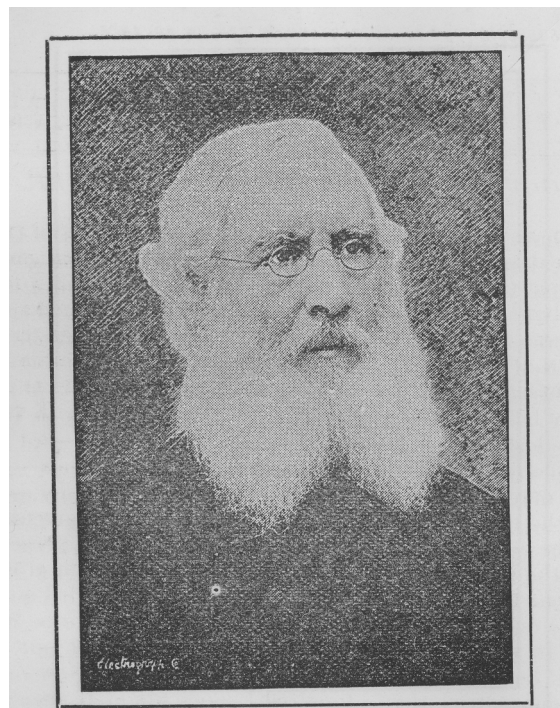


BRO. THE VEN. ARCHDEACON STOCKER
(Grand Chaplain)



BRO. THE REV. W. E. MULGAN, B.A.
(Grand Chaplain).

not yet sufficient for him to extend the right hand of fellowship, Lord Onslow is to urge at least the removal of the obnoxious edicts of non-intercourse and excommunication.

*THE DEPUTY PROVINCIAL GRAND MASTER, I.C.,
V. WOR. BRO. W. JOSEPH REES.*

CONTRADICTION reports having reached us *re* this appointment, we wired Bro. Rees for particulars. He very courteously replied, referring us to Rule 154, Book of Constitutions, in accordance with which the Grand Master of Ireland, His Grace the Duke of Abercorn, had specially appointed him to act as Deputy Provincial Grand Master, pending filling up the vacancy in the office of Provincial Grand Master, caused by the death of the late Bro Pierce.

Rule 154 is as follows :—

" If the Provincial Grand Master die, resign, or be removed, the authority of the Provincial Deputy Grand Master shall continue for six months after such event, or until a successor to the Provincial Grand Master shall be appointed and installed within said period. In case no appointment of a Provincial Grand Master shall have been made at the expiration of said period of six months, the Grand Master shall have the power of appointing some Brother, being a Past Master, to act as Provincial Deputy Grand Master, pending the filling up the vacancy in the office of Provincial Grand Master."

In February we shall give a sketch of Bro. Rees' Masonic career, accompanied by his photo. Meanwhile we are in a position to state that the report that this appointment was only a stepping-stone to a higher position, is not in accordance with fact, for Bro. Rees has, for various reasons, decided to decline the honour of being nominated for the position of Provincial Grand Master, although recent communications from Ireland indicate that the nomination would have been promptly and heartily confirmed. We believe it is Bro. Rees' intention to retire from active work as soon as practicable, after the Provincial Grand Lodge is again in operation.

THE PROVINCE OF HAWKE'S BAY.

THE transfer of Lodge Heretaunga's allegiance from England to New Zealand gives Grand Lodge a roll of six Lodges in Hawke's Bay : Scinde, 5, Napier ; Victoria, 21, Napier ; Bedford, 25, Waipukurau ; Abercorn, 30, Waipawa ; Rawhiti, 66, Danevirke ; and Heretaunga, Hastings. It is a long, weary, and expensive journey, for the Wellington Superintendent to reach these Lodges ; but if a Superintendent were placed, say, at Napier, four to five hours' railage would bring him to the outskirts of his Masonic dominion. The tacking on of the Hawke's Bay Lodges to the Wellington Province was only a temporary expedient ; the reasons for so doing no longer exist. In our opinion Grand Lodge would be studying its own interest by creating Hawke's Bay into a separate province.

THE MASONIC GUIDE FOR 1892.

IN our advertising pages will be found a few opinions relative to the usefulness of this little work. We find, that even though extra care was taken, a few minor errors did manage to creep in, the most important being that at the bottom of page 5 ; there, Lodge Hokianga is numbered 71, and on page 3 it is numbered 69. Its official number on the roll of Grand Lodge is 69. On pages 38 and 47 Lodge St. Andrew, 528, S.C., Greymouth, is underlined, to show its supposed dormant condition. We have since found out that the office-bearers returned the Charter to Scotland in 1880. Lodge Heretaunga, No. 1812, E.C. (see pages 19 and 20), joined Grand Lodge early in the present month ; this brings up the strength of the N.Z.C. in the Wellington Province to 25 Lodges, as against nine Lodges of the English Constitution.

THE FOUR CONSTITUTIONS—A COMPARISON.

FACTS AND FIGURES shewing the wonderful growth of " that mushroom body, the so-called Grand Lodge of New Zealand," compiled by the Editor of that "organ of a petty and interested clique," the NEW ZEALAND CRAFTSMAN, for the instruction and enlightenment of the Editor of the London Freemason.

The Grand Lodge of New Zealand has 73 Lodges on its Roll.

The Grand Lodge of New Zealand has a majority of 67 Lodges over Ireland.

The Grand Lodge of New Zealand has a majority of 53 Lodges over Scotland.
 The Grand Lodge of New Zealand has a majority of 29 Lodges over England.
 The Grand Lodge of New Zealand has 40 Lodges in the North Island.
 The Grand Lodge of New Zealand has 33 Lodges in the South Island.
 The Grand Lodge of New Zealand has 3102 Financial Members in its 73 Lodges.
 The Grand Lodge of New Zealand has £300 to its credit in the Bank -of New Zealand, Christchurch.
 The Grand Lodge of New Zealand has an increasing revenue.
 The Grand Lodge of New Zealand has a revenue largely exceeding its expenditure.
 The Grand Lodge of New Zealand has no debt,

	N.Z.C.	E.C.	S.C.	I.C.	G.L. of Eng.	Totals
North Island—						
Auckland ..	15	15*	2†	2‡	..	34
Wellington ..	25	7§	1	1	..	34
South Island—						
Canterbury ..	16	6§	4	26
Otago and Southland	12	6‡	12	2	..	32
Nelson and Westland, &c...	5	5↓	1¶	1	5	17
Grand Totals	73	39	20	6	5	143

* Two dormant Lodges—one being a duplicate—not counted.

† Two duplicate Lodges not counted.

‡ One dormant Lodge, and d one duplicate, not counted. p

§ Two Lodges practically dormant not counted.

↓ One dormant Lodge not counted.

¶ One dormant and one defunct Lodge not counted.

AT the latter end of December there was posted to each subscriber to the CRAFTSMAN a copy of " The Masonic Guide of New Zealand " for 1892. Should any have miscarried, other copies can be procured by communicating with the publisher. We may state, for the instruction of our subscribers, that the cost of publishing the " Guide " came to nearly three times as much as one issue of the CRAFTSMAN.

THE GRAND LODGE ROLL.

Our readers will find on pages i.-ii, of our Supplement the Official Roll of Grand Lodge. It looks well—yet this Grand Body of 72, now 78, active and vigorous Lodges, with a membership of some 8000, is dubbed by the London *Freemason* a " mushroom body," run by a " petty and interested clique."

IMPORTANT NOTICE.

This number is the third issue of the third year. Subscribers will End on page 1058 an acknowledgment of the subscriptions paid since the 16th November. The large number of those who paid 10s. might have saved 2s. 6d. of this sum if only they had paid in advance Those therefore, who desire to save 25% on the present year's subscription will do well to remit 7s. 6d. as soon as they can find it convenient. To a large number of subscribers the year began in November, 1891.

Might we ask subscribers who find profit and instruction from reading the CRAFTSMAN to recommend the publication to those Brethren who do not take it. We have no cause to complain of the support so far given, but we want to double the pages of reading matter; we want to make other improvements which will cost much money, and we want to make arrangements with the great Masonic writers of the day to contribute articles. But to do this we must double our subscription list. Towards this object each present subscriber can if he so desires, help.

THE Editor of this Journal has a large and useful library of Masonic works, to which he is constantly adding. Brethren who contemplate the reading of papers, or the giving of addresses upon Masonic, subjects before the members of their own or of other Lodges, can, if they are in doubt or desire any information, get it from us, if we are able to supply it, by sending with their queries a stamped and addressed envelope for the reply. When a stamped envelope is not enclosed, the replies will be given in next issue of the CRAFTSMAN. Brevity and conciseness are recommended, as the spare time of the editor is limited.

WHAT DO YOU THINK OF IT? —We do not know what our readers think of this issue of the CRAFTSMAN—we cannot know, for they have not seen it the time we write, but we think it a very readable and valuable number. If our Brethren agree with us, we will thank them to commend the CRAFTSMAN to their friends, and send us the name of *one or more new subscribers*. Brethren, what do you think of it?

OBITUARY.

*H.R.H. ALBERT VICTOR CHRISTIAN EDWARD--
FIRST DUKE OF CLARENCE AND AVONDALE, AND EARL OF ATHLONE.
PROVINCIAL GRAND MASTER OF BERKSHIRE.*

THE eldest son of the Prince and Princess of Wales, and the next heir in direct line to the Imperial throne, was born on January 8th, 1864. The late Duke was initiated by his father in the Royal Alpha Lodge, London, on March 21st, 1885, and was Senior Grand Warden of England, in 1887. On December 15th, 1890, the Grand Master held a special Grand Lodge at Reading, and installed his son as Provincial Grand Master of Berkshire.

"Of the young Prince, whose premature death thus rudely disturbs the royal succession, nothing but good has ever been said. He inherited in marked degree the amiable qualities which have made his mother idolised among every section of the English-speaking race, and was of that temperament which an illustrious position could not spoil, nor was he of a disposition which could ever become arrogant.

"The Prince was only 28 years of age on January 8th, and a life full of promise has been rudely terminated with a suddenness, and under Circumstances calculated to arouse the warmest expressions of regret. Bereavement falls to the palace as to the cot, and the English-speaking nation will, we are sure, sympathise with the mother who mourns her first-born."

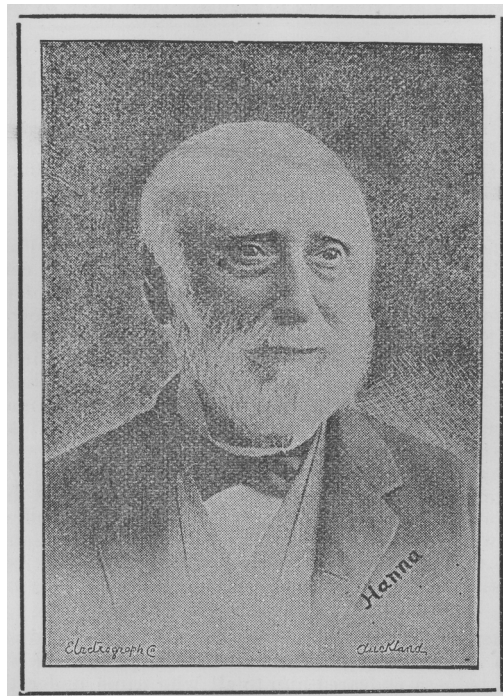
The Masonic body has gone into mourning, and the Brethren in New Zealand have cabled Home their sympathy.

*COLONEL SHADWELL H. CLERKE,
GRAND SECRETARY OF ENGLAND.*

WE regret having to record Bro. Clerke's death, which took place in December. His first appearance as a Grand Officer was in 1878, when he and Sir Erasmus Wilson, F.R.S., were the Senior Grand Deacons of the year. In 1880, he succeeded the late John Hervey as Grand Secretary. It is singular that his two immediate predecessors also died in the eleventh year of their appointments.

COLONEL SHADWELL H. CLERKE,
Grand Secretary of England.





THE HON. SIR FREDERICK WHITAKER
(*Provincial Grand Master, North Island of New Zealand, S.C.*).

*THE HON. SIR FREDERICK WHITAKER,
PROVINCIAL GRAND MASTER, NORTH ISLAND OF N.Z., S.C.*

ON the afternoon of December 4th passed quietly away from earth, in his 80th year, one of the most honoured members of the fraternity in New Zealand, and who, by his consistent life and actions had ever been a living embodiment of the principles of Freemasonry; presenting an example well worthy of imitation by all professing to regulate their lives by Masonic line and rule.

Our late Brother first saw the light of Masonry on 23rd July, 1839, in Alfred Lodge, No. 340, B.C., Oxford, when about 27 years old, and only a short time before he left the shores of England to seek his fortune in the then far-distant and little-known Australian Colonies. Arriving in Sydney in 1840 he almost immediately came on to New Zealand, and has sojourned among us ever since. His name has been intimately and honourably associated with the history of the Colony for the last fifty years, and no less closely and creditably with the annals of the Craft during the same period.

Brother Whitaker was, in 1842, installed as first Worshipful Master of Lodge Ara, the first Lodge established in New Zealand, and continued for many years an active and prominent member, until the cares of public office compelled him to discontinue his regular attendance. In 1878, when the North Island of New Zealand was constituted a Province under the Scottish Constitution, Sir Frederick was by acclamation chosen for its first Provincial Grand Master, and most ably and satisfactorily has he ever since filled the office. To those intimately connected with him in Masonic matters it has always been a source of wonder and admiration that one at his great age, whose time and thoughts were so much occupied by the affairs of State and the engrossing cares of business, could succeed in mastering the details and attending to the minutiae of work connected with the Craft. But thoroughness and methodical precision were strong traits in his character, and whatever he undertook to do was done "to the best of his knowledge and ability." He was not content to occupy a merely ornamental or honorary position, but was ever the active, directing and controlling power of Provincial Grand Lodge.

By every member of that Provincial Grand Lodge Brother Whitaker was looked up to with feelings of veneration and respect, and his cheery and cordial warmheartedness endeared him to all who came under the magical influence of his charming and lovable manner.

In deciding questions of Masonic jurisprudence or in conducting trials for offences against the laws of the fraternity, Brother Whitaker brought to bear all his skill as an acknowledged leader in his profession, combined with that patience, precision, and attention to details which so strongly characterised him; while running through all was ever present and visible so much of kindness and good nature that even those under reproof or punishment felt they were being disciplined in "sorrow, not in anger," and were ever ready to submit to and kiss the rod.

Shortly before being installed Provincial Grand Master in 1878 Brother Whitaker affiliated to Lodge Sir Walter Scott, No. 532, S.C., and continued a member up to the date of his decease. He was also a subscribing member of St. Andrew, No. 418. About five years ago he took the degree of Royal Arch, in Zealandia Chapter, S.C., and manifested a strong interest in Capitular Masonry.

When the proposal to establish a Grand Lodge in this Colony was first mooted, Bro. Whitaker assumed a neutral position, freely stating his conviction that although the movement might be somewhat premature, it was only a question of a very few years before all would be working under the one government.

Subsequently, he somewhat varied from the course he had first laid down—that, namely, of letting each Lodge decide the question for itself—and more actively opposed the movement; but there is strong reason to believe that he had recently become convinced that it would be well to gracefully accept the inevitable, and, had he been spared for another year, would probably have been instrumental in bringing about a settlement of our unhappy differences.

Our late Brother literally died in Masonic harness, his last thoughts, no doubt, being occupied in considering how he could best contribute to an amalgamation of the opposing forces; for, when death summoned him, he was waiting in his office for his Provincial Grand Committee to assemble, in response to his invitation "to consider the present position of Masonic matters" in his district, consequent on so many of his Lodges having joined the Grand Lodge of New Zealand.

That no feelings but those of respect and veneration for our departed Brother find a place in the hearts of New Zealand Masons was amply testified by the fact that a large majority of those assembled round his grave, to pay the last tribute of respect to his memory, were members of Lodges under the New Zealand Constitution, and by none will he be more sincerely mourned.

Despite the cloud that of late years arose between us, we are never likely to forget his skill as a legislator, his integrity as a citizen, and his fidelity and zeal as a Mason.

Indomitable zeal inspired his worn and weary feet,
And moved his earnest soul to make the work of life complete.

MALCOLM NICCOL.

