Auld Lang Syne " and " God Save the Queen."

LODGE ST ANDREW, N.Z.C., Auckland, passed Bros. Tomlin and Dykes to the Second Degree, and raised six Brethren to the Third Degree on May 19th.

LODGE PACIFIC, 1453, E.C., REEFTON.—This Lodge held an emergency meeting on May 23rd, "To follow the remains of our late Bro. William Brown Archer to the Reefton Cemetery."

ULSTER LODGE, N.Z.C., PETONE.—The regular monthly meeting of this Lodge was held at Petone, on Wednesday, May 20th. There was a very good attendance of members and visitors. The election of officers for the ensuing twelve months took place, and resulted as folows, viz :—W. M., Bro. Dawes ; S. W., Bro. Brandon ; J.W., Bro. Castles ; Treasurer, Bro. Powell ; Secretary, Bro. King ; S.D , Bro. Marsden ; J.D., Bro. Cargill ; I.G., Bro. Turner ; J.S., Bro. Renai ; S.S., Bro. Oxenham ; Organist, Bro. Sherwin; Tyler, Bro. Ashcroft. The installation and investiture takes place on June 17th.

ARA LODGE, N.Z.C., AUCKLAND.—The regular monthly meeting of this Lodge was held on May 26th. There was a good attendance of members and visitors, and, in the absence of the W.M., Bro. S. D. Hanna, the R.W. Deputy Grand Master, Bro. A. S. Russell, presided. The business was of more than ordinary importance. There was one candidate initiated, and then the officers for the ensuing year were elected as follows :—Bro. W.M. Chapman, W.M. ; James Boskill, S.W.; H. Dexter, J. W. ; A. S. Russell, Treasurer (elected for the eighth time) ; G. H. Powley, Secretary (elected for the fifth time) ; A. Kidd, D.C. (elected for the second time) ; A. Bartlett, S.D. ; W. R. Cook, J.D. ; T. H. Webbe, Organist; S. E. Hughes, I.G. ; H. L. Posseniskie, S.S. ; W. A. Cousins, J.S. ; Captain Tonge, Tyler. It was announced that the installation of officers would take place on June 23rd. The Lodge when opened was draped, and the Deputy Grand Master said the reason of it was the death of Bro. G. P. Pierce, the Provincial Grand Master of the Irish Constitution, and one of the oldest members of the Ara Lodge. Bro. Russell, who perhaps of all Masons in New Zealand had been the longest connected with the deceased Brother, in eloquent and feeling terms referred to him in his capacity as a Mason. In kind and sympathetic terms he alluded to Bro. Pierce's connection with the Orphan Home. He alluded to the paternal interest he took in the home, the familiar terms on which he held his relationship with the children. He knew every one of them by name ; he joined in and promoted their sports, and, added Bro. Russell, great as the loss of their distinguished and respected Brother was to the Masons of New Zealand, and much as that loss would be felt, he believed his absence would be still more felt by the orphan children, whose welfare it had always been his chief enjoyment to promote He proposed, " That the members of this Lodge desire to place on record their sorrow at the great loss Masonry has sustained in the sudden death of our late departed Bro. George Patrick Pierce, Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master, Irish Constitution of New Zealand, who had been until lately closely associated with us in Masonic work ; and that a letter of condolence be forwarded to Mrs Pierce and family, expressing the deepest and most heart-felt sympathy of the Lodge with thorn in their great and sad bereavement ; and that this Lodge go into mourning for a period of six months." Bro. P.M. Powley seconded the resolution, and endorsed the remarks of Bro. Russell on the Masonic, Christian, and charitable characteristics of Bro. Pierce. The motion was carried unanimously. Bro. Chapman, W.M. elect, proposed the following motion :—" To facilitate the establishing of a fund for the erection of a permanent Masonic charitable institution for the colony, under the Grand Lodge of New Zealand, Ara Lodge resolves to forego the annual banquet, and votes the sum of £20 to that fund, the amount to be deposited with trustees, to be appointed by the Grand Master, till such time as the scheme shall have been formulated. That a copy of this resolution be forwarded to other

Lodges under N.Z.C., asking them to consider the advisability of assisting the fund in this manner." Bro. G. H. Powley seconded the motion, and it was carried unanimously.

