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BIOGRAPHICAL.

**R.W. BRO. JOHN WILLIAM McDougall, G.SUPT.
HAWKES BAY AND GISBORNE.**

R.W. Bro. John William McDougall was born in Peterborough, England, in 1849. He was brought up and educated in London, his parents having removed to the metropolis during his infancy. His father, moved thereto, doubtless, by the Scottish desire for discovering what is "ayont the saut sea," has, as a young man, seen much adventure in Australia before settling down in England, and the stories he told in his later years concerning his experiences no doubt had some share in determining Bro. McDougall to come to this country soon after attaining his majority. After seeing something of colonial life in Otago, and more of it in Canterbury, Bro. McDougall ultimately settled in the pretty town of Napier, Hawkes Bay, where he has resided for over thirty years. Of that period our brother has spent twenty-six years in arduous journalistic work in connection with three Hawkes Bay newspapers. He is at present editor of the Napier "Daily Telegraph," a position he has most ably filled for the last thirteen years. Bro. McDougall has taken some part in the public life of his district. He was at one period a member of the Borough Council, but after five years' service of the citizens in that capacity came to the conclusion that his literary labours demanded all his available time. In 1881, he was a candidate for the representation of Napier in the House of Representatives, but had to be content with second place when the poll was declared. No further attempt to enter Parliament was made by him, the principal reason being that already alluded to in connection with his retirement from civic duties. Although of Scottish descent, and sometimes addicted to "Ye Banks and Braes" in "fourth degree" ceremonies, our brother first saw the light under the I.C., having been initiated in Lodge Scinde, No. 419, Napier, some time prior to the erection of the G.L. of New Zealand. Bro. McDougall favoured the movement which ended in New Zealand acquiring Masonic self-government, and had the satisfaction of seeing an unanimous vote cast by Scinde Lodge towards that end. Bro. McDougall's first office was that of J.D. He subsequently served as S.D. and as S.W., being ultimately elected W.M. of his Lodge in 1893, at which time the present G.Sec. (M.W. Bro. Malcolm Niccol) ruled the Craft as G.M. The brethren of Scinde showed their appreciation of Bro. McDougall's services by electing him, in 1894, W.M. for a second term. In 1902, the late R.W. Bro. Beilby, then G.Supt. of Hawkes Bay and Gisborne, after invaluable services to the Craft in that capacity, dating from 1893, was removed by death. M.W. Bro. Herbert J. Williams, at the time G.M.-elect, visited Hawkes Bay to consult the rulers of the Craft in that district as to the appointment of a successor to the late R.W. Bro. Beilby, and their choice fell upon the subject of this short sketch. Bro. McDougall is a companion of the H.R.A., and has filled the office of Third Principal in Victoria Chapter, No. 4, Napier. The companions have made it known to him that they would like to see him in the chair of First Principal, but his plea, that as editor of a daily newspaper and as G.Supt. he has not the requisite time to devote to active labour in Capitular Masonry, has up till now stood in the way. Our distinguished brother is deservedly popular in his district, and is ever ready to contribute his best efforts in the cause of Freemasonry. Bro. McDougall married early in life a worthy helpmeet, and has a family of six sons (two of whom are married), the youngest of whom is in his twentieth year.



R.W. BRO. JOHN WILLIAM McDOUGALL, Grand Superintendent of Hawkes Bay and Gisborne.

R.W. BRO. FRANCIS PEACOCK CORKILL, G.SUPT.
OF TARANAKI.

Francis Peacock Corkill was born at Ramsey, Isle of Man, in 1856. He was educated at the Grammar School there, and subsequently went to England, where he served for nine years in the Liverpool offices of a well-known Peruvian house. Bro. Corkill came to New Zealand in 1880, and shortly afterwards settled at New Plymouth. On 7th May, 1884, he was initiated in Mount Egmont Lodge, No. 670, E.C., and joined Ngamotu Lodge (then No. 2053, E.C.) in March, 1886, and has since continued an active member, filling the offices of Secretary (1886-7) and S.W. (1888-9). When the G.L. movement was initiated, early in 1889, he moved the resolution in favour of a United G.L. for New Zealand, but was supported only by his seconder, Bro. Rev. T. Farley (now P.M., Lodge Pareroa, No. 134). Bringing the matter forward again in October, 1890, the resolution was carried without dissent. On 28th November, 1890, Bro. Corkin was installed as W.M. by the M.W.G.M., the late Bro. Henry Thomson. In March, 1892, our brother was one of the founders of Lodge Stratford, No. 75, and, in conjunction with P.M. Bro. T. A. Murphy (now of Lyttelton), performed most of the chair work of that Lodge during its first year. In December, 1896, he assisted in the formation of Lodge Moa, No. 10, and, in consequence of the removal of the W.M. from the district the following month, did most of the Master's work for the year, the Lodge recognising this service by the presentation of a jewel. In November, 1898, he was installed as first Master of Lodge Ikaroa, No. 115, at Rahotu, and during the year drove sixty-four miles to attend each meeting. In G.L. he was elected G.Supt. of Works in April, 1895, and was appointed J.G.W., April, 1899. On the partition of the Wellington Masonic District, in 1903, Bro. Corkill was appointed G.Supt. of Taranaki, and since 1893 has held the commission of G.Representative of the G.L. of Indian Territory (U.S.A.). In 1887, Bro. Corkill was admitted into R.A. Masonry in Paritutu Chapter, No. 106, S.C., and represented that Chapter at the meetings held in Wellington and Auckland in connection with the formation of the Supreme G.Chapter of New Zealand, and holds the rank of P.G.Chancellor, besides being a member of Wanganui Chapter ; and is also a member of the 18deg., Rose Croix of H.R.D.M. Bro. Corkill possesses great vitality and restless energy, and any project he enters into con amore may be assured of success.

QUEENSLAND FREEMASONRY.



THE installation of His Excellency Lord Chelmsford, Governor of Queensland, as G.M. of the G.L. of that State, duly eventuated on the 29th November last, and we learn from late Masonic exchanges that the occasion was signalised by most bitter and vindictive action on the part of the local authorities under the E. and S.C., and even the G.Sec. of England evidently thought it opportune and of sufficient importance to cable to the M.W.G.M. of Western Australia (Bishop Riley, of Perth), and by covert threat to restrain him from acting as Installing G.M. The following is the cable referred to :— "Authorities here hope report untrue that you take part in installation Queensland body, unrecognised by the G.L. of England, of which you are an officer." Dr. Riley, in replying to Sir Edward Letchworth, said am well aware that the G.L. of Queensland has not been recognised by the G.L. of England, and as an English officer I would not consider it proper to be present at the ceremony, but as G.M. of the G.L. of Western Australia I felt I had a duty to perform, and being able to perform that duty without any great personal inconvenience, I had no hesitation whatever in so doing. I am in a position to know that had the Queensland Lodges been afforded freedom of discussion there would have been for all practical purposes an unanimous verdict in favour of joining hands with each other in the formation of a G.L. for the State, and it is a significant fact that in the case of both Queensland and Western Australia, in the Constitutions which permitted freedom of discussion, there was absolute unanimity. The agreement entered into between the G.L. of England, Ireland, and Scotland not to recognise any new G.L. unless it is comprised of two-thirds of the Lodges belonging to each Constitution would have effectually precluded the G.L. of Western Australia from securing recognition. It also applies with even greater force to Queensland. As an officer of the G.L. of England, and having been in office first under the Dist.G.L., and later under the G.L. of the State, since 1895, you will readily admit that I should know something of Masonic affairs. We have many brethren in our ranks from every State in Australia and from New Zealand, and, therefore, I have exceptional opportunities of knowing Australian Masonic affairs and the

minds of Australian Masons. I can say with confidence that the agreement referred to is viewed here with great disfavour. Why should the three G.L. of the Old Country, it is asked, arrogate to themselves the right to set up artificial barriers to prevent Colonial Freemasons forming a union for their better government? That is exactly what the agreement amounts to. With one of the contracting parties (Scotland) taking action at law against any of her Lodges who propose to join the new G.L., and to say that unless two-thirds of them do join the new body it will not be regular, is to reduce the agreement to a farce. The Freemasons of Australia are wonderfully loyal to the Old Country. They are proud of the home from which they are come forth. They only wish to manage their own affairs, and it would be a lasting sorrow to them if they felt that they could not do so without being considered disloyal to that old home. Let me beg your G.L. to review the situation, and if you cannot bless, at least not to damp with your disapproval the youthful zeal and the entire devotion to Masonry of some of the Empire's best men." Prior to the installation, certain Masonic correspondence, of necessity of a confidential character, took place between His Excellency and the officers of the English Dist.G.L., and we learn with astonishment that this was published as an advertisement in the Brisbane morning papers alongside the account of the installation ceremony. This correspondence—which we reprint in this issue—is characterised by gross impertinence and inaccuracy of the statements contained, and immediately following his installation His Excellency made the following reference to it. To give more emphasis to his remarks the G.M. thus prefaced his address :—"It is not my custom to write and read my speeches, but I thought on this occasion, when it is especially important that no word should proceed out of my mouth which had not been properly weighed, I would ask you to hear with me while I read my address." . . . "Pardon me if for a moment I make a personal digression :—Some of you may have seen a correspondence which has passed between the Dist. G.L. of England and myself on the subject of my acceptance of the distinguished post in which I have been installed this evening. The written protest is addressed to me in my capacity as Mason, but is in effect, as I think those who have read it will agree, an indictment of me in my capacity as Governor—(Applause) — and the action of Lord Onslow, formerly Governor of New Zealand, is quoted in the letter from the Dist.G.L. as a precedent which I should have followed on this occasion. I must express my regret to these gentlemen if I am unable to regard my conduct, as they do, as a grave dereliction of duty; and great as is the respect I have for Lord Onslow, I am afraid I cannot accept as an infallible rule for my private conduct the action which a Governor chose to take many years ago in a different State, under circumstances which he thought instilled such action, but which are not, and cannot be, fully before me. (Applause.) I have taken this step, as I mentioned in my letter, on the advice and counsel of a brother who has held high office in England, and with the hope that it might conduce to reunion and a settlement of our unhappy divisions. (Applause.)" From a perusal of this correspondence it will be seen that the case of New Zealand and the refusal of the Earl of Onslow to accept the G.Mastership is quoted as a precedent, but, unfortunately for the quoters, reliance is placed on the ex parte statement of the "London Freemason" of 12th April, 1800, a journal notoriously prejudiced against the G.L. of New Zealand and all its works, and its vituperative invectives called forth severe reprobation from the Masonic periodicals of that date. Had official information been obtained from within the colony, the refusal of Lord Onslow would have borne an entirely different construction, and what induced it would have been more correctly ascertained. But when all is said and done, what Masonic crime has Queensland, or any other Colony, committed in the action taken to secure local autonomy? It is contended by the British G.L. that such action is illegal. But what constitutes illegality in this connection? To do something contrary to Masonic law. And what is Masonic law on the subject? Mackay, the American jurist, says :—"G.L. are organized in the following manner :—Three or more legally-constituted Lodges working in any state, kingdom, or other independent political division, where no G.L. already " exists, may meet in convention, adopt by-laws, elect " officers, and organise a G.L." Paton, the acknowledged authority on Scottish Masonic jurisprudence, says "It is essential that not less than three Lodges shall unite in forming a G.L. . . . The G.L. thus formed at once assumes all prerogatives, and acquires exclusive Masonic jurisdiction over the territory within whose geographical limits it has been constituted, and no Lodge shall be subsequently established except under its authority. These principles of Masonic law SEEM TO BE ADMITTED BY UNIVERSAL CONSENT AND SANCTIONED BY CONSTANT USAGE."