THE R.W.P.G. Master Députe, Bro. William McCullough, delivered a high and eloquent testimony to the memory of the deceased Brother, before the Brethren assembled to take part in the funeral services. We extract the following from Bro. McCullough's remarks, as they supplement the Obituary published above:—

"Our late Provincial Grand Master, Sir F. Whitaker, was favoured by Almighty God with length of days, and his work in the quarries of this world commenced before the majority of those present were born, when the titree and the wild fern grew upon the hillsides of our city, and the shores of our harbour were the resort of the fishing parties of the Native race. In those early days he was called upon by those in authority to discharge duties to the Church and State. Fifty years ago his great abilities were recognised, and how well he served Church and State may be traced in the constitutions under which both now work. So well did he discharge his duties to the State that Her Most Gracious Majesty the Queen marked her approval by conferring upon him a patent of knighthood. As a citizen of Auckland, he always held the highest place in the regard of the people. This was shown by his being called upon to fill the highest places and the most honourable in the gift of the citizens, and also by his being chosen, times without number, to represent his fellow-colonists in the councils of the State. His kindly manner, his modest and obliging disposition, united with great abilities and a strict sense of justice and equity, made him at all times the friend, as well as the wise adviser. As a father, he was loved and respected for his consistent, moral, and upright character;

and the example he set of a godly, sober, and conscientious life may well have been that pictured in the mind of the poet Longfellow, when he wrote his magnificent Psalm of Life '—

Lives of great men all remind us
We can make our lives sublime ; And, departing, leave behind us
Footprints on the sands of Time.
Footprints, that, perhaps another,
Sailing o'er life's solemn main,
A forlorn and shipwrecked brother,
Seeing, may take heart again.

But, as a Mason, we are here mostly called upon to speak, for his intercourse with the members of this Lodge was most frequent, and with the members of the Masonic Craft, most fraternal. How great our loss is, we are, at this hour, incapable of estimating, and only when we require his counsel and advice, and feel the want of his experience and wisdom, will we realise how much he was our dear and esteemed Brother and chief. He was, as it were, a landmark in Freemasonry in this Colony, for nearly half-a-century ago he was the applicant for a charter for a Masonic Lodge, and was chosen the first Master of the first Lodge opened in New Zealand. From that day to his latest he was an active and an efficient member of the Order. His interest never flagged, and, although younger men succeeded to the more active management of the subordinate Lodges, he occupied the highest station as the Chief Ruler in this Island under the Grand Lodge of Scotland. The history of the Colony may be said to be the history of his life, and when, in the future, there will arise a great writer and historian, no inconsiderable part of his work, when dealing with the first half-century of the colonisation of these Islands, will be, most undoubtedly, the part played by our late Brother.

*BRO. PETER DICKSON,
W.M. DESIGNATE OF MASTERTON, No. 19, N.Z.*

ON the eve of being installed Worshipful Master, Bro. Dickson has been called to his long rest. The cause of death was poison, which, in some unaccountable manner, had found its way into the viands which he, in company with 30 others, partook of at a wedding feast in Pahiatua. The sad occurrence has naturally created widespread sorrow and regret, more especially as several other persons have died in consequence of some terrible error or practical joke in the preparation of the food. The police are now investigating the matter, and it is to be hoped that the mystery will be satisfactorily cleared up.

Bro. Dickson was a good citizen, a staunch friend, and a man beloved by all. He was one who always had a pleasant word for everybody, and nobody could find a fault in him. As a Mason he was a model, so much so that he was unanimously chosen W.M. of the Masterton Lodge. Fully 1000 persons attended his funeral in Masterton, and the members of the Craft mustered in large numbers to pay their last tribute of affection to their deceased companion. To his bereaved family and to the members of his Lodge we offer our heartfelt sympathy.

—*New Zealand Mail.*

BRIEF MENTION

GRAND LODGE met at Omani, on Friday; the 15th inst. Nominations and other business done will be found in our supplement.

ENGLISH, Irish, and Scotch Lodges will henceforth no longer be known under the Grand Lodge.

LODGE ST. ANDREW, S.C., Wanganui, is now giving the Mark.

BRO. GEORGE HESCOTT, the travelling representative of this journal, has had much kindness shown him while on his travels. He particularly wishes to acknowledge the courtesy and attention of W. Bros. Gorkill and McAllum, of New Plymouth.

Bro. McKelvey writes that he visited Lodge No. 1 in Hobart recently, and that they worked splendidly.

LODGE ST. JOHN, No. 37, Featherston, is going to try and purchase an organ. Good I Other Lodges do likewise.

The God of Freemasonry is " Our Father, which is in heaven," and whose glories every true Mason will one day share.

WE entered on our third year last November. Those who wish to save half-a-crown, would do well to send us a postal note at once for seven-and-six.

THE Grand Secretary notifies that the Book of Constitutions is now in the printers' hands, and he hopes to begin to deliver this month. The price will be two shillings per copy. Each initiate ought to be presented with a copy.

HENCEFORTH all Past Masters who desire to attend Grand Lodge and take part in the proceedings must first enroll themselves as such, and pay the legistration fee of 10s. 6d. (payable once only), for which will be furnished a Past Master's certificate. No Past Master can be enrolled unless he is a subscribing member of a Lodge holding under Grand Lodge.

THE " Correct List," issued by the Grand Secretary, was, owing to an error, incorrect. We publish the Official and Correct Boll of the Lodges hobing under the Grand Lodge of New Zealand, and have added thereto by giving the localities of the Lodges ; an improvement, we think, upon the bare name and number.

MUCH kindness and many little acts of attention have been shown us by the New South Wales Brethren. The latest Brother to place us under an obligation is the Editor of the *Freemasons' Chronicle*, Sydney, who, at our request, forwarded " Freemasonry in New South Wales, from its Early History to the installation of Lord Jersey," &c. Returned New Zealanders speak very highly of the hospitality and goodwill manifested by the Brotherhood in New South Wales.

WE were not invited to R.W. Bro. P. Cunningham's installation. Lord Onslow and his Private Secretary were so honoured. Bro. Riversdale Walrond was present ; his seat at the banquet table being reserved by a card, with " Bro. Riversdale Walrond, Esq.," upon it. "Distinctions among men," &c.; our readers can supply the rest of the quotation to suit themselves.

APROPOS OF BRO. CUNNINGHAM'S INSTALLATION.--Two Brethren connected with the daily press were invited to the banquet. Belonging to the Grand Lodge of New Zealand, they declined the invitation, because not invited to the ceremony. Right, Brethren! A dignified protest to the advertisement, "None but Brethren of recognised Constitutions admitted." At the banquet, however; the " Press " was not forgotten, the N.Z. CRAFTSMAN coming in for a *mauvais quart d' heure*.

THE SECRET SOCIETY CRANK.—Judge : You are charged with not supporting your family properly—what do you do with your money ? Prisoner : I belong to seventeen secret societies, Judge.—Physician : And above all, you must avoid every form of violent exercise for some time to cone. Patient : Can't do it, Doc.; we initiate three candidates at our Lodge to-night, and next week I've got to take the forty-third degree my self . — Policeman : What's the row here? Secret Society Crank : Why, you see, officer, I'm on my way to a parade of the " Noble Hidalgos of the Rising Sun," and these foreigners here think I'm some kind of a god, and they're worshipping me.

CHICAGO'S Masonic Temple will be 300ft. high.

THE Grand Master of New Zealand was well received by the Lodges on the Coast during his November visit.

Our thanks are due to Bro Patchett, of Invercargill, for several copies of the *New Zealand Freemason*, and for other favours.

WE have received from the Grand Secretary, V.W. Bro. Alfred J. Burbidge, the annual reports of the Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons of New South Wales. Space forbids us giving extracts this month.

THE *Australasian Keystone* for November and the *Queensland Freemasons' Magazine* for October, November, and December have failed to put in an appearance.

REEFTON Brethren delighted with the visit paid by the M.W.G.M. of New Zealand during November last. Our correspondent says the visit will do a vast amount of good.

PACIFIC, E.C., Reefton, is building a Masonic Hall ; it is to be finished about the end of this month.

THE Grand Secretary has issued a notice to Past Masters, calling their attention to Rule 31, of the Book of Constitutions, which requires a fee of five shillings annually, to be paid in exchange for the business papers and reports of Quarterly Communications.

RUFUS CHOATE, the famous lawyer, who, it was said, could clear the thief even if the money was found in his boots, was made a Mason in Jordan Lodge, Peabody, Mass. He entertained a remarkable theory that the rudiments of the liberal arts and sciences laid down among us might be expanded and extended by courses of lectures and recitations into a regular series of instruction, something like that pursued by our scientific schools or institutes of technology ; and that Freemasonry might, in that way, without going outside of its own borders, furnish all the materials for a liberal education, as it did in the middle ages.—*Keystone*.

Two things deserve attention in the report of the installation at Ngamotu, No. 48, New Plymouth. One is the awakening to the one-sided dealings of " Loyal Lodges." They accept, with thanks, money voted by Lodges holding under " that rebellious and mushroom body, the Grand Lodge of New Zealand," but they decline to make any return or recognise the donors as of Masonic standing, on the ground of the Grand Lodge being an unrecognised, and consequently an unMasonic body. We take some little credit to ourselves for putting a stop to this " Spoiling of the Egyptians.", The other item worthy of consideration, is re having a Lecture Master appointed by Grand Lodge. Not so fast, Brethren! That will come in good time, but not just now. Is there a Brother in this favoured land who would care to fill the position, while the Grand Lodge recognises English, Irish, and Scotch working ?

THE first attempts to form a Lodge in New South Wales was in 1803. Henry Brown Hayes craved permission from Governor King to hold a Lodge. The request was refused ; Bro. Hayes held his Lodge, and for setting the Governor at defiance he was banished to Van Dieman's Land, to undergo a term of hard labour. In 1814 the first regular Lodge in Australia was opened by the 46th regiment, and called, Social and Military Virtues, No. 227, under warrant from Ireland dated 1752. Upon the regiment returning home a warrant was granted to the Sydney Brethren, in 1820, by the Grand Lodge of Ireland, under the title of Australian Social Lodge, No. 260, which Lodge, it may be remembered, granted, on September 5th, 1842, a dispensation to open a Lodge in Auckland—Ara, now No. 1, on the roll of New Zealand. In 1828 a Lodge was warranted by England, under the title of the Lodge of Australia, -but for some reason it remained in abeyance till December, 1833. In 1839 an English Provincial Grand Lodge was formed, Bro. G. R. Nichols being D.P.G.M. This Brother, on September 9th, 1842, granted a dispensation to open the New Zealand Pacific, now No. 2, New Zealand. In 1850 the Scottish Constitution was represented by the opening of Lodge St. Andrew, No. 358.

LODGE PONSONBY'S balance-sheet for the year ending November 30th, 1891, shows £169 13s 9d of assets. The liabilities are *nil*. The cash in bank was £12 5s 9d.

BRO. WALTER HILL, of Wellington, has kindly made us a present of a volume of " The New Zealand Craftsman and Masonic Review " ; a journal with which he was connected, and which was published in Wellington during the years 1884 and 1885.

THERE is a wide difference between the Brother who meets you and says, I hope your paper will be a success," and the one who reaches down in his pocket and *says*, " Here : Send me your paper for a year." In the latter case the success is assured.—*Hebrew Standard*.

THE Grand Lodge of Antient Free and Accepted Masons of the Republic of Peru, was founded in 1882, and has now 26 Lodges under its jurisdiction ; out of this number, Lima, the capital, has nine. We understand that this Grand Body is willing to recognise the Grand Lodge of New Zealand, at the first time of asking. For the

information of the authorities, we may mention that the M.W. Grand Master is Edward Lavergne, and his address—Casilla del Correo, No. 44, Lima, Peru.

IN our remarks upon the proposed Constitutions, we pointed out the absolute necessity for some system being devised whereby members of Grand Lodge, who, by reason of distance, pressure of business, and want of necessary funds, were prevented from attending the annual meeting, could record their votes by post, in the election of Grand Officers. Comp. Donneley Fisher, Grand Registrar of the Supreme Chapter of New South Wales, has invented a system, whereby every upcountry voter can secretly record his vote, and so make the election a true reflex of the feeling of the various Chapters throughout the Colony. The *Freemason*, Sydney, commenting on this, says : " The Grand Scribe E. describes it as novel, secret, perfect. The plan seems to work well, and appears worthy of the revision committee of the Book of Constitutions, of the United Grand Lodge." We shall return to this subject next month, and shall continue to refer to it until our object—that of bringing the ballot box to each member's door—is accomplished.

MASONIC PRAYER.—The following criticism is from the pen of Bro. W. S. Ramsey, in his review of Michigan, in the correspondence report of Georgia, 1890 :—" The Chaplain's prayer is printed in the Proceedings, and it is a beautiful piece of rhetoric, but an un-Masonic prayer because of its Christian closing and the addition of the Lord's Prayer. Though I am a Christian minister and a believer in the Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, and a worshipper of Jesus Christ, the Son of the living God, yet I must say that the prayer of a Mason in a Masonic gathering recognises only the Great Architect of the Universe. We have many true and faithful Masons who are of the Jewish race, who do not accept our Lord and Saviour. I would be rejoiced if the last one of them would acknowledge Him as the Lord of all, the promised Messiah, but they do not. Their training, their birth to Jewish parents, their prejudices, and all their natural inclinations lead them away from Him whom we as Christians worship as our Redeemer, Friend, and Brother, and yet they are none the less Masons by reason of their peculiar religious belief. They are honest in their belief, too. The prayer of our Brother of Michigan would be an un-Masonic prayer to these, and is out of place in a Masonic gathering. While we are worshipping at our Masonic altars of the only true and living God, the Great Architect of the Universe, that worship is to be such as to meet with a hearty, full and free 'So mote it be, Amen,' from every Masonic heart, no matter what his peculiar religious belief so that he is a believer in God, the Father Almighty, Master of Heaven and Earth. Under this view the prayer of Right Worshipful Grand Chaplain of the Grand Lodge of Michigan is out of place."

A COMMITTEE has been appointed to draw up a code of rules for the purpose of regulating debate in the Grand Lodge of Victoria.

WE thank the Secretary of St. Andrew Kilwinning, Bro. J. Fairburn, for a copy of the Lodge circular ; from it we learn, that on the 14th inst., the business was the " election of officers to work the Mark Degree."

"THE ULTIMATE DESTINY OF FREEMASONRY."—Space wont allow US this month to publish the above excellent article, by R.W. Bro. Malcolm Niccol, but we hope to be in a position to do something with it in our next number.

REV. J. M. FOSTER writes this : " *The churches, as a matter of self protection, should disfellowship all members of secret oath-bound societies.*" We do not know who this reverend gentleman is, nor where he hails from ; but we find in the context the secret of his antipathy to Secret Societies—" They absorb the church's resources !" This son of Belial classes the great benevolent Orders of the day with the Knights of the Golden Circle, White Leagues, Molly Maguires, Ku-Klux, Mormon Endowment House, Clan-na-Gael, Jesuits, Mafia, etc., when he knows that such classification is false and misleading, and that his readers must be the veriest idiots to believe such falsehood.

" Call God by all names," says an ancient writer, " for He is everything." " Call Him by no name," says another, " for none can perfectly express Him."

THE APPEAL OF W. BRO. W. FORREST TO THE GRAND LODGE OF SCOTLAND.—We had intended printing the first part, but want of space forbids it ; next month we shall try again.

WE offer the Grand Secretary of New South Wales, V.W. Bro. A. H. Bray, our congratulations upon recovery from *La Grippe*, and also upon the increase in his family.

BRO. J. C. REMINGTON, D.G.M. of New South Wales, whom, it will be remembered, paid us a visit a couple of years ago, has taken unto himself a wife. The happy pair are now in New Zealand. We offer our Brother and Sister every good and perfect gift.

THE Senior Warden of Hercules, Tapanui, has also entered into the holy bonds of matrimony. Bro. Wrensted and his bride have our hearty good wishes.

THE election of Grand Officers will take place in April. It is proposed to hold the annual meeting in Auckland.

A SCOTCH LODGE, " St. John," No. —, at Eltham, Taranaki, seems to be in existence. Bro. S. Jackson Binning, of the school-house, late of Stafford, Westland, is the moving spirit.

THE inauguration of the Supreme Grand Chapter is put off, to suit the convenience of the delegates, till April.