RUAHINE LODGE, 2178, E.C., WOODVILLE, HAWKES BAY.—The business of this Lodge at its regular meeting on May 26th, was to consider notice of motion to amend Bye-law No. 14, by inserting the word " May " for " June; ' and to elect the Master, Treasurer, and Tyler.

LODGE UNITED SERVICE, N.Z.C., AUCKLAND.--The regular monthly meeting of this Lodge was held at the Freemason's Hall on May 27th, Bro. G. H. Leaning, W.M., presiding. There was one candidate put successfully through the ballot, and one Brother was raised. The election of officers took place, and the following were declared elected :—W. M., Bro. J. W. Ellison, P.M. ; Senior Warden, Bro. H. Ellison ; Junior Warden, Bro. A. Ericson ; Treasurer, Bro. L. H. Neumegen; Secretary, Bro. T. W. Allen, P.M. ; Director of Ceremonies, Bro. T. W. Allen, P.M. ; Senior Deacon, Bro. M. H. Keesing ; Junior Deacon, Bro. W. McGuire ; Inner Guard, Bro. N. F. B. Larsen; Organist, Bro. F. Reid; Stewards, Bros. A. O. Carter and James Hutchings ; Tyler, Bro. Captain E. Tonge. Before the meeting closed the W.M., Bro. Leaning, referred in feeling terms to the sudden death of Bro. G. P. Pierce, R. \V.P G.M., LC., and proposed that a letter of condolence be sent to Mrs Pierce. The motion was seconded by Bro. T. W. Allen, P.M., and carried unanimously.

EDEN LODGE, No. 1530, E. C., met in the Masonic Hall, Newtown, Auckland, on May 26th, Bro. G. Hardy, I.P.M., in the absence of the W.M., in the chair. There was a good attendance of members, also several visitors from other Lodges. In the absence of ceremonial work, the only business of importance was a motion by Bro. J. H. Philpot, "That the Eden Lodge tender its allegiance to the Grand Lodge of New Zealand, and that it be opened next month (June) under that Constitution." This was seconded by Bro. E. D. Halstead, and carried. So long ago as April 30th, 1889, the Eden Lodge voted in favour of the national movement, but the vexed question of retention of property has hitherto proved a bar to anything further being done in the matter. Several members having recently signified their intention of calling off unless further steps were taken, it was, in the interests of the Lodge, decided to secede from the E.C., independent of any property consideration. The general impression is that under the new Constitution, an era of prosperity awaits the E Ten Lodge, and that it is destined to become one of the best Lodges in the North Island.

LODGE MOKORETA, N.Z.C., WYNDHAM,—Owing to our Secretary placing too great dependence upon the astronomical knowledge of the Editor of the CRAFTS-MAN, the April meeting of our Lodge took place not on Thursday *nearest* full moon, but on Thursday after full moon; which circumstance caused not a few Brethren a wetting and a ride through the darkness of a stormy wintry night, neither of these being a pleasant experience in our somewhat humid climate. The business of that meeting was of a purely formal character. At our May meeting, held on Thursday, May 21st, there was a large attendance of Brethren, with several visitors. Bros. Cranston and Eades were passed to the F.C. Degree by the W.M., assisted by Bros. Raymond, J.W. (tools), Monteath, S.W. (charge), McLauchlan, S.D. (lecture). One pleasing feature of the evening's proceedings was the presentation to the Lodge by Bro Robert Cuthbert, the oldest member, on his own behalf and that of the W.M. and other five officers, of a large photographic group, comprising Bros. Crosbie, W.M.; Bro Bree, I.P.M. ; Monteith, S.W. ; McLauchlan, S.D. ; Rankin, J.D. ; Dodd (deceased), Steward ; and Cuthbert, Tyler. The plate is a beautiful work of art, produced in Messrs Burton Bros' best style, and was accepted by the Lodge with the cordial thanks of all the members. On the motion of the Secretary, a suitably inscribed plate was ordered to be procured, and when hung on the wall of the Lodge-room the picture will add much to the appearance of the room. Another noteworthy feature was the proposal of four candidates (of the right sort) for initiation. After hearty good wishes from visiting Brethren, the Lodge closed at 9.45 p.m.—[The Editor's astronomical knowledge was taken from a work issued in Christchurch. Curse the Christchurch people, Brother !—Ed. CRAFTSMAN.]