V.W. Bro. J. Strachan, G.Reg. of England, ridicules this interpretation of Masonic law, on the weak assumption that three dissatisfied Lodges could at any time set up a G.L., and that the process could go on ad infinitum, quite oblivious of the fact that FOUR Lodges established the G.L. of England in 1817, and that on

the formation of a G.L. the territory is occupied. It is quite true that the British G.L. have come to an agreement that neither shall grant recognition to any country unless two-thirds of the Lodges under each Constitution are favourable, but this agreement has been made since the erection of the G.L. of Queensland. Consequently the question of illegality was purely a matter of opinion, and the opinion of the British alliance was not shared by the twenty-two G.L. who so freely accorded recognition. Hence it is a disgrace to Freemasonry that a mere difference of opinion on a question of usage should be deemed sufficient ground for insulting the representative of His Majesty in his official capacity, for the attempt to suppress a G.M., for advertising a confidential correspondence in the public press, and for the threatened expulsion of any member of the British Constitutions who dared to be present at this brilliant function of installation. The British G.L. are absolutely within their rights in refusing to enter into fraternal relationship with the G.L. of Queensland, but there is no justification for the extreme action resorted to, which should be beneath the dignity of the powerful G.L. of England, and is degrading to the institution of Freemasonry. As similar tactics have utterly failed to stem the tide of Masonic progress in New South Wales, New Zealand, and Western Australia, so will they only succeed in Queensland in stirring-up the most bitter strife and acrimonious feelings, for which the G.L. of England and Scotland will be wholly responsible.

THE AUSTRALASIAN MASONIC CONFERENCE.

In connection with the proposal of the G.L. of New Zealand to hold a conference of representatives of the G.L. of Australasia, replies have now been received from all the jurisdictions, jurisdictions, some of which must be deemed disappointing. Victoria and Tasmania decline representation, South Australia elects to send only its G.Sec., and Western Australia suggests postponement until something like unanimity can be obtained. The Sub-Committee of the G.L. of New Zealand, to whom was referred the question of arranging preliminaries in view of the above facts, recently reported as follows :—"That, as two G.L. have declined to take part in the Conference, a third has decided to be represented by its G.Sec. only, and a fourth suggests postponement to secure complete representation, the Committee recommends postponing the holding of the Conference." This does not mean that the project is postponed sine die, but that special efforts will be used to induce Victoria, at least, to amend its decision. We cannot help suggesting that Victoria and Tasmania have not treated the other States and New Zealand with that courtesy which the importance of the proposals required. A very comprehensive agenda of Masonic subjects was prepared, and as no jurisdiction would have been bound by the decision of the Conference, ordinary everyday courtesy should have dictated the desirableness of appointing representatives to hear what could be said for the good of Freemasonry in general in Australasia. It has been suggested that the Conference might constitute the thin end of the wedge towards the promotion of a Federal Grand Lodge. So far as the promoters of the movement in New Zealand are concerned, this idea may be absolutely dismissed, and this journal can assert, with a large degree of confidence, that no such proposal is likely to find any support in this Colony, even in its preliminary stages. With this assurance we hope that the two States now standing aloof will reconsider the position, and take part in a movement which, if it had no other results, would at least induce a much inure kindly and fraternal feeling than appears to prevail at present.

MASONIC OUTINGS.

In Great Britain organised Masonic outings are of annual occurrence, and are most popular with the brethren. By reason of numbers, travelling and hotel concessions are obtained, a good programme is prepared, and the excursionists, who always have one topic of general interest—matters Masonic—form an exceedingly happy family. There is no reason why similar outings should not be organised in this colony, indeed, there is every reason why they should, in a country not devoid of most interesting historical associations, and so richly endowed by Nature with a grandeur of scenery unsurpassed in any part of the world. Each of the old provincial divisions of the Colony has scenic beauties and points of interest peculiar to itself, which in many instances are not only unknown to those outside, but also to local residents. The Pourarakino River, Riverton, is a case in point, it being a terra incognita to most of the residents of Invercargill. If our suggestion were given effect to, each division of the Colony could be visited in turn, say, during the holiday season, and one

of the programme items would no doubt be a general foregathering with local brethren, which would ultimately become an event of the year. We are sure that the opportunity of visiting other parts of the colony at a minimum cost would be appreciated by many brethren. Minor difficulties would doubtless be presented at the initial stage, but all would speedily disappear before organised effort. We commend the suggestion to our enthusiastic brethren, having every confidence that the greatest success would reward their efforts.

News and Notes.

SEVERAL reports and letters came to hand after we went to press last month, which was of necessity earlier than usual by reason of the holidays.

WE are pleased to note that M.W. Bro. F. C. Binns, Pro-G.M., has almost recovered from his recent severe illness, and has again resumed the arduous duties of his office.

THE Supreme G.R.A. Chapter of New Zealand adopted the practice at its annual convocation of having the proceedings taken by shorthand notes.

THE utter inefficiency of the Brooklyn (Wellington) tram new timetable may be gauged from the fact that a companion attending a recent Chapter meeting left his home (Tinakori-road) at ten minutes to six—by tram—and arrived at Brooklyn five minutes past seven, while the First Principal was fifty minutes in transit from Davis-street.

WE presume the near approach of the festive Christmas season was responsible for the somewhat frequent replies of "I ham", W.M.", in answer to that officer's interrogatories at a meeting held just before Christmas somewhere near the Empire City.

TARINGATURA LODGE has decided by a large majority to proceed with the erection of a new hall, and at the last meeting W. Bro. Johnson, presented a building site to the Lodge, and in the event of it not being deemed suitable, he offered the equivalent value in some other way.

THE intense and oppressive heat of the past month formed the staple subject of general conversation. Strange to relate, even the "gentle zephyrs" of the Empire City were conspicuous by their absence. Consequently Masonic meetings in halls where the temperature stood at over 90 degrees were not conducive to personal comfort. The proposal that the apron and a white tie should constitute Masonic clothing was strongly favoured, but there was a general diffidence in its adoption. An Acting-W.M.M. implored permission to adopt "quarry" costume, but permission was refused, as he was not a workman.

A MASONIC sea cruise or land jaunt is very popular in England, and is of annual recurrence. Last year a thirty-three days' cruise was organised to Palestine, Egypt, Athens, Naples, and Sicily, by the ocean steam yacht "Argonaut," at the moderate cost of twenty-five guineas.

THE I.P.M. of Lodge Christchurch, Bro. J. T. Henderson, has been honoured with a tangible proof of the appreciation of his brethren of his past services, in the presentation of a P.M. jewel.

THE M.W.G.M. has granted a charter to a number of brethren residing in Pongaroa for a new Lodge there, which will be designated "Puketoi," and will be opened and consecrated on the 12th inst. by R.W. Bro. R. Fletcher, G. Supt., assisted by M.W. Bro. H. J. Williams, P.G.M., and other G. officers.

THE G.M. of England has refused permission to Lodge Phoenix, No. 1690, E.C., to take a second vote on the question of transfer of allegiance from the G.L. of England to the G.L. of New Zealand.

THE net proceeds of the lecture-drama delivered in Dunedin by M.W. Bro. A. H. Burton, P.G.M.—£60 15s 1d—has been placed to the credit of the W. and O. and A.M. Fund. G.L. is deeply indebted to our gifted brother for the handsome donation to the fund.

M.E. COMP. JAMES MACGREGOR, I.P.G.Z. of the Supreme G.R.A. Chapter of New Zealand, will leave the Colony next month on a trip to the Old Country, from which he has been absent many years. The CRAFTSMAN wishes him bon voyage and a real good holiday.

BRO. James White has presented a very handsome W.M. chair to St. John Lodge, Featherston, for which he was heartily thanked by his brethren.

LODGE OAMARU KIL. held a "Burns Night" on 9th January, the anniversary month of the Scottish Poet. Our correspondent tells us the after-meeting was devoted to Scotch songs, recitations, and a "haggis."

Subsequently a collection was taken up in aid of the fund for the restoration of the "Auld Brig o' Ayr."

LAST month we had the pleasure of a visit from Bro. W. R. Lisbey, P.G.W., of Tasmania, Chief Examining Officer of Customs and Excise. Unfortunately, Bro. Lisbey was unable to foregather with his Masonic brethren during his stay in Wellington City.

THE many friends of W. Bro. T. Rowe, P.M., of New Zealand Pacific Lodge, and formerly Chief Librarian of the Public Library of Wellington, - will be glad to hear that he is now practising law in the Cathedral City, and is happy and prosperous in his new vocation. - Bro. Rowe pithily remarks that he is not now subject to so many masters.

THE Exhibition Masonic Bureau has quite justified its existence, and visiting Freemasons are indebted to Bro. Arnold, who is in constant attendance, for the full information furnished. Upwards of 600 names have been registered since the Bureau was established.

THE CRAFTSMAN regrets to learn that R.W. Bro. G. T. Smyth, G.Supt. of Southland, does not propose to continue in office at the expiration of the present Masonic year. As this journal has previously remarked, the great sacrifices of time and personal comfort, as well as the expenses incidental to the position, are not as fully recognised as they should be.

R.W. BRO. J. F. WHITE, P.G.W., Secretary of Winton Lodge and M.E. First Principal of Winton R.A. Chapter, has been promoted to the managerial position in the Bank of New Zealand at Hokitika. Bro. White has been a resident of Winton for the past eleven years, and has been so closely associated with all local movements, that his removal will create a void difficult to fill. If his well-known energy is available in his new location, Hokitika will greatly gain by the change.

R.W. BRO. MCCULLOUGH, Prov.G.M., S.C., stated at the annual meeting of Hinemoa Lodge " that the clouds which had loomed up between them and the N.Z.C. were now effectively removed, and that an official intimation that the differences that had previously existed had disappeared would shortly be made."

LODGE ST. JOHN (Featherston) held a festival meeting last month, for the joint purpose of welcoming W. Bro. J. G. Cox on his return from Great Britain, and formally "opening" the new refectory and the extensive additions to the hall. Regret was expressed that the G.Supt. (Bro. R. Fletcher) and the architect of the original building (M.W. Bro. H. J. Williams) were unable to attend, owing to a prior engagement at another Masonic function.

THE new Chapter at Winton worthily inaugurated its career by collecting the sum of £1,100 in aid of G. Chapter Benevolent Fund on the day of opening. At the same meeting twelve candidates were proposed for membership.

INFORMATION is to hand that Miss Winnie Niccol, typists in the office of G.L. and daughter of our esteemed G.Sec., is somewhat seriously indisposed, and suffering from lung trouble. The CRAFTSMAN extends its deepest sympathy, and fervently hopes the indisposition is but temporary.

CANTERBURY CHIPS.

[BY OUR SPECIAL CONTRIBUTOR.]

ONE of the most successful meetings ever held in connection with Crown Lodge took place on 14th December. For greater convenience this meeting was held at St. Augustine Hall, and the wisdom of changing the place of meeting was fully justified. -

THE gathering was in every way successful and the installation ceremony perfectly rendered. R.W. Bro. Bingham was in charge of the proceedings, and was supported by a large contingent of other G.L. officers.

W. BRO. WILLIS, the newly-installed W.M., spoke well, and altogether saved the evening from being in any way commonplace. His reference to the G.M.'s proposals was in good taste, and was driven home with some force, and the resulting collection for the W. and O. and A.M. Fund was very gratifying.

