



BROTHER ALBERT KAYE

(GRAND TREASURER)

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THE GRAND TREASURER.

VERY Worshipful Bro. ALBERT KAYE, Grand Treasurer of the Grand Lodge of New Zealand, was in 1876 initiated in the Adelaide Lodge, Port Adelaide, South Australia then holding under the Grand Lodge of Scotland, No. 341 ; was Junior Warden in 1878 ; Senior Warden in 1879 ; became Right Worshipful Master in 1880; and he now wears a valuable Past Master's jewel presented by his mother Lodge for services rendered. In 1881 he was appointed Grand Director of Music in the District Grand Lodge of Scotland in South Australia.

In 1883 he took part in the first meeting called to discuss the advisability of the formation of a Grand Lodge for South Australia, and gave the movement his hearty support. At the end of 1883 Bro. KAYE came to New Zealand and joined Lodge Concord, Papanui, then No. 1925, on the roll of the Grand Lodge of England, and later on, affiliated to Robert Burns' Lodge, No. 604, Grand Lodge of Scotland, resigning when Lodge Concord joined the Grand Lodge.

Bro. KAYE is a partner in the firm of KAYE and CARTER, grain merchants and shippers, of Christchurch. He is a business man, knows the value of money, and is the right man in the right place as Grand Treasurer.

THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE GRAND LODGE.

THE Craft in New Zealand may well be felicitated, we think, upon the proceedings—for the most part—of the Annual Meeting of Grand Lodge in Wellington on the 6th inst. The re-election of the M.W. the Grand Master, Bro. H. Thomson, will doubtless meet with universal approval. The untiring zeal he has exhibited throughout his first year of office deserved, at the least, the compliment of re-election. It must be manifest to all that he has spared neither time nor money in the cause, and already the Lodges throughout the colony are comparatively few whose members have not had the opportunity of making the personal acquaintance of the

head of the institution. Satisfactory also to the Craft generally must it be to learn the prosperous condition of the Grand Lodge of New Zealand, and to realise upon how firm a basis it is now established.

But there is one point—nay, there are two points--towards which, we think, a little wholesome criticism may properly be directed.

Until a Book of Constitutions shall be fixed and adopted, the Grand Lodge of New Zealand is governed by the "Basis of Union," and (supplementary thereto) by the Constitutions of the Grand Lodge of New South Wales, as far as the same may be applicable. Now, Articles I., II., and III., of the Basis of Union, declare the composition of Grand Lodge, and set forth the number and names of Grand Officers ; and Articles IV., V., and VII., provide the mode of election or appointment of such officers. Power is given, it will be seen, to appoint certain *assistant* officers, but not to increase the number in any other way. The Basis of Union provides, *inter alia*, for *two* Deacons, *two* Chaplains. and *twelve* Stewards. Grand Lodge, at its annual meeting at Wellington, elected *four* Deacons, *four* Chaplains, and *twenty-five* Stewards. We are, of course, aware that Grand Lodge, at its first meeting at Christchurch in April of last year, increased the number of Grand Stewards from twelve to twenty. But was not this act one *ultra vires*? If so, of course, to repeat the act in Wellington the other day was simply to repeat the transgression

The other point for criticism is the disregard by Grand Lodge of that part of Article VII. of the Basis of Union, which says, "The elective Grand Lodge officers shall be nominated at the Communication in March in each year [we suspend for the nonce all criticism as to arbitrary alteration of times of meeting] and shall be elected at the Communication in June." The wisdom of this provision is manifest. Such is the geographical configuration of our country, that it cannot be expected that many brethren from more distant parts will ever attend Grand Lodge, and so those actually in attendance will necessarily be mainly of the immediate district. Hence the absolute necessity of the whole Craft being advised in good time of the names of all Brethren nominated for office.

Now Grand Lodge, at its Annual Meeting at Wellington, elected some six or seven Brethren who had not only never been nominated, as provided for above, but who had not been recommended or even mentioned, as we well know, at the last meeting of the Board of General Purposes held at Christchurch before the Annual Meeting at Wellington. It is not, we deem, asking too much that the Craft should be supplied with some explanation herein.

Further, in this connection, the constitution of the Grand Lodge of New South Wales says that no brother shall be eligible for Grand office, unless he be already a member of Grand Lodge, i.e., at least a Warden — Musical Officers and Grand Tyler alone excepted. Now it is not difficult to imagine that there may be occasions when one could wish that the stringency of this rule could be suspended—in cases, for instance, of Brethren who have exhibited exceptional zeal for the Craft, but who have not attained the rank of Warden. But such consideration cannot, we opine, apply to an instance we have now in view, which surely demands especial explanation. A brother who had not yet received his Third Degree three months was appointed—without pre-nomination be it noted—to a Grand Stewardship !

THE following figures will show at a glance how the Grand Officers for the year 1891-92 are distributed

	NO. OF			
	GRAND OFFICERS.		LODGES.	
Auckland has	... 13		taken from	9
Wellington has	... 16		„	12
Canterbury	... 15		„	6
Otago „	... 9		„	5
Southland „	... 5		„	3
Nelson „	... 1		„	1
Blenheim „	... 1		„	1
Total Grand Officers	60		Lodges	- 37

IT was our intention to have said something about the finances of Grand Lodge, but as no report of the Wellington meeting has reached us beyond what appeared in the daily press, we are reluctantly compelled to

hold over our remarks until next month. We may say this that the finances appear in a healthy and elastic condition.

A FLAW IN ENGLISH MASONRY.

Freemasons have always been enjoined to visit other Lodges, so that mutual advantage may result, and different ideas may be expressed with a view to ultimate improvement, where such is possible; but it is not often we hear much at a Lodge gathering in response to the toast of the visitors to supply food for reflection, or open the way for improvement. The generality of speeches under this head are of the goody-goody character, mere expressions of stupid flattery, or thanks for having been hospitably entertained; thanks we consider very much out of place, when we bear in mind that the first care of an entertainer should be to secure the comfort and enjoyment of his guests, and who, in very many cases, does not care to be commended in public for having done his duty. But then, it may be urged, there is so little to talk about in connection with Freemasonry, that the ordinary visitor truthfully expresses his thoughts when he says the subject has been so thrashed out as to leave him nothing further to say. This is undoubtedly the case nine times out of ten, and when the tenth visitor happens to be called upon he either succeeds in creating a most favourable impression, or is voted a bore, for having touched upon some subject outside the ordinary routine. Still, it must be admitted we do at times have the opportunity of listening to a visitor who expresses a sentiment which forces itself upon our thoughts, and gives us a topic for future consideration, and such occurred at a recent meeting, when an American visitor told his listeners that there were many variations between American and English Freemasonry, with advantages and drawbacks in each, which the two great bodies of the Craft would do well to consider.

He regarded the principle of admission to full benefits immediately on initiation as a flaw in Freemasonry, and explained that in America all business was transacted in the Third Degree, thus shutting out Initiates and Fellow Crafts from the actual management of the Lodges. This certainly sounds rational, and although we should be the last to advocate any change to upset the principle of equality, which should govern every action in Freemasonry, we have long entertained the opinion that it seems somewhat out of place to call on the newly admitted brother, five minutes after his initiation, perhaps, to vote on some technical matter, or as to the admission or rejection of a candidate. He cannot possibly be in a position to form an opinion for himself, and must rely on the advice of his introducer or some other friend in the Lodge. This should not produce any serious results, but it opens the way to an irregularity which, if not frequently practised, is none the ready to hand, and has no doubt been made use of on more than the one occasion which came under notice. Some years back a brother was initiated in a Lodge, and one of the first items of business after his admission was to take a ballot for the election of a joining member. The ballot was adverse, and although, of course, there was no certainty as to who deposited the black balls, it was subsequently proved to the general satisfaction of the members that the initiate and his sponsors had formed themselves into a clique for the purpose of excluding the joining candidate. Had the American system of taking the ballot in the Third Degree been in vogue, this irregularity could not have occurred, and it certainly was a grave irregularity, for it is certain the newly admitted member was in no position to judge of the merits or demerits of the rule in regard to the admission of a joining member. He was simply the tool of his proposer, and the flaw in the working of English Freemasonry, which he was induced to act upon nearly upset the Lodge wherein it occurred, and for some time afterwards the distress it caused prevented all harmony, and banished comfort from among the members.

Here we have the opinion of an enlightened Mason, backed by our own experience to prove that the system we refer to is an actual flaw, and one which might reasonably be considered in its several features, with a view to some sort of report on the point being submitted to the Craft. We do not like changes merely for the sake of change, but there are little knobs and excrescences in modern Freemasonry which might profitably be removed, and no doubt would be removed were it not considered worse than high treason to advocate change.

It is something for Freemasons to be very proud of, to be able to say that the Craft exists to-day virtually as it existed upwards of a hundred or a hundred and fifty years back, and yet the boast stamps itself as somewhat bigoted when we consider that little or no improvement has been attempted on the system formulated by our ancestors, who, living in such different times, can hardly be regarded as capable of

forming rules for the governance of modern ideas. They were, however, fairly successful in establishing the system of Freemasonry under which we at present work, but it is wholly unwise to regard them as incapable of error, or to imagine the system they have handed down to us is incapable of improvement. There are many points which might be profitably considered, and among them is the flaw pointed out by our American visitor.—*Freemasons' Chronicle*, London.

GRAND LODGES.

NEW ZEALAND.

ANNUAL COMMUNICATION.

THE Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Antient Free and Accepted Masons of New Zealand was held in the Masonic Hall, Wellington, on Monday evening, July 6th. The Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Bro. Henry Thomson, opened Grand Lodge at 8 o'clock. The following Grand Officers were present:—Deputy Grand Master, Bro. E. T. Gillen; Grand Superintendent of Auckland, Bro. Malcolm Niccol; Grand Chaplain, Bro. Rev. W. E. Paige; Grand Registrar, Bro. John Joyce, M.H. R.; Grand Secretary, Bro. Rev. W. Ronaldson; Past Grand Secretary, Bro. George Robertson; Grand Director of Ceremonies, Bro. Herbert J. Williams; Grand Pursuivant, Bro. A. Kidd; Grand Stewards, Bros. N. Grace and G. S. W. Dalrymple.

The following Brethren were appointed Acting Grand Officers, as follows:—Senior Grand Warden, Bro. H. J. Elliott; Junior Grand Warden, Bro. H. P. Corkill; Senior Grand Deacon, Bro. G. H. Powley; Junior Grand Deacon, Bro. H. Walker; Grand Sword Bearer, Bro. H. Gordon; Grand Organist, Bro. Norberg; Grand Stewards, Bros. D. Greig, A. J. Masters, H. J. Freeman, H. H. Tippler, and A. Jack.

The Representatives of Lodges and visitors present numbered over two hundred.

The minutes of the previous Quarterly Communication held in Invercargill were read and confirmed.

The Grand Master having declared his office vacant, R.V. Bro. Malcolm Niccol, Grand Superintendent of Auckland, proposed, and V.W. Bro. George Robertson, Past Grand Secretary, seconded, Bro. Thomson's re-election, and the motion was unanimously and enthusiastically carried.

R.W. Bro E. T. Gillon, Past Deputy Grand Master, performed the ceremony of installation, and the Grand Master was proclaimed by the Grand Director of Ceremonies, W. Bro. Herbert J. Williams.

The Grand Master then appointed the

Deputy Grand Master ...	R W Bro D H MACARTHUR, M.H.R., Feilding,
Grand Superintendents -	
Auckland	R W Bro MALCOLM NICCOL, Auckland.
Wellington	R W Bro HERBERT J WILLIAMS, Wellington.
Otago	R W Bro A H BURTON, Dunedin.
Southland	R W Bro W H HALL, Invercargill.
Grand Senior Warden ...	R W Bro G H POWLEY, Auckland.
Grand Junior Warden ...	R W Bro ROBERT PRICE, Napier.
Grand Secretary ...	V W Bro Rev WILLIAM RONALDSON, Address St. Augustine Masonic Hall, Christchurch.

Grand Lodge then proceeded to elect the following Grand Officers

Grand Chaplains -	
Auckland	V W Bro Rev W E MULGAN, Auckland.
Wellington	V W Bro Rev THOS PORRITT, Wellington.
Canterbury	V W Bro Rev D J MURRAY, Kaiapoi.
Southland	V W Bro Ven Archd. STOCKER, Invercargill.
Grand Treasurer	V W Bro ALBERT KAYE, Christchurch.
Grand Registrar	V W Bro JOHN JOYCE, M.H.R., Christchurch.