LODGE NGAMOTU, N.Z.C., New Plymouth, passed Bro. Hislop, raised Bros. Lepper and Atkinson, and affiliated one of their former members on May 15th.

LODGE CALEDONIAN, N.Z.C., TIMARU.—This Lodge met on May 11th, when Bro. R. H. Smith was raised to the Third Degree. The installation will take place on the 24th inst.

THE LODGE OF OTAGO, N.Z.C., Dunedin, gave a "Lecture on the First Tracing Board" at its meeting on April 13th.—At its meeting on May 10th, this Lodge affiliated Bro. John McKenzie Henry, of Lodge Waterloo, Wellington.

SOMERSET LODGE 1811, E.C, ASHBURTON—At the last regular meeting of this Lodge, two candidates (Bros. Cross and Newman), were raised to the Degree of M.M., and Mr Ford, of Coldstream, was duly elected a member, and initiated.

LODGE PONSONBY, PONSONBY, AUCKLAND.—This Lodge passed Bros. Cumming, Laybourne, and Harris, to the Second Degree, and raised Bro. Edmund Dutton to the Third Degree, at its meeting held in the Lodgeroom of Ponsonby Hall, on June 2nd.

LODGE UNANIMITY, N.Z.C., LYTTLETON.—Bro. Wroath was passed to the Second Degree, and Mr A. Flavell, maltster, Heathcote, was balloted for as a candidate on May 28th. This Lodge held an emergency meeting on Thursday, May 21st, to pass Bro. Elliott.

LODGE CLUTHA, N.Z.C., BALCLUTHA.—This Lodge will install Bro. John Alexander Algie on June 19th. The Dunedin Brethren (about a dozen) will leave by the "express" on Friday morning. The Lodge will be tyled at 6.30 p.m. sharp, and will be closed at 8.50 p.m. A grand ball will follow at 9 p.m. in Barr's Hall. We intend making use of the complimentary ticket sent us, and fully expect to enjoy ourselves.

LODGE HERCULES, N.Z.C., TAPANUI.—The special meeting called by this Lodge in April, to meet the Grand Master, the Superintendent of Otago, and the Grand Secretary, took the place of the regular monthly meeting. The Lodge met on May 7th, when there was a fair attendance. The election of officers then took place, when the Junior Warden, Bro. Thomas Paton, was unanimously elected Master. The Senior Warden, Bro. Wrensted, retired in Bro. Paton's favour. P.M. Fargher was elected Treasurer, and our esteemed Bro. Allan was again appointed Tyler, having held that position since the foundation of the Lodge. A Brother from Lodge St. Thomas Kilwinning, S.C., Kaitangata, gave hearty good wishes, and hoped the Grand Lodge of New Zealand would be a success. It was resolved to hold the installation on May 28th.

MANAWATU KILWINNING LODGE, N.Z.C., PALMERSTON NORTH. —The regular meeting of the above Lodge was held on Wednesday, May 27th, 1891, and a most successful gathering it was, being the first meeting of the new officers and R.W.M. The business of the evening consisted of passing Bro. J. R. Montague to the F.C. Degree, which was impressively carried out by the R.W.M., Bro. W. Rutherford, assisted by P.M. Bro. W. H. Smith, who gave the Working Tools. Two new members were balloted for and three more proposed for membership. Bros. Brown, Buckler, and Johansen attended to obtain particulars in reference to the proposed Lodge at Ashurst. I.P.M. Bro. Walkley and R.W.M. Bro. Rutherford advised them as to the proper course to pursue, and to bring up further particulars at the next meeting, and the names of those who are likely to become members of same. The Lodge will be under the N.Z.C. P.M. A. Jack of St Andrews, Wellington, and Bro. A. Hill, of Lodge 25, U.S. America, and Bro. Duncan Sinclair were then proposed for admission to this Lodge. Nothing further offering, the Lodge was closed in peace, love, and harmony at 11 p.m. Bros. N. Valentine (flute), A. Drew (organ), contributed the musical portion of the ceremony during the evening. In future the meetings of the Lodge will be held at the Orient Lodge-room of the American Order of Oddfellows in Church street. Sincere regret is expressed at leaving the old Hall, where so many pleasant evenings have been spent, but as the Railway Commissioners have taken it over, there is no help but to procure another place,

INSTALLATIONS

LODGE KAIKOURA, E.C., MARLBOROUGH.—The officers of the District Grand Lodge, of Canterbury, E.C., proceeded on May 24th, to Kaikoura, to conduct the ceremony of installation of the W.M. and the investiture of his officers on the following day. On the previous occasion the installation was conducted in Christchurch at the St. Augustine Masonic Hall. The further particulars have not reached us.