W. BRO. GEE was very great on this occasion. He made it clear that whilst recognising the ability of the newly-installed brother, lie and other P.M. were also aware of his limitations, and they were going to look after him—and he looked as though it was meant.

QUITE the event of the month has been the visit of M.W. Bro. Remington (P.G.M. of the G.L. of New South Wales). He paid a visit at short notice to Lodge St. Augustine. To offer a hearty welcome to the distinguished visitor, M.W. Bro. M. Niccol, G.Sec. (in the unavoidable absence of R.W. Bro. S. C. Bingham on Masonic duties), attended, supported by a great number of G.L. officers.

THE evening was devoted to ordinary working, the ceremony of initiation being conducted by W. Bro. Bishop and his officers, each and every one discharging his duties in a manner to merit very high praise indeed from Bro. Remington.

BUT it was in "another place" that the interest mostly centred. M.W. Bro. Niccol had the toast of "Our Distinguished Visitor," and discharged the duty as he usually does. On this occasion, however, he took the opportunity of referring to the friendly assistance rendered by Bro. Remington when the New Zealand G.L. was being formed, which, he assured our visitor, was still remembered with grateful appreciation.

BRO. REMINGTON is a strong and forceful speaker, and those present were treated to an address, varied in its character, almost embracing the whole gamut of matters Masonic. In particular, he referred at considerable length to the position and standing of regularly-constituted G.L. in the Australasian States. Whilst paying a high tribute to the undoubted standing of the United G.L. of England, he claimed for other G.L. the same sovereign rights and a complete freedom from any "conditions." In view of the present state of affairs existing "on the other side," we all felt that we were listening to one who had full knowledge of events—who was in no way disconcerted or cast down.

IT was a great evening, and the recollection of it will be a lasting satisfaction to those who had the pleasure of being present. R.W. Bro, Ronaldson, P.G.Supt., was there, and it transpired that he was wearing his eighty-third birthday, and of course, kindly and sympathetic reference was made to him and "happy returns" wished.

VERY general and sincere regret is expressed on all sides at the severe illness of the Pro-G.M. (M.W. Bro. Binns). He returned from Dunedin very unwell, and the illness rapidly developed, and he was confined to bed for many days. He is, we are glad to say, much better, and has gone to Hanmer for a few clays to get strong enough for a long sea trip. There have been many meetings of a character that would have claimed his attendance, and his familiar figure was much missed. His unfortunate illness will have much to do with the postponement of the Australasian Conference.

THIS is what happened at a recent Mark Lodge meeting: — Plain "Bro. John" was in the chair, and he had as J. Overseer a D.D.G.M, and as S.W. a G.Supt. Somewhat mixed!

OCCASION was taken at that same meeting to present W. Bro. Rev. A. C. Hoggins with a P.M.M. and a P.Z. jewel prior to his departure for the Old Country. Bro. Huggins will be very much missed in connection with Capitular Freemasonry in this district. He was very capable and ever willing to be of service.

THE Christchurch Lodge installation was as successful as it usually is, which is saying much. We believe W. Bro. Yemm will have a good year.

THE appointment of W. Bro. W. H. Cheesman to the chair of the M. and P.M. Lodge is a popular one. The night of his installation was most enjoyable.

THE reference in last month's CRAFTSMAN to the attendance, or want of it, of G.L. officers with the G.Supt. at Wellington causes much comment here, where so many have possessed themselves of undress regalia, and apparently value the privilege.

FEW Masters have been privileged to have a year so full of incident as W. Bro. Bishop, of St. Augustine, and yet there are no abnormal swellings, and "no trace or semblance of a trace" of "ortiness." Just the same Freddie.

THE Masonic Bureau at the New Zealand International Exhibition has a record already of over Poo names. They embrace the following Constitutions ;—England, Ireland, Scotland, New South Wales, Victoria, Cape Colony, Queensland, Tasmania, Natal, and a visitor from Guernsey. R.W. Bro. Arnold experienced quite a flutter, from which he has not yet quite recovered, when a distinguished lady, both in appearance and rank,

presented herself from the Star of the East, Chicago. Poor Arnold! he forgot all the usual formula, and there were none of us there to render either first or any other aid.

THE past month has been a very full one. The installation ceremony of Robert Burns, delayed through the illness of the W.M.-elect, took place on the 15th, and was a most successful gathering. The Master showed himself fully competent, and delighted every one present by the manner of the investiture of his officers. There were numerous visitors, one of whom, replying to the toast of "Visitors," at the supper which followed, stated "his presence there, that night was clue to that most excellent institution, the Masonic Bureau, at the Exhibition." He was from Australia. Another was present from Adelaide.

ANOTHER visiting P.M. shook things up a bit. He commented on the fact that this was a Scotch Lodge, as the name indicated, and yet neither working or anything else betokened Scotland—not even a Scotch song! It didn't please him.

"THE DOCTOR" was there, and his address to the brethren was admirable. He must have had luck with the bowls during the day, for he never lectured us, but beamed on us most pleasantly.

"BEAU NASH" was there from Palmerston North. As a G.L. officer, indeed, he was "all there."

WE were pleased to meet in the city W. Bro. W. W. de Castro, from Nelson.

THE special appeal for the Benevolent Funds is being well taken up.

QUITE the pleasantest meeting it has been our lot to enjoy for a long time past was the Canterbury Lodge meeting on the 18th. It being the last night in the chair of W. Bro. Bushell, quite a number of old friends turned up to pay a courtesy visit. Here, again, was evidence of the Exhibition. H.G.W. were given by quite a host of visitors; we never remember hearing so widely-spread a response. Some capital music was rendered by members of the Exhibition orchestra, with W. Bro. Merton in charge. There was a good sprinkling of Dist.G.L. officers, and altogether it was a bright evening. Bro. Bushell has had a good year, and has fully justified the expectation of his friends.

THERE passed away on the 17th Bro. G. Brayshaw, of Lodge St. Augustine, at the ripe age of 79 years. Known to very few of the brethren of his Lodge (for he could never be out in the evening owing to fever contracted in India, the effect of which necessitated great care), yet he was known to those in authority as a generous giver. Two or three months ago the Lodge passed a resolution congratulating him on attaining his Masonic Jubilee. Quite a number of the officers attended the funeral.

R.W. BRO, DOUGALI., P.G.Supt., proposed the toast of "Visitors" at the Canterbury meeting, and it is a pity we cannot produce it in extenso. He put many things in a new light, and so impressed those present that it took them until 12.30 a.m. to fully grasp it.

A VERY special night was that of the annual meeting of Dist.G.L., E.C., when the investiture of officers took place. A feature of the gathering was a most excellent paper by W. Bro. M. S. Brown, D.Dist.G.M., on the "Duties and Responsibilities of a Master," and was considered of such value as to warrant its being printed and circulated amongst Lodges. The Dist.G.M. (R.W. Bro. Fox) had courteously extended an invitation to R.W. Bro. S. C. Bingham, G.Supt., and the Masters and Wardens of New Zealand Lodges in Christchurch, who were pleased to be present.

THE M. and P.M. Lodge, under W. Bro. W. H. Cheesman, P.G.D., held a very successful gathering, at which veteran W. Bro. W. Cuming read a paper entitled "The Selection of a Master : Its Constitutional and Ethical Aspects."

THE GRAND LODGE OF QUEENSLAND.

The following correspondence, which passed between the Dist.G.L. of Queensland, E.C., and Bro. Lord Chelmsford, M.W.G.M. of the G.L. of Queensland, is reprinted from our contemporary "Masonry"

To His Excellency Bro. Lord Chelmsford, K.C.M.G.,
Government House.

Your Lordship and Dear Bro.—

Having learned that you have resigned your membership of English Craft Masonry, and are about to join a Lodge under the Queensland Constitution (which is not recognised as a Masonic body by either the English,

Scottish, or Irish G.L.), and that you are about to occupy a position at the head of the said Constitution, we feel it our duty, on behalf of all Freemasons in Queensland holding under the G.L. of England, to point out in the strongest terms the intense injury which such action on your part is calculated to do to the cause of Freemasonry in Queensland, and especially to the English body, to which you have sworn allegiance, and to which you owe your Masonic birth, and which, therefore, has at least a right to expect impartial treatment at your hands.

If, as we are led to believe, you came here with the ambition and hope of forming a G.L. of Queensland, or since your arrival have formed that ideal, it seems inconceivable that you should have at once taken up one side of the question. Surely your position should have been one of neutrality, allying yourself to no party, but offering yourself as mediator between them to bring together and reconcile any divergent ideas of Masons in this State, and so make possible such union as you desired.

By throwing your weight and influence into one side of the scale, without any previous enquiry into the views of the other party, or any attempt to bring them into unity before you accepted the leadership, you necessarily deprive the other side of any hope of anything like the unbiassed and impartial mediation which they might have looked for, and did expect, from one wielding the power and influence which you as the representative of His Majesty the King, command in Queensland. And, further, we would point out that the step you are now taking actually excludes you from undertaking the task of mediation, and so effectually shuts out any present hope of that which, we understand, you most desire to bring about—viz., the establishment of a United Sovereign G.L. of Queensland. The reason for our saying this is obvious. Once you have assumed the post of G.M. of this Queensland Constitution, loyal adherents to the G.L. of England (which expression covers all English Lodges in this State) cannot recognise you as a Mason, or discuss with you any matter relating to Freemasonry, so that the divergence of opinion must necessarily continue, and will certainly intensify for many years to come, to the great injury and discredit of Freemasonry in Queensland, and a large share of the responsibility for such a state of affairs must necessarily rest on your shoulders.

It may be well here once again to point out that the attitude of English Freemasons in this State has been persistently misrepresented.

Under the E.C. certain definite lines are laid down under which the question of the formation of a G.L. may be discussed. No attempt to stifle discussion has been made. Our late Dist.G.M. laid down (as directed by the B. of C.) certain forms to be observed in the discussions, and the best proof that no undue influence was exercised is to be found in the fact that while he personally, or by his representatives, attended the discussion in two of the English Lodges, a resolution was carried in favour of the establishment of a Sovereign G.L. in Queensland, but not in favour of joining- the body which, we contend, has illegally assumed that title.

That the formation of a Sovereign G.L. in Queensland may eventually take place is possible; but that such a condition should be forced on by a small minority assuming that name, and then attempting to coerce the large majority of Freemasons in Queensland, is a position not to be tolerated, and one which is absolutely subversive of the fundamental ideas of Masonic government and the elements of equity. We earnestly urge you to disassociate yourself from such a movement.

The G.L. of Ireland agreed to recognise a G.L. of Queensland provided only that the proper steps were taken. In their opinion, the steps taken to form the present co-called G.L. were so irregular and improper that they refused recognition. The three G.L. of England, Scotland, and Ireland, which hold concurrent jurisdiction in Queensland, have covenanted to act in conjunction with one another in the question of the recognition of any G.L. attempted to be formed in any country where they hold such concurrent jurisdiction.

The G.L. of Ireland has shown its desire for a settlement of this troublesome question. It has not withdrawn or cancelled the Warrants of the Lodges which have taken part in this unrecognised body, thus leaving it open to them to resume working under their Irish Warrants. This is strictly in accord with the advice embodied in the report of V.W. Bro. Strachan, G.Reg. of G.L. of England, which was unanimously adopted therein. If this wise, temperate, and Masonic course, advised by those on the other side of the globe, and therefore necessarily removed from any heat of feeling or hastiness of judgment which may have arisen here, were adopted even at this late hour, the question of the formation of a Sovereign G.L. of Queensland would be open to frank discussion by the brethren of the three Constitutions, standing on an even footing, while you, brother, enjoying the confidence and respect of all, and not personally connected with either side, would

be pre-eminently in a position, as Governor of the State and an English Freemason, to take a prominent part. Our object now, as always, is to promote that peace, love, and harmony, and the general welfare of humanity at large, which we regard as the true underlying object of Freemasonry.