LARGE meeting of Auckland Brethren on Friday, the 8th inst. R.W. Bro. Malcolm Niccol unanimously nominated as Grand Master.

FROM a trustworthy source, we learn that the Hon. John Ballance resigned some months ago from office in the French Lodge, in Wellington. We also learn that he is now sorry he ever had anything to do with it. Comment not needed.

THE Grand Orient of France is seeking to effect a lodgment in Pennsylvania. The *Keystone* commenting, says : Pennsylvania Freemasons are too intelligent, too loyal to Masonic and divine truth, too devoted to ancient Freemasonry, to listen to any would-be charmer, who seeks to enthrone doubt, atheism, or agnosticism, on the throne of the Grand Architect of the Universe, in the place of the one living and true God.

WE are indebted to Bro. D. O. Preshaw, of Lodge Pacific, E.C., Reefton, for favours.

WE are also indebted to Bro. F. E. White, of Palmerston North, who wishes us to intimate that any Brother desirous of subscribing to the CRAFTSMAN, can leave their names with him.

CORRESPONDENCE.

TO CORRESPONDENTS.

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

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

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

ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS.

COLOURED PERSON.—There are some 30,000 Negro Masons in the States, under the jurisdiction of 26 Grand Lodges. They are not recognised by the Whites.

BELIEVER IN A NEW ZEALAND RITUAL.—The Ritual Revision Committee of South Australia have nearly finished their task. "Quizzical Craftsman," in the December issue of the *S.A. Freemason*, says :—" One thing is certain, the grand motive has proved a slip, and the great consummation of an intercolonial uniform ritual has ended in a wretched *fiasco*." If this is what New Zealand has been waiting for, she need wait no longer.

PHOTO OF GRAND SECRETARY.—We do not attempt to make bricks without straw. When he sends the photo. we will do the rest. He was made a Mason some seven or eight years ago.

W.J.—We do not make presents of the "Guide " to non-subscribers. The price is a shilling. Because you "subscribed last year " is no reason why we should post you a free copy.

PAST MASTER, N.Z.—The daily press is not, but the CRAFTSMAN is, the proper place for such a correspondence. We do not publish letters on Masonic subjects that have appeared in the " profane " press.

CANTERBURY, E.C.—See reply to "Syntax." You start wrong, and finish the same way. We did not, for one thing, publish in December ; the " Masonic Guide" took the CRAFTSMAN'S place. No report has reached us.

T. L. MURRAY, THAMES.—Not yet arrived. Kindly remind the Secretary.

REV. W. E. NULGAN.—Thanks. Will return in due course. You have forgotten to send particulars, initiation, &c.

"SYNTAX," TIMARU.—It has hitherto been the custom to invite the Masonic Press. We do not go to "high functions " unless invited. See Brief Mention. Tickets were refused to members of the N.Z.C. Lord Onslow was not present.

THOMAS SCOTT, NELSON.—Thanks. We paid. Had to pass the latter part of the report, will place in special place in February.

FRED CROSS.—The *South African Freemason*, East London, Cape Colony; *The Freemason and Freemasons' Chronicle*, Sydney ; *The Queensland Freemasons' Magazine*, Brisbane.

THE NELSON JUBILEE.

TO THE EDITOR.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I beg to forward you short report of doings of Victory Lodge, No. 40, N.Z.C.—
Yours fraternally,

ROBERT ALLAN, P.M., Hon. Sec.

Anticipating a large number of Masonic visitors during the celebrat'on of the Nelson Jubilee, which takes place the first week in February next, ho Southern Star, No. 735, E.C., and Victory, No. 40, N.Z.C., have decided to hold a combined Lodge, when all visiting Brethren will be heartily welcomed, and entertained, most likely, at a banquet, which will take place after Lodge work.

Bro. Thomas Scott, P.M., has presented the Lodge with a nicely-framed photo. of Bro. G. W. Speth, P.M., Secretary of Lodge Quatuor Coronati, No. 2076, E.C.

The officers of the Victory have also presented the Lodge with a very handsomely-framed portrait of M.W.G.M., Bro. Henry Thomson, N.Z.C.

Nelson, December 25th, 1891.

THE DIVISIONAL SYSTEM OF CRAFT MASONRY.

TO THE EDITOR.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—My attention having been drawn to page 890 of your September issue, in which appears a paragraph alluding to Lodge Concord, with the following query—" What is the divisional system ?" I would reply, Tripartition.

The Tripartite form was adopted at the construction of the Temple. King Solomon divided the workmen—this being symbolic, and particularly marked by Masons. The perfect number of the Pythagoreans represented a division of tune, so likewise it is a sacred division or number, with which all Labour commences and is finished. It cannot do otherwise than remind us of the Lights, and Kingdom of Nature, the

Grand Principals, the Moral Virtues, the Sacred Dictates, and excellent characteristics with which the Order abounds. Again, the Positions, Steps, Grades, the Stages of Human Life, and the principal parts of Man all reproduce the division. As to Furniture, Ornaments, Jewels, Tools, and Pillars I need not mention, as your knowledge of those will be far more than I can explain—a continuous Triad. —I remain, yours fraternally,

THOMAS GEORGE STRANGE,
S.D., Lodge Concord, N.Z.C. (late E.C., No. 1925).

CONSECRATIONS.

PROVINCE OF WELLINGTON.

CONSTITUTION AND CONSECRATION OF THE OTAKI LODGE, No. 72, OTAKI, MANAWATU.

THE Brethren in Otaki, actuated by the same motives as those of Lodge Otangaki, Ashurst, determined to establish a Lodge, and having taken initiatory steps, a petition was signed by seven members, on 23rd September last, belonging to Auckland and Wellington Lodges. The prayer of the petitioners was acceded to by the Grand Lodge at the Quarterly Communication in October last.

In the absence of the Grand Master, and his Deputy, R.W. Bro. D. H. Macarthur, M.H.R. (through illness), the Grand Superintendent of Wellington, R.W. Bro. Herbert J. Williams, was empowered to carry out the ceremony, and right worthily he performed the impressive duties appertaining thereto, assisted by the following Worshipful Brethren acting as Grand Officers, viz. :—S.G.W., A. Lindsay, No. 13 ; J.G.W., H. J. Freeman (W.M.), No. 2 ; G.S., J. AL Goldfinch, No. 44; Grand Chaplain, W. H. Warren, No. 2; G.D. of C., A. Black (W.M.), No. 67 ; S. G.D., J. F. Bulford (W.M.), No. 44 ; J.G.D., J. Hyde, No. 44 ; G. Par., J. Young ; G. Organist, A. J. Norberg ; G. Stewards, John Danks (W.M.), No. 32; Thomas Beadnall, No. 44 ; G. Tyler, 11. Fletcher. The following distinguished visitors were also present, viz. :—P.M. N. Dunlop, Geraldine ; W. Perry, Hokitika, No. 1229, E.C. ; George Herrick, Lodge Thistle, 627, S.C., Ashburton ; George Hescott, Lodge Otago, Dunedin ; and R. J. Heard, Leinster, Wellington.

The ceremony of consecration was held in the local school-house, which, for the time being, will be the Lodge-room, until time and circumstances shall warrant the building of their own Lodge. Before commencing the ceremony, the Grand Superintendent apologised for the absence of the Grand Master, and for P.D.G.M. Bro. Gillon, who regretted his absence very much, but wished the Lodge every success and prosperity.

After the ceremony of consecration, the Brethren resumed work in the Second Degree, and proceeded with the installation of Bro. William Robert Franklin, and the investiture of the following Brethren Bell, S.W. ; Charles Tilley, J.W. ; J. McCulloch, P.M., Secretary ; W. Tompsitt, Treasurer ; W. H. Sincox, S.D. ; Findlay Bethune, J.D. ; Frederick Bills, I.G. ; and Frank Bailey, Tyler.

The musical portion of the service was ably carried out by G. Organist Herr Norberg, assisted by Bro. Warren, and other members. At the conclusion of the proceedings hearty good wishes were tendered by the Grand Lodge and visiting Brethren.

The W.M., Bro. Franklin, in a neat speech, thanked the members of his Lodge for their electing him, and also conveyed to the Grand Lodge and visitors his heartiest good wishes, and thanks for their attendance.

The following gentlemen were proposed for initiation, viz. :—Messrs W. H. French, John Waters, Benjamin Ling, John Davis, and Charles Slight.

The Lodge was duly closed in peace, love, and harmony, at 8.30 p.m., when the Brethren were invited to attend a ball at the Native College. The hall had been beautifully decorated by the ladies and Brethren of Lodge Otaki, who also generously provided a most recherché supper, to which ample justice was done, especially a noble peacock, whose vanity was quickly destroyed by the constant attacks made upon it. During the interlude the following toasts were proposed:—"Queen and Craft," " Grand Lodge of New Zealand " (coupled with the name of Grand Superintendent), " Newly installed Master and officers," " Visitors " (coupled with the names of Bros. Lindsay, Freeman, Bulford, and Danks).

The Grand Superintendent, in apologising for the absence of the G.M., said that if Bro. Thomson had had the faintest idea of the treat that was in store for him he never would have been absent, and, speaking for himself, he assured the ladies present that he should never miss an opportunity of visiting Otaki, especially if he was permitted to be supported and honoured by such a bevy of beauty and gracefulness as was present upon that occasion,

The newly installed Master, Bro. Franklin, also returned thanks on behalf of himself and officers, and also referred to the erroneous impressions that ladies often have of Freemasons—alleging them to be only a social club, whereas the cardinal principles of their Order were brotherly love, relief, and truth; and therefore a man who was a good Mason, must necessarily make a good son, loving husband, and father.

Dancing was then resumed, and kept up to the "wee sma' hours," when the the visitors dispersed to their respective hotels, delighted with the entertainment.

We must give a word of praise to Messrs. Norberg and King, who played a splendid programme in a most artistic manner, thus affording the lovers of the poetry of motion every satisfaction and gratitude. Of course the ladies all looked charming, but a description of their dresses, &c., would be out of place in a Masonic journal, therefore we must refer them to the columns of the *Press*, Christchurch, where, no doubt, they will be amply satisfied.

In conclusion, the correspondent of this journal must return his sincere thanks to the Grand Superintendent ; Bro. Franklin, W.M., Otaki; and Bro. Black, W.M., Pahiatua, for the information and courtesy tendered him.

The visiting Brethren from Wellington returned to their several destinations on Saturday morning, delighted by their visit. During their stay in Otaki their creature comforts were well looked after by Messrs. McBeath (Family Hotel), and McCarthy (Telegraph Hotel).

THE Grand Master of Missouri refuses to recognise dimitted Masons as lawful petitioners for a new Lodge. Correct, or otherwise, they would gain Lodge membership without the scrutiny of an investigating committee and a unanimous ballot.—*The American Tyler*.

INSTALLATIONS.

PROVINCE OF AUCKLAND.

ST. ANDREW, NO. 8.—INSTALLATION OF BRO. THOMAS THOMAS, AND PRESENTATION OF A PAST MASTER'S JEWEL TO BRO.. H. C. TEWSLEY.—The annual meeting was held on the 11th December in the presence of 130 Brethren, of whom 45 were members. Amongst the visitors were Bros. M. Niccol, G. Supt. ; Alex. S. Russell, Pt. Deputy G.M. ; G. H. Powley, S.G. Warden ; A. Kidd, Pt. G. Pur.; R. B. Symon, G. Steward ; Dr. Walker, Assistant G. Organist ; W. Craig, Pt. Assistant G. Standard Bearer ; J. B. Gatland, G. Steward ; G. Hardy, G. Steward ; W. H. Cooper, Pt. 5.0. Warden ; John Page, Pt. Assistant G. Sword Bearer ; T. W. Allen, G. Steward ; and Past Masters Burgess, Ellison (2), W. S. Lyell, Hill, Dunwoodie, Waterman, Chapman, Hanna, Basley, Conquer, Leding, and others. The following Lodges were officially represented :—Nos. 1, 10, 17 (Coromandel), 20, 24, 45, and 54; and among the visitors were some Brethren from H.M.S. Tauranga. The balance-sheet showed a flourishing state of things. The retiring Master, Bro. H. C. Tewsley, made the Lodge a present of a set of gavel. The Grand Superintendent then proceeded with the installation, Bro. Page acting as D. of C., and Bros. Ellison and Basley as presenting officers. After Bro. Thomas had been placed in the chair he invested Bros. J. Guthrie and D. H. Ross as his Wardens, and the following Brethren were then invested :—H. C. Tewsley, I.P.M. ; R. B. Symon, D.M. ; James Anderson, S.M. Dr. Walker, P.M., Organist ; T. Ellison, P.M., Treasurer ; W. H. Cooper, P.M., Secretary ; W. T. Briggs, D. of C. ; G. M. Reid, S.D.; P. A. Duncan, J.D. ; W. A. Harvey, I.G. ; E. Langley, S.S. ; J. D. Webster, J.S. ; M. McCulsky, B.B. ; Tonge, Tyler. The working tools were presented to the W.M. by Bro. Page. Bro. M Nicoll addressed the Master, Bro. A. S. Russell the Wardens, and Bro. Allen the Brethren. Bro. Niccol said : As all the Brethren were aware, Bro. Tewsley, who had presided over the destinies of the Lodge during the past year, was entitled to their best thanks, and he himself must feel honoured in handing over to his successor such a thriving Lodge. He (Bro. Niccol) had been Master of St. Andrew 19 years ago, when it was considered to be in its most

thriving position, but even then they could not muster so many Brethren on the floor of the Lodge as they did that night. The duty entrusted to him was to pin on the breast of Bro. Tewsley the P.M.'s jewel presented to him by the Lodge, and he trusted he would long live to wear it with satisfaction to the Brethren and to himself. The jewel is elaborate, the work of Bro. Bartlett, and a counterpart of that presented last year to Bro. Page. Bro. Tewsley said that in retiring he had the satisfaction of retiring from the Mastership of a powerful Lodge, and he felt satisfied that through his successor they would continue to succeed. Any success achieved while he was Master was not due to any ability of his own, but to the splendid manner in which he had been backed up by the Officers and Brethren of the Lodge: It had been a continued pleasure to him to rule the Lodge, where all worked harmoniously with him, and he felt, on leaving the chair, that he carried with him some regard from his Masonic Brethren. He sincerely hoped Bro. Thomas would be as successful and happy during his year of office as he had been, and for his own part he would assist him in every way he wished. He thanked the Brethren for their beautiful present, and trusted he would long be able to wear it in Lodge St. Andrew. Bro. M. Niccol referred to the loss the Craft had sustained through the death of Sir Frederick Whitaker, and to the interest the deceased Brother had taken in Masonic matters up to the moment of his death. He begged to express the feelings of the Lodge, and felt that as a Lodge they should express their regret at the loss of such a worthy and distinguished Freemason as Sir F. Whitaker. The proceedings were made very interesting by the presence of the Ara band, which played the appropriate music and trumpet calls during the ceremony.

SIR WALTER SCOTT, NO 15, THAMES—INSTALALTION OF BRO. GEORGE S. CLARK, GRAND STANDARD BEARER.—The annual meeting was held on December 15th. The attendance was the largest that has assembled in any Lodge on the Thames for many years. Amongst the visitors present were Grand Superintendent Bro. M. Niccol, Bro. W. H. Cooper, P.S.G.W. ; Bro. G. H. Powley, S G.W. ; Bro. Ellison, No. 10 ; Bro. Fowlds, No. 8 ; and Bro. Ebert, No. 24. The balance-sheet showed the Lodge to be in a very flourishing condition. After the ordinary routine business had been gone through, the Grand Superintendent took the chair, and installed Bro. G. S. Clark as W.M., and invested the following Brethren as officers for the ensuing year : T. L. Murray (S.G.D.), I.P.M. ; Simmonds, D.M. ; Mair, S.M. ; P. McGregor, S.W. ; E. C. Purdie, J.W. ; P. S. Smith, Treasurer ; Albert Bruce, Secretary ; Rev. S. J. Neill, P.M., Chaplain; G. L. Ginn, Architect; J. Paterson, S.D. ; R. Menzies, J.D. ; N. Ferguson, J.S. ; E.W. Howe, Tyler ; H. L. Harston, Organist ; H. D. Pike, Jeweller ; Bros. W. Davies, D.H. Peat, Rattray, and Humphries, Stewards ; Bros. Ellis and Goad, B.B. ; Bro. J. West, D. of C. The Superintendent, in his address to the W.M., Wardens; and Brethren, congratulated the Lodge on its excellent position, both financially and numerically, remarking that while such Masonic enthusiasts as comprised Lodge Sir Walter Scott held together, the Grand Lodge of New Zealand would eventually be the great success that was predicted of it. The opposition to the movement for a Grand Lodge for New Zealand had had the contrary effect to what was intended, for, though it had been the means of causing some of the Lodges that had given in their allegiance to the movement to draw back, it had at the same time united the 72 Lodges that remained true to their convictions into one strong brotherhood, who took for their standard Masonic Unity and Progress. A hearty vote of thanks was passed to the Grand Superintendent and to the visiting Brethren. Bros. Niccol and Murray spoke in feeling terms of the loss that the Craft had sustained by the death of Bro. Sir Frederick Whitaker, the latter remarking that Sir F. Whitaker had been a member of Lodge Sir Walter Scott for some years ; in fact he had been affiliated into Scotch Masonry in the Lodge, so as to be enabled to take the high position of Provincial Grand Master under the Scottish Constitution. A vote of condolence was passed to the family in their affliction. After the Lodge was closed the Brethren partook of refreshments, the proceedings being interspersed with songs and the usual loyal and Masonic toasts.