LODGE AMBERLEY, 2007, E.G., AMBERLEY, CANTERBURY.—At the monthly meeting of this Lodge held in the Church of England Schoolroom on Tuesday evening May, 19th, Bro. G. B. Mason (re-elected) was

installed as W.M. for the ensuing year, and P.M. Bro. Fox as I.P.M. The following officers were invested:— J. Dawson, S.W. ; R. Pemberton, J.W. ; J. Geddes, Treasurer (re-elected); J. S. Smith, Secretary (re-elected); T. McNaught, D.C. (re-elected) ; R. Thompson, S.D. ; J. Musgrove, J.D. ; J.C. Thompson, I.G. After the business of the evening was over, the Brethren were invited by the W. M. to his residence, where a tastefully laid out supper was provided, and a pleasant hour spent.

LODGE HERCULES, N.Z.C., TAPANUI.—We had promised to be present at the installation of the W.M. elect, Bro. Paton, on May 28th, but " Man pro-poses," &c. The Grand Superintendent of Otago, R. W. Bro. A. H. Burton, took our apology—we trust he did not forget to give it. The ceremony was a complete success. Bro. Thomas Paton was placed in the chair of K.S., according to antient custom, by the Grand Superintendent. Bro. Wrensted was invested as Senior Warden ; Bro. J. Tough as Junior Warden ; Bro. J. Crossan as S. D. ; Bro. J. Beattie as J.D. ; Bra. Heckscher as I.G. ; and Bro. Allan as Tyler. P.M. Bro. Fargher was invested as Tyler, and Bro. Crawford, J.P. M. as Secretary. From what we know of these officers we venture to predict a prosperous and pleasant year of work. We offer them our good wishes.

LODGE WAITAKI, N.Z.C., OAMARU.—The regular meeting was held on 20th May at 8 p.m. This should be one of the most memorable in the history of the Lodge, as upon this occasion the first W.M. was installed since holding under the Grand Lodge of New Zealand. After the ordinary business two candidates for initiation and one for affiliation were balloted for, the result in each case being favourable. About 60 brethren were present, amongst whom were P.M. Bro. T. G. De Renzy, from Dunedin, and W.M. Bro. McWhirter, of Lodge Ngapara, with his officers. The installation ceremony was con-ducted in a very impressive manner throughout. P.M. Bro. Hamilton performed his various duties in a manner which may be equalled but not surpassed. He was ably seconded by P.M.'s De Renzy, Grummit, and McJennett, the last of whom presented the Working Tools with their several charges. P.M. Bro. Creagh was also not behind-hand in doing his share of the work. S. W. Bro. Oswald H. Pinel having been duly installed as W.M. for the term, the following Brethren were invested : S.W., Bro. Jas. McDonald ; J. W., Bro. H. J. Baker ; Treasurer, Bro. C. C. Probert ; Secretary, P.M. Bro. Wansbrough ; S. D., Bro. J. H. Irvine ; J.D., Bro. R. J. Keys ; I.G., Bro. N. Swinard ; Organist, Bro. T. J. Kempshed ; Steward, P.M. Bro. W. Grant ; Tyler, Bro. W. H. Ridsdale. At the close of the ceremony a handsome jewel was presented to Bro. P.M. Hamilton, as a token of esteem and appreciation of his services to the Lodge during the past year, which has been a very eventful one, a time indeed to try " mens' souls." Bro. Hamilton has truly deserved well of his Brothers of Lodge Waitaki. The Lodge having been closed, an adjournment was made to the Northern Hotel, where a handsomely prepared banquet had been provided by the host, Bro. Procter, and his assistants. After the banquet, songs and recitations were given by many of the Brethren. Not the least pleasant feature of this part of the evening was the presence amongst us of some of our Brethren, who, for the present, can only gratify us with their presence in the ante-room—" How long, oh Lord, how long !" In the course of the banquet a very handsome timepiece was presented to Bro. W. S. Martin, and a silver tea-pot to Mrs Martin, as an acknowledgment from the Lodge, of many kindly and courteous acts rendered to the Brethren. Bro. Martin returned thanks, like himself. All the usual toasts were duly honoured, including that of the host and hostess ; and so, with "Auld Lang Syne," a most agreeable evening was brought to a close. The Superintendent, R. W. Bro. A. H. Burton, was absent owing to an attack of lumbago.