A parallel situation arose some years ago in New Zealand. When the formation of a G.L. of New Zealand was first attempted, R.W. Bro. Lord Onslow was invited to take the G.Mastership. On enquiry, he found that the so-called G.L. comprised but an insufficient majority of the Freemasons in New Zealand, and he considered it wise, while holding the position of Governor of that Colony, not to associate himself with so partial a movement, though the proportion of Lodges joining in New Zealand—89 out of 154—was a far greater proportion than that which up to the present time has declared in favour of such a movement in Queensland.

We enclose you an extract from the English "Freemason," of date 12th April, 1890, setting forth the facts of the New Zealand precedent.

In conclusion, we earnestly trust that you will refrain before it is too late from absolutely taking any irretrievable step, and that you will instead direct your efforts and the great power with which your position in this State has endowed you towards the promotion of love, peace, and harmony on lines so ably promulgated by distinguished and renowned brethren of the mother Constitutions. Any other course will assuredly intensify any present discord and friction between the brethren, and possibly lead to an irreparable breach, for which, as already stated, you cannot but be largely responsible.

We are, your Lordship, faithfully and fraternally,

ALFRED JOHN STEPHENSON, Dist. G.M.
ALEXANDER CORRIE, Deputy-Dist.G.M.
ERNEST W. SMITH, P.B. of G.P.
CHAS. ROLMES A'COURT, Dist.G.Reg.
H. COURTENAY LUCK, Dist.G.Sec.

Government House, Brisbane, Queensland,
26th October, 1906.

GENTLEMEN,—

I have the honour to acknowledge your communication of to-day.

As I told your representative, who met me on 15th June last, I am not taking the step I propose to take without the concurrence and advice of a distinguished brother who has held high office in England, and who is, in my opinion, sufficiently removed from the present unhappy divisions to enable him to give impartial and disinterested advice. I do not complain of the tone of your protest, as I always wish to give credit to the honesty of purpose of those who differ from me, but I claim the same treatment for myself, and I cannot but think that the suggestion that I am actuated by personal ambition in taking the step I am taking is unworthy of the gentlemen who sign the protest. I do not propose now to, nor shall I in future, engage myself in the controversial matters contained in your communication.

Believe me, faithfully yours,
(Signed) CHELMSFORD.

POSTSCRIPT TO LORD CHELMSFORD'S LETTER.

It will be in your recollection that the "mediation" to which you allude was offered by me on 13th June, but refused, except on such terms as no body of self-respecting men could entertain.

If mediation not involving surrender of their position on the part of the Queensland G.L. is now acceptable to you, I am open even at this last moment to reconsider my position.

The Dist.G.L. of Freemasons of England, Queensland,
Norman Chambers, Creek-street,
Brisbane, 29th October, 1906.
To His Excellency Bro. Lord Chelmsford, K.C.M.G.,
Government House.

Your Lordship and Dear Bro.-

We beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of 26th inst., and to thank you for such a prompt reply to the communication we deemed it our Masonic duty to make to you.

While not desiring to continue a correspondence which is painful to us, it is only due that we should firmly disavow the construction which you have placed on our letter.

We would beg to remind your Lordship that at the interview which you accorded to some of us in June last, you remarked that in taking the G.Mastership of the Queensland Constitution you hoped to restore harmony amongst the fraternity in Queensland.

While disagreeing with your Lordship as to the means, we then, as now, believed that you were actuated by a high ideal of what you conceived to be your duty. It was in this sense we wrote, and nothing was further from our thoughts than the suggestion that you were actuated by a more personal reason or a lower ambition, and, with all courtesy, we submit that no paragraph of our previous letter is capable of such a construction.

Throughout the unfortunate discussion of the past three years, personal motives and un-Masonic attitudes have been imputed to us—even your Lordship, at our interview, suggested that our opposition might be due to "personal pride." Nevertheless, we have not, nor do we intend to, imitate such procedure. We take our stand on the laws and Constitutions of our jurisdiction, which we have, as Freemasons, solemnly pledged ourselves to observe.

With regard to the postscript of your Lordship's letter :— Neither at the interview we had with your Lordship, nor in our letter of the 26th instant, have we asked you to mediate in this important matter. Your Lordship put to us the suggestion whether, if you refrained from leading the present movement, there would be a fair prospect of both sides coming together and discussing the question, to ensure a practically unanimous movement during your term of office. We replied, as any experienced Masonic jurists must have replied, that such a mediation as you offered, not being based upon Masonic law, was impracticable; that Masons under a regular and lawful Masonic jurisdiction could not constitutionally discuss Masonic questions with members of an irregular or clandestine body, and only by the return of the latter to their lawful allegiance could we meet them upon Masonic matters.

We can only regret that it should be thought that any man should lose his self-respect by acknowledging an error and retracing a false step.

We see no loss of dignity in the adoption by them of such a course of action, but we should certainly forfeit our own self-respect by following any other course than we have indicated, for we would flagrantly violate our solemn promise to act in all things Masonic according to our laws. We have throughout conscientiously endeavoured to so act, and this desire alone moved us to address you as we did.

We have the honour to be,

Your Lordship and Dear Bro.,

(Signed) A. J. STEPHENSON, Dist.G.M.

(Signed) H. COURTENAY LUCK, Dist.G.Sec.

CONSTITUTION AND CONSECRATION OF WINTON R.A. CHAPTER, No. 26.

On Wednesday, 15th January, the banners of Capitular Freemasonry were unfurled at Winton, Southland, by the institution of Winton Chapter, No. 26. The petition for a charter was signed by eleven resident companions, and was strongly supported by Southern Cross Chapter (Invercargill), which body most generously made a grant-in-aid to the funds of the new Chapter of £25. The ceremonies of consecration and installation were conducted by M.E. Comp. James Macgregor, G.Z.; assisted by M.E. Comps. G. T. Smyth, as G.H. ; W. Smith, as G.J. ; H. J. Williams, G. Scribe E. ; E. B. Filcher, as G.Scribe N. A. R. Porter, as First G.Soj. ; F. A. Steans, as Second G.Soj. ; W. Strang, as Third G.Soj. ; P. S. Brodie, as G.D. of C. ; Comps. R. Trist-Searell, as G. Organist ; and T. Belworthy, as G.Janitor. The companions were called to order at 3.30p.m., when the M.E. First G.Principal and G.Chapter officers entered, assumed their respective chairs, and a Chapter was opened. The M.E.G.Z. having stated the purpose of the meeting, called on G.J. to invoke

the aid of the Most High. The petitioners were properly ranged by the G.D. of C., and the petition and charter were read by G.Scribe E. The presiding G.Principal then addressed companions, an ode was sung, and G.J. offered up the first portion of the Dedicatory Prayer. The companions having turned to the East, G.Z. pronounced the invocation, the sanctus following. Appropriate Scripture lessons having been read by G.J., the Tribal Banners were planted, the pedestal unveiled, and the candles were lighted. A hymn succeeded, and a procession hearing the elements was formed, and the new Chapter was solemnly consecrated by G.Z. with corn, oil, wine, and salt. After the Dedication, G.J. censed the new Chapter in proper form, which was followed by prayer and appropriate hymns. The Chapter having been formally declared constituted, the Patriarchal Benediction concluded this portion of the ceremonies. The companions having retired, the Principals-designate were instructed in their several degrees, and the Chapter was called off. On reassembling at 7.30, M.E. Comp. J. F. White was installed as First Principal Z. E. Comp. J. Hamilton was invested as Second Principal H., and E. Comp. A. H. McKenzie as Third Principal J. The Principals were addressed on the insignia of their office by M.E. Comp. W. Smith, G.J., the charter being presented by the I.G.P. The following officers were invested by M.E. Comps. G. T. Smyth and A. R. Porter :—Scribe E., Comp. W. A. Thompson; Scribe N., Comp. J. H. McKenzie: Treas., Comp. J. P. McWilliarn;

First Soj., Comp. T. Cunningham; Second Soj., Comp. F. Moore; Third Soj., Comp.. A. A. Liddell; Janitor, Comp. W. Wilson. The address to the First Principal was given by the (Comp. Macgregor), and M.E. Comp. G. T. Smyth addressed the officers and companions. The newly-installed First Principal briefly thanked those who had assisted at the ceremonies, and the companions who had elected him to office. M.E. Comp. Macgregor offered congratulations on behalf of G.Chapter, and a telegram was read from M.E. Comp. R. Fletcher, of Wellington, D.G.Z. H.G.W. were tendered on behalf of Waterloo, Brooklyn, and Wairarapa Chapters, and the first meeting of Winton Chapter was closed in regular form at 9 p.m. A banquet was subsequently served in the Foresters' Hall, at which some very stirring speeches were made. The CRAFTSMAN offers its best wishes for the success of Winton Chapter.

PRESENTATION TO BRO. ROBT. TODD.

W. Bro. R. Todd, who has been a resident of Collingwood District for the past three years, during which time he gained the greatest respect of all who knew him, left here on the 14th December, 1906, for his home in St. Bathans, Otago. On the 10th October, 1905, Lodge St. Cuthbert was constituted, with only eight members, W. Bro. Todd being installed as first W.M., and he proved worthy of the position, as during his term of office he did a great deal of good work for the Lodge, and gave instruction to the new members, who now hold all the offices, with the exception of W.M. and Treasurer. At last installation meeting W. Bro. W. W. de Castro paid a very high tribute to the intelligence of the new members, which is wholly due to the valuable instruction and good example set by W. Bro. Todd. Before leaving, Bro. Todd was presented by the foundation members with a P.M. massive gold jewel, also a gold albert and pendant, suitably inscribed, by the twenty-four new members initiated during his term of office, in recognition of the valuable services rendered to the Lodge during his term as W.M. Bro. Todd carries with him the H.G.W. of all the members, and we trust that he will always continue to take the same interest in the Craft as he has done during his term of office as W.M. of Lodge St. Cuthbert, No. 144, Collingwood.

VALEDICTORY.

During the past month W. Bro. Rev. A. C. Noggins has been making a series of farewell visits to the various Masonic bodies in Christchurch. It is some ten years since our rev. brother arrived from Queensland, during which time he has sojourned in the Cathedral City, and has proved himself an active and enthusiastic worker in every branch of Freemasonry under the E.C., being also a frequent and welcome visitor in the New Zealand bodies. A member of the St. Albans and Conyers Lodges, he has been Chaplain of the former and Master of the latter ; two years Z. of the Prince of Wales R.A. Chapter, and the same period in the chair of the Hiram Mark Lodge, to which body he brought a new lease of life. At the last meeting opportunity was

taken to present him with a P.M. jewel, as also that of P.Z., on behalf of the Chapter. He was also a founder, and is P.C.N. of the Ark Mariners' Lodge attached, He has also filled the office of M.W.S.- in the Beckett R.C. Chapter, 18deg., and has received from the members a P.M.W.S. jewel, in commemoration of his services thereto. G.Chaplain for nine years in the Dist.G.L. of Canterbury, E.C., and is the present D.Dist.G.M. of the Mark in the South Island. Bro. Hog-gins has been also very actively engaged in church work in different places in the diocese of Canterbury, besides taking a deep interest in many branches of educational and social work, amongst them being the Association of Kindergarten Workers and the Children's Aid Society. We understand the urgent need for a prolonged rest takes him to England for a lengthened period.