FRANKLIN, NO. 58, PUKEKOHE.—INSTALLATION OF BRO. WILLIAM ABBOTT. On Friday, the 13th November, the annual meeting of the above Lodge took place. The Auckland Brethren went down by the 4.15 p.m. train. The Grand Lodge of New Zealand was represented by R.W. Bro. Malcolm Niccol, Grand Superintendent ; R.W. Bro. George H. Powley, Senior Grand Warden ; Wor. Bro. H. Walker, M.D., Assis. Grand Organist ; Wor. Bro. John Page, Past Assis. Grand Sword Bearer ; Bro. J. W. Ellison, P.M. (W.M. of No. 10), and representatives of Nos. 1, 8, 10, 20, 24, 45, and 54, to the number of 25, as well as Brethren from the Sister Constitutions. On the way, Brethren from Nos. 55 and 56 joined the party. At 6.30 p.m. Wor. Bros. Hewson and Shepperd gave the visitors a hearty welcome. The Grand Superintendent, Bro. Niccol, conducted the installation ceremony, assisted by Bros. Powley, Ellison, and Hewson. The newly installed Master invested the Wardens, Bros. Rutherford and Dell ; and the ether officers invested were : Treasurer, Bro. Ayeland ; Secretary, Bro. F. M. Hewson, P.M. ; S.D., Bro. W. H. Nicholson ; J.D., Bro. R. H.

Nicholson. Immediately after the Lodge was closed, the doors of the hall below were opened, when the wives, sweethearts, and friends of the Brethren began to arrive in large numbers. The decorations in the ball-room were tasteful and effective—ferns and flowers in rich profusion ; the stage being a perfect forest of shrubs and plants. After supper Bro. Niccol returned thanks on behalf of the visitors; dancing was then resumed, and continued until daylight, by the younger members of the party.

PONSONBY, NO. 54, AUCKLAND. —INSTALLATION OF BRO. A. H. JONES, AND PRESENTATION OF A PAST MASTER'S JEWEL TO BRO. HUGH GRAY. —The annual meeting of this Lodge was held on December 1st, in the Ponsonby Hall. There was a large attendance—83 visitors and 22 members being present. There was upwards of 20 Past Masters on the dais, besides those engaged on the floor. The Lodges officially represented were Nos. 1, 8, 10 and 20. The R.W. Bro. Malcolm Niccol, Grand Superintendent, officiated as Installing Master, assisted by Wor. Bro. John Page, Past Assis. Grand Sword Bearer ; Wor. Bros. Hanna and A. B. Burgess acted as presenting officers. The Brethren invested as Wardens were George Fowlds and John Smart. The other Brethren invested were Alexander S. Russell (Past Deputy Grand Master), D.M. ; S. J. Danneford, Treasurer ; E. V. Johansen, Secretary ; W. H. Simmonds, S.D. ; Fred. O. Massey, J.D. ; George Low, D. of C. ; George K. Webb, Organist ; James Pryor, I.G. ; T. H. Purcell, Tyler ; and Bros. Robert Geddes and Edmund Dutton, Stewar Is. The W.M. of Ara, No. 1 (Bro. Chapman), presented the tools in the Second Degree. and the W.M. of Eden, No. 20 (Bro. Robinson), those of the First Degree. Past Deputy Grand Master Bro. Russell addressed the newly installed Master ; the Senior Grand Warden, Bro. G. H. Powley addressed the Wardens, and Grand Steward Bro. T. W. Allan, gave the address to the Brethren. After the ceremony of installation, R W. Bro. Russell, presented the Junior Past Master with a P.M. Jewel. Bro Russell referred in eulogistic terms to the services of Bro. Gray, and to the manner in which he had supported his predecessor, Bro. Forrest ; he also presented an enlarged photo., handsomely framed, of the retiring Master, which would be retained, hanging in the Lodge-room. The recipient having replied, the Lodge was closed, and the Brethren went from labour to refreshment.

DISTRICT GRAND LODGE, E.C., ANNUAL MEETING AND INVESTITURE OF OFFICERS.

—The annual meeting was held on December 1st, R.W. Bro. George S. Graham, District Grand Master, presiding. Reference was made to the loss D.G. Lodge had sustained by the removal of the Deputy, Bro. W. Lodder, and a vote of thanks was accorded to him. Dr. Dawson was appointed to fill Bro. Lodder's place. The following Brethren were appointed to District Grand office :—A. Wright, S.W. ; E. Augur, J.W. ; W. P. Moat, M.H.R. (P.D.S.G.W.) Registrar ; Rev. E. J. McFarland, Chaplain ; H. F. Windsor, President Board of General Purposes ; J. P. Clark, Secretary ; W. R. Walker, S.D. ; C. Gray, J.D. ; R. Garrett, D. of C. ; A. Sutherland, Assistant D. of C. ; E. G. Clements, S. of Works ; S. M. Herapath, Swd. Br. ; Major Pirie, Organist ; J. H. M. Lush, Pursuivant ; J. C. Dickinson, Assistant Pursuivant ; Bros. Sisson, Wallace, Crowe, Martin, Bayldon, and Bishop, Stewards ; E. Tonge, Tyler.

WAITEMATA, 689, E.C.—INSTALLATION OF BRO. CROZIER.—The annual meeting was held on December 21st at the Freemasons' Hall, Princes street. There was a large attendance—a total of 84 representing Brethren and visitors, and amongst them were 30 installed Masters. Bro. G. S. Graham, with his officers, represented the E.C. ; Bro. W. J. Rees, Deputy P.G.M., the LC. ; and Bro. McCullough, D.P.G.M., the S.C. Lodges Remuera, "Pon,onby," and Ara," were received as Lodges, and there were three Brethren present from the warship Tauranga. Bro. Sutherland, the retiring Master, efficiently performed the duties as Installing Master, ably assisted by Bros. Clark and Fenton, P.M.'s. Bro. Graham made reference to the death of Sir Frederick Whitaker, P.G.M. of the S.C., and on his motion it was resolved that the Lodge should go into mourning for three months, and that a letter of condolence be sent to the relatives of the deceased Brother. The musical portions of the service were a feature of the working, for which credit must be given to Major Pirie. Bro. Sutherland installed Bro. Crozier, and the latter then installed his officers as follow :— Bros. Sutherland, I.P.M. ; Sewell, S.W. ; Henry McCullough, J.W. ; E. Auger, P.M., Treasurer ; H. G. Wade, P.M., Secretary ; James. Carlaw, S.D. ; James Robinson, J.D. ; James Gerrard, D. of C. ; Henry Gillies, I.G. ; Daniel McCullough, S.S. ; William Henry Jones, J.S. ; and E. Tonge, Tyler. The usual round of congratulations was given to the new Master, after which the Brethren adjourned to the lower hall. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were proposed and acknowledged, and all present appreciated the excellent spread provided for them by Mrs. Tonge.

NEW ZEALAND PACIFIC, NO. 2, WELLINGTON.-INSTALLATION OF BRO. HERBERT BOWEN BRIDGE, AND PRESENTATION TO BRO. HENRY JAMES FREEMAN.-The installation of the Worshipful, and the investiture of the Wardens and officers, of the above Lodge took place on Monday, December 21st, in the presence of a large number of Brethren. The Grand Lodge of New Zealand was represented by R.W. Bro. E. T. Gillon, Past Deputy Grand Master ; R.W. Bro. Herbert J. Williams, Grand Superintendent ; and W. Bro. John Young, Junior Grand Deacon. Bros. Gillon, Williams, and W. D. Lyon were the Installing Masters, and Bros. Young and T. W. McKenzie the D. of C. The ceremony was ably performed, the orchestra, under the guidance of Bro. John McGlashan, helping materially to the successful working of the beautiful installation service. After the obligation of Fealty Bro. George Wilson gave the solo, " Consider the Lilies " (Glover). Bro. George Garry sounded the trumpet calls, and immediately preceding the closing in the Second Degree, Bro. W. H. Warren gave " Lord God of Abraham " (" Elijah"). A violin solo by Bro. C. S. Thomas was followed by the investiture of the Wardens, Bros. J. A. Heginbotham and H. Bailie. The other Brethren invested were :Chaplain, the Rev. J. Duinbell ; Treasurer, W. D. Lyon, P.M. ; Secretary and Organist, W. H. Warren ; S.D., A. Dixon ; J.D., R. S. East ; I.G., J. Mackay ; Tyler, H. Erith ; Stewards, Bros. J. Young and C. S. Thomas. At the close of the installation ceremony the Brethren presented the retiring Master, Bro. H. J. Freeman, with a Past Master's jewel, as a slight token of their esteem.

WATERLOO, 13, WELLINGTON.-INSTALALTION OF BRO. JOHN DAVID GEORGESON.- The installation of the Worshipful Master of Waterloo Lodge, and the investiture of officers, took place on Monday, December 14th, in the Masonic Hall, Boulcott street, and was largely attended, both by members and visiting Brethren. After the Lodge was opened the Worshipful Masters of Leinster, 44, St. Andrew, 32, and Pacific, 2, were received ; and then the Grand Lodge entered, composed of the following Brethren :—P.D.G.M., E. T. Gillon; G. Supt., H. J. Williams ; A. J. Masters, acting S.G.W. ; John Young, J.G.D., acting J.G.W. ; Rev. Dean, acting G.C. ; Bros. Coveney and Freeman, acting Grand Deacons ; Bro. Hyde, acting Grand Pursuivant ; Bros. George Fisher, M.H.R., and Dawes, Grand Stewards. Then came the installation ceremonial by the Installing Masters, E. T. Gillon, H. J. Williams, J. Godber, and A. J. Masters. The Directors of Ceremonies were Bros. A. Lindsay and J. Jack. After the W.M. had been duly installed, the following Brethren were invested :—I.P.M., J. Godber ; S.W., Geo. Wilson ; J.W., G. Macmorran ; Treasurer, Jno. Jack ; Secretary, D. Greig, P.M. ; Chaplain, Rev. Wm. Shirer ; S.D., J. U. Turnbull ; J.D., Morris ; Organist, W. H. Warren ; S. Steward, A. J. Masters, P.M. ; J. Steward, F. Ansdell ; I.G., Geo. Wright. The D.M., Bro. H. J. H. Elliott, P.M., and the Tyler, Bro. Connell, were absent, and will, therefore be invested next meeting. There was a strong orchestra, while the solos "Lord God of Abraham " and " Consider the Lilies " were effectively sung by Bros. Warren and Geo. Wilson. At the banquet which followed the ceremony, the new W.M. presided, supported by the G. Supt., Bro. Williams on the right, and by I.P.M., Bro. Godber on the left ; the usual loyal Masonic toasts were duly honoured, and the interest in the proceedings was greatly enhanced by the cornet playing of Bro. George Garry.

ST. ANDREW, 32, WELLINGTON.-INSTALLATION OF BRO. GEO. FRANCE, AND PRESENTATION OF A PAST MASTER'S JEWEL TO BRO. JOHN DANKS.-The installation of W.M. and investiture of officers took place on Friday, the 18th December, in the Masonic Hall, Boulcott street, in the presence of a large gathering. Grand Lodge was represented by Bros. H. J. Williams, G. Superintendent ; E. T. Gillon, P.D.G.M.; A. Lindsay, Acting S.G.W. ; H. J. Freeman, Acting J.G.W. ; J. Bulford, Acting S.G.D. ; T. P. Coveney, Acting J.G.D. ; T. McKenzie, and A. I. Masters, Acting G.D. of C.'s ; J. Hyde, Acting G. Pursuivant ; and Bro. A. J. P. Connell, Acting G. Swordbearer. The G.L. of Victoria was represented by Bro. Meadow-croft, Past Grand Warden, The Installing Officers were P.M.'s Bros. Gillon, Williams, Goldfinch, and Masters. The Brethren invested were :—S.W., T. Jaffray ; J.W., R. Fletcher ; Treasurer, W. H. Warren ; Secretary, J. Danks, P.M.; S.D., S. Townsend ; J.D., O. Neilson ; Organist, W. H. Warren ; Stewards, Bros. Powley and C. Lamberg; I.G., Bro. J. Buchanan; Tyler, Bro. H. Erith. The ceremony throughout was perfect. Material assistance was rendered by a small but efficient orchestra—Bros. W. H. Warren at the organ ; Geo. Garry, piano and cornet ; Geo. Norberg, violin. Bro. Warren contributed the solo, " Lord God of Abraham " (" Elijah "), and Bro. Garry acted as trumpeter. At the close of the ceremony the Grand Superintendent, on behalf of Lodge St. Andrew, presented the retiring W.M., Bro. John Danks, with a handsome P.M. jewel, as a token of the Brethren's appreciation of his services. The gift was suitably acknowledged, and adjournment was then made to the banquet-room, where the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured, and an enjoyable hour passed.

NGAMOTU, NO. 48, NEW PLYMOUTH.-INSTALLATION OF BRO JOSEPH LITTLE. This Lodge held its annual meeting on Friday, November 20th, in the Foresters' Hall, New Plymouth, when there was a capital muster of

the fraternity, the visitors including several former members of the Lodge, and Brethren from Southern Star, 735, E.C.; Faithful Brethren, 77, Canada ; Canterbury Kilwinning, 23, Lyttelton ; Ponsonby, 54, Auckland ; De Burgh Adams, 446, L.C.; Tauranga, I.C. ; Brant, 46, Canada ; also the W.M., Bro. Caplen, of Hawera, 34. The Lodge having been duly opened, and routine business disposed of, the retiring Worshipful Master, Bro. F. P. Corkill, briefly reviewed the work of the year, and congratulated the Brethren upon the substantial progress made during his term of office. He then vacated the chair in favour of W. Bro. G. F. Robinson, Senior Grand Deacon, who proceeded, with the assistance of Past Masters T. A. Murphy and D. McAllum, to install Bro. Joseph Little as Worshipful Master, the Board of I.M.'s being regularly opened, worked, and closed. The W.M. then invested his officers, viz. :—Bros. F. P. Corkill, I.P.M. ; W. H. Clark, S.W. ; C. W. Hendry, J.W. ; T. A. Murphy, P.M., Treasurer ; D. McAllum, P.M., Secretary ; F. W. Atkinson, S.D. ; J. Hislop, J.D. ; G. F. Robinson, P.M., D. of C. ; H. Kitchingman, P.M., Organist ; T. Furlong, I.G. ; W. H. Webb, P.M., Tyler. It was resolved to procure and present to Bro. McAllum a Past Master's jewel, as a slight recognition of his services as Secretary. An appeal from an E.C. Lodge was returned to the senders with an intimation that it could only be received through the Grand Secretary of our own Constitution. During the past year, although cut off from fellowship by English, Irish, and Scotch Lodges, we have been regularly favoured with invitations to subscribe to the charitable appeals promoted by them, and have invariably and gladly responded as our means have permitted ; but, while still willing to help such praiseworthy efforts, we feel that the time has arrived for directing the attention of Brethren who regard us as rebellious and irregular Masons to their inconsistency in according us recognition when it happens to suit them. In this action we are following the example of our Hawera Brethren. The labours of the evening having been completed, the Lodge was closed at ten o'clock, and an adjournment was made to the White Hart Hotel, where about 30 Brethren sat down to an excellent supper provided by Bro. Jacob. The toast list elicited some good speaking, not of the usual after-dinner type, but containing sentiments and observations of interest and profit. The W.M., Bro. Little, impressed upon the members of the Lodge the need for their hearty co-operation and regular attendance to enable him and his officers to carry on the work with success. W.M. Bro. Caplen urged the desirability of Masonic instruction for the benefit of young Brethren, and suggested that Grand Lodge should be moved to appoint a Lecture Master to work through the colony. The toast of " The Sister Constitutions " was responded to by Bro. Hughes, I.C., and Findlay, Canada, the latter giving an interesting account of the history of Masonry in the Dominion. W. Bro. Robinson, J.G. Deacon, dwelt upon the higher significance of our ceremonies and emblematic teaching. The sentiment " Sister Lodges and Visiting Brethren " was acknowledged by W.M. Bro. Caplen, of Hawera, Bro. Hughes, of the De Burgh-Adams Lodge, Bro. Paul, of the old Southern- Kilwinning, and Bro. Muirhead, of Ontario, the latter complimenting Lodge Ngamotu on its working, and supplementing Bro. Findlay's remarks on Canadian Masonry. The Tyler's appeal resulted in an appreciable addition to the Benevolent Fund. During the evening songs, &c. were contributed by a number of Brethren, and, after a most enjoyable gathering, " Auld Lang Syne " was sung at 1 a.m. It is expected that a strong contingent of Ngamotu Brethren will go to Hawera next month, when Bro. R. H. Nolan is to be installed as W.M.