ST. MARK'S LODGE, CARTERTON.—There was a very large attendance of members of the Craft at the installation of W.M. and investiture of officers of St. Mark's Lodge, N.Z.C., Carterton, on Tuesday afternoon, May 12th, all the Lodges in the valley being represented, more especially the Greytown and Masterton Lodges. Among the P.M.'s present were Bros. Aitken, Sellar, Skeet, Webster, and Gayfer, also Bro. R. Bright, W.M. of the Greytown Lodge, and Bro. G.S.W Dalrymple, Grand Lodge Steward. P.M. Bro N. Grace officiated as Installing Master, and went through the beautiful ceremony with great clearness and impressiveness. The following Brethren were duly installed for the ensuing year and invested with the insignia of office :—W.M., Bro. W.P. Allen ; I.P.M., Bro. A. Booth; S.W., Bro. J. Bairstow; J.W., Bro. T. Underhill; S.D., Bro. D. G. Johnston ; J.D., Bro. E.L. Wakelin ; LG., Bro. T.A. Weston ; Secretary, Bro. W.J. Lindop; Treasurer, Bro. C.L. Barnard; Organist, Bro. W. Moore; Tyler, Bro. G. Bowles. An orchestra consisting of Brothers Moore (organist), Weston (cornet), T. Proctor (violoncello), and W. Lundquist and W. McKenzie (violins), played the incidental music and materially helped the ceremony. Before closing the Lodge, the W.M. presented I.P.M. Bro. A. Booth with a P.M. jewel, on behalf of the members of the Lodge, as a token of their appreciation of his efforts to forward the interests of the Lodge and the Order generally. Bro. Booth returned thanks, and promised that his interest in the welfare of St. Mark's Lodge would never

flag. The jewel is a most handsome one, and reflects great credit upon Bro. C. L. Barnard, from whose establishment it was obtained. Having completed their labours, the Brethren adjourned to the Rechabite Hall for refreshments, where they sat down to a repast, provided by the members of the Lodge, The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were drunk.

LODGE VICTORY, N.Z.C., NELSON.—The annual meeting of the above Lodge was held in the Masonic Hall on Friday evening, May 29th, when Bro. A. W. Bain, the W.M. elect, was duly installed in the chair of K.S. The gathering was one of the largest, if not the largest, ever held in Nelson, there being over 60 Brethren present, including the following P.M.'s and Masters :—Bro. H. H. Tippler, W.M., Ulster Lodge, Petone; Bro. H. Baigent, W.M. of Lodge Southern Star, 735, E.C. ; Bros. J. Sharp, W. Radford, S. Bolton, W. Brown, H. T. Hall, J. C. Mercer, A. E. Cresswell, and Thos Scott. The Lodges represented were : The W.M., officers and members of the Southern Star, 735, E.C., paying an official visit ; Bon Accord, 669, S.C., Aberdeen ; Blair, 815, E.C., Manchester, Otago Kilwinning, 417, S.C.; Southern Star, 619, S.C.; Forest, 1481, F.C.; Eden, 1530, E.G.; Golden Bay, 2194, E.C.; St. Andrews, Sir Walter Scott, N.Z. Pacific, and Ulster, N.Z.C. Bro. H. J. Williams, Grand Director of Ceremonies, was the installing officer, being ably assisted by Bros. Dr. L. G. Boor, Senior Grand Deacon, acting Grand Director of Ceremonies ; A. E. Cresswell, acting Grand Sword Bearer ; S. Bolton, and R. Allan, P.M.'s. The ceremony of Installation was most impressively performed by Bro. Williams, who, after the investiture of the I.P.M., Bro. S. C. Mercer, invested the following officers :—SW., Bro. Wm. Moyes ; J.W., Bro. S. J. Reeves ; Treasurer, Bro. L. G. Boor, P.M. ; Secretary, Bro. R. Allan, P.M. ; Organist, Bro. W. J. Morrish ; S.D., Bro. W. H. Short ; J.D., Bro. J. Boon ; I.G., Bro. M. Scott ; and Tyler, Bro. J. C. Bartlett. Many were the H.G.W. and congratulations tendered to the W.M., including one from the Grand Lodge. Bro. A. W. Bain has every prospect of a happy and prosperous term. The choir, under Bro. W. J. Morrish, Organist, assisted by Bro. F. House on the cornet, rendered good service during the ceremony with the anthems, " Oh, how amiable are Thy dwellings," " Behold' how good and joyful a thing it is," and " Praise the Lord ; Bro. A. A. Grace, the bass solo, " Within this holy dwelling ;" the choir, the glee, " Once again we greet you all," as well as the opening and closing hymns in which all the Brethren joined. The Lodge closed, the majority of the Brethren sat down to a capital banquet in the hall. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were heartily given and responded to, Bro. H. J. Williams replying to the toast of "The Grand Master and Grand Lodge." Having spent a most pleasant and profitable evening, the Brethren parted after singing " Auld Lang Syne."