THUS the G.L. of Washington on Queensland recognition : —"It would seem to us that New South Wales, being a Sovereign G.L., has the right to determine for itself the regularity of the Queensland G.L., that colony being open territory. Certainly it is not answerable to England." — "New South Wales Masonic Herald."

ROMAN CATHOLICS AND MASONIC RITES.



Lord Lamington, Governor of Bombay, on 23rd September, laid the foundation-stones of two additions to the Jamsetjee Jejeebhoy Hospital and the Grant Medical College attached thereto, one being an operating theatre, to be erected at the cost of Lady Moore in memory of her husband, the late Surgeon-General Sir William Moore, and the other an extension of the Sir Cowasjee Jehanghir Ophthalmic Hospital, to be erected chiefly at the cost of the present Sir Cowasjee. A few days before the ceremony the Catholic Administrator-Apostolic of the Archdiocese of Bombay wrote to the local press protesting against the intention to associate Masonic rites with the ceremonies, and against the presentation to Lord Lamington by past students of the college of a Masonic jewel. He asked why the Governor, acting in a public capacity, "should take up what its equivalently a sectarian position, for Freemasonry of its nature possesses all the essential features of a sect," and declared that such a proceeding was, practically speaking, a breach of the principle of religious neutrality on the part of "the British Government in India. He appealed to all Catholics, including the college students, to "hold entirely aloof from whatever is connected with Freemasonry, whether in the way of subscription, or signing addresses, or even of being present at the Masonic portions of the function." The letter evoked correspondence from other quarters expressing hearty approval of the Masonic ceremonies, and the programme was carried out in its entirety. In asking the Governor to lay the foundation-stone of the operating theatre, Sir Jamsetjee Jejeebhoy mentioned that, when the hospital was given by his grandfather sixty-eight years ago, the stone was laid with Masonic honours. In the course of his speech Lord Lamington said that it was fitting that the foundation of a building dedicated to the mitigation of the sufferings of mankind should be marked by an especial solemnity, and that was why the stone was laid with Masonic ceremonial. So far from being mere idle pageantry, the ceremony was peculiarly significant of the destined work to be wrought within those walls. There were no more essential features of Freemasonry than an unquestioned sense of dependence upon the will of a Supreme Power, and a recognition that under His guidance it was their bounden duty to help one another.

THE motion, introduced into the G.L. of New South Wales by a Bro. Nesbitt, to rescind the recognition extended to the G.L. of Queensland was lost by a large majority.

BRO. SIR THOMAS D. GIBSON-CARMICHAEL has been installed as the G.M.M. of Scotland, in succession to the Hon. Charles Maule Ramsay, who has held the office for three years.

No criminal is ever a Mason. When he enters crime he has made his exit from Masonry. — Exchange.

Enquiries on Matters of Masonic Interest

Q.—In some Lodges members stand at the S. of F. when Scripture is being read. In other Lodges they remain seated. Which is correct?

A.—Standing may be considered as reverence for the Sacred Writings, but such custom is not that of the churches, where the congregations are always seated at such times. There is absolutely no warrant for the S. of F.

Correspondence

THE POSITION OF THE PERFECT ASHLAR.



TO THE EDITOR.

DEAR SIR AND BRO.—When in doubt consult an authority—and this must be my excuse for troubling you with a question "Does the position of the Perfect Ashlar indicate the degree in which a Lodge is working?" Recently a small Masonic book came into my possession, in which there is an illustration of a Perfect Ashlar and a reprint from a Masonic paper, which states—"No member or visiting brother should be able to learn from the Tyler or from the K—s in what degree the Lodge is working. The position of the Ashlar, visible on his entrance, should be sufficient to guide him, as well as being an evidence of his proper Masonic education." It is evident that my Masonic education has been neglected in this respect, hence my question.—Yours fraternally,
A W.M.

[The position of the Perfect Ashlar cannot indicate the degree in New Zealand, as its position is rarely the same in any two Lodges. Neither do we know any Lodge where the position is changed in each degree. Further, our Masonic jurists are silent on the question.—En. C.]

AN EXPLANATION.

TO THE EDITOR.

DEAR SIR AND BRO.—Having been away from home for the last few weeks, and consequently reading my December copy of your paper for the first time to-day, I noticed a short paragraph in "Canterbury Chips" calling attention to the manner in which our brethren and visitors were summoned to our installation meeting. The "somebody" referred to is no doubt your humble servant, and in vindication I would like you to publish the facts of the case, which you will find exonerate me from blame in connection with the error. Knowing that I would be out of town for some time, I sent along to the newspapers (two) an advertisement calling the meeting for the correct date (the 27th, Tuesday), but as my notice was sent in nearly a fortnight before that date the "Times" people made an error, and put in the advertisement on Monday, the 19th, calling the meeting for the next night (the 20th), which error, when pointed out to them, was admitted, and a promise given to rectify it, but when the next morning's paper appeared it made matters worse, as it contained the same advertisement again. You can imagine my feelings then, so I went to the office for an explanation, and they gave me a letter apologising for the mistake, and promised to put in an advertisement and a local in the evening paper, setting matters right, which promise was kept. The letter referred to was read in open Lodge at our regular meeting on Tuesday_ 27th November. —Yours fraternally, W. V. MAUHLIN, Hon. Sec.

LODGE STAR OF THE NORTH.

TO THE EDITOR.

DEAR SIR AND BRO.—I was very much surprised to see in the "Notes" of the December issue a comment on the names of our two local Lodges being identical. To any one but a member of our Lodges the paragraph appears innocence itself, but to us it appears a deliberate attempt on the part of your Northern correspondent to revive a question over which much ill-feeling has been displayed in former times, but which, at the present time, has almost disappeared, and the two Lodges are working with more unanimity and concord than ever before. I can assure you, sir, that both Secretaries are worthy Masons, and, therefore, gentlemen enough to see that no correspondence wrongly Addressed is unfairly treated. Your correspondent has always been welcomed in my Lodge by one and all, and why he should cast this slur on the brethren of No. 102 I fail to understand. As I have made myself acquainted with all details of the incomplete come-over from No. 1647, E.C., to No. 102, I shall be happy to prove our right to the name we bear to any one needing such.—Yours fraternally,

W. STRUGNELL, W.M.,
Lodge Star of the North, No. 102.

[Though we plead guilty to unsophisticated innocence, we acquit our correspondent of any desire to "cast a slur," or of ulterior motives of any kind.—ED. C.]

SAINTSHIP IN FREEMASONRY.

TO THE EDITOR.

DEAR SIR AND BRO.—In the last issue of the CRAFTSMAN I notice the names of the following Lodges :— St. Augustine, St. Andrew, St. George, St. Bathans, St. John, St. Mark, St. Cuthbert, and St. Thomas. As I hold very strong objections to the introduction of saints into Masonry, may I ask the members of the above Lodges to alter these respective names into those of the localities wherein they find place. I have already mentioned this matter to members of my own Lodge. With respect to the lecture delivered on 29th November last by the Rev. H. Braddock to Kaikoura Lodge, No. 60, the following sentence occurs :— "The higher degrees (of Masonry) are Christian, and in them Christ's name occurs as naturally as in the Liturgies of the Church." As a M.M. of over thirty years' standing, I wish to say that I have never heard the Founder of Christianity's name used in any Lodge, and were it brought into the ritual I should at once look to the W.M. for his correction, as I think its introduction would lead to intense difference of opinion; there being no spirit of common brotherhood amongst Christians, as you yourself very rightly remark on page 126 of the same issue of the CRAFTSMAN under "The Constitution and Government of Freemasonry." Masonry is neither against nor for any faith. It simply proclaims the rule of our Creator, the Great Architect of the Universe. If Confucianism, Christianity, Buddhism, or any other "ism" has crept into it, the sooner it is freed and restored to ancient lines the better. We are all bound to preserve the Ancient Rules and Order of the Craft, and as Masonic Lodges are to be found in nearly every country upon earth, I send you these few remarks so that we may keep to the ancient faith in New Zealand.—Yours fraternally,

COLEMAN PHILLIPS,
Lodge St. Mark, No. 53.

Carterton, 4th January, 1907.

Reports

[Secretaries and Scribes are requested to forward Reports.]

CRAFT LODGES. SOUTHLAND.

Southern Gross, No. 9.—The last regular meeting was held on 4th January, when there was a fair attendance. Bro. J. C. Sullivan was raised to the Third Degree by the W.M. W. Bro. W. Smith gave the T.H. and Signs, and W. Bro. Foweraker (M.M., of Lodge Harvey) explained the W.T. of the degree. W. Bro. J. J. Hiskins addressed the candidate. Bro. Geo. Featherstone, who has been unable to attend the Lodge since his election as J.W., was invested by the W.M. The D. of C. explained his duties, and W. Bro. W. Smith addressed the J.W. Bro. W. Colley was granted his demit. A letter was received from Victoria regarding a brother who was initiated in this Lodge a good many years ago, but who never presented himself for the other degrees, although he was repeatedly reminded of his neglect, and it was decided not to recommend this brother for further advance in Masonry. H.G.W. were received from Lodges Harvey, St. John, Victoria, Aparima, and Fortitude.

Arrow Kil., No. 86.—The monthly meeting takes place on the Monday before full moon, at the Masonic hall, Arrowtown. The roll membership is forty-one, and, considering that a great many of the brethren live or work a long way from Arrowtown, the number of members attending our Lodge during the past year has been most satisfactory. At a special meeting held on the 28th December the election of officers for term 1907-8 took place. The following brethren were elected :—W.M., Bro. C. Illingworth, P.M.; S.W., Bro. P. A. de la Perrelle; J.W., Bro. R. Frew; S.D., Bro. S. A. Hadley ; J. D., Bro. J. I. Melville; Chaplain, Bro. W. Stephenson, P.M. ; Treas., Bro. J. Jenkins, P.M., Sec., Bro. G. H. Romans, P.M. ; I.G. Bro. J. S. Dickson; Tyler, Bro. John Jenkins; Auditors, Bros. J. B. Thomson and C. Illingworth.—[Lodge Correspondent.]

Taringatura, No. 100.—A meeting was held on 27th December, but, owing to the holiday season, the attendance was not so good as usual. I.P.M. Bro. W. C. Wood occupied the chair, in the unavoidable absence of the W.M. (Bro. J. Earl). Four brethren (Bros. Stewart, Mears, Campbell, and Whitaker) were raised to the degree of M.M., under the guidance of S.D. Bro. T. Anderson. P.M. Bro. Johnson impressively delivered the Retrospect, and initiated them in the signs and secrets of the degree. S.W. Bro. A. W. McBean gave the W.T., and visiting Bro. T. Foweraker (W.M. of Lodge Harvey) the Antient Charge. The principal business of the meeting was the declaration of the vote taken for the purpose of ascertaining the feelings of members with regard to the erection of a new Lodgeroom. Out of 65 voting papers sent out, 54 were returned— 46 for and 8 against, which gave a pronounced vote for its erection. Upon the W.M. declaring the question carried, P.M. Bro. Johnson asked permission to present to the Lodge the selection of two building sites free of costs, and if neither proved suitable he would be pleased to give the equivalent value in some other way. On behalf of the Lodge, Bro. Wood thanked Bro. Johnson for his very generous offer, expressing appreciation of that brother's many acts of generosity to the Lodge in the past. It is such brothers who, by their devotion to the Craft, place before us a practical example of benevolence worthy of our high ideals. All feel sure that with the support of such a brother the new Lodge-room is bound to flourish. Upon the motion of P.M. Bro. H. J. Riddell, a Building Committee was elected, consisting of W.M. Bro. J. Earl, T.P.M. Bro. W. C. Wood, P.M. Bros. G. F. Johnson, W. H. Clark, H. J. Riddell, and Bro. J. Fraser. A considerable amount of routine business was also put through, including many cards of greetings from sister Lodges. An impromptu fourth degree was held in the Lodgeroom to toast "the newly-raised brethren," and wish each other the compliments of the season. Bro. Whitaker ably responded on behalf of the brethren raised, expressing himself in high terms of the beautiful ideals placed before them that evening, trusting that all would be long spared to live up to them.