Grand Assistant Registrar ... V W Bro J H HANKINS, Palmerston North.
President of the Board of V W Bro J L FENERTY, Christchurch.
General Purposes

President of the Board of V W Bro W MONAD LYTTLETON, Rakaia.
Benevolence

Senior Grand Deacons

Auckland W Bro T L MURRAY, Thames.
Wellington W Bro G T ROBINSON, New Plymouth.

Junior Grand Deacons--

Southland W Bro CHARLES SAWYER, Invercargill.
Wellington W Bro JOHN YOUNG, Wellington.

Grand Superintendent of W Bro E TITCHENER, Dunedin.
Works

Grand Director of Ceremonies W Bro J F LOGAN, Auckland.
Deputy Grand Director of W Bro JAMES PATERSON, Wellington.
Ceremonies ...

Assistant Grand Director of W Bro T HAY-MACKENZIE, Balclutha.
Ceremonies

Grand Bible Bearer ... W Bro A PRIMROSE, Senr., Hamilton.

Grand Standard Bearer... W Bro G S CLARK, Thames.

Assistant Grand Standard } W Bro J A KIBBY, Dunedin.
Bearer ... }

Grand Sword Bearer ... W Bro WM HENDERSON, Waikouaiti.

Grand Assistant Sword Bearer W Bro JOHN THOMPSON, Lyttelton.

Grand Organist W Bro A J BARTH, Dunedin.

Assistant Grand Organist ... W Bro Dr WALKER, Auckland.

Grand Pursuivant W Bro W FORREST, Auckland.

Deputy Grand Pursuivant ,, W Bro W H HANNAY, Greymouth.

Grand Stewards

Auckland W Bro J B GATLAND, Coromandel.
... W Bro C A BRUFORD, Auckland.
... W Bro R B SYMON, Auckland.
... W Bro T W ALLEN, Auckland.

Wellington ... W Bro A J MASTERS, Wellington.
... W Bro C WUNDRUM, Napier.
... W Bro A JACK, Wellington.
... W Bro J WALKLEY, Palmerston North.
... W Bro W J GIBBONS, Pates.
... W Bro A BOOTH, Carterton.
,, ... W Bro GEO FISHER, M.H.R., Wellington.
... W Bro H H TIPPLER, Wellington.

Canterbury ... W Bro F W FRANCIS, Christchurch.
... W Bro W R MAY, Kaiapoi.
,, ... W Bro G HARDY (?).
,, ... W Bro J M MURRAY, Geraldine.
,, ... W Bro ALFRED WHITE, Geraldine.
... W Bro COLIN COOK, Lyttelton.

„	...	W Bro E C BROWN, Christchurch.
Otago	...	W Bro WM HARGOOD, Balelutha.
	...	W Bro E G LANE, Oamaru.
„	...	W Bro W EARNSLAW, M.H.R., Dunedin.
Southland	...	W Bro R M BREE, Gore.
Nelson	W Bro A E CRESWELL, Nelson.
Blenheim	...	W Bro WM GILLESPIE, Blenheim.

The Reports of the Boards of General Purposes and Benevolence were read, also those from the Grand Superintendents. The reports were satisfactory and encouraging.

The balance-sheet of the Funds of General Purposes and Benevolence were then presented and read.

Resolutions were carried congratulating the Grand Master on his re-election, and thanking him for his zeal and energy displayed during the past year ; thanking the Grand Lodges of Switzerland (Alphina), Nebraska, Nevada, Kansas, Montana, and the Grand Orient of Belgium for granting recognition.

R.W. Bro. W. H. Cooper, Assistant Grand Secretary, was accorded a special vote of thanks for his past services, and the rank of Past Senior Grand Warden was given to him.

Regret was expressed at the illness of R.W. Bros. Vincent Pyke and D. H. Macarthur, Deputy Grand Master, and a motion of condolence was ordered to be forwarded to the family of the late K. W. Bro. George P. Pierce, Provincial Grand Master of the Irish Constitution.

The following Worshipful Brethren were appointed to represent the following Grand Lodges in this Grand Jurisdiction :—Switzerland, W. Bro. A. Kidd, P.G.P. ; Nebraska, W. Bro. Dr. Boor, P.J.G.D. ; Nevada, W. Bro. N. Grace, P.G.S. ; Kansas, W. Bro. J. E. Provis; Montana, R.W. Bro. A. Russell, P.D.G.M. ; Belgium, R.W. Bro. H. Feldwick, P.S.G. W.

The following are copies of the balance - sheets presented to the Grand Lodge :—

BALANCE SHEET.

The Grand Lodge of New Zealand of Antient Free and Accepted Masons,

FOR THE YEAR ENDING APRIL 30th, 1891.

DR.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
To Balance handed to Grand Lodge at its Inauguration by the Treasurer of the Wellington Masonic Union ...	46 17 10	
„ Cash lent to Grand Lodge towards non-recurrent Expenditure	55 0 0	
„ Donation from M.M., Oamaru ...	5 0 0	
		106 17 10
„ Receipts from sale of Tickets for Inauguration Banquet in Christchurch	60 18 0	
„ Cash for Sundries at Christchurch ...	11 7 6	
		61 5 6
„ FUND OF BENEVOLENCE		
Donations at Inauguration Banquet ...	41 7 6	
Fees for Patents of Office	71 9 0	
Dues from Lodges to December 31st, 1890 ...	38 16 9	
		151 13 3
„ Registration Fees to date	127 13 0	
„ Quarterly Dues from Lodges to December 31st, 1890 (Payable to the Fund of General Purposes) ...	223 1 11	

„ Fees for Warrants for New Lodges	...	26 9 0	
„ „ Dispensations	...	14 5 0	
			391 8 11
			<u>711 5 0</u>

CR.		£ s. d.	£ s. d.
By Account unpaid by Wellington Masonic Union at time of handing over Balance		3 13 6	
„ Inauguration and Installation Expenses in Ch.ch.		57 18 8	
„ Installation Banquet		63 15 0	
			121 13 8
„ Expenses in connection with Quarterly Communi- cation held in Wellington		12 1 10	
„ Expenses of Grand Director of Ceremonies in visiting Lodges in Wellington District		15 14 5	
„ Expenses in connection with Quarterly Communi- cation held in Auckland		27 16 3	
		9 0 3	
„ Expenses incurred by the Grand Superintendent, Assistant Grand Secretary, and other Grand Officers in visiting Lodges and carrying on the Business of the Auckland District		33 16 6	
—			42 16 9
„ OFFICE EXPENSES, CHRISTCHURCH			
Printing, Books, Stationary, and Advertising		47 12 3	
Furniture		17 0 5	
Postage ...		23 18 S	
Telegrams		10 19 9	
„ SALARIES—			99 11 1
Grand Secretary		250 0 0	
Grand Tyler		2 10 0	
			252 10 d
„ Travelling Expenses, Grand Secretary		43 8 0	
„ Benevolence ...		20 0 0	
Bank Exchange on cheque		0 2 0	
			20 2 0
„ Jewel, Past Deputy Grand Master		8 0 0	
and Master		4 0 0	
„ Printing Quarterly Communications...		11 0 11	
„ Sundries		3 14 6	
„ Refund Lodge Feilding ...		0 17 8	
			27 13 1
„ Cash in Bank of New Zealand, Christchurch ...		70 16 2	
„ Cash in hands of Grand Secretary		1 5 0	
			72 1 2
			<u>£711 5 6</u>

Christchurch, July 1st, 1891.

A. KAYE,
Grand Treasurer.

Having examined these statements and compared them with the necessary vouchers and documents, we hereby certify the same to be correct.

FRANCIS J. SMITH,)
JAMES L. FENERTY Auditors,

BALANCESHEET OF THE FUND OF BENEVOLENCE FOR THE YEAR ENDING APRIL 30TH, 1891

DR.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
To Dues from Lodges to December 31st, 1890 ...	38 16 9	
„ Donations at Inauguration Banquet ...	41 7 6	
„ Fees for Patents of Office	71 9 0	
		151 13 3
		<u>£151 13 3</u>

To Balance £131 11 3

CR.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
By Relief	20 0 0	
„ Bank Exchange on Relief	0 2 0	
		20 2 0
„ Balance		131 11 3
		<u>£151 13 3</u>

A. KAYE,
Grand Treasurer.

Christchurch, July 1st, 1891.

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FRANCIS J. SMITH, Auditors.
JAMES L. FENERTY,

STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES TO APRIL 30TH, 1891

ASSETS.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
To Cash (Dues to Dec. 31st, 1890) received since April 30th	66 5 0	
„ Dues still owing, to December 31st 1890	43 15 0	
		110 0 0
„ Dues to April 30th, 1891, being one-third of a year ...		200 0 0
„ Grand Master's Jewel	4 0 0	
„ Furniture, Office	9 0 0	
		13 0 0
„ Cash in Bank of New Zealand	70 16 2	
„ Cash in hands of Grand Secretary	1 5 0	
		72 1 2
		<u>£395 1 2</u>

To Balance £186 11 4

LIABILITIES.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
By Accounts Outstanding ..		21 18 7
„ Cash lent towards Non-recurrent Expenditure ...	55 0 0	
„ Amount standing at Credit in the Fund of Benevo- lence ..	131 11 3	
		186 11 3
„ Balance of Assets over Liabilities		186 11 4
		<u>£395 1 2</u>

GRAND LODGE OF NEW ZEALAND.

LIST OF LODGES

Now working under the Grand Lodge of New Zealand, with those which passed resolutions in favour of, and whose delegates signed the Declaration, bringing the Grand Lodge into existence on November 9th, 1889, compiled by the Editor of the CRAFTSMAN, from returns presented to Grand Lodge on July 6th, 1891, the official list published on October 1st, 1890, by Bros. Sydney James and Henry Neill, District Grand Secretaries of the English and Scotch Constitutions of Otago, and the report of the Minutes of Proceedings of the Wellington Convention:

OTAGO AND SOUTHLAND.

NAME OF LODGE	FORMERLY HOLDING UNDER THE GRAND LODGE OF	PRESENT CONDITION WITH RE- GARD TO GRAND LODGE OF NEW ZEALAND.
Otago	England, No. 844	Working under Grand Lodge
* Dunedin	No. 931	Still under England
Southern Cross... ..	No. 997	Working under Grand Lodge
Waitaki ..	No. 1111	” ”
† St. George ..	No. 1128	Still under England
‡ Ophir ..	No. 1195	” ”
Palmerston ..	No. 1749	Working under Grand Lodge .
Hercules ..	No. 1875	” ”
Hiram ..	No. 2008	” ”
St. John ..	No. 2102	Still under England
Waikouaiti ..	No. 2115	Working under Grand Lodge
Mokoreta ..	No. 2287	” ”
Fortitude	No 2301	” ”
Victoria	Ireland, No. 471	Still under Ireland
Clutha	Scotland, No. 460	Working under Grand Lodge
St. John	” No. 461	Still under Scotland
Oamaru Kilwinning ..	” No. 537	” ”
St. John	” No. 610	” ”
§ Arrow Kilwinning ...	” No. 637	” ”
Harvey	” No. 695	Working under Grand Lodge
Taringatura	” No. 743	Still under Scotland
Ngapara ...	New Lodge opened	Working under Grand Lodge

* Bro. H. S. Fish, P.M., and Bro. Henry Feldwick, P.M., Delegates. Lodge disputes their authority.

† Bro. T. G. De Renzy, P.M., disputed.

‡ Passed resolution ; Delegates could not attend.

§ Passed resolution ; appointed Delegates too late to attend Convention.

Names of Delegates who attended Convention and signed the Declaration :—Lodge St. John, Bro. T. G. De Renzy, P M , and Bro. the Rev. W. Ronaldson, F.M. Lodge Victoria, Bro. the Hon. G. F. Richardson ; Lodge St. John, Bro. T. McKenzie, P.M.; Lodge Oamaru Kilwinning, Bro the Hon. S. E. Shrimski Lodge St. John, Bro. Henry Feldwick, P.M ; Lodge Taringatura, Bro. Henry Feldwick, P.M.