BRIEF MENTION

A GRAND Lodge of Mark Master Masons was formed in New South Wales on May 13th, 1889.

IN Dakota the Grand Master has decided that a one-eyed man was not. qualified to become a Mason.

EXCHANGES, especially American, please note our address is "Dunedin, New Zealand," not " New Zealand, Australia."

MACKEY says that honorary membership is a new invention, and productive of much more discord than harmony, and should be repudiated.

THE Masonic Editor of the *New Zealand Mail* writes "to denounce the hypocritical cant which has become fashionable when mentioning Sir Robert Stout and Lodge L'Amour de la Vérité." The writer says absurd views are held by prominent members of the Craft in Wellington, and perfect ignorance of the aims of French Masonry is shown by many, &c., &c. The following clipping from the London *Freemasons' Chronicle*, of April 11th, will explain why prominent members of the Craft in Wellington and elsewhere hold such *absurd* views of the aims of French Masonry :—" The French Masonic Lodges are doing more damage to Freemasonry than the deadliest enemies of the Craft. So far, the hierophanta of the " temple " of the Rue Cadet and elsewhere have been satisfied to pour out their wrath upon weak kneed brethren, who allowed their wives to manage the religious side of their household, and who dared to have a sneaking desire for Christian burial. It appears now that the "Vrais Experts " and other Lodges are going for the Boulangists. After some discussion M. Laisant and M. Goussot, two Deputies, who have offended in this respect, have been solemnly executed by M. Benoit-Lévy, who, needless to add, is an Opportunist. It is quite probable that the Boulangists would have used the broom handle in the same way if they had obtained, what in French political life is called, the "plate of butter." But two wrongs do not make, a right, and the Freemasons of other

countries ought once more to protest against the degradation of their world-wide brotherhood by the transformation of the Lodges into centres of political fanaticism. If this be French Freemasonry, it is probable that candidates will linger upon the threshold, and that brethren from England and America will give the Grand Orient and its branches a still wider berth than at present. A corporation which professes to hail the pioneers of liberty of conscience, and which is essentially religious without being sectarian, cannot afford to reburnish and use the weapons of the Spanish Inquisition. If so, there will be nothing left for it but to institute a Masonic 'Auto-de-Fe,' and to frame a creed the chief clauses of which will be slavish adherence to the majority. Imagine the excitement that would be created in England, where the Prince of Wales is the Grand Master of the Freemasons, if a brother were expelled because he was known to hold Republican or even Socialistic views."—*Galighani's Messenger*.

THE Mexican Freemasons have expunged the penalties from their obligations.

AT Heaton Moor, Lancashire, the local Freemasons entertained 130 children of the members.

WE welcome the *Scottish Masonic Record* and the *Herald of Masonry* to our paste pot and scissors.

IN future no officer of Lodge No. 1, S.C., Lodge Edinburgh (Mary's Chapel) can hold office in another Lodge.