OTAGO.

Waitaki, No. 11.—Taking into consideration the date on which the December meeting of the Lodge fell, and on which it was held, the 26th December, the attendance was very good. The business was the raising of two

F.C. The W.M. was assisted by W. Bro. Dash (of Lodge St. Augustine, Waimate), W. Bro. McCallum (of Lodge Kilwinning), P.M. Bros. Grave, Cathcart, and Lane, and Bro. Hudson (the latter was at one time, I believe, G. Chaplain). The work was well done, though not so full as Waitaki usually do, but as the night was a warm one and as everybody was more or less tired, with holiday-making, the curtailment was appreciated. In the absence of the I.C. (Bro. Morris), P.M. Bro. Lane acted in that capacity. The W.M. being unable to remain at the after-meeting, the S.W. (Bro. Meldrum) took charge, and the social gathering was an excellent one.

Oamaru Kil., No. 82.—The meeting held on 9th January was in every way an exceptional one. January being the anniversary month of the Scottish Poet, the late Bro. Burns, this Lodge had a "Burns Night," The attendance was, I should think, the largest that has ever been at a Lodge meeting in Oamaru (with the exception of an installation meeting), and very few installation meetings have had as large, and only one or two larger, gatherings of brethren. The Lodge work of the evening was the Second Degree, three E.A. being passed by the W.M. and his officers, assisted by P.M. Bro. Procter, W. Bros. Dash (Lodge St. Augustine, Waimate), McGillivray (of Lodge Ngapara), Menzies (Lodge Waitaki), and P.M. Bro. McCullouch (of Lodge Ngapara). The W.M. of Lodge Waitaki, St. Augustine, and Ngapara should be pleased at the way they were supported by the brethren of their respective Lodges, there being some 36 of Waitaki, and 10 or 12 each from the other two Lodges. There was also a good number of visitors from other Lodges and Constitutions, one visitor being from Natal. The after-meeting was devoted to Burns—Scotch songs and recitations and haggis. To Bro. J. C. Thomson, of Lodge Aparima, fell the honour of proposing the toast of the evening—the toast to the immortal memory of our late brother, the People's Poet, Bro. Burns, and he did so in a dissertation upon our late brother that kept the too or more present at the social gathering enthralled for 35 or 40 minutes. The "Burns Night" of Lodge Oamaru Kil. and Bro. Thomson's speech will ever be remembered by those who had the pleasure of attending the meeting.—[Lodge Correspondent.]

CANTERBURY.

Unanimity, No. 3.—The monthly meeting was held in the Lodgeroom on 27th November, the W.M. (W. Bro. F. A. Murphy, P.M., in the chair). A ballot was taken for Mr. Eastwood, and proved clear, after which the election of W.M. was proceeded with, and Bro. A. H. Thorpe was elected Master for the ensuing year by a large majority. No other business being before the Lodge, it was closed at 9 p.m.—[Lodge Correspondent.]

Concord, No. 39.—The regular meeting was held in the Masonic Hall, Papanui, on 15th January, N.V. Bro. H. Hobbs presiding, when there was a good attendance of brethren and visitors. The Lodgeroom looked first-class—new furniture, new carpets, and other things which go to make a Lodge cheery and comfortable. The Lodge is to be congratulated upon its excellent Lodgeroom. The business of the evening was the initiation of Messrs. B. J. Barr and R. B. Walker, who had been highly spoken of. The W.M. obligated the candidates, Bro. Keats gave the N.E.C., the W.M. of Lincoln Lodge explained the W.T., and Bro. R. Baldwin, in his usually masterly style, delivered the F.C. The nomination of officers for 1907-8 was then proceeded with, with the following result :—S.W., Bro. Keats ; J.W., Bro. Brett ; Treas., W. Bro. Buntin; Sec., Bro. Shearman; D. of C., Bro. Du Feu ; S.D., Bro. Deal ; J.D., Bro. A. Hobbs; LG., Bro. A. Baldwin; Tyler, Bro. May. Lodge was closed at 10 p.m., and the brethren assembled in the refectory, where a pleasant hour was spent.—[Lodge Correspondent.]

Christchurch, No. 91.—The installation of the W.M. and investiture of his officers was conducted in his usual impressive style by our worthy G.Supt. (R.W. Bro. S. C. Bingham) on 27th November. R.W. Bro. Malcolm Niccol, G. Sec., was present, and assisted in the work. The hall was filled by a large number of visitors from all parts of the Colony. The retiring W. M. (Bro. J. T. Henderson) was presented with a P.M. jewel, in recognition of the excellent manner in which he had ruled the Lodge during his term of office. The W.M. (Bro. G. Yemm) issued the usual invitation to a banquet, which was held in the Alexandra Hall, to

commemorate the occasion, and a large number of members and visitors attended there and spent the remainder of a very pleasant evening.

Owing to the regular meeting falling on Christmas Day, the Lodge held its regular meeting on Friday, 28th December, when the First Degree was worked for the first time by our newly-installed W.M. (W. Bro. Yemm). The candidates were Messrs. Forsythe and Campbell, and the work was done in a very impressive manner, reflecting great credit on the W.M. and his new set of officers. It was decided to send a letter of sympathy to Bro. Christiansen, who is very ill. After the Lodge closed the members spent a pleasant hour in the refectory.—[Lodge Correspondent.]

St. Augustine, No. 99.—The regular monthly meeting was held on 19th December. One candidate for initiation was elected. Nominations for G.L. office were made as follows : —V.W. Bro. McKenzie Gibson, as G.Chaplain ; W. Bro. Colville, as G.D. of C. ; and W. Bros. Fraser, Ruddenklau, and Dash for any office.—[Lodge Correspondent.]

Masters' and Pastmasters', No. 130.—W. Bro. Cheesman had the pleasure of welcoming a goodly number of visitors on the occasion of his first occupancy of the chair on 16th January. Papers were read by R.W. Bro. Bingham and W. Bro. Cuming, I.P.-M., on "Tylers" and "The Selection of a Master : Its Constitutional and Ethical Aspects," both eliciting considerable discussion. The annual balance-sheet was considered and adopted, W. Bro. Tribe, the auditor, reporting a slight improvement in the financial outlook. A motion, "That the attention of the Lodges in the district be drawn to the good results likely to be achieved by making their Wardens associate members," was carried.

Robert Burns; No. 139.—The installation of Bro. J. Cook (which had been delayed a month by special dispensation) was conducted by the G.Supt. of Canterbury (R.W. Bro. S. Clifton -Bingham) on 15th January. R.W. Bro. Hobden, P.G.W., took the Board of I.M., W. Bro. Cheesman, P.G.D., presenting the W.T. therein. The W.M. invested his own officers in a very efficient manner. The G.Supt. presented the Warrant, B. of C., and By-laws, and addressed the Master; W. Bro. Andrews, P.G.S., delivered the address to the Wardens, and R.W. Bro. Dr. Withers, P.G.W., that to the brethren. Amongst the visitors we noted R.W. Bro. J. J. Dougall (G.Reg.) and W. Bro. Nash (Palmerston N.), P. G. S. B. A banquet was held afterwards, during which the usual collection for the W. and O. and A.M. Fund was taken up. W. Bro. Ferguson, a P.M. of the Lodge some twenty years previous, gave a good speech on "Scotch fechtng" lines.

WESTLAND.

Westland Kul., No. 88.—The annual meeting for installation purposes was held in the Masonic Hall, Hokitika, on 30th November, the Installing Officer being R.W. Bro. J. IL Harkness, G.Supt. of Westland. Bro. J. McMillan was installed as W.M., and the following officers were invested :— I.P.M., W. Bro. W. E. Williams; S.W., Bro. C. J. Nightingale ; J.W., Bro. W. Bray ; Treas., W. Bro. A. Mahan; Sec.. W. Bro. W. E. Ward; S.D., Bro. H. Linklater; J.D., Bro. G. H. Eisfelder ; D. of C., W. Bro. T. W. Beare; D.M., W. Bro. A. B. King ; Tyler, W. Bro. J. J. Breeze ; Stewards, Bros. J. Matier and F. C. Wade. The retiring Master (Bro. W. E. Williams) was presented with a P.M. jewel, R.W. Bro. H. L. Michel, P.D.G.M., making the presentation.

Torea, No. 121.—The installation of W.M. and investiture of officers took place in the Masonic Hall, Granity, on 15th December, when the accommodation in the hall was severely taxed to find room for the large attendance of members and visitors. R.W. Bro. Harkness, G.Supt., conducted the ceremony, and installed Bro. J. Brown as W.M. for the ensuing year, P.M. Bro. Mumm (of Lodge Mokihinui) acting as D. of C. The officers were invested by R.W. Bro. Harkness, and are as follows :—S.W., Bro. W. Rumzold ; J.W., Bro. D. R. Brown ; Treas., Bro. A. Williams ; Chaplain, Bro. T. Williams; S.D., Bro. D. Kerr ; J.D., Bro. Campbell; I.G., Bro. McEwan; Tyler, Bro. Wood ; Stewards, Bros. Clinton and Jackson; Sec., Bro. A.

Broadfoot ; I.P.M., Bro. Parke; D. of C. P.M. Bro. Kerr. We were very pleased to have visitors from Lodges Phoenix (Westport), Aorangi (Denniston), and Mokihinui. After closing the Lodge supper was laid in the Lodgeroom, when the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were honoured, and a pleasant time was spent.— [Lodge Correspondent.]

HAWKES BAY AND GISBORNE.

Scinde, No. 5.—Despite the sweltering heat (the thermometer was in the region of 80 degrees), there was a large attendance at Scinde meeting on 15th January, and amongst those present were a number of visitors, including a good detachment from Victoria Lodge, who paid an official visit under the new W.M. (Bro. Wilkie). The first business was the initiation of Mr. W. J. A. Schwartz, lately of Ashburton, who proved an excellent candidate, and acquitted himself creditably. The W.M. was assisted in the work by R.W. Bro. J. W. McDougall, W. Bro. Teychenne, J.W. Bro. Parker, S.D. Bro. Critchley, and Bro. Tristram. Bro. R. L. Limbrick was raised to the high and sublime degree of M.M., passing through the various necessary trials and tests in a manner most gratifying to his sponsors. In working this degree, the W.M. had the assistance of I.P.M. Bro. Bestall, W. Bro. Teychenne, W. Bro. Edmundson, W. Bro. Harding, W. Bro. Gibbons, and J.W. Bro. Parker. During the course of the evening W. Bro. Teychenne, who is about to remove to another portion of the territory (Wellington), was presented by the G.Supt., on behalf of the Lodge, with a handsome P.M. jewel, suitably engraved. In making the presentation, Bro. McDougall referred in the most eulogistic terms to the zeal and assiduity with which our departing brother had thrown himself into Masonry, to the whole-heartedness of his labours in the interests of the Craft in general and Scinde Lodge in particular, and wished him prosperity and happiness in his new sphere of duty. In acknowledging the gift, Bro. Teychenne said he did not intend to resign from the Lodge, but as his duties might occasionally bring him to these parts, he hoped to be able to attend meetings occasionally. By the departure of Bro. Teychenne we lose a valued worker. Almost letter-perfect in his ritual, he was at all times glad to be of assistance, and our loss will be a distinct gain to Wellington Masonic circles.—[Lodge Correspondent.]