CANTERBURY DISTRICT.

NAME OF LODGE	FORMERLY HOLDING UNDER THE GRAND LODGE OF	PRESENT CONDITION WITH RE- GARD TO GRAND LODGE OF NEW ZEALAND.
Unanimity	England, No. 604	Working under Grand Lodge
St. Augustine	” No. 609	” ”
Southern Cross,..	” No. 760	” ”
Canterbury	” No. 1048	Still under England
Progress ..	” No. 1651	Working under Grand Lodge
Winchester ...	” No. 1737	Still under England
St. George ..	” No. 1856	Working under Grand Lodge
Rakaia ..	” No. 1857	” ” ”
Ashley ..	” No. 1877	” ” ”

Lincoln	”	”	No. 1918	”	”	”
Malvern	”	”	No. 1919	”	”	”
Concord	”	”	No. 1925	”	”	”
Phoenix	”	”	No. 1959	”	”	”
Kaikoura	”	”	No. 2236	”	”	”
Caledonian	...	Scotland,	No. 534	”	”	”
St. Augustine ...	”	”	No. 576	Still under Scotland		
Canterbury Kilwinning	”	”	No. 585	Working under Grand Lodge		
Southern Star (Now called Geraldine) ...	”	”	No. 619	”	”	”
Methven	”	”	No. 694	”	”	”

Names of Delegates who signed the Declaration :—Lodge Canterbury, Bros R. C. Bishop, P.M., G. Tombs, P.M., G. Davis, and L. Cohen; Lodge Winchester, Bro. Sir H. A. Atkinson ; Lodge St. Augustine, Bro. W. Coltman, P.M.

NELSON DISTRICT (INCLUDING MARLBOROUGH AND WESTLAND).

NAME OF LODGE	FORMERLY HOLDING UNDER THE GRAND LODGE OF	PRESENT CONDITION WITH REGARD TO GRAND LODGE OF NEW ZEALAND.
Marlboro' of Unanimity	England, No. 1236	Still under England
Forest	” No. 1481	” ”
Victory	” No. 1927	Working under Grand Lodge
Waitohi	” No. 2036	Still under England
Advance	” No. 2247	Working under Grand Lodge
Westland Kilwinning	Scotland, No. 467	Still under Scotland
Wairau	” No. 663	Working under Grand Lodge
Robert Burns .	” No. 692	” ” ”
St. Andrew (now called Kumara)	” No. 767	” ” ”

Names of Delegates who attended Convention and signed the Declaration :—Lodge Marlborough of Unanimity, Bro. C. J. Griffiths, P.M. ; Lodge Forest, Bro. Joseph G. Harkness, M. H R., P.M. ; Lodge Waitohi, Bro. C. J. Griffiths, P.M. ; Lodge Westland Kilwinning, Bro. E. T. Gillon, P.M., and Bro. Hon. R. J. Seddon.

WELLINGTON DISTRICT.

NAME OF LODGE	FORMERLY HOLDING UNDER THE GRAND LODGE OF	PRESENT CONDITION WITH REGARD TO GRAND LODGE OF NEW ZEALAND.
New Zealand Pacific ...	England, No. 517	Working under Grand Lodge
Tongariro ...	” No. 705	Unknown
Masterton ...	” No. 1430	Working under Grand Lodge
Victoria ...	” No. 1577	” ” ”
Abercorn ...	” No. 1813	” ” ”
St. John ...	” No. 1888	” ” ”
* Rangitikei ...	” No. 1904	” ” ”
* Feilding ...	” No. 1940	” ” ”
Ngamotu ...	” No. 2053	” ” ”
St. Mark's ...	” No. 2059	” ” ”
* Ruapehu ...	” No. 2137	” ” ”
* Ruahine ...	” No. 2178	” ” ”
Scinde ...	Ireland, No. 419	” ” ”
Bedford ...	” No. 464	” ” ”
Leinster ...	” No. 469	” ” ”
Ulster ...	” No. 475	” ” ”
Waterloo ...	Scotland, No. 463	” ” ”
St. Andrew Kilwinning ..	” No. 481	Still under Scotland

Patea Kilwinning	...	„	No. 536	Working under Grand Lodge
St. Andrew	...	„	No. 639	„ „ „
† Thistle	...	„	No. 647	„ „ „
Hawera	...	„	No. 652	„ „ „
ManawatuKilwinning...		„	No. 690	„ „ „
Fox ton Kilwinning	...	„	No. 727	„ „ „
Rawhite	...		New Lodge Opened	„ „ „
Tararua	...		New Lodge Opened	„ „ „

* According to Bros. James and Neill's circular of October 1st. 1890.

† Since joining Grand Lodge, Lodges Thistle and Masterton have amalgamated.

Names of Delegates who attended Convention and signed the Declaration: - Lodge Tongariro, Bro. G. Marshall S. W. ; Lodge St. Andrew Kilwinning, Bro. the Hon. John Ballance, S.W.

AUCKLAND DISTRICT.

NAME OF LODGE	FORMERLY HOLDING UNDER THE GRAND LODGE OF	PRESENT CONDITION WITH REGARD TO GRAND LODGE OF NEW ZEALAND.
Turanganui	... England, No. 1480	Unknown
Eden	... „ No 1530	Working under Grand Lodge
Opotiki	... „ No. 1930	Unknown
Albion	... „ No. 2003	Working under Grand Lodge
Franklin	... „ No. 2138	„ „ „
Ara	... Ireland, No. 348	„ „ „
United Service „ No. 421	„ „ „
Beta	... „ No. 450	„ „ „
Coromandel	... „ No. 456	„ „ „
Abercorn	... „ No. 472	Paid Fees and accepted Warrant. Know nothing further
St. Andrew	... Scotland, No. 418	Working under Grand Lodge
Sir Walter Scott	... „ No. 533	„ „ „
Manukau	... „ No. 586	„ „ „
Te Aroha	... „ No. 697	„ „ „
Ponsonby	... „ No. 708	„ „ „
Wairoa „ No. 709	„ „ „
Star in the Far South „ No. 717	„ „ „
„ Montrose	... „ No. 7 22	Unknown
Whitianga	... „ No. 725	Unknown
Unknown	... New Lodge Opened	Working under Grand Lodge
Unknown	... New Lodge Opened	„ „ „

Names of Delegates who attended Convention and signed the Declaration:—Lodge Turanganui, Bro. R. C. Hamerton, P.M., and Bro. J. Thomson, P.M ; Lodge Opotiki, Bro. R. C. Hamerton, P.M. ; Lodge Montrose, Bro. J. Thomson, P.M. ; Bro. J. M. Dickson, Secretary; Bro. M. Niccol, P.M.; Bro. R. C. Hugo, R.W.M., and Bro. D. Hepburn ; Lodge Whitianga, Bro. E. T. Gillon, P.M.

JOINED THE FOLD.

LODGE KAIKOURA, 2236, E.C., Canterbury, has tendered its allegiance, and joins the Grand Lodge this month.

NEW LODGE IN THE AUCKLAND DISTRICT.

AN application for a warrant was received by Grand Lodge at its last meeting from Brethren in Monganui. The petition was granted.

RECOGNITIONS.
KANSAS.

SPECIAL REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON FRATERNAL CORRESPONDENCE.—New Zealand—In this colony your Committee finds that a Convention, composed of delegates from a large majority of the constituted Lodges in this colony, was held in the city of Wellington, September 11th, 1889, at which time, after the usual preliminary proceedings had been disposed of, the Convention proceeded and organised the M.W.G.L. of N.Z. of A.F. and A.M. The work of organising conforms in all essential particulars with the common law and usage of Free-masonry as practised in all English-speaking nations ; there seems to be no good reason why we should not extend a fraternal recognition to this new applicant for Masonic favour at the hands of its Masonic Brethren. We therefore offer the following resolution :—Resolved—" That the M.W. Grand Lodge of Kansas takes pleasure in extending to its Masonic Brethren in the colony of New Zealand kindly and fraternal greeting, and tenders to them its earnest assurance of support in their efforts to establish and maintain an independent supreme Masonic power in the colony of New Zealand, and it cheerfully accords to them a place in the sisterhood of Grand Lodges." Your Committee recommends that the usual exchange of Grand Representatives be made at an early date. At the same time the Grand Lodge of Tasmania was also recognised. The report was received and adopted, February 18th, 1891.

[The Grand Lodge of Kansas has a roll of 342 Lodges, with a membership of 18,089. The number of initiations in 1890 were 1327. Its income for the year ending December 31st, 1890, was nearly £4000. —ED. CRAFTSMAN:]

NEW BRUNSWICK.

THE Grand Lodge of New Brunswick at its last Communication recognised the Grand Lodge of New Zealand despite a vigorously worded protest from one of the District Grand Masters of the S.C. in New Zealand.

NEW SOUTH WALES.

INSTALLATION OF THE GRAND MASTER AND OFFICERS.

ON Thursday evening, June 11th, 1891, the installation of the Grand Officers for 1891-92 took place in the Centennial Hall and was a brilliant and impressive ceremony. The attendance was about 3000, which filled the magnificent hall comfortably, allowing ample room for the ceremony to be carried out with dignity. The installation of M W. Bro. Lord Carrington in 1888 was an imposing function with a larger attendance, but, for beauty of effect, comfort of the Brethren, and choral accompaniment, it was inferior to this year's ceremony. Rarely in any part of the world has such an imposing Masonic gathering taken place, and, never indeed, except on one occasion in England, has such a concourse of Brethren assembled. The arrangements made by the committee were ample and perfect, and for which they were warmly complimented on all sides. The Centennial Hall is a magnificent apartment, measuring 195 feet by 85 feet, and 50 feet high. Its organ is one of the finest in the world, so that when the floor and galleries were filled with Brethren in full regalia, and the choir seats occupied by 150 trained voices, obedient to the *baton* of W. Bro. Drewe, the Grand Director of Music, the sight was indeed truly beautiful, and one never to be forgotten.

Shortly after seven o'clock the M.W.G.M., Bro. the Hon. Dr. Tarrant, M.L.C., preceded by the Grand Officers, entered, and was received with grand honours. Grand Lodge was then opened in ample form.

The following Grand Officers of other colonies were now announced, and on entering were received with grand honours :—Queensland—R. W. Bro. Theodore Unmack, Provincial Grand Master, I.C., with the Provincial Grand Officers. Tasmania—R.W. Bro. Dr. Giblin, Deputy Grand Master, accompanied by the Grand Officers. Victoria—M.W. Bro. Sir William Clarke, Bart., with his Grand Officers.

The Grand Director of Ceremonies then announced the R. W. Bro. His Excellency Victor Albert .George Child Villiers, Earl of Jersey, Past Grand Warden of England, Past Provincial Grand Master of Oxfordshire, the Grand Master-elect of the United Grand Lodge of New South Wales. He was received with grand honours and conducted to a seat before the pedestal. The M. W. Grand Master-elect having signified his willingness to accept his high office and to take the obligation, he was conducted to the pedestal and solemnly obligated.

Among the fifty-two representatives from Sister Grand Lodges who were formally announced and presented to the Grand Master was R. W. FBro. H. S. Thompson, Grand Representative of the Grand Lodge of New Zealand.

THE BANQUET.

In the banqueting hall a most recherche repast was laid. The hall was very tastefully decorated. The Masonic arts of music and rhetoric added to the delight of the entertainment. The band of the First Regiment played excellent and appropriate selections at intervals, and the oratory was worthy even of Masons and Masonry. The Most Worshipful the Grand Master presided. On the right he was supported by M.W.G.M. Sir W. J. Clarke, and Grand Chaplain, Lord Bishop of Bathurst ; and on the left by D.G.M., Dr. ? O Giblin, and Pro. G.M., the Hon. Dr. H. J. Tarrant, M.L.C. There were nearly 600 brethren present.

The toast of "Her Most Gracious Majesty the Queen" having been duly honoured, Bishop Camidge, Grand Chaplain, proposed that of the Most Worshipful the Grand Master. His Excellency replied.