RAWHITE, 66, DANEVIRKE, HAWKES BAY.-INSTALLATION OF BRO. F. J. POPPLEWELL.-On Wednesday, the 16th December, Wor. Bro. J. E. Provis (Representative of the Grand Lodge of Kansas), officiated as Installing Master, and after placing Bro. F. J. Popplewell in the chair and investing the Wardens, Bros. E. Robertshawe and F. C. W. Bierre, he proceeded to invest the following brethren :—C. Baddeley, Treasurer ; J. H. Clayton, Secretary ; H. Shannon, S.D. ; Thorburn, J.D. ; G. Sykes, I.G. ; and J. C. Dolman, Tyler. The balance-sheet was of such a satisfactory nature as to draw forth commendatory remarks from the Installing Master. Votes of thanks were given to Bro. Heard, who acted as organist, and to P.M. Bro. Provis. At the close of the ceremony, the 25 brethren fully enjoyed the supper prepared by Mrs Illingsworth, and after a couple of hours of pleasant social intercourse, the proceedings finished with the Tyler's toast at midnight.

TONGARIRO, 705, B.C., WANGANUI-INSTALLATION OF BRO. GIFFORD MARSHALL.- The 10th December was the date upon which the installation of Bro. Marshall into the chair of Tongariro, for the second time, took place. The proceedings were very much enhanced by the presence of the Deputy D.G.M., Bro. Sir E. O. Gibbes, Bart. A very large number of Brethren were present. A most efficient choir sang the various Masonic chorals, accompanied on the organ by Bro. W. Aitken ; Bro. Brooks from Wellington acting as pianist. One feature of the installation ceremony was exceedingly instructive, viz., the investiture of District Grand Lodge officers by Bro. E. O. Gibbes, for which purpose the D.G. Lodge held their quarterly communication during the evening's ceremony. Bro. Whitworth Russell was invested as D.S. Grand Warden, Bro. Keeling as D. Junior Grand Warden, Bro. Bellringer as D.S. Grand Deacon, Bro. H. B. Williamson as D.G. Sword Bearer,

Bro. Brook as D.G. Organist, and Bro. Bent as D.G. Steward. After the investiture of the D.G. officers, the installation ceremony was proceeded with, the officers invested being the following Brethren :—P.M. Foster, S.W. ; J.W. Day, J.W. ; Shipwith, Treasurer ; T. D. Cummins, Secretary ; J. C. Greenwood, S.D. ; W. Aitken, J.D. ; Hicks, I.G. ; R. Brandon, Tyler. The Installing Master, Bro. Sir E. O. Gibbes, during the ceremony, alluded in feeling terms to the prolonged illness of Bro. Sir Harry Atkinson, which prevented him from taking an active part as a ruler of the Craft. We sincerely trust that the G.A.O.T.U. will speedily restore him to health, so that not only the English Constitution, over which he presides, but the Craft generally, will again benefit by his guidance and counsel.— Bro. Hescott, in sending us a report of the two installations at Wanganui (St. Andrew and Tongariro), tells us that the Wanganui Masonic Hall is one of the handsomest of its kind in the colony. He particularly desires to thank the officers and members of both Lodges for their kindness and courtesy, and trusts that he will have an opportunity of renewing his acquaintance with the Brethren and the charming town of Wanganui.

AORANGI, NO. 2300, E.C., WELLINGTON – INSTALLATION OF BRO. ALEXANDER GRAY, P.M.—The installation and investiture of officers of Lodge Aorangi, No. 2300, E.C., took place at the Masonic Hall, Wellington, on Tuesday, 24th November, 1891. Owing to the inclement weather and prevailing epidemic, the attendance of Brethren was not as good as one would have desired, but a goodly number of visitors honoured the Lodge with their presence, viz, Lodge Wellington, No. 1521, E.C., Bro. Larelier and his officers ; Bro. P.M. Cox, St. John, Featherstone ; Dr. Bey, P.M., Greytown Lodge ; Bro. Bulford, W.M., Leinster, N.Z.C. ; Bro. Tanner, Waterloo, N. Z.C. ; Bro. Hescott (representative N.Z. CRAFTSMAN), and several members from H.M. ships Ringarooma and Tauranga. The ceremony of installation was very impressively carried out by the D.D.G.M., Bro. S. E. O. Gibbes, Bart., assisted by D.S.G.W., W. Bro. Brown, D.G. Secretary, Bro. Powles, anti P.M. Bro. Hamerton. The musical portion of the ceremony was very well rendered by Bro. Norberg, who undertook the duties at a moment's notice. Hearty good wishes for the prosperity of Bro. Gray and his officers were conveyed by the Brethren present, and apologies of regret were received from the absenting members and intending visitors. The also conveyed an apology from the D.G. M., Bro. Sir Harry Atkinson, for his absence, owing to his severe indisposition; which we sincerely trust will not be of much longer duration, as the Craft throughout New Zealand would be delighted to learn of this distinguished Brother's convalescence. At the conclusion of the ceremony the Brethren were most cordially invited to partake of a most recherché cold collation, to which ample justice was done by those present. The toasts of " Queen and Craft," " Three Grand Lodges,"

Newly Installed Master," " The Installing Master," " Health of Lodge Aorangi and Visitors," were duly drunk, with musical honours, interspersed with songs, rendered by Bros. Munt, Eames, and Hescott. The Tyler's toast brought a most -pleasant and convivial evening to a close ; the Brethren present all returning to their respective homes delighted with the hospitality and *ban hatuntie* of Lodge Aorangi. In conclusion, we think Lodge Aorangi is to be congratulated upon their selection of Bro. Gray, as judging from the remarks made by the Wairarapa Brethren, he had already made his mark in that district.

ST. ANDREW KILWINNING, 481, S.C., WANGANUI.-INSTALLATION OF BRO. JOHN STEVENSON, AND PRESENTATION OF A PAST MASTER'S JEWEL TO BRO. J. SALEK.--The first of December saw a large attendance of Brethren at the Masonic Hall, Wanganui, to witness the installation of Bro. John Stevenson, and the investiture of the officers of Lodge St. Andrew Kilwinning. Tongariro, 705, E.G., was officially .represented by the W.M. (Bro. Newcombe), Wardens, Officers, and Brethren, Representatives of the D. G. Lodge, E.C., and the P.G. Lodge, S.C., were present. There were also on the dais the following Past Masters :—Bros. F. M. Spurdle, R. Hughes, J. H. Keesing, C. Carell, James Cattell, Blennerhassett, G. Marshall, W. H. G. Foster, W. Buttle, J. Sewell, W. Russell, and M. Cottle. Bro. J. L. Stevenson, Provincial Junior Grand Warden, conducted the ceremony of installation according to ancient custom, being ably assisted by Bro. Salek, as D. of C., who 'delivered the Three Charges. Bro. F. M. Spurdle, A.P.G. Secretary, invested the 'officers ; Bro. Robert Hughes, P.G.D. of C., and Bro. J. H. Keesing presented the "Working Tools ; the Rev. Bro. Dewsbury and Bro. G. Carson acted as Chaplains. .Full choral services were performed by the choir, and instrumental selections ..given by the Masonic orchestra, ably conducted by Bro. William Holden, with Bros. Blackett and Aiken at the organ, which added greatly to the evening's success. The installing Master, on the members' behalf, presented Bro. J. Salek with a handsome gold jewel, as a mark of appreciation of the valuable services rendered by him during his Mastership. The jewel bore the inscription : " Presented to Bro. Salek, I.P.M., from the Officers and Brethren of his Lodge, St. Andrew Kilwinning, No. 481, S.C., as a mark of respect and esteem." The following - Brethren were invested ;—S.W., David May ; J.W., N. Meuli ;

Treasurer, J. L. Stevenson ; Secretary, John Fairburn ; Chaplain, G. Carson ; S.D., Thomas Dixon ; J.D., Newrman ; Organist and Choir Master, Wm. Holden ; I.G., E. Perry ; Tyler, Richard Braddon ; Bros, R. Law and E. Perrett as D.M. and S.M. The banquet, which followed the closing of the Lodge, was thoroughly enjoyed, The following were the principal toasts, " Other Constitutions," P.M. Bro. Keesing, responded to by P.M.'s Bros. Russell (English), Cowie (Irish), and Buttle (New Zealand) ; " The R.W.M. and his Officers," P.M. Bro. Spurdie ; " The Installing Master, Director of Ceremonies, and Assistants," Bro. Couchman ; " Our Sister Lodge," R.W.M. Bro. Stevenson, responded to by W.M. Bro. Newcombe ; " Visiting Brethren," Bro G. Carson, responded to by Bros. Gower (Patea) and Carsten. A special -toast was given in honour of Bro. Couchman, for his assiduity in his duties as Secretary. The social gathering concluded with the " Tyler's Toast," shortly after midnight. A most pleasing part of the installation ceremony was the passing of " the loving cup " round the Lodge, while the choir gave musical selections from the Messiah. More than ordinary interest was attached to St. Andrew's installation, owing to the fact that it would probably be the last ceremony of the kind under the Scotch Constitution. It was intimated at the ceremony and at the banquet that the Lodge intended joining the Grand Lodge of New Zealand about next April.

PROVINCE OF CANTERBURY.

ROBERT BURNS, No. 604, S.C., CHRISTCHURCH—INSTALLATION OF BRO. J. E. HARTLE.—On the 17th December the annual meeting took place in the St. Augustine Hall, Christchurch. There was a large attendance. The ceremony was performed by the D.G.M., Bro. C. Louisson, assisted by his officers. The D.G.M., E.C. Bro. P. Cunningham, and his officers were also in attendance. The following Brethren were invested :—R.W.M., J. E. Hartle ' • I.P.M., E. H. Cooper ; D.M., H. A. Bruce ; S.M., H. T. Gourlay, P.M. ; W.S.W., H. Jack ; ' S. G. Male ; Treasurer, R. M. Fulton ; Secretary, J. Simpson ; Chaplain, Rev. A. Chodowski ; S.D., W. A. Powell ; J.D., A. W. Eslick ; D of C., T. Kincaid ; I.G., E. G. Saunders ; : Stewards, Bros. W. K. Anderson and Gahagan ; Organist, Bro. Gilbert. The musical arrangements added greatly to the completeness of the ceremony. After the Lodge was closed, the Brethren adjourned to the refectory, where a splendid repast was provided by Bro. F. E. Thomas, of the Royal Hotel. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given and responded to. Before the Brethren dispersed Host Thomas was complimented upon the success of the banquet ; and many expressed their belief that it was the finest display ever seen in Lodge Robert Burns.

PROVINCES OF OTAGO AND SOUTHLAND.

NGAPARA, 68 (OTAGO).—INSTALLATION OF BRO. THOMAS MCWHIRTER, P.M., FOR THE SECOND YEAR.—The second installation took place in the Masonic Hall, Ngapara, on the 22nd October, in the presence of a large number of members and visitors. The ceremony was performed by the Grand Superintendent of Otago, R.W. Bro. A. H. Burton, able assistance being given by Bros. J. Wood, W.M., Otago, 7 ; O. H. Pinel, W.M., Waitaki, 11 ; R. H. Cathcart, and another Brother representing St. John, Lesmahagow, Scotland, who has given assistance, financially and otherwise, to Ngapara since its commencement. Selections were given during the ceremony by Bro. T. Paterson, Organist (the first member proposed in open Lodge). The W.M. invested Bros. Hy. Webber and Geo. Livingston as his Wardens. The other brethren invested being—Howden, Treasurer ; J. Peat, Secretary ; S.D. ; Wilson, J.D. ; McAlister, I.G. ; Donegan, Tyler ; Paterson, Organist ; Weir and Nimmo, Stewards ; Bros. Taylor and Stringer being elected Auditors.. After the ceremony the Brethren did justice to the catering of host Bro. Geo. Weir, of the Railway Hotel. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured ; Bro. John Peat proposed " The Masonic Press." coupled with the name of Bro. E. G. Lane, Grand Steward.— [The above report was delayed in transmission. —ED. C.]

OAMARU KILWINNING, No. 537, S.C. —INSTALLATION OF BRO. JAMES RICHMOND.— The installation of the Right Worshipful Master of Lodge Oamaru Kilwinning, No. 537, S.C., and the investiture of officers, took place in the Masonic Hall, on Thursday evening, the 17th December. Past Master H. Neill (District Grand Secretary) and Past Master D. M. McPherson (District Grand Warden) performed the ceremony. There was a large attendance, and after the installation of the R.W. Master, the following Brethren were duly invested in their respective offices, as under :--J. Taylor, I.P.M. ; W. Waddell, S.M. ; J. Ogilvie, S.W. ; D. Ferguson, J.W. ; J.M. Brown, P.M., Secretary ; Thomas Kennedy, Treasurer ; Gordon McAdam, S.D. ; W. J. Hill, J.D. ; R. H. McPherson, I.G. ; Rowland and Smart, Stewards ; N. Meldrum, Organist ; W. Ferguson, Tyler. Several officers were absent through illness and other causes. At the conclusion of the ceremony a banquet took place at the Star and Garter Hotel, where Bro. Richmond's friends. from many Lodges rallied

round him in a most hearty and enthusiastic manner.. The usual loyal and patriotic toasts having been duly honoured, the toast of the evening, the health of the newly-installed Master, was drunk in due form. " Success to Lodge Oamaru Kilwinning, " " The Officers of the Lodge, " and other appropriate toasts made time fly quickly, and a most happy and enjoyable evening. was terminated by the singing of " Auld Lang Syne " among the " sma' oors."

PROVINCES OF NELSON, MARLBOROUGH, AND WESTLAND.

SOUTHERN STAR, NO. 735, B.C., NELSON.—INSTALLATION OF BRO. JAMES MCEACHEN.—In lieu of the true anniversary—St. John the Evangelist's, the 27th—this year falling on Sunday, the thirty-seventh anniversary was held on Monday, December 28th, 1891. The Lodge was well represented, as was also the sister Lodge, Victory, No. 40, N.Z.C. The retiring Master, Bro. Henry Baigent, acted as Installing Officer, together with the W.M. of the Victory and Past Officers of both Lodges, who gave him able assistance. The whole ceremony was conducted chorally by a good choir of Brethren, under the leadership of Bro. Morrish, organist of Christ Church (cathedral in this city) assisted by Bro. House on the French horn. The following were the officers installed and invested for the year 1892 :—W. Master, Bro. Jas. McEachen ; I.P.M., Bro. Henry Baigent ; S.W., Bro. B. S. Chisholm ; J.W., Bro. E. Beacham ; Treasurer, Bro. S. Bolton, P.M. ; Secretary, Bro. Thos. Scott, P.M. ; Chaplain, Bro. Rev. W. A. Evans, M.A. ; organist, Bro. Geo. Teak ; S.D., Bro. A. N. Batchelor ; J.D., Bro. W. Fleming ; Tyler, Bro. C. J. Bartlett. At the close of the ceremony the Brethren sat down to an excellent supper, provided by Bro. Bartlett in his usual able manner, after which the customary loyal and Masonic toasts were given and responded to. A feature worthy of note in the above list of officers is that out of the eleven chosen and invested seven of them are all new men—young blood—to wit : the W.M., two years a M.M., and J.W. last year ; the S.W., two years a M.M., last year S.D.; the J.W., one year ; the Chaplain, six months ; the Organist, two years ; the S.D., nine months ; the J.D., three months. The remaining officers are among the oldest, if not the very oldest, save one or two of the Southern Star members. It remains to be seen whether this arrangement will carry out the spirit of the idea—that of the "infusion of new blood." We feel satisfied that the right men are appointed, because they are full of zeal to learn and labour for the good of our noble Order.