Ruahine, No. 80.—The usual monthly meeting took place in the Freemasons' Hall, Woodville, on 27th November. The attendance was very large. Bros. Galloway and Mules were raised to the sublime degree of M.M. The W.M. (Bro. Dobbie) conducted the ceremony in a manner that speaks well for the future. R.W. Bro. De Lisle, P.G.J.W., paid a fraternal visit, and ably assisted in the ceremony by delivering the T.H. and F.C. The I.P.M. (Bro. J. Motley) also assisted in the ceremony, and is to be congratulated on the valuable assistance rendered at all times. Times are very brisk with Lodge Ruahine at present, an emergency meeting taking place every month, as well as the regular.— [Lodge Correspondent.] [Arrived too late for insertion in January issue.—ED. C.]

Montrose, No. 72, S.C.—The annual installation meeting was held at the Masonic Hall, Gisborne, on 12th December, when Bro. W. Sandlant was installed as R.W.M. for the ensuing year. In the unavoidable absence of the Proy.G.M. (R.W. Bro. W. McCullough), who was delayed in his arrival through the vagaries of the coastal service, the ceremony was conducted by W. Bro. H. Sandlant, I.P.M. The Presenting Officers were W. Bro. G. Primrose (W.M. of Lodge Turanganui) and W. Bro. E. H. Mann (W.M. of Lodge Abercorn). The attendance was very large. After the installation the following officers were invested :—I.P.M., Bro. H. Sandlant ; D.M., Bro. A. G. Beere, P.M., ; S.W., Bro. A. Kirk; J.W., Bro. T. Ellery ; Chaplain, W. Bro. R. N. Jones, P.M.; Treas., Bro. R. T. Seymour ; Sec., W. Bro. J. R. Little, P.M. (re-elected) ; S.D., Bro. W. G. Bremner ; J.D., Bro. J. Morrison ; I.G., Bro. D. McKeague ; Stewards, Bros. C. Boland and A. Don ; Organist, Bro. J. Chrisp ; Tyler, Bro. G. Humphreys. W. Bro. Beere acted as D. of C. The orchestra, under Bro. J. Chrisp, added greatly to the impressiveness of the ceremony. R.W. Bro. McCullough arrived after midnight, and was met by a number of the brethren, to whom he delivered a short address.

AUCKLAND

Mangonui, No. 78.—The monthly meeting was held on 5th December, when a large number of brethren signed the attendance-book. The degree work was three passings, W. Bro. A. C. Ballance giving the T.B. The Lodgeroom is now finished, this being the first meeting since the interior was painted (at the expense of Bro. T. Waller). Bro. J. E. Holmes, I.P.M., Proposed, and Bro. A. C. Ballance seconded, a hearty vote of thanks to Bro. Waller for his generosity, and congratulated him on the excellent way the work had been done. No one can look at this beautiful lodge-room, standing on a large freehold section. without being powerfully struck by what can be accomplished by a few brethren who are actuated by the true spirit of Masonry. The usual collection for the W. and O. and A.M. Fund resulted in 16s 6d, and brought a happy and successful meeting to an end. W. Bro. L. J. Matthews may be heartily congratulated on his year of office.— [Lodge Correspondent.] [Too late for January.—ED. C.]

Newtown Mark, No. 280, E.C.—The installation of Bro. Tames Willian Boag as Master took place on 16th January. Bro. G. Dormer, I.P.M., acted as Installing Master, and the following officers were installed :— I.P.M., Bro. G. Dormer ; S.W., Bro. F. Crosby, D.G.O. ; J.W., Bro. C. J. Brook ; Treas., Bro. H. Robinson, P.D.G.W. : Sec., Bro. C. Hewson ; M.O., Bro. W. L. Harding; S.O., Bro. J. Crombie; J.O., Bro. E. Dormer; S.D., Bro. J. Green; J.D., Bro. May; I.G., Bro. F. L. Smith ; S.S., Bro. C. W. Martin; Tyler, Bro. R. Miles. On behalf of the brethren, the R.W. Dist.G.M, presented the outgoing Master with a P.M. jewel.

TARANAKI.

Hinemoa, No. 876, S.C.—The installation meeting was held on the 3rd January at Midhurst, when R.W. Bro. McCullough, Prov.G.M., inducted Bro. G. H. Derby into the chair of K.S., with assistance from other Prov. officers. Other officers were invested as follows :—I.P.M., Bro. W. Noble ; D.M., Bro. Anderson' Sub.-Al., Bro. A. Cameron; Sec., Bro. W. Lotz ; S.W., Bru. F. Allen ; J.W., Bro. W. Derby S.D., Bro. G. Lewis ; J.O., Bro. Kleeman. Speaking at the subsequent banquet in acknowledgment of the toast of The G.L. of Scotland," R.W. Bro. McCullough stated that "the clouds which had loomed up between them and the New Zealand Constitution were now effectively removed, and that an official intimation that the differences that had previously existed had disappeared would shortly be made." This announcement was received with great satisfaction by the brethren present.

Mount Egmont, No. 670; E.C.—The installation of Bro. H. Potter as W.M. took place at New Plymouth on 12th December. There was a large gathering of brethren, and the installation ceremony was carried out by W. Bro. J. Whitaker, assisted by W. Bros. Whittle (W.M. of De Burgh Adams Lodge, No. 446, I.C.) and Medley (W.M. of Ngamotu Lodge, No. 48), and P.M. of the Lodge. R.W. Bro. F. P. Corkill, G.Supt. of Taranaki, offered his congratulations and good wishes to the newly-installed W.M. The following officers were afterwards invested :—I.P.M., Bro. F. T. Bellringer ; S.W., Bro. F. H. Bell; J.W., Bro. G. A. Nesbit ; Treas., W. Bro. E. Chatterton ; Sec., W. Bro. F. Bellringer; Organist, Bro. W. Perry ; Chaplain, W. Bro. C. Bellringer ; S.D., Bro. W. H Coad ; J.D., Bro. C. T. Mills; S. S., Bro. G. Livingston; Tyler, W. Bro. J. Asher. The subsequent convivial gathering was one of the most enjoyable held in the history of the Lodge.

WELLINGTON.

St. John, No. 37.—The monthly meeting was held on 10th January when there was a good attendance of brethren and visitors from Greytown and Carterton. A ballot was taken for Mr. W. Tinney, and proved favourable. A vote of thanks was passed to Bro. James White for his handsome donation of a W.M. chair. The W.M. (Bro. C. J. Kent-Johnston) welcomed back R.W. Bro. J. G. Cox, after his recent trip Home and through the Holy Land. As this was the first time that Bro. Cox had been present since last installation, the W.M. invested him as Deputy-M. A motion was carried altering the By-laws, so as to do away for the future with the practice of members paying only half dues after they have been in the Lodge for fifteen years. After

the Lodge business had been disposed of the brethren adjourned into the new refectory, where a very pleasant evening was passed. Much interest was taken in R.W. Bro. Cox's description of his journey in the Holy Land, and he very kindly presented to the Lodge a couple of photos of the Temple, to be hung in the Lodgeroom. Great satisfaction was expressed by all those present at the very great improvements that have been carried out, more especially at the refectory and ante-rooms.—[Lodge Correspondent.]

Leinster, No. 44.—The regular monthly meeting was held at the Masonic Hall on 7th January, the W.M. (Bro. R. M. Roberts) in the chair. The business was to pass Bros. Greenshields, Kay, King, and Ritson. The ceremony was performed by the W.M., assisted by P.M. Bro. Ellison and the officers of the Lodge. The W.T. were presented by the J.D., and the Charge of the degree given by the S.D. Three affiliating brethren and one candidate for initiation were balloted for. A notice of motion was given—"That P.M. Bro. Ellison be the Lodge's representative on the Board of Directors of the Freemasons' Hall Co., Ltd." Nothing further offering, the Lodge was closed in antient form, and the brethren adjourned to the refectory, where a very enjoyable hour was spent.

Ulster, No. 62.—The December meeting was held on the 10th, in the Masonic Hall, Petone. The principal business was to ballot for initiation of Mr. A. J. Bland, and to initiate Mr. B. Green. The initiation was ably performed by the W.M. (Bro. Brooks), assisted by the I.P.M. and S. and J.W. The ballot was in favour of the candidate. The T.B. in the First Degree was given by P.M. Bro. Colquit. Bro. Mauchlin (Secretary of Lodge Christchurch) being present, kindly made a statement in reference to the Bureau established by the various Lodges in the Christchurch district for the benefit of brother Masons who may be visiting the Exhibition, stating that no pains would be spared to give all brethren the best of information and a thorough Masonic welcome. A vote of thanks was tendered to Bro. Mauchlin for his kindness and courtesy.

An emergency meeting was held on 9th January, the business being to raise Bro. Parrant, the ceremony being performed by W.M. Bro. Brooks, assisted by P.M. Bros. Stutter and Jenkins, and S.W. Bro. Schwartz.

The regular monthly meeting was held on the 16th, when Mr. A. Bland was initiated by the W.M. (Bro. Brooks), L.P.M. Bro. Stutter giving the mode of preparation, S.D. Bro. Wakelin the W.T., J.W. Bro. Hope the N.E. corner, and S.W. Bro. Schwartz the Charge. The Secretary read the By-laws to the Lodge, this being according to rule. The W.M. received nomination for office in G.L., as also did I.P.M. Bro. Stutter and P.M. Bro. Mothes. Bro. H. Palmer, late of Lodge Federal, No. 122, Victoria, was balloted for as an affiliating member, resulting in his election. —[Lodge Correspondent.]

A. & A. RITE.

Wellington Chapter, No. 91.—The regular quarterly convocation was held at the Masonic Hall, Wellington, on 10th January, Ill. and P. Bro. H. J. Williams, 30deg., presiding. The Chapter having been opened in ancient and accepted form, the minutes of the previous convocation were read and confirmed. The statement of receipts and expenditure for 1905, which disclosed a credit balance of £33 16s 3d, and which had been delayed through the illness and subsequent absence from the Colony of the Treasurer, was then read by E. and P. Bro. Godber, and on his motion was received and adopted. The Court of Honour having given a favourable report, ballots were taken for the admission of W. Bros. G. W. Hulme (P.B. of B., Christchurch) and R. Fletcher (G. Supt., Wellington), and proved favourable in each case, and, Bro. Fletcher being in attendance, the Chapter was adjourned and a G.L. of Perfection opened, when the M.W.S. conferred on him the degrees from the 4th to the 14th. The Lodge was then closed, and a Council of Princes of Jerusalem opened, and the 15th and 16th Degrees conferred. The Council being closed, a Lodge of Knights of the East and West was opened, and the same candidate entrusted with the secrets of the 17th Degree. The Chapter was then resumed, when Bro. Fletcher, having survived the dangers and difficulties usually encountered by candidates for this degree, was duly perfected and proclaimed a Knight of the Pelican and Eagle and Perfect and Puissant Prince, Rose Croix of H.R.D.M., and, having taken his seat, participated in the closing rites. E. and P. Bro. Porritt worked the 1st and 2nd Points, and the M.W.S. the third. Nothing further offering, the Chapter was closed in ancient form, and an adjournment made to the refectory, where the newly-perfected

brother was congratulated upon having reached "Perfection" in Freemasonry, and the Chapter upon having added to its members a brother so distinguished in Craft Masonry as Bro. Fletcher.