Replying to the toast of "Visiting Brethren," the P G.M. of Queensland, the Hon. Thomas Unmack, said he wished it to be distinctly understood that they had watched the career of the Masons of New South Wales. They distinctly remembered the time, in 1877 when a certain number of Brethren had first formed the New South Wales Constitution. They had watched the pioneers of that movement. They had watched them during the time of adversity and non-recognition. They had felt admiration for their energy and perseverance in pulling through what they honestly believed was a right way of working. They had followed not only them, but they had followed that noble little band of about 15 Brethren who took it upon themselves to smooth the way of difficulties, and finally launch—or rather they were the means of launching—this Most Worshipful Grand Lodge into existence. He was glad to see that many, if not most of them, were there present. He would say they deserved to have their names inserted in letters of gold upon the tablets of the Grand Lodge. He was glad to see that many of them were rewarded by the highest offices that could possibly be vested upon them. He trusted he might be excused in referring to Masonic matters in Queensland. He knew that the hearts of their New South Wales Brethren were with them just as much as their hearts were with them. Therefore, he trusted they would pardon him if he occupied their time for a few brief moments in giving them a short history of the struggles which a very large majority of the Masons resident in Queensland had thus far had in endeavouring to accomplish what the Masons of New South Wales had so successfully attained—Masonic independence. About eighteen months or two years ago a very considerable number of influential Brethren took it upon themselves to call a meeting of the Masons of Queensland, to consider the propriety, and whether the time had come, for forming a Grand Lodge of Queensland. The invitation was most cheer-fully and heartily responded to, and resolutions were carried for the purpose of forming a Masonic Union. The Masonic Union being formed, they, in their turn, proposed seven resolutions, which they sent to the whole of the Lodges throughout Queensland for approval or disapproval. The Irish and Scotch Lodges, representing fully one half the Lodges in the colony, responded in the most noble terms by adopting the resolutions framed by the Union, with the exception of one Irish and one Scotch Lodge only. Therefore, he might say, they had practically the whole of the Irish and Scotch Lodges. But when they came to the English Lodges they found a very different state of affairs. Finding, as they had found, that a very large majority of the English Brethren were in favour of the resolutions, they expected a response equally as promising as in the case of the Irish and Scotch Lodges. But they found that a good many officers of the English Masons took it upon themselves, as officers of high standing, to send out to the different Lodges circulars, advising them not to deal with any of the resolutions which had been submitted by the Masonic Union, because, by any consideration of these resolutions, they would be doing an illegal thing to their own Grand Lodge. He would give them the result of this appeal to the general mass of the Lodges. Nine English Lodges only declared themselves in favour of the Masonic Union—a very small number indeed. The greater number did not send any answer to the Masonic Union at all. They were now situated thus : They had 37 Lodges in favour of a Grand Lodge of Queensland, and 25 Lodges presumably against it. Therefore, as the Brethren would know, they had the constitutional majority that was required. But having before them the example of the trouble that had been experienced both in New South Wales and Victoria, the promoters of this movement determined that they would not entertain the matter until they had much more unanimity. The Grand Lodge of Ireland had treated them in this matter in the most brotherly and impartial manner that could possibly be imagined. It showed that they at least had no fear of any disloyalty. They (the Grand Lodge of Ireland) knew that, whatever affected the Craft in any other portion of the globe, affected Masonry at Home and every-

where. They had on two different occasions written to him expressing a hope that on a very early occasion Queensland would follow suit of the other colonies, and they offered the Masons of Queensland, in their endeavours to form a Grand Lodge, a hearty recognition and every possible support. He and his brother officers had come down to Sydney for the sole purpose of accepting the honour that had been conferred upon them on that momentous and auspicious occasion in Masonry. They considered it a great advantage to have had the benefit of being present, and when they got home they would have to meet their Brethren there and give an account of the proceedings. He would tell them what he was going to say to them. First, he would tell his Brethren in Queens-land that they had received the most brotherly welcome, the most generous hospitality (for which all New South Wales was celebrated) ; and they were thankful and grateful for this. Second, he was going to tell them, and he was sure his brother officers would stand with him, that he had found that all the little frictions which used to exist in New South Wales, as they knew so well, had been obliterated, and that they had found nothing but peace, love, and harmony. He would tell them further that he had found Masonic influence widening and expanding in New South Wales at a rate that was unprecedented in Masonic history. He would tell them that the charity funds of the United Grand Lodge of New South Wales were in a condition that reflected credit upon all concerned. Finally, this was what he was going to say to his Brethren of Queensland :—" You have been blind to your own interests in not following the lead and the example that has been shown to us by New South Wales, South Australia. Victoria, Tasmania, and New Zealand. We are the only colony that has so far held out. The opponents to Masonic independence might just as well endeavour to prevent the rising of the sun in the morning as to prevent the establishment of a Grand Lodge of Queensland." Come it would, be it soon or late—that was what he was always saying to his Queensland Brethren—just as sure as it had already taken place in New South Wales. He would tell his Queensland Brethren that the very pick, the very cream, the very essence of society and good fellowship in New South Wales, had joined the New South Wales Grand Lodge. They had the very best men in the colony, and, what was more they had amongst them now a very large number of men who had for many years held aloof from participating in the troubled state of government, and had never believed in sending the money Home when they had no voice in the distribution of charity, but, finding they had a Grand Lodge of their own, had joined it. They would, he hoped, pardon him for making a very small allusion to himself. He had worked for, nearly thirty years in Masonry, and had not been one of the most lazy at all events, or he took it he would not have been installed in the position he now held. He had only one Masonic ambition in the world. That ambition was this : "That his name might figure amongst those who would ultimately be enabled to establish a Grand Lodge of Queensland." If he succeeded, in spite of his official position, feeling and knowing that the Grand Lodge of Ireland was taking up the efforts they were making to legally, lawfully, and constitutionally obtain independence ; if he could accomplish that, and be one of the men who would be required to take a position in it, he would be content to retire, and rest upon the laurels he had earned, and leave the field to younger and more energetic men. He would say, after thirty years of experience, that there was no institution under the sun that could hold a candle to Masonry. It was their own fault if, inadvertently, they had among them men who were not what they ought to be ; but, at the same time, where was the institution under the sun that did not make a mistake sometimes ? In conclusion, he would say that he and his Brethren of Queensland extended a brotherly welcome to their Brethren of New South Wales should they at any time visit the Northern colony, and would be happy to offer them the best hospitality that so poor a colony as Queensland could afford.

CORRESPONDENCE.
TO CORRESPONDENTS.

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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.

"KUMARA."—A List of the Lodges now working under the Grand Lodge of New Zealand is published in this number.

THE PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF IRELAND.
To THE EDITOR.

DEAR SIR and BROTHER.—In your June issue appears the following brief mention :— "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." Please oblige me by stating in your next, *on better authority*, that the above statement is untrue. With kind regards, and best wishes for the success of your excellent Journal. —I am, Inc.,

WILLIAM J REES,
P.G. Sec., N.Z., I.C.

Provincial Grand Lodge of Freemasons, I C.
Auckland, N.Z., June 24th, 1891.

UNIFORMITY OF WORKING.

TO THE EDITOR.

SIR.—There is a question that in the future may be a burning one in connection with the formation of Grand Lodge, viz., uniformity of working. I see by the draft copies of proposal of Constitutions supplied to Lodges for suggestions, that a number of the excellencies of the three Constitutions are embodied in them. Perhaps something in the nature of a compromise between English, Irish, and Scotch way of working could be also suggested for approval. It is very confusing for young Masons just made to be told that the body (say a New Zealand Lodge) that has, just made him is the only proper Masonic authority in the Colony. It may use Scotch form, and it is a very beautiful ritual too, in all three degrees. Perhaps, now he visits a Lodge working under I.C. and E.C. still, and he sees what appears to his, young Masonic eyes something very different taught. This is, of course, we old hands tell him, merely difference of working, that we all arrive by different methods at the same end, and that the symbolism of Masons is identical, and the fundamental truths and secrets are the same in Australia, America, England, Ireland, Scotland, and New Zealand. I often hear Brethren splitting hairs about the exact phraseology to be used, each insisting his form of words is correct, &c., looking only to the letter instead of the spirit of the institution. Now this is to be expected, as very few study the beautiful teaching underlying the ceremonies, and only are anxious they should be letter perfect according to some fancied correct ritual, they may have got and adopted as their standard of perfection. I see the G.L. of New South Wales has approached this delicate subject, and a method of working has been actually issued under their authority. I would not dare to advocate such a measure as this at once, or indeed at all, but would suggest that when the newly nominated officers are elected the Superintendents of Districts should have in addition to their other duties the inspection of the working of Lodges, and the instruction of them in a uniform working to be agreed on. This is the case in Tasmania. My friend the Hon. J. H. McCall is there appointed Inspector of Workings, with the special duty I have just named, in addition to his duties which we indicate will fall to our Superintendents. He is eminently fitted for this office, being a "Trinitarian," i.e., a member of all three Constitutions, at different times, and a W.M. in at least two. We have also accomplished Brethren in our new Constitution, notably Bro. M. Niccol, our present Superintendent of Auckland, who is able to teach any ritual indicated. I am quite sure this would be a subject worth thinking of by the powers that be, and I believe that the expense of a visit two or three times, till perfection was attained, would be cheerfully borne by every Lodge (in New Zealand, under the new Constitution, to secure that great desideratum, uniformity of working.—I am, &c.,

ANDREW KING, P.M., G.S.,
Past P.G.S.B, I.C.

SAYS the South Australian *Freemason* : Our best men retire from office, and we have nothing to remember them by. Why should we not have the portrait of those who have served in high places ? Masons' term of life is limited much as other men's. Why should they not leave us their "rival presentments" before they pass into nothingness ?

WE have to thank Messrs Burton Bros., photographers, Dunedin, for a large-sized photograph of the Grand Master. The likeness is excellent, and represents Bro. Henry Thomson as wearing his collar and jewel of office. Copies may be had in three sizes at 1s 6d, 2s 6d, and 5s each respectively—post free—and are really good value. Lodges should procure a copy and frame it, and keep it as a memento of the that Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of New Zealand.

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.

GREYMOUTH LODGE, E.C. —Bro. Charles Albert Wainwright has been elected Worshipful Master for the ensuing year of the Greymouth Lodge, E.C.

ADVANCE LODGE, N.Z.C., BRUNNERTON.—The business this Lodge has to transact at the regular meeting on the 23rd inst., is the affiliation of Bro. Carl Yoitt, of Lodge Lazar, No. 1689, E.C., Kumara.

LODGE BETA-WAIKATO, N.Z.C., AUCKLAND.—This Lodge met in the Masonic Hall, Hamilton, on June 18th. There was a good attendance of Brethren, and in the absence of the W.M., Bro. Rathborne, Bro. A. Primrose, P.M., took the chair. Bro. George John Richdale, being in attendance, was passed to the Second Degree, the working tools being presented by the S.W. Bro. J. Primrose. The Grand Lodge officers having signified their intention of being present at the installation: on the 25th inst., it was decided to give them a supper after the ceremony. Messrs T. B. Fleming and J. N. Marsden were duly proposed and seconded, and will be balloted for at the next meeting.

LODGE WAITAKI, N.Z.C., OAMARU.—The first regular meeting of this Lodge, since the installation of W.M. Bro. O. H. Pinel, was held on June 17th. There was a large attendance of members and a good sprinkling of visitors. After the ordinary business a Brother was balloted for and elected as a joining member, one candidate was initiated, and two initiates were passed to the Second Degree. Sundry correspondence from the Grand Secretary having been read, the Auditors' report was read, and the balance-sheet adopted. Bro. Keys gave notice of motion that the recommendation from the Grand Secretary, the V.W. Bro. Rev. W. Ronaldson as to members of the Lodge being in arrears, be considered at the next regular meeting. A vote of thanks having been accorded to the Auditors for their elaborate report, showing the good work done financially during the past year, a candidate was proposed for initiation, and a Brother signed and received his G. L. Certificate, after which, the Lodge was closed, and a pleasant hour was passed in the ante-room, cheered by some of the Brethren from our sister Lodge.