THE Grand Lodge of Scotland has issued its mandate that, where it is possible to avoid it, no Lodge must meet on licensed premises. Correct.

THANKS of Grand Lodge of South Australia, and rank of Past Grand Registrar conferred on Brother George Gordon. We heartily congratulate him !

LODGE of the Quatuor Coronati, No. 2076, E.C., London, asks members of both circles to forward their photographs, cabinet size, to the Secretary for the Lodge album.

A TYLER being a serving Brother is not a member of the Lodge in which he fills that position, and cannot therefore be included in the returns to Grand Lodge. *London Freemason*.

AT the annual Communication of the D.G. Lodge of Otago and Southland, E.C., Bro. Sydney James, P.D.D.G.M., D.G. Secretary, was invested as D.D.G.M., *vice* Bro. Sir Robert Stout.

WE hear on good authority that the Provincial Grand Lodge of Ireland has given notice to the Masonic Hall Company of Auckland that they will not require the hall this year. This looks like closing up.

THE D.G. Lodge of Auckland, E.C., has raised the salary of its secretary, Bro. Clarke, from £50 to £75 per annum. In the face of fewer Lodges and fallin.- revenue, we doubt if it is a wise thing to do.

IT is said there are seventy-six Masonic journals published in the world, of which fifteen are published weekly. Some are combination publications, i.e., mixed prose, poetry, tales, and Masonry together, and such like.

The Toronto *Freemason* is dead against dual membership, and says " Besides creaking an active electioneering element, it enables disappointed office-seekers to flit from Lodge to Lodge until the object of their craving is obtained."

LAST August there was a fall of manna in Asia Minor, which was baked for bread after the manner of the Biblical tradition. It has been examined by French men of science and identified as a lichen, of the family *lecanora esculenta*.

THE first meeting of the Chinese Masonic fraternity ever held in Chicago, took place November 9th, at No. 322 Clark street. Several laundrymen were initiated and a kind of jubilee followed. A Chinaman with red wings guarded the portals of the Lodge room. Large quantities of roast chicken and wine were carried into the room, and none came out.

THE following is taken from the *Scottish Masonic Record* of March, 1891 : Lodge Dramatic, No. 571.—An emergency meeting of Lodge Dramatic was held on Thursday afternoon, March 5th, in hall, Hope street, when an applicant about to proceed abroad was instructed in the first three degrees, these being wrought by Brothers W. Algie, G. Muir, and Mearns respectively.—The italics are ours. We wonder if the applicant, mentioned by the *Record* as being initiated, passed, and raised the same evening, is the same individual who on his arrival in New York went straight for the Board of Relief.

A FEW nights ago, says the *New Zealand Mail*, the members of Lodge L'Amour de la Vérité, held an open meeting or *nuit blanc*. Addresses were given and refreshments handed round to the ladies. This meeting in the Freemasons' Hall was strongly objected to by some of the tenants, but the Secretary justifies his action on the grounds that the Hall Company is a public company. Such was not the reasoning of the Chairman of the Dunedin Hall Company when Bro. Gillen, the Lodge of Otago, the Mark Lodge, and the English Chapter, were refused the right of entry because their members sympathised with and belonged to the Grand Lodge of New Zealand.

THE Order of the Golden Fleece was established in 1429 by Philip, Duke of Burgundy.

IT is never very easy to forgive an enemy ; it is impossible to forgive him when he continues to prosper.

IT would not be a bad plan for some Lodge in this colony to start a f0 Lodge Album." The idea would take.

THE members of the three Constitutions—English, Scotch, and Irish—in India, show a disposition to join, and form a United Grand Lodge of India.

WHEN the Prince of Wales gives up the Grand Master's chair for the throne of Great Britain, his successor will be his son, the Duke of Clarence and Avondale.

SUGGESTED by the above, we may point out that visiting Past Masters ought always to be seated at the right of the W.M., the Past Masters of the Lodge on his left.

LODGES in New South Wales must first get the consent of the Board of General Purposes before applying to other Lodges for relief on behalf of their destitute brethren.

EACH and every Lodge should insure its paraphernalia mid property against loss from fire. A few shillings expended each year will probably prevent you, in case you are burnt out, from appealing for donations to replace your effects.