MISCELLANEOUS.

THE LATE BRO. ALBERT PIKE ON THE G. O. OF FRANCE.

IT (the G.O. of France) seems, indeed, to have been for years actuated by a steady and deliberate purpose to show by its action its contempt of the Grand Lodges of the United States.. Its next step and grosser insult to the Grand Lodges of the United States was its recognition of the Negro Grand Lodges of Ohio and Missouri, with which it entered into relations of amity, and received the Bro. Caubet as the representative of such near itself, as he yet is. Next it declared, by an article of its constitution, still in force, that if in any country the Masonic power thereof should refuse to have relations of amity of itself, it would, when it might see fit, establish Masonic bodies. It has utterly abolished the use of the old reverent formula of Freemasonry—to the glory of the Grand Architect of the Universe—substituting no form of acknowledgement of the existence of a Deity in its stead. Also it has expunged the word *Dieu* from its rituals, and all mention of and allusion to a Deity ; invites Atheists to become, as many have become, members of its Lodges and higher bodies ; has permitted one of its Lodges to adopt for its name *La Materialisme Scientifique*; and when in one of its Lodges an applicant was openly objected to, *and rejected because he believed in the existence of a God*, saw nothing in the incident worthy of its notice. In short, it has removed all the ancient landmarks, and profanes and desecrates the name of *Masonry*.—(*Official Bulletin*, ix., 28).

LODGE REPORTS.

COROMANDEL NO. 17, AUCKLAND PROVINCE.—In November the Lodge met in their new hall, County Council Buildings—much better, and less temptation than meeting in hotels. Bro. J. B. Gatland, Grand Steward, read a paper from the N.Z. Craftsman, which was listened to with much interest. The Senior Warden gave a Masonic recitation, and Bro. Litten provided a nice little supper to celebrate the change of meeting place. The Secretary, Bro. Andrew King, Past Grand Steward, sends us a kind invitation to be present at the opening of the new hall. He says the Brethren will be delighted to see us, and incidentally mentions that a nice little supper will follow, which a generous Brother will provide. We plead guilty to a

fondness for a nice little supper, but we wont indulge this time. We may, however, put the hospitality of Bro. King and his Brethren to the test some time in April.

NEW ZEALAND PACIFIC, NO. 2, WELLINGTON.—Our representative was present on November 23rd, and, in writing to us, he says that Bro. H. B. Bridge was elected Master, and it is predicted that his term of office will be a most successful one. Bro. W. D. Lyon, P.M., was re-elected Treasurer. An account of Bro. Bridge's installation will be found elsewhere.

MASTERTON, NO. 19, WELLINGTON PROVINCE.—The hall has recently been most handsomely re-decorated, particulars of which will be published later on ; but we must congratulate the members upon the very handsome appearance of their hall, which is not surpassed by any other country Lodge in New Zealand. Bro. Peter Dickson was the Master-elect, and his installation was to have taken place on the 13th inst., but through his unfortunate and deeply regretted death by poison, the Lodge will have to proceed to a fresh election.

ST. ANDREW, NO. 32, WELLINGTON.—Bro. Hescott was present at the November meeting. The trustees appointed to administer the funds raised on behalf of the Bovis family were: Bros. John Danks and W. H. Warren. The Senior Warden, Bro. George France, was elected Master, and we notice that Bro. Robert Fletcher, the kind and obliging Secretary, has been advanced a step (it was well deserved), and is now Junior Warden. An account of the installation of Bro. France will be found elsewhere.

MANAWATU KILWINNING LODGE, NO. 47, PALMERSTON NORTH.—The regular monthly meeting was held on Wednesday, November 19th. The business of the evening was to initiate -Frederick William Mayo, but owing to his temporary absence from the district it was postponed until a future occasion. The question of regalia was brought up, and it was definitely decided to have new regalia at once adopted by the N.Z. Constitution. An application for relief was read from Tongariro Lodge, E.C., Wanganui. The Lodge declined to give any donation from its own funds to a Lodge hailing under a non-recognising and formed Constitution. The W.M., Bro. W. Rutherford, suggested that a collection should be taken up in the Lodge-room amongst the Brethren individually, the result being that the sum of £2 has been forwarded to the Tongariro Lodge, E.C., Wanganui. Bro. C. Grubb was successfully balloted for as a joining member. This being the whole of the business, the Lodge was closed in peace, love, and harmony, at 9 p.m.

NGAMOTU, NO. 48, NEW PLYMOUTH.—On the 15th inst. the business, in addition to the lecture on the First Tracing Board, was a notice of motion by P.M. Bro. McAllum—" That in order to be in Harmony with the financial periods of Grand Lodge, it is hereby agreed to alter the first clause of Bye-law 19, as follows :The annual subscription shall be due, and payable in advance in equal portions, on the 1st January and 1st July in each year. "

ULSTER, NO. 62, PETONE.—The members of this Lodge own a very nice hall, writes our representative which is free from debt, and the Lodge can be considered to be in a flourishing condition.

OTANGAKI, 70, ASHURST, PROVINCE OF WELLINGTON.--The Acting Secretary, Bro. A. Buehler, very kindly supplied us with the following information :—They started with seven M.M.'s ; they now number 14 M.M.'s and two E.A.'s, and they have a candidate to initiate, all good and tried men, imbued with Masonic principles. They had the pluck to build a hall, costing £192, inclusive of furniture, jewels, and clothing, and their indebtedness is now only £157.. They purpose wiping out this debt altogether, each member taking up a share to the value of £10, payable in calls of £1 monthly, the first call to be £2. No share will bear interest. When hall clear, excess of income will be distributed *pro rata* among the shareholders, reducing the value of each share, and finally wiping out the shares in about three years.—A good, sensible plan, and should work very well.

WELLINGTON, No. 1521, E.C.—Our representative, Bro. George Hescott, was present at the regular meeting of this Lodge on the 20th November. Space will not allow us to give a full report of the meeting, but he writes that the visit was a pleasant one, and he was received with great kindness and courtesy.

UNANIMITY, NO. 3, LYTTTELTON.—The W.M.-designate of this Lodge is the present S.W., Bro. R. M. Griffiths. Bro. Arnold, P.M., was re-elected Treasurer. The installation will take place on the 28th inst.

SOUTHERN CROSS, NO. 6, KAIAPOI, CANTERBURY. — MASONIC SERVICE.— On Sunday, November 15th, the W.M., Very Worshipful Brother the Rev. J. Murray, Grand Chaplain, held a Masonic service in the Masonic Hall, which was attended by a large and interested congregation. The Grand Secretary, Very Worshipful Brother the Rev. W. Ronaldson, assisted, and a large number of Past Masters and Brethren attended in regalia. Bro. Murray gave an eloquent and stirring address on the text, " Now abideth faith, hope, charity, these three ; but the greatest is charity."-1 Cor., xiii., 18. At the close of the address Bro. Ronaldson intimated that a collection would be made for local charity ; this resulted in the substantial sum of £7 2s 6d being collected. We regret that space will not allow us to give an epitome of Bro. Murray's remarks. We heartily commend the practice of holding Divine service, once a year at least, to the attention of the officers of Lodges. It gives to the outside world a better idea of what the fraternity really is, besides showing a reverent spirit towards the G.A. of the Universe.

MALVERN, NO. 35, SPRINGFIELD, CANTERBURY, intends doing *away* with the joining fee, simply charging the affiliate the actual cost of registration in the books of Grand Lodge.

OTAGO, NO. 7, DUNEDIN, AND HIRAM, NO. 46, SOUTH DUNEDIN.—Both these Lodges are having papers read by the members. A step in the right direction.

SOUTHERN CROSS, NO. 9, INVERCARGILL.—On December 4th a great deal of business was done. Four candidates were raised to the High and Sublime Degree. Bro. Frank Woodward of Lodge Aparima, E.C., was affiliated, and Mr E. H. Wood was initiated. Bro. Sawyer, Junior Grand Deacon, acted as Master. The Secretary, Bro. Dalgliesh, having resigned, Bro. Patchett was appointed to the position, *pro tem*. This Lodge is in a very flourishing condition ; and Bro. A. G. Drew's Masonic musical services have been successfully introduced, under the direction of Bro. A. Walker, Organist. — On January 6th, Bro. Alexander Cross, P.M., in the chair, who passed Bro. Carl Gertius Boon to the Second Degree. £1 is was voted to Lodge Tongariro, 705, E.C., Wanganui, towards relieving the widow and orphans of the late Bro. Kitson. The S.W. gave the lecture on the First Tracing Board. The following Brethren were recommended for nomination as officers of Grand Lodge :—Ven. Archdeacon Stocker as Grand Chaplain ; C. Sawyer, P.M., as Grand Deacon ; W. G. Mehaffey, P.M., as Grand Director of Ceremonies ; and William Smith P.M., as Grand Steward.

LODGE HAMILTON MARK MASTERS, OAMARU (under the protection of and attached to No. 11, N.Z.C.). A respected Brother sends us the compliments of the season, and an invitation to be present at the installation, which takes place on the 14th inst. " The ceremony," so says our Brother, " will be conducted by the V.W. and Rev. Bro. Ronaldson, Grand Secretary."

ADVANCE LODGE No. 61, Brunner-ton.-VISIT FROM M.W.G.M.—A Lodge of emergency was held on November 10th to receive a visit from M.W.G.M. of N. Z. There was a large attendance, all the officers of the Lodge and nearly all the Masons in the district being present. Several P.M.'s of different Constitutions occupied seats on the dais. The Lodge was tyled at 8 p.m., and shortly after the G.M., who was accompanied by W. Bro. Bishop, was admitted with due honour. After a few introductory remarks by W.M. Bland, the G.M. addressed the Lodge, and for upwards of an hour was listened to with great pleasure by the Brethren present. He gave a very interesting account of the rise, progress, and present satisfactory condition of the G.L. of N.Z., dealt for a time on its relations with the G.L. of England, and proved to the satisfaction of all present that the establishment of a G.L. for N. Z. was a necessary and highly beneficial step. Bro. Bishop also addressed the Lodge, supporting the statements of the G.M., and showing that a large majority of the working Lodges in New Zealand were under the N.Z.C. The Lodge closed at 10.30, and the Brethren then sat down to refreshments, and had a very pleasant time of it. The usual toasts were drunk and responded to ; the toast " The Grand Master" being received with great enthusiasm. In responding, the G.M. complimented the W.M. and his officers on the way they had struggled against adverse circumstances, and kept the Lodge in such an efficient condition. The prosperity of a Lodge depended upon its officers, and from what he had seen of them he felt certain that the Advance Lodge would prosper. As an immediate result of the G.M.'s visit we have to ballot for four affiliates at our next meeting, and several more will join as soon as they obtain their clearances from their mother Lodges. It is to be hoped that the G.M. will be as successful in infusing enthusiasm into the other West Coast Lodges as he has been in ours.

ROBERT BURNS LODGE, N.Z.C., REEFTON.-VISIT OF THE GRAND MASTER.- An emergency meeting was held in the Lodge-room on Wednesday, November 11th, for the purpose of welcoming Bro. H. Thomson, the

Most Worshipful, the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of New Zealand, with Bro. R. C. Bishop, who were passing through the district. The attendance of members would have been larger but for the short notice given. A number of Brethren of the Pacific Lodge, No. 1453, E.C., helped to make up the deficiency by their presence ; no less than seven of their Past Masters occupied seats on the platform, thus showing the friendly feeling between the Lodges here. Bro. P.M. F. H. Budge was appointed Director of Ceremonies. The Lodge was opened in due form, and the Grand Master was announced and admitted with his Grand Lodge Officers, the Brethren receiving them with honours. The Grand Master and Bro. Bishop took their seats at the right of the W.M. Bro. Philpotts, when Bro. P.M. Budge welcomed them on behalf of the Lodge. After a few brief remarks the Grand Master gave an interesting address on the Grand Lodge movement from its commencement, showing the difficulties that had to be contended with, his appointment as G.M., the refusing of recognition by Grand Lodge of England—commenting on clauses 204 and 219 of Book of Constitutions, and many other subjects of great interest to the Craft. Bro. P.M. Chas. Cohen, on behalf of members of the Pacific Lodge, No. 1453, E.C., present, accorded him a hearty welcome, and assured him, that notwithstanding District Lodge opinions, their relations with the Robert Burns Lodge were of the most cordial nature. The Grand Master thanked the Brethren present for the cordial welcome given him ; he was told, previous to visiting the West Coast, that he would likely get a rough reception. To his surprise it had been quite the contrary, as he had been received with the greatest courtesy and good feeling. Bro. Bishop also addressed the Brethren. An impromptu banquet was held after the close of the Lodge, when a very enjoyable hour was spent, the Grand Master having a "crack" with, and making the personal acquaintance of all present.

SEVERAL Victorian Lodges and Chapters have been rendered penniless for the time being, by the suspension of some of the financial institutions.

THERE is now a Lodge in Mashonaland, and a newspaper published at one shilling; the contents are reproduced by the clyclostyle process.

OUR EXCHANGES.

CONDENSED EDITORIALS.

A Table Lodge IN the olden time this custom was much honoured. It dates back to the origin of the Craft in Pennsylvania. It is characteristic of Freemasonry, and no Masonic banquet is complete without it. It has A Table Lodge. its special forms and ceremonies, and can only be opened by the Master and Wardens of a regular Lodge. Being opened in the Entered Apprentice degree, it remains open in that degree, and any E.A., duly vouched for, may be present. The officers take their stations, the Master wields the gavel, and governs the Brethren in the proper enjoyment of the evening's pleasures.—Keystone.

Masonic Offences THERE is a widespread misapprehension in the Craft as to what constitutes a Masonic offence. Those, like everything in Masonry, are based on principle, and governed by law—and not profane, but Masonic Offences. Masonic principle and law. No dispute between Masons concerning a matter of merely civil law can be rightfully considered or adjudicated on in a Masonic Lodge. For example :—If one Mason owes another a debt, say in the ordinary course of trade, the mere fact of the non-payment of this debt will not justify the creditor in bringing charges of un-Masonic conduct against the debtor in his Lodge. Freemasonry takes no cognizance of money disputes between Masons. The civil courts, and they alone, determine there, and to them the Brother who believes himself injured must resort. A Lodge is not a justices' court for the recovery of debts. A criminal offence, no more than a civil offence, is *per se* a Masonic offence. In order to render either of these such, another essential and purely Masonic ingredient must enter. No infraction of a State law, whether it be civil or criminal, becomes thereby a breach of Masonic law, unless there be also an injury wrought to Freemasonry itself, or to a Freemason as a Freemason. It is not his act against a Brother civilly, or against him and the State, criminally, that constitutes a Masonic offence, but it is the dishonour, the disgrace, the defilement *brought upon the Craft*, which Freemasonry regards—for example, by his conviction in a criminal court of the land of a heinous offence. This is where his criminality touches and injures Freemasonry, and because of this, and only because of this, his criminal offence becomes a Masonic offence.—Keystone.