NGAMOTU LODGE (LATE 2053, E.C.), N.Z.C., NEW PLYMOUTH.—The regular monthly meeting of this Lodge took place on June 19th. There was a good attendance of Brethren, and as the W.M., Bro. F.P. Corkill was suffering from a bad cold, P.M. Bro. Murphy took the chair, and opened the Lodge in due form at 7.45 p.m. Ballots were taken for Bro. W. H. Clark, late of Lodge Hawera, N.Z.C., and Messrs L. C. Darnell, J. T. Campbell, and T. Furlong, and in each case proved favourable. It is worthy of note that this Lodge, since joining the N.Z.C., has more than doubled its membership, and there are signs of still greater activity in the near future. Bro. Elislop being a candidate for the Third Degree was admitted, and obligated by P.A. Bro. Murphy; the ceremony was then continued by P.M. Bro. McAllum, and the candidate was raised to the Sublime Degree of M.M. The Brethren expressed their gratification and approval of W.M.'s (Bro. F.P. Corkill) action when in Auckland, in having a wreath placed upon the coffin of the late R. W.P.G.M. Bro. Pierce. The notice of motion by P.M. Bro. McAllum was then discussed, and with the consent of the mover and seconder was slightly altered as follows: "That this Lodge contributes £5 to help to form a Grand Lodge Fund of Benevolence," and was carried unanimously. P.M. Bro. Robinson gave notice of motion that the joining fees of this Lodge be the actual contributions to Grand Lodge. The business of the evening being concluded, the Lodge was closed at 10.30 p.m., and the Brethren parted in love, peace, and harmony.

LODGE FEILDING, N.Z.C., FEILDING.—Bro. W. A. Bailey has been elected W.M. of Lodge Feilding.

LODGE ASHLEY, N.Z.C., RANGIORA.—This Lodge will ballot for Mr William Bennington, and raise Bros. Taylor and Bailey on the 16th inst.

LODGE MOKORETA, N.Z.C., WYNDHAM.—There was a large attendance of the Brethren of this Lodge at its usual monthly meeting on June 25th, and there was also rather a lengthy "order paper." The ballot was taken for four candidates, viz., Messrs George Crosbie, jun., William Crosbie, Andrew Clunie Bishop, and Edward Jones. All four were accepted, and were thereafter initiated into the E.A. Degree by W.M. Bro. Crosbie, assisted by I.P.M. Bro. Mee, Bro. S. D. McLauchlan (Tools), and Bro. J. W. Raymond (Ancient Charge). Bro. A. H. Burton, Grand Superintendent of Otago, was appointed proxy for Master and Wardens for forthcoming Quarterly Communication of Grand Lodge at Wellington. Several accounts were passed for payment, and some other routine business was carried through, two more candidates being proposed. The

Lodge closed in peace and harmony at 10.50 p.m. An emergency meeting was held on Tuesday, July 7th, when Bros. Eades and Cranston were raised to the Sublime Degree of M.M.'s, by W.M. Bro. Crosbie, assisted by acting S.W. and J.W. Bros. Raymond and Clark, Bro. McLauchlan, S.D. presenting tools, and Bro. Raymond, delivering Antient Charge.

LODGE KUMARA, N.Z.C., KUMARA.—The regular meeting of this Lodge was held in the Masonic Hall, on Friday, June 19th, 1891. There was a large attendance ; Lodge opened in due form at 8 p.m. The business of this Lodge was to ballot for, and, if elected, to initiate Mr Robert Hill Mines, age 25, native of Victoria, and Mr John Murchie Mines, age 23, native of Scotland. The ballot proving unanimous in favour of the candidates, both gentlemen were duly initiated, Entered Apprentice Freemasons in the First Degree, by the R. W.M., Bro. R. Wilson, Bro. Edmund Rogers, P.M., Grand Steward, acting Senior Warden. Bro. S. Jackson Binning, Senior Deacon, gave the charge appertaining to this Degree in a masterly and impressive manner. After the correspondence had been read and received and other routine business finished, the R.W.M. asked the Brethren after the closing of the Lodge to retire to the banquetting rooms, to partake of refreshments in honour of Bro. Dr. James McBrearty, who is leaving the district, and to give the Brethren an opportunity to bid farewell to this highly esteemed Brother. Lodge closed in peace and harmony. After an excellent repast, prepared by Bro. L. Ziegler in his best style, the Brethren spent an hour or two in real Masonic harmony, a few capital songs being sung by several of the Brethren. After wishing Bro. McBrearty success in the future, this successful gathering closed with " Auld Lang Syne " and three cheers for the departing Brother.

ST. MARK'S LODGE, N.Z.C., CARTERTON —VISIT OF THE GRAND MASTER AND GRAND OFFICERS.—The visit of the Grand Lodge officers to St. Mark's Lodge, on 8th inst, was an event of so much importance as to attract Craftsmen from Sister Lodges in the Wairarapa in great numbers. The Lodge was tyled at. 7.30, about 60 Brethren, including visitors, were present, the officers occupying their respective situations. During the ceremony the choir rendered the following selections :—" Gloria," from Mozart's Twelfth Mass ; March, from " Scipio " (Handel) ; and " How lovely are the Messengers," from Mendelssohn's " St. Paul." The Grand Master was accompanied by Bros. E. T. Gillen, Past Deputy Grand Master ; H. J. Williams, G. Superintendent ; G. H. Powley, S.G. Warden ; Dr. Walker, acting J.G. Warden ; Rev. W. Ronaldson, Grand Secretary ; A. Kidd, P.G. Pursuivant, acting S.G. Deacon ; N. Grace, acting G.S.B. ; and A. Booth, and H. H. Tippler, Grand Stewards. There were also i present the W.M. of Lodge Greytown, E.C., Bro. F. H. Wood, and P. M.'s W. Skeet and R. Bright, with P.M. C. H. Gayfer. An address was given by the G. Master, and after some routine business the Lodge was closed. A banquet followed at the Foresters' Hall, The Grand Master, in reply to the toast of the Grand Lodge of New Zealand, gave a very interesting and able address on the present position of the Craft with regard to the Home Grand Lodges, and concluded by complimenting St. Mark's Lodge on *the honourable position it held as being the first Lodge in the colony to give allegiance to the Grand Lodge of New Zealand.* Bro. E. T. Gillon, in the course of his remarks, said they had passed through their first year, and the results justified the action they had taken. One of the grave charges made against them was that the promoters had incurred large liabilities, and had overwhelmed Grand Lodge with debt. They had been to great expense, of necessity, but the publication of their first year's transactions left them with a substantial balance of £300 to the good, after providing for extraordinary expenditure. That was a testimony to prudent management on the part of those who initiated the movement.

MANAWATU KILWINNING LODGE, N.Z.C., PALMERSTON NORTH.—The regular meeting of this Lodge was held on Wednesday, June 24th, 1891, for the first time in the Oddfellows' Hall, Church sreet. The majority of the furniture, &c., being all new, and donated by the various members of the Lodge. There was a goodly attendance of the Brethren and visitors. After opening the Lodge a dispensation was read from the G.M., Bro. Thomson, authorising us to hold our meetings in the Oddfellows' Hall. P.M. Bro. A. Jack, of St. Andrew's Lodge, Wellington, after being successfully balloted for, then took his seat on the dais as a member of this Lodge. The R.W.M., Bro. W. Rutherford, then initiated Mr T. H. James into the mysteries and privileges of antient Freemasonry, the ceremony being very impressively given, the W.T. and charity charge being given by P.M. Bro. W. H. Smith, and the antient charge by P.M. Bro. A. Jack. This being the whole of the business the Lodge, was then closed in peace, love, and harmony at 11 p.m.

EDEN LODGE, NO. 1530, E.C., AUCKLAND, JOINS THE GRAND LODGE OF NEW ZEALAND. —There was an interesting gathering at the Masonic Hall, Karangahape road, on June 23rd, on the occasion of the

transference of the allegiance of the Eden Lodge, No. 1530, E.G., to the control of the Grand Lodge of New Zealand. The business under the English Constitution was formally opened by Bro. Dickenson, W.M. Before leaving the chair he said that he could not yet see his way to go over to the new Constitution, but he wished the Lodge every success, and hoped that in the near future all Masonic brethren would work harmoniously together. Bro. Dickenson then vacated the chair and retired. The Lodge was subsequently opened in the first degree by the I.P.M., Bro. Hardy, under the warrant of Bro. Thomson, G.M. of the New Zealand Constitution. There was a brilliant attendance, and the capacity of the hall was taxed to its utmost. There was, of course, a good attendance of the local Lodge, and the visiting Brethren representing the Albion Lodge, Bro. Logan, W.M., and his officers ; Lodge Ponsonby, admitted without officers ; Lodge United Service, W.M. Bro. Ellison and his officers ; Lodge Manukau, Bro. P.M. Austin and officers ; Lodge St. Andrew, Bro. El. Tewsley, W.M., and his officers and Brethren (a large contingent) ; and the W.M., Bro. Hanna, of Lodge Ara, was also accompanied by a large number of officers and members. These Lodges having been officially received, the Grand Lodge officers of the New Zealand Constitution were announced. They comprised Bro. A. S. Russell, D.G.M., Bro. M. Niccol, G. Superintendent, Bro. Cooper, A.G.S., and a number of Masters and Past Masters. After the formal opening of the Lodge, the dispensation from the Grand Master was read by the Assistant Grand Secretary, Bro. Cooper, and on the invitation of Bro. Niccol the time-honoured "Old Hundred " was sung as appropriate to the occasion. Bro. Russell, D.G.M., then addressed the brethren. It had much pleasure on being prece. it with them, more especially as this was the occasion of their handing in their allegiance to the Grand Lodge of New Zealand. He knew, although he had not previously visited the Lodge, from personal interviews with leading members that they were almost unanimous in joining the New Zealand Constitution from the first, but that certain difficulties as to property arose. He now thought they acted wisely in seeing that their property was made secure before they handed over their allegiance to the Grand Lodge, and he attributed a great deal of the success of their present movement for the establishment of a New Zealand Grand Lodge to one of their P.M.'s, Bro. Kitt, who had given every assistance, and had been one of the most ardent supporters of the movement. It had been said by some one, or it may have appeared in print, that the Grand Lodge of Scotland would never cease to have Lodges under their constitution in New Zealand. That might be so, but they saw that on the installation of Bro. the Earl of Jersey as Grand Master of New South Wales, that the New Zealand Constitution was represented, and was, in fact, fourth on the list. What they had to do was to assist in carrying out this great Masonic scheme, and make up their minds notwithstanding the existence of other Constitutions, the New Zealand Constitution intended to be the supreme governing body of Masonry in New Zealand. Bro. M. Niece], G. Superintendent said : He did not purpose to say much on this occasion, as he was junior to the P.W. the D.G.M., He thought that they had reason to be pleased that Eden Lodge did not come over to the Grand Lodge of New Zealand at the first, and it illustrated the saying of Shakespeare, " There's a divinity that shapes our ends roughhew them how we will." If they had come over at once, there would no doubt have been a split, but now they would see this Lodge work happily under the New Zealand Constitution. Every Lodge in New Zealand had reason to be gratified in regard to the success of the movement, for it had resulted in an increase of attendance, an increase of interest, and an increase in the number of members. Me felt sure that no Mason who had joined the New Zealand Constitution would now go back to the former state of things, although their opponents seemed to entertain the idea that they " would go back again to the fold." He referred to the reproach against Masonry that they were profuse in promises, but they were meagre in fulfilment, and that Masonry had not done what it should have done. He hoped that soon that reproach would be removed. They must recollect that the Grand Lodge of New Zealand had only been established for a year, and it would be a mistake to suppose that they could do everything at once. They had uphill work ; they had laid the foundations and were now erecting the walls, but they would not complete the edifice until they had established Masonic charities and institutions on a broad scale, and each Mason should do his part to accomplish this end. He had to express his earnest hope that Lodge Eden would obtain the happy results which other Lodges had obtained by joining the New Zealand Constitution. He referred to the importance of a community of interest, pointing out that the election of Grand Lodge officers was in their own hands instead of having to be governed by irresponsible persons appointed for life by a foreign Grand Lodge. He concluded by expressing an earnest hope for the prosperity of Lodge Eden, stating that they would never regret the step they had taken, adding

" Naught can make them rue

If to themselves they be but true."

Congratulations of the most fraternal character was addressed to the Lodge from all the representative visitors, and Bro. Cooper, A G.S., gave a brief address, showing the remarkable progress which had been made by the Grand Lodge of New Zealand since its establishment.