THE Grand Master of New York has ordered that the following be added to the questions necessary to be asked by Committees of Inquiry concerning applicants for initiation : 1. Is he married ? 2. If so, is he living with his wife ?

THE Grand Lodge of Victoria, on the recommendation of the Board Hof General Purposes, has passed a resolution that "no Grand Lodge Officer be allowed to wear Grand Lodge regalia in his own Lodge, except when attending an installation."

THE Grand Secretary of England has ruled that in the case of a visit being paid to a Lodge by the Governor of a Colony or other of similar high position, but not possessing high Masonic rank, it is proper to invite him to take a seat on the dais.

In some places in America the Masons refuse to attend a funeral when any other organisation is present to perform any ceremony. The beneficial orders have retaliated by refusing to allow any funeral benefits if they are deprived of per-forming their service.

SEVERAL American Grand Lodges make liquor selling a Masonic offence. To be consistent, they should make the use of intoxicants as a beverage a Masonic offence. The seller is no worse than the buyer, if indeed either is bad.—*South Australian Freemason*.

MANY of the Lodges in San Francisco meet every week, but the first meeting in the month is called a " Stated Communication," and is devoted strictly to social and Lodge business, whilst the other meetings are given up to working the degrees. No suppers those nights.

MISSOURI LODGE, No. 1. Missouri has rigged out its officers in purple, and scarlet, and blue, and yellow silk, velvet, and satin robes, and has furnished its Wardens and Masters with crown and tiaras. Are we dreaming, or does the Grand Lodge permit this mummery ?

THE oldest Lodge Warrant in Australia—that of Australian Social Mother, No.1, of New South Wales (formerly 260, I.C.) is now in possession of the Lodge, having been cancelled by the Grand Lodge of Ireland, and with the aid of Bro. Toomey, Deputy Grand Secretary, returned to the old Lodge as a memento.

P.G.M. MCCALLA, and editor of the *Keystone*, in his address before the Lodge Coronati, in London, said : "Right sure are we that if Freemasonry ever becomes *cheap* it will correspondingly deteriorate in quality of material. Freemasonry is a luxury, not a necessity of life." To which the editor of the *Trestle Board* replies : " We think Masonry is a *necessity for humanity* and not a luxury."

BOARD OF ADVICE.-" The Masters and Past Masters of the three Lodges in Ashburton have formed themselves into a Board of Advice, the object being for the Board to deal with matters affecting the general welfare of the Craft." Not a bad idea, and will no doubt do good if they only take a broad view of things.

FORTITUDE, Bluff, the most southern Lodge in the world, has had to part with its Junior Past Master. The Railway Commissioners only gave Bro. Walter Hannay a couple of days' notice that he was required as Station Master in Greymouth, but his many friends found time to present him and Mrs Hannay with valuable mementoes of their esteem before they left. We met Bro. Hannay and his family going up to Christchurch, and spent several pleasant days with them in the Cathedral City. We look forward to meeting them some day again ; in the meantime they have our best wishes for health and happiness in their new home.

THE Lodges in New Zealand who are holding aloof from the Grand Lodge are deriving some benefit from colonial Grand Lodges. For instance, the Grand Lodge of Victoria relieved a Brother of Otago Kilwinning, 417, S.C., Dunedin ; a Brother of a Lodge in Auckland got £10 ; the family of a late Brother of Lodge Dunedin, got £5 ; a widow of a late Brother of a Dunedin Scotch Lodge got £10 ; and a widow (Otago Kilwinning) also got relief. New South Wales is continually helping New Zealand Brethren, the latest being a member of Lodge Dunedin, E.C., who got £5. Strange, that in face of these facts, they will not see the advantages of joining the Grand Lodge.

TO SUBSCRIBERS AND OTHERS.

Subscriptions paid since May 16th :—Burt 10s, Baker, Cockburn, Cattnach 15s, Davis, Fairley, Jones 15s, Lodge of Concord 20s, Lodge Caledonian 20s, Lodge St. Andrew (Dunedin) 20s, Lodge Waterloo 20s, Lodge Waikouaiti 20s, Louisson 15s, Lawrence (General), Lawrence 15s, Martin 10s, Pratt, Paige (Rev.), Potter, Reid, Reeves, Sere, Smart, Salmond, Taylor, Torrance, White 15s, Wetherill, Zander.

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