A Masonic Congress PERFECTION in government is the ambition of all who have a part in guiding the affairs of governing bodies, and yet none assume the position that they have attained the summit towards which they strive. Differences of opinion exist in all jurisdictions. There are varying views concerning Masonic jurisprudence. There are differences in the ritual. The forms of government are diverse. Conventions and congresses seem to be the peculiar feature of this age. Societies of all kinds—religious, political, and literary—are organising such gatherings, both in America and in Europe. Why Masons should not follow their example, is a natural question to ask. If Lodges, either Grand or subordinate, were permitted under the pretext of making improvements, to make alterations and innovations in the laws and customs of the Order then its grand and boasted universality would disappear, and a different kind. of Masonry would be met with in every country, state, and province. The legacy our fathers have bequeathed to us we must preserve pure and entire. Nothing must be added to it, nothing must be taken away from it. All talk of relegating some of the antient landmarks to the antients, and of retaining only such as are suited to the times, must of all things be avoided, for it is not in harmony with the spirit which should there prevail. If those who sometimes discourse in this strain were to study Masonry more thoroughly they would soon see how false and how untenable is the position they take. The landmarks and principles of our Order are among the things that do not wax old or decay. Like the sun in the heavens, theirs is the gift of eternal youth. They are as new and as living to-day, as dear and as precious to the human heart, as ever they were in those far-off days when the patriarchs of our race raised their first altar to their God, and learned those great lessons of reverence for the Creator and love for His creatures, which have been the food and the solace of the soul through so many successive generations.—*The Rough Ashler.*

A Fraternal Congress THE Grand Lodge of Kentucky has taken the initiatory steps toward holding a "Fraternal Congress" in Chicago during the World's Fair. The *Advocate* does not favour the idea, and says that the little interest manifested in the former meeting got up in the same way, several years ago, indicates that Grand Lodges generally are content with the present existing condition of Masonry. In each Grand jurisdiction which is content to stand in the old ways; where the original plan of Masonry is deemed to be the best, and there is a disposition to let well enough alone, there is peace and good-fellowship among the Brethren. While such conditions exist there is no occasion for change, and rare change for improvement. —*Advocate.*

The P.M. vote in Grand Lodge FOR years a feeling has been growing slowly, but surely, that Grand Lodge is becoming too unwieldy, and that the Past Masters' vote is altogether out of proportion to the influence and interest exhibited by them in the general affairs of the Craft. It is also held that the W.M.'s—the direct representatives of the Craft—do not receive that respect and attention in Masonic matters that the really representative members of Grand Lodge should receive, their vote being nullified by the overwhelming attendance of Past Masters, who are said to exert a conservative influence upon all legislation. The W.M.'s are supposed to be in touch with current thought in our Lodges, and reflect the opinions of the rank and file upon all the live subjects that come before Grand Lodge. Indeed, in many Lodges the representatives are instructed how to vote on certain subjects before being selected, and as the majority of Lodges send their W.M.'s to Grand Lodge, it is fair to assume that they are all representative men, whose opinions are in harmony with the great majority of the Craft. But when they come to the annual gathering they find themselves and their ideas swamped and out-voted by the P.M.'s Now, these P.M.'s are responsible only to themselves, and do not represent the Lodges from which they hail, their only qualification being past rank. Thinking Brethren realise the peculiar effect which this state of affairs produces upon the legislation of Grand Lodge, and feel that the best interests and future prosperity of the Craft depend upon a radical change being made in the matter of representation. Some scheme will have to be devised in the near future to give the vote of the W.M.'s more force and weight in legislation than it at present receives, and it is a question requiring serious consideration if the P.M.'s should not be disqualified from voting in Grand Lodge. Every year adds to the number of P.M.'s, and with our present membership it is painfully evident that a limit will ere long have to be reached.—*Toronto Freemason.*

The Royal Arch in N.S.W. STEPS are being taken to arrange for a conference, and, if possible, adopt a "Basis of Union," between the twenty-two Chapters working—one Irish, ten Scotch, eleven New South Wales. The main cause of disunion is the Mark Master's degree. The Irish and Scotch Chapters make the conferring of this degree compulsory ere a candidate can receive the Royal Arch degree. The New South Wales Chapters—which, with we think two exceptions, were old English Chapters—do not make the Mark degree compulsory, and in fact do not deal with that degree in any way, but confer the R.A. degree direct.

This difference is an important one, and can only be settled by a compromise. Another, and a graver difference, is that what is called the Grand Mark Lodge of New South Wales claims recognition as the sole source of power in connection with the Mark Master's degree. The Irish and Scotch Chapters decline to recognise the jurisdiction of what they deem an irregular body, as this Grand Mark Lodge was established without their knowledge or concurrence, and as the Irish and Scotch R.A. Constitutions recognise and authorise the conferring of the Mark degree under the Chapter warrant, these Chapters repudiate any interference with their rights and privileges. On this difference there must also be a compromise, or the proposed conference will fail in its object. As the Mark degree is, in comparison with the symbolic degrees of Masonry, a thing of yesterday, it having in England only a distinct recognised existence since 1857, and none at all in Ireland or Scotland, in the latter jurisdictions it being treated as an adjunct or preliminary to the Royal Arch degree, the objections of the Irish and Scotch Chapters can be readily understood. As far back as 1829 the Mark degree was conferred in Leinster Marine Lodge—then No. 266, I.C., and now No. 2 on the registry of the United Grand Lodge—and since 1843 it has been conferred in Leinster Marine Royal Arch Chapter, hence the objection of this old Chapter to give up its old working will be largely sympathised with, especially when it is remembered that in every Masonic territory in the world, except England and a few small off-shoots of its jurisdiction, the Mark degree is given under the authority of a R.A. Chapter warrant.—*Freemason, Sydney.*

Grand Lodge of South Africa IN a series of articles in the *South African Freemason* on—" The Grand Lodge Question," " The Conditions of Grand Lodge Formation," " How a Grand Lodge is Formed," " What a Grand Lodge Must Not Be," and " What a Grand Lodge Should Be," the writer comes to the conclusion that the difficulties in the way of a Grand Lodge of South Africa are mainly of a geographical character. To get over that difficulty he advocates the same system as we have adopted in New Zealand—rotation of meetings in the principal towns in the colony. He, however, seeks to improve upon our system—by a bold departure from British precedent altogether, and having an Annual Communication, after the American plan. He admits that even a peripatetic annual meeting would not secure a fair representation without a still further departure from traditional usage. Instead of giving all Masters, Past Masters, and Wardens seats, the number is to be kept down by dividing the whole of the jurisdiction into a convenient number of Provincial Grand Lodges. Delegates from these bodies and a certain number of elected delegates—or, as he thinks preferable, by giving certain Provincial officers the right to sit in Grand Lodge—would compose the Supreme Body. Giving seven representatives to each of six Provinces, the total number of forty-two would in his opinion be a compact body, quite large enough to do business, and furnish a supply of Grand officers. It might probably be found necessary to confer permanent membership upon Past Grand officers. The article, " What a Grand Lodge Should Be," concludes with an opinion that there is no absolute necessity for the Grand Master and Grand Secretary to live in the one place ; this is qualified by, " At least, such is not found to be the case in the States."

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THE UNITED GRAND LODGE OF NEW SOUTH WALES
OF ANTIENT FREE AND ACCEPTED MASONS,
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T. G. DE RENZY, Esq.,

Dear Sir and Brother—I presume that I am indebted to you for the copy of the MASONIC GUIDE OF NEW ZEALAND, and I desire to convey to you my thanks for same, and to congratulate you on this your first attempt in bringing out such a pamphlet for New Zealand. I can assure you that the book will be of great assistance to me, and if at any time you deem my services of any help to you, and the Grand Lodge of New Zealand, you and that Sovereign Body can at all times command my services.

Wishing you and the Grand Lodge every success, I am yours fraternally,

ARTHUR H. BRAY, Grand Secretary..

DISTRICT GRAND LODGE, CANTERBURY, NEW ZEALAND.
Office of District Grand Secretary,
Christchurch, January 2nd, 1892.

THE EDITOR MASONIC GUIDE.

Dear Sir and Brother,—I have to thank you for the copy of your GUIDE by post this morning, and to congratulate you on the complete way it has been compiled. It will be very valuable as a reference, and since the death of a similar Directory in 1886, it has been very difficult to obtain the information your publication affords.—I remain, yours fraternally,

W. R. MITCHELL, D.G. Secretary.

We have received from the publisher of the NEW ZEALAND CRAFTSMAN a copy of THE MASONIC GUIDE OF NEW ZEALAND for 1892, compiled by the Editor of the CRAFTSMAN, and published by Messrs J, Wilkie and Co., of Dunedin. It is a handy little pocket volume of 48 pages, and contains excellent likenesses of the principal office-bearers of the Grand Lodge of New Zealand. . . . These are full-page likenesses taken from photographs. It also contains a list of Grand Lodges in fraternal correspondence with the Grand Lodge of New Zealand, a list of Grand Lodge Officers, and a list of Lodges working under the New Zealand Constitution, with their officers, &c., also a list of those working under the other Constitutions in the several Provincial districts. The information seems to have been compiled with great accuracy, and is brought up to date, and the little volume cannot fail to prove interesting and useful to the members. of the Craft throughout New Zealand.—*The New Zealand Herald*, Auckland, Jan. 7, 1892.

We have received from the publishers, Messrs J. Wilkie and Co., Dunedin, a copy of a new publication, THE MASONIC GUIDE OF NEW ZEALAND, for 1892. This handy little book of reference should be warmly welcomed by all members of the Craft, since its compiler, the Editor of the NEW ZEALAND CRAFTSMAN, has been careful to give the necessary details respecting every Lodge, irrespective of Constitution. The method of arrangement is excellent.—*Lyttelton Times*, Jan. 1, 1892.

The Editor of the NEW ZEALAND CRAFTSMAN has compiled an interesting publication containing a large quantity of matter of interest to Masons, and the booklet should meet with general approval at their hands. Among many pages. containing information useful to all Craftsmen, the Editor furnishes readers with the Grand Bodies in fraternal correspondence with the Grand Lodge of New Zealand, while 16 excellent photo-engravings of officers of the Grand Lodge of New Zealand are also given. Lists of Lodges under jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of New Zealand, Craft Lodges, Lodges under the jurisdiction of the various Provincial

Grand Lodges, and particulars as to days of meeting, dates of annual installation, &c., are also furnished. Craftsmen will doubtless duly appreciate the publication, and will accord it the support it undoubtedly deserves, and readily subscribe to the subsequent issues published.—*Taieri Advocate*, Jan. 2, 1892.

We have received a copy of "The Masonic Guide of New Zealand for 1892," compiled by the Editor of the *NEW ZEALAND CRAFTSMAN*. It gives a list of all the Lodges in the colony, with their office-bearers, by districts, with the names of the officers of the Grand Lodge of New Zealand, and District Grand Lodge Officers of the British and Irish Constitutions resident in each. The first 16 pages of the *GUIDE* contains photos of that number of Grand Officers of the New Zealand Grand Lodge, commencing with Bro. Henry Thomson, and including the Grand Superintendent of Southland, Bro. W. H. Hall. As a Masonic Directory, the little work will be extremely useful to members of the Craft, especially those who, when travelling, like to know the regular meeting nights of Lodges in the various towns through which they intend passing, or in which they are making a stay.—*Southland Daily News*, Dec. 31, 1891.

GRAND LODGES
NEW ZEALAND.
THE ROLL OF THE GRAND LODGE
(Official).

NAME OF LODGE	NUMBER	LOCALITY
Ara	1	Auckland
N.Z. Pacific	2	Wellington
Unanimity	3	Lyttelton
St. Augustine	4	Christchurch
Scinde	5	Napier
Southern Cross	6	Kaiapoi
Otago	7	Dunedin
St. Andrew	8	Auckland
Southern Cross	9	Invercargill
United Service	10	Auckland
Waitaki	11	Oamaru
Beta-Waikato	12	Hamilton
Waterloo	13	Wellington
Clutha	14	Balclutha
Sir Walter Scott	15	Thames
Caledonian	16	Timaru
Coromandel	17	Coromandel
Patea Kilwinning	18	Patea
Masterton	19	Masterton
Eden .	20	Auckland
Victoria	21	Napier
Progress	22	Southbrilge
Canterbury Kilwinning.	23	Lyttelton
Manukau	24	Onehunga
Bedford	25	Waipukurau
Palmerston	26	Palmerston South
Geraldine	27	Geraldine
Ashley	28	Rangiora
St. George	29	Temuka
Abercorn	30	Waipawa
Rakaia	31	Rakaia
St. Andrew	32	Wellington
Lincoln	33	Lincoln
Hawera	34	Hawera
Malvern	35	Springfield
Hercules	36	Tapanui
St. John	37	Featherston
Rangitikei	38	Bulls
Concord	39	Papanui
Victory	40	Nelson
Feilding	41	Feilding
Wairau	42	Blenheim

Phoenix	43	Akaroa
Leinster	44	Wellington
Albion	45	Devonport
Hiram	46	South Dunedin
Manawatu-Kilwinning	47	Palmerston North
Ngamotu	48	New Plymouth
Harvey	49	Gore
Robert Burns	50	Reefton
Methven	51	Methven
Te Aroha	52	Te Aroha
St. Marks	53	Carterton
Pousonby	54	Auckland
Wairoa	55	Wairoa South
Papakura	56	Papakura
Waikouaiti	57	Waikouaiti
Franklin	58	Pukekohe
Foxton Kilwinning	59	Foxton
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Ulster ..	62	Petone
Mokoreta	63	Wyndham
Fortitude	64	Bluff
Kumara	65	Kumara
Rawhiti	66	Danevirke
Tararua	67	Pahiatua
Ngapara	68	Ngapara
Hokianga	69	Kohu Kohu
Otangaki	70	Ashurst
Rangatira	71	Huntermville
Otaki ..	72	Otaki

QUARTERLY COMMUNICATION.

The Quarterly Communication was held at the Masonic Hall, Oamaru, Otago, on Friday, the 15th January, 1892.

PRESENT.

M. W. Bro. Henry Thomson...	Grand Master
R. W. Bro. D. H. Macarthur, M.H.R.	Deputy Grand Master
R. W. Bro. A. H. Burton	Grand Supt. of Otago
V. W. Bro. C. A. C. Hardy, P.P.B. of G.P.	As Senior Grand Warden
W. Bro. H. Wetherelt ...	As Junior Grand Warden
V. W. Bro. Rev. Wm. Ronaldson	As Grand Chaplain
V. W. Bro. Albert Kaye	Grand Treasurer
V. W. Bro. Rev. Wm. Ronaldson	Grand Secretary
W. Bro. McJennett.	As Senior Grand Deacon
W. Bro. Thomas McWhirter	As Junior Grand Deacon
W. Bro. E. Titchener	Grand Supt. of Works
W. Bro. J. A. Kirby, Assis. G. Std. Br.	As G. Dir. of Ceremonies
W. Bro. John Wood	As Grand Sword Bearer
W. Bro. Robert Hamilton	As Grand Pursuivant
W. Bro. E. G. Lane	Grand Steward

W. Bro. W. Earnshaw, M.H.R.	Grand Steward
W. Bro. Charles Crump, P.G. Std. ...	As Grand Steward
W. Bro. C. Briggs	... Grand Tyler
	AND

The Masters, Past Masters, and Wardens of many Lodges.

Opening of the Grand Lodge.—The Grand Lodge was opened in ample form at 8 p.m., after solemn prayer by the Acting Grand Chaplain.

Minutes.—The Minutes of the Quarterly Communication, held in Christchurch on October 13th, 1891, were read and confirmed.

Death of the Duke of Clarence and Avondale.—The Most Worshipful the Grand Master alluded to the death of the Duke of Clarence and Avondale, and moved that this Grand Lodge send a cable to H.R.H. the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of England, offering the sympathy of the Brethren under this jurisdiction on the irreparable loss of his son.

The R.W. the Deputy Grand Master Bro. P. H. Macarthur, M.H.R., seconded the resolution, and it was carried unanimously. The following is a copy of the message which was forwarded

"Grand Secretary,
" Freemasons' Hall,
" London.

" Deep sympathy from Grand Lodge New Zealand with Grand Master England in irreparable loss.

" Henry Thomson,
" Grand Master."

Explanation. —The Grand Master alluded to several items in the minutes of the last Communication, which he thought required a little explanation. One was the resolution passed authorising him to keep the warrants of those Lodges that had transferred their allegiance to the Grand Lodge of New Zealand. He explained the position of honorary and life members, and alluded to the practice of Lodges returning members in arrears. He condemned life membership, and said honorary membership carried with it no privileges, for Grand Lodge had not legislated for that which it did not recognise. Lodges who kept Brethren on the roll in arrears with their subscription would have to pay for them. If they considered this oppressive, they had the remedy in their own hands, but the law had been specially framed so that the Supreme Body should not suffer from the neglect of its subordinate Lodges to carry out their own by-laws.