THE Supreme Grand Chapter of New South Wales seems to be going ahead. The report of the Grand Committee of General Purposes (which was kindly forwarded to us by the Grand Scribe Ezra ex-Comp Francis B. Davidson), which was to be presented at the regular quarterly Convocation on May 29th, says all the liabilities have been discharged in full, except two small loans. The regalia has been insured for £250, although worth much more ; and the " New-castle " Chapter was consecrated and opened on March 14th.

INSTALLATIONS.

PHENIX LODGE WESTPORT.—The annual banquet and ball in connection with the installation of the Worshipful Master and officers of the Phoenix Lodge at Westport, was held on Friday evening, 26th June. Bro. T. A. Peterkin was installed as W. M. by the R. W.D.G. Master of Westland, Bro. John Bevan.

LODGE ULSTER, N.Z.C., PETONE.—A special train was run on June 20th, to convey visitors from Wellington to the annual meeting of this Lodge. Bro. E. T. Gillen, P.D.G. Master, conducted the installation of Bro. Richard Mothes, Bro. H. J. Williams, Grand Director of Ceremonies, and Bro. F. J. Dawes, Grand Steward, being Bro. Gillon's assistants. The Directors of Ceremonies were Bros. Kirke and Renai. The following officers were invested : — S.W., Bro. S. Sykes ; J.W., Bro. J. G. A. Castle ; Treasurer, Bro. J. W. Powell ; Secretary, Bro. J. T. King ; S.D., Bro. A. Marsden ; J.D., Bro. M. Cargill ; LG., Bro. E. Turner ; Chaplain, Bro. A. Thomson ; Director of Ceremonies, Bro. R. C. Kirk ; Organist, Bro. J. H. Sherwin ; S.S., Bro. T. Oxenham ; J.S., Bro. J. Renal ; Tyler, Bro. W. Ashcroft. Hearty good wishes were given by representatives from Lodges Wellington (1521, E.C.), New Zealand Pacific, Waterloo, St. Andrew's, Leinster, St. John's, and St. Andrew (418, S.C., Dunedin).

LODGE METHVEN, N.Z.C., METHVEN, CANTERBURY.—The ceremony of the installation of Bro. James Gillanders as R. W.M., of the Methven Lodge, N.Z.C., was performed on Thursday, May 21st, in the Lodge room, Methven. The Grand Lodge officers present were the M.W.G.M., Bro. H. Thomson, and P.M.'s Bros. Lyttleton and Oxley. The Installation was followed by the investiture of Bro. William Buchan as S. W. ; Bro. Robt. R. Lynn, J. D. ; Bro. John Baker, Secretary and Treasurer ; Bro. Richard McBride, I.G. After the ceremony the brethren adjourned to Bro W. Rouse's Hotel, where a substantial banquet was laid out. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured. The R. W.M., proposed the toast of the evening. " The M.W.G.M., Bro H. Thomson," to which Bro. Thomson replied, thanking the brethren for his kind reception and giving a brief sketch of the progress of Grand Lodge up to date. Some capital songs were sung by Bro Lynn, Buchan, and Dunn. This Lodge is in a sound and flourishing condition, and, Bro. Gillanders having entered on his second year of office, the ensuing year will, no doubt, be as successful as the last.

LODGE SCINDE, N.Z.C., NAPIER.—At the annual meeting of the members of this Lodge on June 24th, there was a large gathering of the Craft. P.M. Bro. H. C. A. Wundrum was the Installing Master, and had for his Wardens, P.M.'s Bros. R. Price and Palliser. The ceremony, which was fully choral, Bro. H. Aplin presiding at the organ, was impressively conducted ; and the handsomely furnished and brilliantly lighted hall presented a remarkably fine appearance at those parts of the proceedings where the regalia and jewels of the Brethren were fully displayed. P.M. Bro. J. E. Provis, who occupied the chair for two consecutive years under the Irish Constitution, and who, as T.P.M., has had, through unavoidable circumstances, to repeatedly preside over the Lodge, was installed W.M. for the ensuing twelve months, and received the usual honours. The W.M. then invested the following officers:—S.W., Bro. T. Sidey ; J.W., Bro. W. S. Provis ; Treas., Bro. J. Sidey ; Secretary, P.M. Bro. R. Price ; S.D., Bro. R. Goulding ; J.D., Bro. J. W. McDougall ; I.G., Bro. C. S. Galloway ; Organist, Bro. D. A. Sturrock ; Bro. H. Yarrall, Tyler. On the conclusion of the business the Brethren met in the refreshment room, and a pleasant social gathering was brought to a close at 11 30 p.m. The toasts were " The Queen and the Craft ; " " The Grand Lodges of New Zealand and Australasia " "The Installing Master ; " "The Worshipful Master ; " " The Incoming Officers ; " "The Visitors ; " " The Oldest member of the Lodge ; " and the Tyler's *toast*.—*Napier Daily Telegraph*.

LODGE COROMANDEL, N.Z.C., THAMES.—The annual installation of the officers-of this Lodge took place on the evening of June 24th (St. John the Baptist). At the close of the regular monthly meeting, a Board of Installed Masters was formed, Bro. A. King, P.M., Grand Steward, officiating as Installing Master, assisted by the following P.M.'s : Bros. J. H. Harrison (sear.), J. B. Gatland, S. Inder, J. D.. Colebrook, and L. W. Edwards. Bro. Thomas Scott was installed into the chair of K.S., according to ancient custom. The W.M.

invested the following officers :—I.P.M. Bro. L. W. Edwards; S.W., Bro. John Fawcus ; J.W., Bro. A. Kelso; P.M., Bro. J. D. Colebrook ; Secretary and Treasurer, Bro. A. King, P.M. ; S.D., Bro. E. C. Randle ; J.D., Bro. A. J. Litten ; I.G., Bro. V. Y. Gatland ; Tyler, Bro. J. Marshall ; Auditors, Bros. J. H. Harrison and Chas. Grant. After the usual congratulations the Lodge was closed, and the Brethren wended their way to Mrs Boyd's dining-room for refreshments. The spread was in hostess Boyd's well-known style, and ample justice was done to the good things provided. The usual Masonic Toasts were given. Three or four pleasant hours were spent, several Brothers contributing to the evening's harmony by songs and recitations.

WELLINGTON LODGE, 1521, E.C., WELLINGTON. —The regular monthly meeting was held on June 9th, when Bro. Thomas Larchin, P.M., was installed as Worshipful Master by the D.D.G.M., Bro. Sir E. O. Gibbes, Bart. Bro. W. D. Lyon, P.M., and Bro. Dr. Pollen, P.M., acted as Directors of Ceremonies. There was a large attendance of Brethren belonging to the national Constitution, they having been invited as Masons. After the installation ceremony W. M. Bro. Larchin invested his officers as follow :—S.W., Bro. W. F. Roydhouse ; J.W., Bro. J.C. Young ; Treasurer, Bro. S. Robinson ; Secretary, Bro. A. E. Eames ; S.D., Bro. G. Allport ; J.D., Bro. C. B. Robinson ; I.G., Bro. A. D. Riley ; Tyler, Bro. Eli Buck. The W.M. addressed each officer during the investiture with a few well-chosen words relative to their duties in the Lodge. Owing to the ill-health of P.M. Bro. B. N. Manley and Bro. W. H. Hardwick, they were unable to be present to receive their appointments as Chaplain and Organist respectively. Bro. G. J. Brooke consented to act as Organist, and was duly invested. The musical portion of the evening was excellent. At the close of the proceedings the Worshipful Master gave an address of an impressive character.

THREE INSTALLATIONS AT BLENHEIM.—This has been a busy week in Masonic circles, all three Lodges holding their installations, a banquet and ball being additional attractions. Lodge Killarney, 478, I.C., was the first in the field, on Monday, June 22nd. There was a large attendance of members and visiting Brethren—Lodge Unanimity, No. 1236, E.O., paying an official visit. The out-going Master, Bro. Kilpatrick, acted as Installing Master, and the W.M. of Lodge Wairau, N.Z.C., Bro. W. W. De Castro, having been duly installed, the following officers were invested :—S.W., Bro. Curtis ; J.W., Bro. Collett ; Sec., Bro. Kerr ; Treas., Bro. Wilson ; Chap., Bro. Poole ; S.D., Bro. Thompson ; J.D., Bro. Watson ; I.G., Bro. Ballantine ; Organist, Bro. Cheek ; Stewards, Bros. Wilkinson and Green ; Tyler, Bro. Simmons. Bro. Kilpatrick carried out the ceremony in a style superior to anything yet seen in Blenheim. The working tools were presented by P.M.'s Bros. Patterson, Kerr, and Squire, respectively. —On the Tuesday evening Lodge Wairau, N.Z.C., held its installation, when the retiring Master, Bro. W. W. De Castro, installed his successor, Bro. Healey, being assisted in the charges by P.M.'s Bros. Hustwick, Falconer, and Salmon. The officers invested were as follow :—S. W., Bro. O'Callaghan ; J.W., Bro. Coleman; Treas., P.M. Bro. Hustwick ; Sec., P.M. Bro. W. Nosworthy ; S.D., Bro. Fryer; J.D., Bro. Middlemiss ; I.G., Bro. Tindill ; Tyler, Bro. Simmons ; Organist, P.M. Bro. Salmon ; Stewards, Bros. Vercoe and Daines. A combined banquet by Lodges Killarney and Wairau was held afterwards at Bro. Draper's, when a very enjoyable evening was spent. It should be mentioned that Lodge Waitohi, E.C., of Picton, paid an official visit to the Wairau Lodge, and was accorded a most enthusiastic reception. —Lodge Marlborough of Unanimity, 1236, E.C., met on Thursday, June 25th, at the new Masonic Hall, when P.M. Bro. Griffiths, in an able manner, acted as Installing Master. Bro. Hanna was duly installed and the following officers invested :—I.P.M., W. Bro. Macey ; S. W., Bro. Cawte ; J.W., Bro. Snodgrass ; Sec., Bro. Brown ; Treas., Bro. C. J. Griffiths, P.M.; Organist, W. Bro. Lucas, P.M. ; S.D., Bro. Bythell ; J.D., Bro. Beckett ; Steward, Bro. Lane ; I.G., Bro. Morland ; Tyler, Bro. Clarkson. The new Lodge furniture and regalia, both the gift of P.M. Bro. Trevor, were seen for the first time on this occasion by many of the Brethren. On the dais were two handsome couches for the Past Masters, the floor was covered with a Masonic carpet, while suspended from the roof was a large " G." The officers' regalia is adorned with silver chains, and the gauntlets and aprons bear the monogram of the Lodge. Taken altogether this room and appurtenances is one of the most complete to be seen in any of the smaller towns in the country. At this installation Lodge Killarney mustered in force to pay an official visit, and Bro. Kirkpatrick, of Nelson, was also present. In the evening a grand ball, at which fully 251 persons were present, took place in the Drillshed, and it is not too much to say that no better ball has yet been held in Blenheim. The decorations were first-class, and the supper in keeping. Dancing was kept up till five o'clock. Quite a revival has taken place here in Masonry of late, and if the unfortunate delay in the recognition of the Grand Lodge of New Zealand could only be got over, Blenheim would be one of the strongest Masonic centres in New Zealand.

LODGE BEDFORD, N.Z.C., WAIPUKURAU, HAWKES BAY.—The annual meeting of this Lodge was held at the Masonic Hall, Waipukurau, on June 29th. Forty-two members and visitors were present, including Bro. Stephenson, P.M., Somerset Lodge ; Bro. Upchurch, P.M., Victoria Lodge, Napier ; Bro. Morgan, W.M., Heretaunga Lodge, Hastings ; Bros. P.M.'s McLeod and Popplewell, Rawhite Lodge, Danevirke ; Bros. P.M.'s B. B. Johnson, L. McKay, G. Clarke, and W.M. Bro. J. Pickett, Abercorn Lodge, Waipawa ; Bros. G. Wellings, J. Scholes, and J. Jull, P.M.'s, Lodge Bedford, &c. The installation of the W.M. and investiture of officers, for the ensuing year took place. Bro. Wellings, P.M., as Installing Master, carried out his duties in an efficient and pleasing manner ; Bro. Popplewell, P.M., assisting as Director of Ceremonies. Bro. P. H. Jolley, having been re-elected W. M., the installation ceremony was necessarily curtailed. After proclamation in the east, west, and south, with customary honours, the W.M., Bro. Jolley, invested his officers as follows : — Bro. A. Stubbs, S.W. ; Bro. T. W. Lehocq, J.W. ; Bro. P. Barrie, Sec. and Treas. ; Bro. J. Scholes, P.M., Organist ; Bro. J. Sharpin, S.D. ; Bro. D. Murray, J.D. Bro. ; Fee, I.G. ; Bro M. Pritchard, Tyler. After the investiture of officers, P.M. Bro. Stephenson gave a very instructive lecture on "Light," for which he was accorded a hearty vote of thanks. Warm congratulations were extended to the W.M. on his re-election, and on the highly efficient manner in which he performed the duties of his important office. The W. M. thanked the Masters and members of Sister Lodges for their attendance, and cordially invited them to a repast in the Town Hall, forty of the Brethren responding to the invitation. A most enjoyable evening was spent in convivial harmony and enjoyment—a fit ending to the most successful and pleasant Masonic gathering ever held in Waipukurau.

LODGE CALEDONIAN, N.Z.C., TIMARU.—The regular St. John's Day meeting of this Lodge was held on Wednesday evening, June 24th. There was a good attendance of Brethren, and they gave a hearty welcome to the W.M. the Grand Master, Bro. Henry Thomson, Christchurch, and the following Grand Lodge officers : — Bro. T. G. Rowley, acting S.G.W. ; Bro. Thomas Henderson, acting J.G.W. ; Bro. Revi W. Ronaldson, Grand Secretary, acting Grand Director of Ceremonies ; and Bro. A. G. Stewart, acting Grand Sword Bearer. The Grand Master took the chair, and installed the following officers : — R.W.M., Bro. S. Anderson ; I.P.M., Bro. J. Broadhead ; D.M., Bro. Frank White ; S.M., Bro. J. S. Keith, P.M. ; S. W., Bro. D. Dawson ; J.W., Bro. James Mason ; Treasurer, Bro. J. Mair ; Secretary, Bro. A. Mills, P.M. ; S.D., Bro. D. McC. Mitchell ; J.D., Bro. W. A. Osborne ; I.G., Bro. Joseph Gibson ; Tyler, Bro. J. W. Wiggs. After the ceremonies one candidate was proposed and one Brother as a joining member. A hearty vote of thanks was given to the G.M., and the Lodge was closed. Immediately afterwards the Brethren adjourned to Host D. McGuinness, where an excellent banquet was prepared. The R.W.M., Bro. S. Anderson, presided, supported on his right by the M.W. the G.M., and V.W. Bro. Rev. W. Ronaldson, Grand Secretary, and on his left by the Mayor, Bro. D. M. Ross, and I.P.M. Bro. John Broadhead. Bro. J. S. Keith, P.M., very worthily filled the vice-chair. After doing ample justice to the good things provided, the R.W.M. proposed the toast of "The Queen and the Craft," which was received most enthusiastically, the whole of the Brethren rising and singing the National Anthem, The toast of the evening, "The Grand Lodge Officers of the New Zealand Grand Lodge," was received with due honours and suitably and ably responded to by the M. W.G.M. in an eloquent address. "The New R.W.M.," proposed by the Grand secretary ; "The I.P.M.," by the Mayor ; " The Past Officers," by P. M. Bro T. G. Rowley ; and the Tylers' toast, by the R.W.M. ; with a finish up of "Auld Lang Syue" brought this most enjoyable meeting to a close. Several of the brethren contributed materially to the enjoyment of the evening by rendering excellent singing.

LODGE BETA-WAIKATO, N.Z.C., HAMILTON, AUCKLAND.—The installation ceremony in connection with Lodge Beta- Waikato, was performed by Bro. Malcolm Niccol, R.W.G.. Superintendent, assisted by Bro. W. Dey, P.M., on Thursday evening, June 25th. There was a good attendance of Brethren, Bro. A. Primrose, P.M., in the absence of Bro. E. Rathborne, W. M., being in the chair. All the sister Lodges in Waikato—Alpha, Alexandra, Te Awamutu, and Te Aroha were well represented, and Brethren from Lodge, Ara, Ponsonby, St. Andrew, and Franklin, were also present. On the Lodge being opened in the First Degree, the Grand Superintendent, and his acting Grand Officers were received with the usual honours, the Grand Superintendent taking over the working of the Lodge. The Lodge was then opened in the Second Degree, and Bro. James Primrose, W.M.-elect, was presented by Bro. W. Dey, P.M., and after taking the usual obligation, the Lodge was opened in the Third Degree, all below the rank of Installed Master then retiring, and Bro. Primrose was regularly installed by the board of installed Masters. The Grand Superintendent having handed over to the W. M. the dispensation from the Grand Lodge of New Zealand, under which the Ledge is at present working, the W.M. invested his officers as follows :—S.W., Bro. G. W. Sore ; J. VV., Bro. W. Murch ; Secretary and Treasurer, Bro. G. Edgecumbe, P.M. (twelfth time) ; S. D., Bro. R. -J. Gwynne ; J.D.,

Bro. T. J. Prince ; I.G., Bro. T Slade ; Tyler, Bro. E. L. Hope. Bro. Dey, P.M., then delivered the address to the Brethren. Hearty good wishes were tendered from the visitors, and apologies were read from a number of Brethren who were unable to attend. Bro. Dey, Y.M., thanked Bro. Niccol for the trouble he had taken to attend the meeting, and the Lodge closed in peace, love, and harmony. The ceremony throughout was choral, Bro. Hookey, of Lodge Ara, kindly officiating as organist. The Brethren then adjourned to the Hamilton Hotel, where a supper was provided, and thoroughly enjoyed. After the tables were cleared, the usual toasts were duly honoured.

INSTALLATION OF ST JOHN'S LODGE, 1858, E.C., ASHBURTON.—This interesting ceremony was duly celebrated on the evening of St. John's Day, June 24th, at the very handsome Masonic Hall, in the presence of about 65 members of the Mystic Tie, including the officers and members of the Somerset and Thistle Lodges, as well as visitors from the remotest parts of the colony. The installation of the Worthy Bro. Thos. Mynnett Jones and his officers was impressively carried out by P.M. Bro. Crisp, assisted by P.M.'s Bros. Sealy, Malcolm, and H. M. Jones. The following officers were elected : I. P. M., Bro. F. Bonnington ; S. W., Bro. T. E. Kilworth ; J.W., Bro J. W. Hardley ; Treasurer, Bro. H. M. Jones, P.M. ; Secretary, Bro. H. A. Vesty (re-elected) ; Organist, Bro. J. C. Lane ; S.D., Bro. G. Meddins ; J.D., Bro. W. Moses ; I.G., Bro. T. H. Fox ; Tyler, Bro. R. Cullen (re-elected), The musical portions were effectively rendered by a small choir under the leadership of the organist, Bro. J. C. Lane, one item, that beautiful aria, "Incline Thine Ear," being sung with great verve by Bro. Harrison. After the installation the Brethren adjourned to the Orange Hall, to do justice to a splendid cold collation furnished by Bro. Ranger. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were proposed and duly honoured, that of the " Visitors " being coupled with the names of Bros. Malcolm, Paul, and Hescott, (Representative of the N.Z. CRAFTSMAN) ; this Brother called the attention of the Brethren present to the desirability of all Masons supporting such an excellent paper. A number of capital songs were rendered by Bros. Swallow, Rees, Walton, Brown, Protheroe, and Heaketh, and a very humorous recitation entitled the " Wake of O'Hara " was very effectively given by Bro. Potter, who evidently has mistaken his profession. The evening's proceedings were wound up by the Tyler's toast, and the singing of " Auld Lang Syne " and " God save the Queen." The following is a list of Past Masters of this Lodge and their years of service :—1879-80, Bro. Rev. W. E. Paige ; 1880-1, Bro. W. H. Gundry ; 1881 2, Bro. W. H. Zouch ; 1882-3, Bro. Edward Saunders ; 1883.4, Bro. E. G. Crisp ; 1884-5, Bro. C. C. Fooks ; 1885-6, Bro. Alfred Curtis ; 1886-7, Bro. R. Friedlander ;, 1887.8, Bro. Chas. Rawson . 18889, Bro. H. M. Jones ; 1889-90, Bro. Andrew Orr ; 1890.1, Bro. F. Bennington.

UNITED SERVICE LODGE, N.Z.C., AUCKLAND.—The annual meeting of this Lodge was held at Freemasons' Hall, Princes street, on June 24th. There was a fair attendance of members and a large attendance of visitors. There was a little difficulty at first, caused by the sudden indisposition of the W.M., Bro. Leaning, who was taken ill and unable to attend, but the Lodge was opened by P.M. Allen, and subsequently the I.P.M., Bro. W. Craig, took the chair. After the preliminary business, Lodges Ponsonby, St. Andrew, Eden, and Ara, were admitted. Bro. P. M. Austin being present to represent Lodge Manukau. The Grand Lodge officers, Bros. A. S. Russel, D.G.M. ; M. Niccol, G.S. ; Cooper, A.G. Sec. ; and Bro. Page, A.G.S.B., were received with customary honours, and at once took their positions. There was then a good Lodge of 67 members, including 14 P.M.'s. Bro. M. Niccol installed the W.M. elect, Bro. J. W. Ellison, P.M., who was presented by Bros. Hanna and Hardy, and duly obligated and installed. Bro. Ellison then invested his officers as follow :—S.W., Bro. H. Ellison ; J.W., Bro. A. Erickson ; Treasurer, Bro. L. H. Neumegen ; Secretary, P.M. Bro. P. W. Allen ; Director of Ceremonies, Bro. T. W. Allen ; Tyler, Bro. H'. Tonge ; S.D., Bro. W. H. Keesing; J.D., Bro. W. McGuire; I.G., Bro. N. F. B. Larsen; Organist, Bro. Frederick Reid ; S.S., Bro. A. O. Carter ; J.S., Bro. J. Hutchison ; The usual conatulations having been offered, the W.M. thanked the Grand Lodge officers, Masters, and members of sister Lodges, etc., for their attendance, and cordially invited them to a repast. Bro. Russell, D.G.M., warmly congratulated the Lodge on its progress, and joined with the other visitors in wishing it a prosperous future. The Brethren then adjourned to the lower hall, where a very palatable spread of viands and fruit was served up. The several Masonic toasts were proposed and drunk, and a very enjoyable hour was passed after the close of the Lodge proceedings.

LEINSTER LODGE, N.Z.C., WELLINGTON.—The regular monthly meeting of this Lodge held on Tuesday, July, 7th, will long be remembered by the Brethren present, as it was the first occasion on which the ceremony of installation has been performed in Wellington by the Most Worshipful the Grand Master of New Zealand. There was a very large gathering of the Craft, and the Lodge-room was taxed to the utmost. The Grand Lodge was represented by the Most Worshipful the G.M., Bro. H. Thomson; R.W.P.D.G.M., Bro.

E. T. Gillen; R.W.G., Supt. Bro. H. J. Williams; R.W.S.G.W., Bro. G. H. Powley; the V.W. Grand secretary, Bro. Rev. W. Ronaldson; Acting J.G.W., Bro. F. P. Corkhill; W.J.G.D., Bro. J. Young; W. Assistant Grand Organist, Bro. Dr. Walker ; W., Bro. A. Kidd, Past Grand Pursuivant ; Acting G.S.B., Bro. Greig, P.M. ; W.G. Stewards, Bros. A. Booth and H. H. Tippler, P.M.'s ; Acting Grand Stewards, Bros. Prain, P.M.; and Harton; while the local Welling. ton Lodges, also the Ulster, Petone, St. Marks, Carterton, Ngamotu, New Plymouth, and United Service, Auckland, were well represented, besides visitors from all parts of the colony and New South Wales. The installation ceremony, performed by the M.W. the G.M., assisted by the R. W.G. Supt., Bro. Williams, R.W.S.G. W. Bro. Powley, and Bro. T. P. Coveney, I.P.M., was a most impressive one. The following Brethren were duly installed for the ensuing year, and invested with the insignia of office : W.M., Bro. J. F. Bulford ; S.W., Bro. A. A. Bewley ; J.W., Bro. F. Silver ; Secretary and Treasurer, Bro. J. M. Goldfinch, P.M. ; Chaplain, Bro. Rev. W. J. Dean ; S.D., Bro. J. Gentles ; J.D., Bro. W. Wills ; J.G., Bro. T. Stagpole Director of Ceremonies, Bro. A. Clothier ; P.M. Organist, Bro. W. H. Warren; S.S., Bro. C. Tilley; J.S., Bro. A. Mawson; Tyler, Bro. H. Erith. The musical part of the ceremony was supplied by Bros. Hotop (leader violin), Parson (violin), Foster (viola), King (cornet), Thomas (violincello), Norburg (piano), and Price (double bass), and added greatly to the beauty of the ceremony. The G.M. on behalf of the Brethren of the Lodge presented Bro. T. Coveney, the I.P.M., with a handsome P.M.'s jewel, as a token of the esteem in which he is held by the Brethren. Bro. Coveney has been a most energetic Master, and the Lodge has prospered greatly under his careful guidance, and will, no doubt, continue to do so, under the [newly elected W.M. When the Lodge was closed, the Brethren sat down to a repast in the large hall, when the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were honoured. The Grand Master gave a most pleasing and instructive address. He touched on the very successful financial position of G.L., the great vitality of the Lodges under the N.Z.C., as compared with their moribund condition under the old *regimé*, and said we should shortly receive large accessions to our number. The G.M. spoke for 40 minutes, and finally sat down amidst loud applause. Bros. H. J. Williams, G. H. Powley, H. D. Walker, N. Grace, P.M., Rev. W. Dean and J. P. Coveney, LP.M., also made excellent speeches.