The Roll of Lodges.—The roll of Lodges was called. Ten Lodges answered to their names, the Lodge of Waitaki heading the list with 44 members.

Grand Treasurer's Balance. — The Grand Treasurer announced that the balance to the credit of Grand Lodge was £302 18s. 7d. He referred to the healthy condition of the finances, and expressed himself as pleased with the promptitude with which the Lodges were sending in their returns.

Reports.—The Board of Benevolence reported that they had granted £20 since their last report, and that the sum now standing to the credit of the fund was £250.

The Board of General Purposes promised that the Book of Constitutions would be ready for circulation in a very short time, and that the Certificates, Warrants, Past Masters' Diplomas, and Patents of Office, all of which would be upon parchment, were now being made out, and that they would soon be ready for delivery. The Board recommended that the whole of the Brethren under the jurisdiction be invited to subscribe towards the purchase of clothing for the Grand Officers.

W. Bro. E. Titchener proposed, and W. Bro. Wetherell seconded, the adoption of the recommendation of the Board *re* the purchase of Grand Lodge clothing.—After some debate the motion was carried.

Reports of Superintendents.—Only the Superintendent of Wellington sent a report. R.W. Bro. H. J. Williams reports a roll of 25 Lodges in his Province. He constituted and consecrated three new Lodges since his last report. He regretted the death of Bro. Peter Dickson by poison. He urged the formation of a Ritual

Committee, and he conveyed the gratifying intelligence of the transferrance of Lodge Heretaunga, No. 1812, E.C., Hastings, to the Grand Lodge.

The recommendation of the Grand Superintendent of Wellington, urging the formation of a Ritual Committee, led to an animated debate. The Deputy Grand Master's motion that a committee should be formed to draft a Ritual for the use and adoption of new Lodges formed under the N.Z. Constitution, was opposed by an amendment that the consideration of the question rest until the annual meeting in April, the Board of General Purposes, in the meantime, to discuss the matter and embody the result of their deliberations in the next report. A division was called for, and the amendment was carried.

Vote of Condolence.—R.W. Bro. Burton, Grand Superintendent of Otago, spoke feelingly on the subject of the death, by poison, of the Master-designate of Lodge Masterton. On his motion, Grand Lodge passed a vote of sympathy with the family of Bro. Dickson.

Nominations of Elective Grand Officers.—R.W. Bro. Malcolm Niccol, Grand Superintendent of Auckland, was nominated for the office of Most Worshipful Grand Master.

NOMINATIONS OF ELECTIVE GRAND OFFICERS

NAMES OF BRETHREN NOMINATED	TO FILL THE OFFICE OF	AT PRESENT HOLDING THE RANK OF	NO. OF LODGE.	RESIDING AT
PROVINCE OF AUCKLAND.				
Basley, G. W.	Gr. Registrar		1 & 54	Auckland
Kidd, Alfred	Pres. B. of G. P.	P.G.Pursuivant	1	Do.
Russell, Alexander S.	Gr. Treasurer	Pt. Dep. G.M.	1	Do.
Anderson, James	Bible Bearer		8	Do.
Tewsley, Henry Cromwel	G. Dir. of Cer		8	Do.
Walker, Henry, M.D.	Gr. Organist	Ast.G.Organist	8	Do.
Edgecumbe, George	Gr. Pursuivant	Pt. Gr. Steward	12	Hamilton
Neil, Rev. Samuel J.	Gr. Chaplain		15	Thames
Harrison, John H.	Sword Bearer		17	Coromandel
Logan, J. F.	Pres. B. of Ben.	Gr. Dir. of Cer.	45	Auckland
Cooper, W. N. ,	Mem. B. of G.P.	Pt.S.G.Warden	8	Auckland
Powley, Geo. H.	Do.	Sen. G. Warden	1 J	Auckland
PROVINCE OF WELLINGTON				
Hamerton, R. C.	For any office		2 & 44	Wellington
Lyon, William Dean	Jun. G. Deacon or for any office		2	Wellington
Richardson, Joseph H.	For any office		2	Wellington
Greig, David	Sen. G. Deacon or for any office		13	Do.
Aitken, James	For any office		19	Masterton
Paige, Rev. W. E.	Do.	Pt. G. Chaplain	19	Do.
Wundrum, H. C. A.	Do.	Gr. Steward	21	Napier
Jolley, P. H.	Do.		25	Waipukurau
Pickett, John	Do.		30	Waipawa
Caplen, H.	Do.		34	Hawera
Porritt, Rev. Thomas	Do.	Gr. Chaplain	37	Featherston
Toogood, William	Gr. Steward		37	„
Bailey, William L.	Do.		41	Feilding
Bray, Charles, Sen.	Bds.of G.P.& B.		41	„

Kirton, George	Ast. G. D. of C.			”
Coveney, Thos. P.	For any office		44	Wellington
Patterson, James	Jun. G. Deacon	D.G. D. of C.	44	Do.
Black, Alexander	For any office		47 47 53	Pahiatua
Hankins, J. Herbert	Do.	Ast.G.Registrar		Palmerston
Booth, Alfred	Do.	Gr. Steward		Carterton
PROVINCE OF CANTERBURY				
Thompson, John	For any office	Ast.G.S.Bearer	3	Lyttelton
Anderson, Samuel	Do.		16	Timaru
Broadhead, John	Do.		16	Do.
Keith, J. S.	Do.		16	Do.
Mills, Anthony '	Do.	Pt. Gr. Steward	16	Do.
Blackett, Andrew B.	Gr. Steward		28	Rangiora
Boyd, Thomas	For any office		28	Do.
Anderson, John Wm.	Do.		33	Lincoln
Revell, John C.	Mem. of Bds. of G. P. and Ben.		33	Do.
PROVINCE OF OTAGO.				
Creagh, Arthur G.	For any office		11	Oamaru
Hamilton, Robert	Do.		11	Do.
Blathwyght, Rev. Wynter	Do.		26	Palmerston
Hopkins, P. M.	Do.		26	Do.
Russell, Charles Lord	Do.		26	Christchurch
Kirby, Joseph A.	Do.	As. G. Stan.Br.	46	Dunedin
McWhirter, Thomas	Do.		68	Ngapara
PROVINCE OF SOUTHLAND.				
Mehaffey, W. G.	Ast. G.D. of C.		9	Invercargill
Sawyer, Charles	S.orJ.G.Deacon	Jun. G. Deacon	9	Do.
Smith, William	Gr. Steward		9	Do.
Stocker, Ven. Archdeacon	Gr. Chaplain	Gr. Chaplain	9	Do.
Bree, Miles Reginald	Sen. G. Deacon	Gr. Steward	63	Gore
Nichol, S.	For any office		64	Bluff
NELSON, BLENHEIM AND WESTLAND.				
Harkness, J. G., M.H.R.	For any office		40	Richmond
Allan, Robert	Gr. Steward ,		40	Nelson

Closing of Grand Lodge.—Grand Lodge was closed in ample form with solemn prayer, by the Acting Grand Chaplain, Bro. the Rev. William Ronaldson, at 10.15 p.m.

JOINED THE FOLD.

HERETAUNGA, No. 1812, EX., Hastings, Hawkes Bay, is the thirty-sixth English Lodge that has transferred its allegiance to the Grand Lodge of New Zealand. This last addition to the roll raises the number of Lodges holding under the Grand Lodge of New Zealand to 73, and leaves the English Constitution with only 39 active Lodges in the colony. Are we progressing ?

TWENTY Brethren in Monganui, Province of Auckland, have signed the petition for a Lodge under the N.Z.C.

BRO. F. H. DAVIE was installed W.M. of Lodge St. Augustine, No. 4, on the 12th inst. The Grand Master performed the ceremony.

AT the close of the Quarterly Communication, the Oamaru Brethren most hospitably entertained the Grand Master, Grand Officers, and visitors, at a banquet. They surpassed themselves on this occasion.

NEW SOUTH WALES.

THE regular Quarterly Communication of the Grand Lodge was held in the Masonic Hall, Castlereagh street, Sydney, on Wednesday, the 9th day of December, 1891.

The Grand Lodge was opened in ample form by the M W. the Pro. Grand Master, Bro. the Hon. Harman J. Tarrant, M.L.C., M.D., at 7.45 p.m.

In the report of the Grand Inspector of Working we find the following, which we commend to the attention of our own Masters. A large number of Lodges in New Zealand are sadly deficient in " the musical portions of our ceremonies," and " stamping the foot " is not unknown :-

' I regret to notice that in the majority of Lodges the musical portion of our ceremony is almost absolutely neglected, and thus the impressiveness of our ritual is, to a great extent, diminished. I desire to commend this matter to the attention of the Worshipful Masters of Lodges, and trust at no distant date to be in a position to report that each Lodge has its choir to lead the musical portions of our ceremonies. I would also direct the attention of Masters of Lodges to the very objectionable practice that prevails among some Brethren, of stamping the foot to attract the W.M.'s attention when he is otherwise engaged. It is the Brethren's duty to salute the chair, and if the occupant is engaged, to pass on, and not create disorder by stamping."

The Grand Treasurer has a credit balance of £5663 3s. 11d. From June 26th to November 27th the Board of Benevolence granted £725 in relief.

The Constitution Revision Committee have nearly finished their labours.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA.

THE Annual Communication was held on the 12th November, 1890.

The chairman of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence reported as follows : " We receive regularly the various official organs published monthly by the Australian Grand Lodges, and we notice with great interest and pleasure that in New South Wales, Victoria, South Australia and Tasmania, the fraternity are united in a Grand Lodge for each of these colonies. The efforts of the Brethren in New Zealand have not as yet proved successful in the formation of United Grand Lodge ; hence, in the Grand Lodge of the District of Columbia, we have not taken into consideration the recognition of the Grand Lodge recently organised there. We hope, however, that very soon, perhaps at our next communication, we shall find it proper to recognise a lawful Grand Lodge in that Colony."

The number of Lodges is 22, and the membership 3,832.

KENTUCKY.

AT the Ninety-second Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Kentucky, holden October 7-9, the following resolutions were adopted :—

Resolved—" That the Grand Lodge of Kentucky, F. and A. M., is in favour of joining with other Grand Jurisdictions of the United States and other Nations in holding a Fraternal Congress, in the city of Chicago, Ill., at sometime during the continuance of the World's Fair."

Resolved-- " That it is the sense of this Grand Lodge that said Fraternal Congress should not be held with a view to the formation of a General Grand Body, but for the interchange of fraternal sentiments, conserving the general interests of Masonry throughout the world, and especially looking to a greater uniformity in the modes of recognition, and the fundamental features which characterise our system the world over."

Thereupon six delegates were appointed. The " Congress " will convene at the Masonic Temple, Chicago, on the second Monday in August, 1893, at 10 o'clock.

LIBERIA
(WEST COAST OF AFRICA).

THIS remarkable State, colonised in 1821 by a handful of freed slaves from the United States, recruited ever since by emigrants of the same class and by the wretched cargoes of captured slave vessels, was acknowledged in 1847 as an independent republic, governed, and well governed too, on the American model, by the elsewhere despised Negro race, with a navy of one vessel (a present from England), a college, with professorial chairs all filled by Negroes. This successful outcome of a daringly humane experiment, which has partly civilised countless hordes of natives on its borders, possesses an independent Grand Lodge of its own, with a seat at Monrovia—the capital. I can well imagine that its Masonic history, properly told, could prove both interesting and instructive, but, unfortunately, nothing beyond the barest statistics are at my command. A Grand Lodge was established in 1867, of which the first G.M. was Amos—an ex-Pennsylvania slave. In 1870 he died, and was followed by Joseph Roberts, an ex-president of the republic. In 1881, it had six Lodges and 125 members. The rite practised is the pure one of the English Craft.—GOULD.

RULINGS OF GRAND MASTERS.

CALIFORNIA.—The only Lodge recognised for the transaction of business is a Lodge of Master Masons. Lodge must be opened by the Master or, in his absence, by one of the Wardens ; these cannot delegate their powers. Documentary evidence will not admit applicant for admission. Must undergo personal examination, even though he is recommended by the Grand Master.— Second ballot can be taken on night of annual election if Brother elected declines the office of Master.

CANADA.—None but a Master or Past Master can confer or take part in conferring the degrees. The Wardens may give the charges, and lecture in the First and Second Degrees. No man with an artificial leg can be initiated.— A candidate of a foreign jurisdiction, who is employed in Canada, cannot be initiated in a Canadian Lodge unless with the consent of the Lodge to which he properly belongs, and the consent of the Grand Masters of the jurisdictions interested. — A Master has no right to carry away the warrant with the object of preventing the opening of the Lodge on its regular meeting night. —A Mormon is eligible, if loyal to the civil Government, and who does not believe in polygamy. When a Past Master is elected to office, all that is necessary is to open in the Second Degree, giving him the obligation, proclaiming him severally in the First, Second, and Third Degrees. — A Brother who is only able to open an I close in the three degrees, and unable to exemplify one, cannot be installed. — A man without the thumb and first finger of his right hand cannot be made a Mason. — It is improper for a Masonic certificate to be exhibited in any public office or place of public resort. —A member of a Lodge cannot be deprived of his privileges without due trial. A notice of motion to remit a Brother's dues must contain the name of the Brother and the amount of dues to be remitted. — A resident of Canada who is rejected and goes temporarily to a foreign jurisdiction, returns and seeks admission as a visitor, should be refused entrance.—Masons as such cannot join in mixed funerals. Twelve months' residence is absolutely necessary before a person can join a Lodge. — A Brother who is a M.M. of this jurisdiction, affiliates in a foreign jurisdiction, and attains rank as a P.M., cannot be recognised as a P.M. on the roll of his Lodge in this jurisdiction. — A Tyler who is a member of a Lodge, but not a serving member, may be called in to vote. — A motion of which notice has been given may be taken up in the absence of the proposer by another Brother.

THE name Freemason, says the *Freemason's Chronicle*, appears for the first time in Statute 25 of Edward I., of England, A.D. 1350. The term signified a " Freestone Mason," one who works in free-stone as distinguished from the rough mason, who merely built walls of rough stones. It was not until the beginning

of the seventeenth century that persons who were not operative masons began to unite with the Freemasons, and were distinguished from the regular working Masons by the denomination of Accepted. By the year 1702 the speculative Lodges in England began to decay, and became so degenerate as to be applied to the purposes of gain and self interest. "Masons made here for 12s.," was then a frequent public announcement in the riverside streets of London and Liverpool ; but 1717 saw a complete change, when the so-called revival was effected.

The Fraternal Exchange says that a Brother of a Masonic Lodge in one of Maine's country towns having died, his Lodge adopted the following :—From the Lodge of — to the Master of the Celestial Lodge above submissive : *Whereas*, Thou hast seen fit in the fulfilment of the last rites of Thy great law on earth (as we suppose) to call forth our Brother— to that Lodge we are taught exists in Thy realm above ; and *Whereas*, we regret the absence of him as a Brother and member of our Lodge, and feel to sympathise with his kindred and friends, we have mingled with our sadness a feeling of joy in believing that he is received by you into that Lodge above and given a position that he merits ; and *Whereas*, We hope this will be received in the same spirit that it is written, that is of submission and prayer, and that we may all at last be worthy of the same honours that we sincerely ask for our departed brother.

THE Grand Chapter of New York has decided that an English Royal Arch Mason must receive the Degree of Mark Master, if not a Brother of that Degree, and the Degrees of Past Master and Most Excellent Master here before he can be admitted as a visitor or member of a Chapter in that jurisdiction. That the intermediate Degrees may be conferred on one who is already a Royal Arch Mason without the usual petition and ballot, free of charge, but the petition and ballot are essential to affiliate the same Companion. A knowledge of the preceding Degrees is necessary for advancement in the Chapters under the jurisdiction of the Grand Chapter of New York as will appear by the following :—Resolved—" That the High Priests of the several Chapters in this jurisdiction shall hereafter exact a knowledge of the short lectures, as formulated by the Grand Lecturer in the Degrees of Mark Master, Past Master, and Most Excellent Master, before a candidate shall be exalted to the Most Sublime Degree of Royal Arch Mason, and that at least two weeks shall elapse between the conferring of the Degree of Most Excellent Master and that of the Royal Arch,