LODGE ARA, N.Z.C., AUCKLAND.—The annual meeting of this Lodge was held at the Freemasons' Hall, on June 30th, for the installation of officers ; there was a large gathering of members and visitors, including twenty installed Masters, and nearly every Lodge under the Constitution, as well as several of the other Constitutions, were represented. The Lodge was opened by Bro. S. D. Hanna, the retiring Master, who officiated with great ability throughout the ceremony as installing officer. Bro. A. S. Russell, R.W.D.G.M., and his officers having been received with proper honours, the Lodge was passed to the F.C. Degree, and the W.M.-elect, Bro. William M. Chapman, was presented by Bros. W. Parkinson and Vesper, P.M.'s; Bro. Powley, P.M., acting as Director of Ceremonies in the absence of Bro. A. Kidd, P.M. The Lodge was raised to the Third Degree, and from thence opened in the Installed Masters Degree, and when the Brethren were re-admitted they found Bro. Chapman installed in the chair of King Solomon. He was duly proclaimed in the east, west, and south, with the customary honours. The working tools in the M.M. Degree were presented by Bro. T. W. Allen, P.M. ; those in the F.C. Degree by Bro. Loan, W.M., Albion ; and those in the E.A. Degree by Bro. J. Page, P.M. Bro. H. C. Tewsley, W.M., St. Andrew, delivered the address to the W.M. The Wardens were invested by the W.M., and addressed by Bro. G. W. Basley, P.M., after which the other officers were invested, and the Brethren were addressed by Bro. G. H. Powley, P.M. The officers invested were as follow :—S.W., Bro. James Boskill ; J.W., Bro. H. B. Dexter ; Treasurer, Bro. A. S. Russell, D. G.M. (re-elected) ; Secretary, Bro. G. H. Powley P.M.I(re-elected) ; S. D., Bro. A. Bartlett ; Organist, Bro. T. H. Webbe ; LG., Bro. S. E. Hughes ; S.S., Bro. H. L. Posseneskie ; J.S., Bro. W. J. Cousens ; Tyler, Bro. E. Tonge. Bro. A. Kidd, P.M., Director of Ceremonies, and Bro. W. R. Cooly, J.D., being unavoidably absent, their investiture had to be deferred. Bro. Russell, D.G.M., referred to the long line of distinguished Masons of whom Auckland could boast, who had filled that chair now occupied by Bro. Chapman. He went on to say that it was only right that merit should be rewarded, and that Brethren should be promoted according to their merit, not losing sight of the esteem in which they were held in their Lodges. That morning he had been asked to perform what was to him a very pleasing duty, namely, to present a P.M.'s jewel to P.M. Bro. S. D. Hanna. If he said that Bro. Hanna was the ablest Master who had ever occupied that chair, he would not believe him, and they would not believe him, but he could say that Bro. Hanna was one of the most consistent Masons he had ever met. When the Constitution of a Grand Lodge for New Zealand was proposed he opposed it on principle, and he spoke to him (Bro. Russell) on the subject. He (Bro. Russell) advised him to go on his even way. Subsequently Bro. Hanna announced that he felt it his duty to be with the majority of his Lodge, and it was due to Bro. Hanna that Lodge Ara had made and was making such progress to this day. The jewel, which was a beautiful specimen of the jewellers' art, and expressly manufactured by Bro. A.

Bartlett, is unique in its way. On the top is the square and compass, with the letter G., to show that Bro. Hanna had served a year in the chair under the Irish Constitution, but the underneath portion contains the 47th problem of Euclid, the English emblem, the whole being surrounded by an elegant fern and flower border. The ribbon is surmounted by a beautiful double fern spray, beneath which is an oak leaf with polished surface, on which is to be engraved the number of the Lodge under the New Zealand Constitution. On the reverse side is the following inscription :—" Presented to Bro. S. D. Hanna, by Ara Lodge, at the completion of his second year as W.M., June 30th, 1891." Bro. P.M. Hanna suitably replied. An apology from Bro. M. Niccol, G.S., was read by the secretary. Warm congratulations were extended to the W.M. by the representative Brethren present, and in each instance they were accompanied by expressions of condolence on his recent bereavement by the loss of his child. The Brethren then adjourned to the lower hall, where light refreshments were admirably laid by Bro. G. Robson, the caterer.

BRIEF MENTION

THE man who is really anxious to do something for you is usually poor.

MASONIC applause, whether in Lodge or at refreshment, should consist of one single clap of the hand.

THE Grand Master of Canada has donated £2000 to a Masonic Orphans' Home near Toronto. Truly a noble gift.

THE abolition of the membership fee for affiliation is warmly approved of by a large number of our American and Canadian exchanges.

How is this for antiquity ? Glasgow St. John's Lodge, No. 3, Bis., advertises that it was constituted by King Malcolm the Third, in 1057.

The Masons of the German Fatherland number forty -four thousand five hundred and six. The total number of Lodges is three hundred and ninety.

THE Grand Lodge of Canada has 350 Lodges on its roll, and its jurisdiction extends about 2000 miles east and west, and nearly 1000 miles north and south.

"THE golden rule of refreshment," says the *Keystone*, " is to sit down to it at as early an hour as possible, and if you cannot sit down early do not sit down at all."

A P.G. CHAPLAIN OF ENGLAND, Bro. Rev. Adair Pickard, at a valedictory meeting of the Prov. Grand Lodge of Oxfordshire to Bro. the Earl of Jersey, said that he hoped to find that the noble Earl would succeed Bro. Lord Carrington as "*District* Grand Master of New South Wales." Comment needless.

THE Grand Lodge of Scotland has decided that Provincial Grand Wardens shall for the future be elected, instead of being, as at present, appointed by Provincial Grand Masters.

A PROMINENT Mason in Minnesota was accorded a Masonic funeral which cost £148. Among the items we find £45 for refreshments, £24 for bands, £10 for the use of a church, and £5 to its pastor.

THE *Sydney Freemason* asks its exchanges to note that there is a Masonic scholarship of £50 a year, tenable for three years, at the Sydney University in connection with the Grand Lodge. The holder must be the son of a Mason, subscribing regularly to a Lodge for five years. The scholarship was established in 1887.

THE *Chicago Tribune* says : He was an old member of the Lodge, but he had never risen to address the chair. Finally, however, he felt that his time had come. "Worshipful Master," he said, standing as firmly on his feet as his trembling knees would let him, " I move that we attend the body of our deceased Brother in a funeral."

WITH respect to God, Pythagoras appears to have taught that He is the Universal Mind diffused through all things, the source of all animal life, the proper and intrinsic cause of all motion, in substance similar to light,

in nature like truth, the first principle of the universe, incapable of pain, invisible, incorruptible, and only to be comprehended by the mind.

SAYS the *Masonic Journal of Portland*, Maine, "There is too much familiarity in vogue concerning the happenings of the various bodies of the Craft. The less the profane press has to say about Masonry the better. Neither do we believe it is good taste to publish the doings of Lodges, and their attendant bodies, in papers or magazines not devoted to Masonry. It is no part of the public business to know such details. It makes Masonry as common as the Courts, and in our judgment, cheapens the institution."

THE space occupied by the report of the Annual Meeting of Grand Lodge, prevents us making use this month of an interesting sermon preached at Ashburton, before the Masonic body, by the District Grand Chaplain of Canterbury, E.C., Bro. Rev. J. Luxford. We have also to hold over "Our Remarks " on the proposed Constitutions, the continuation of the "Masonic Curriculum," and other matter. We began in November, 1888, with 24 pages, last month it reached 56 pages. We could find copy for 100 pages, if only our subscribers, would increase at the same ratio.

WE were handed a card the other day bearing the name of an individual on, its face, and on the reverse side the names of the various societies he had " joined." He was a Mason, an Oddfellow, a Red Man, a K. of P., an Owl, a Veiled Prophet, a Forester, an Eastern Star, Knight of Honour, Knight of Malta, Constantine, and a dozen more different Orders. He was looking for something: else to " join." We remarked that he was quite a " joiner." " Yes," he replied, " I take everything I can find." We have not seen him since, but no doubt he is still " joining." How he managed the matter was a mystery to our obtuse mind. Doubtless he began by "joining " a Masonic Lodge, for had he put off "joining" Masonry until after he had become punctured all over with marks of initiation, he would have been unfit for admission.

AS the question of the form of test to be used for visitors is just now an interesting one in Masonic circles, we give the following from the *Keystone* :—"A case was reported to the Grand Committee of the Grand Lodge of Scotland, in which certain Brethren had been refused as visitors to a Lodge in respect of a difference of opinion as to the form of test, when the following resolution was unanimously adopted :— ' Grand Committee declines to give any ruling as to the examination of visiting Brethren ; but as the admission of such is simply a matter of courtesy, not of right those presenting themselves as visitors to sister Lodges should comply with the mode of examination required by the Lodge sought to be visited.' "

FOR the first time in the history of English Freemasonry two Jews at present hold positions as Grand Officers, viz., Bro. Samuel Valentine, as Grand Pursuivant, and Bro. S. V. Abraham, as Assistant Grand Pursuivant. These officers were invested at the last Quarterly Communication of Grand Lodge.

QUICKEST TIME ON RECORD.—R. W. Bro. Pope, President of the New York Masonic Board of Relief, reports the following very interesting case :—" Bro. — was born September 14th, 1869, and was made a Mason in Scotland under a special dispensation, his left leg being four inches shorter than his right, and the knee being stiff. Date of initiation, March 4th, 1891 ; made a Master Mason, March 11th ; demitted from his Lodge, March 12th ; date of his Grand Lodge certificate, March 13th ; paid a flying visit to his Lodge on the 18th of the same month ; left Edinburgh, March 20th ; arrived in New York, April 2nd, and was before the Board of Relief on April 4th. He contemplated becoming a Mason for some time, and thought that just before sailing, it would be a good thing. Here is truly a case of a " Mason for revenue only."

IF the Catholic Church in Italy had taken as much pains to suppress the secret assassination societies which abound in that country as it has to misrepresent and denounce the Order of Freemasons, the morals of the people might have attained a higher standard than they have yet reached. But the Freemasons are not inclined to give candles and other gifts to local shrines, or in other ways to propitiate the Church, as the murderers and brigands so ostentatiously lay at the feet of their priests. And so it is, perhaps, that while secret societies are denounced crime flourishes. The clerical papers keep up the warfare, and nothing is too ridiculous for them to lay at the charge of Masonic bodies. The latest comes from the Vatican organ, which assures its readers that in the renewal of the Triple Alliance, the Freemasons will secure the violent possession of Rome. The fact of the matter is that the Triple Alliance, in some measure guarantees the stability of the kingdom of Italy, and secures the city of Rome against its enemies, the clericals included. It is this which is so hateful to the Vatican, for in the solidarity and good government of the kingdom there can be no chance for the Papal designs on Rome being successful.—*Napier Daily Telegraph*

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