ROYAL ARCH CHAPTERS.

Albert Edward, No. 6.—The regular monthly convocation was held in the Unanimity Lodgeroom, Lyttelton, on 3rd January, M.E. Comp. C. Flavell, Z., presiding. Among the visitors were Comps. Williamson and Thornton, of Canterbury Kil. Chapter, and a good muster of the companions. Correspondence was read from Supreme G. Chapter and G. Chapter of West Virginia, and M.E. Comp. S. Derbridge was presented with his commission as representative of that State. The presentation was made by M.E. Comp. E. Eliot Chambers, P.G.Z. In doing so M.E. Comp. Chambers referred to the past services of M.E. Comp. Derbridge in a most impressive manner, to which the recipient suitably replied. Diplomas were presented to E. Comp. Rutland, J., and Comps. Gogoll and Gifford by the M.E.Z. The Chapter then adjourned, and a Lodge of Royal Ark Mariners formed under—Noah, R. R. Kirk ; Shem, H. Smith; Japeth. T. J. G. Rutland. Bro. D. R. Flavell received the degree of a Royal Ark Mariner. A Council of Red Cross Knights was then formed—E. Chief Darius, C. Flavell; S. General, A. H. Thorpe ; J. General, H. Smith ; Conductor, E. Eliot Chambers. Comps. F. H. Gifford and D. R. Flavell received the three points, and were created Knights of the same, after which the Chapter closed at 9.45 p.m. The Chapter was pleased to have M.E. Comps. A. R. Kirk (who had been away some time) and S. Derbridge with them. A pleasant hour was spent in the supper-room.

Waitaki Kil., No. 8.—The meeting of the above Chapter, held on 16th January, was an exceptionally good one. Two E.M. were exalted to the H. and S. Degree of H.R.A., and the work was done in a manner that reflected great credit upon all the officers. It was the first time the degree had been worked by the present officers, and the work was so well done that there is really very little room for improvement. The Chapter had what is a rarity in Oamaru—a visitor (P.G.Z. Comp. de Castro). He seemed much impressed with the way the ceremony was performed, and justly singled out the First So]. for special praise. The Chapter was pleased to have a visitor, and regret that they do not come oftener. A very pleasant after-meeting was held, Comp. Meldrum assisting materially, as he also did during the ceremony of the evening.

Brooklyn, No. 24.—The regular convocation was held on 9th January, M.E. Comp. H. J. Williams, Z., presiding, assisted by M.E. Comps. R. Fletcher, H., and H. J. Freeman, J. Minutes having been confirmed and correspondence read, the Chapter adjourned, and a Mark Lodge was opened under the presidency of P.M.M. Bro. R. Fletcher, who conducted the ceremony, and had associated with him P.M.M. Rev. T. Porritt, as S.W., and P.M.M. H. J. Freeman, J.W. Bro. R. Tate, as S.D. for the first time, performed his duties most efficiently. The W.T. were explained by Bro. H. J. Freeman, and Bro. Rev. T. Porritt gave an admirable rendering of the long lecture. On the Chapter resuming, the M.E. First Principal asked permission to withdraw the motion of which he had given notice—viz., to abolish refreshment till the liabilities were liquidated, as arrangements had been made by which such refreshments would be provided at no cost to the Chapter. Two brothers were proposed for membership. A most pleasant hour was spent in the refectory, the only toast permitted being the "Newly-advanced" and "Visitors."

A Gift of Solomon's.—In the ancient cathedral of Genoa a vase of immense value has been preserved for 600 years. It is cut from a single emerald. Its principal diameter is and its height 54in. It is kept under several locks, the keys of which are in different hands, and it is rarely exhibited in public, then only by an order of the Senate. When exhibited it is suspended round the neck of a priest by a cord, and no one is allowed to touch it but him. It is claimed that this vase is one of the gifts which was made to Solomon by the Queen of Sheba.— 'Masonic Sun.'

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THE uncompromising attitude of the English Masonic authorities in Queensland over the recognition question is evidenced by the treatment of a Brisbane Journalist. It was important to him to be able to

represent his journal at the installation of Lord Chelmsford, and he applied for permission to attend in his professional capacity. He was informed, however, that no exception could be made in his favour. If he went to the installation he would risk suspension.— "New South Wales Masonic Herald."

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St. Andrew, No. 8:—Founded 1861, meets every month in the Freemasons' Hall, Auckland, third Tuesday, 7.45 p.m. Installation July. W.M., Bro. J. McKay; S.W., Bro. A. H. Walker; J.W., Bro. J. H. Bradney; Sec., Bro. F. D. Parsons, P.M.

United Service, No. 10:—Founded 1864, meets every month in the Freemasons' Hall, Princes-street, Auckland, on last Wednesday, at 7.30 p.m. Installation June 24th. W.M., Bro. G. E. McCartney; S.W., Bro. A. C. F. Dunnet; J.W., Bro. W. Cliffe; Sec., Bro. T. W. Allen, P.G.W., Northcote.

Beta-Waikato, No. 12:—Founded 1870, meets every month in the Freemasons' Hall, Thames, on third Tuesday, at 7.30 p.m. Installation January. W.M., Bro. J. H. Hodge; S.W., Bro. H. D. Stewart; J.W., Bro. W. S. Clark; Sec., Bro. W. H. Lucas, P.M., Beach-road, Thames.

Coromandel, No. 17:—Founded 1876, Meets in Masonic Hall, Princes-street, Onehunga, on the first Wednesday in each month. W.M., Bro. T. E. N. McKenzie; S.W., Bro. J. Taylor; J.W., Bro. A. W. Wright; Sec., Bro. A. Moore, P.M., Queen-street, Onehunga.

Albion, No. 45:—Founded 1883, meets every month in Masonic Hall, Devonport, on second Thursday. Installation April. W.M., Bro. A. H. Blackburn; S.W., Bro. J. Webster; J.W., Bro. W. C. Finewell; Sec., Bro. F. M. King, Calliope road, Devonport.

Te Aroha, No. 52:—Founded 1884, meets Thursday nearest full moon, in the Masonic Hall, Te Aroha, at 7.30 p.m. Installation March. W.M., Bro. T. M'Indoe; S.W., Bro. F. M. Strange; J.W., Bro. G. G. Kenny; Sec., Bro. A. S. Mackay.

Ponsonby, No. 54:—Founded 1884, meets in Masonic Hall, Clevedon, Wednesday on or before full moon, 7.30 p.m. Installation Oct. W.M., Bro. J. Crombie; S.W., Bro. C. Atchison; J.W., Bro. W. J. Buttmore; Sec., Bro. R. W. Mears, P.M., Clevedon.

Papakura, No. 56:—Founded 1885, meets in the Masonic Hall, Papakura, on Tuesday on or before full moon. Installation June. W.M., Bro. D. W. Jones, P.M.; S.W., Bro. E. S. Cole; J.W., Bro. T. Barr; Sec., Bro. J. H. Hansch, P.M.

Franklin, No. 58:—Founded 1892, meets in the Masonic Hall, Mangonui, on Wednesday in each month nearest full moon. Installation February. W.M., Bro. L. J. Matthews; S.W., Bro. S. J. Weston; J.W., Bro. A. C. Ballance; Sec., Bro. A. D. Lambly, Oruru, Mangonui.

Alpha, No. 81:—Founded 1883, meets at Masonic Hall, Cambridge, on Wednesday nearest full moon. Installation March. W.M., Bro. J. Dean; S.W., Bro. J. W. Andrews; J.W., Bro. H. W. Giles; Sec., Bro. J. Rathbon.

Auckland, No. 87:—Founded 1893, meets in Masonic Hall, Eden-terrace, Auckland, on fourth Tuesday every month. Installation February. W.M., Bro. W. T. Smith (care Smith and Brown, Up. Symonds-st.); S.W., Bro. G. P. Murray; J.W., Bro. W. H. Mercer; Sec., Bro. W. S. Williams, Porter's avenue, New North-road.

Waiuku, No. 90:—Founded 1893. Ohaceawai, No. 101:—Founded 1876, meets in Freemasons' Hall, Whangarei, on Monday in each month nearest full moon. Installation April. W.M., Bro. W. Strugnell; S.W., Bro. N. R. McKenzie; J.W., Bro. C. E. Dee; Sec., Bro. A. Bentley.

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Waiau, No. 112:—Founded 1898, meets every month in Masonic Hall, Waihi, Monday nearest full moon. Installation April. W.M., Bro. R. H. Holmes; S.W., Bro. W. Craufurd-Brown; J.W., Bro. H. Hartley; Sec., Bro. A. Ellis, P.M., Taupiri, No. 118:

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Tauranga, No. 125:—Founded 1879, meets in Masonic Hall, Tauranga, P.M., Box 17, Inglewood.

PROVINCE OF HAWKES BAY AND GISBORNE : 9 LODGES.

(R.W. Bro. J. W. McDougall, G. Supt.)

Scinde, No. 5:—Founded 1858, meets third Tuesday in each month, in Masonic Hall, Tennyson-street, Napier. Installation June. W.M., Bro. L. Freedman; S.W., Bro. D. A. Baxter; J.W., Bro. T. Parker; Sec., Bro. J. P. Thomson, Emerson-street, Napier.

Victoria, No. 21:—Founded 1870, meets first Tuesday in every month, except Dec., in Masonic Hall, Munro-st., Napier. Installation second Tuesday in Dec. W.M., Bro. W. A. Wikke; S.W., Bro. J. Redshaw; J.W., Bro. W. G. White; Sec., Bro. R. Lucas, P.M., Shakespear-road, Napier.

Bedford, No. 25:—Founded 1878, meets at the Masonic Hall, Waipukurau, Hawkes Bay, on Tuesday on or before full moon, 7.30 p.m. Installation April. W.M., Bro. R. A. Stevenson; S.W., Bro. G. A. Fox; J.W., Bro. D. Milne; Sec., Bro. P. H. Jolley, P.M.

Abercorn, No. 30:—Founded 1879, meets at Masonic Hall, Waipawa, H.B., Monday on or before full moon, 8 p.m. Installation second Monday Dec. W.M., Bro. W. H. Hobin; S.W., Bro. J. F. Sutherland; J.W., Bro. H. F. Norris; Sec., Bro. F. R. Eames, P.M., Waipawa.

Kawiti, No. 66:—Founded 1890, meets on Thursday nearest full moon, at 7.30 p.m., in the Freemasons' Hall, High-street, Dannevirke. Installation May. W.M., Bro. D. M'Lennan; S.W., Bro. R. N. Blakiston; J.W., Bro. A. Cruickshank; Sec., Bro. M. Morgan, P.O. Box 39, Dannevirke.

Heretaunga, No. 73:—Founded 1878, meets in the Masonic Hall, Hastings, Hawkes Bay, on second Tuesday, at 7.30 p.m. Installation June. W.M., Bro. G. H. Russell; S.W., Bro. J. W. Bates; J.W., Bro. A. Weaver; Sec., Bro. F. Morgan, P.M.

Abercorn, No. 76:—Founded 1896, meets on first Tuesday in each month at Masonic Hall, Childers-street, Gisborne. Installation first Tuesday in August. W.M., Bro. E. H. Mann, P.G.D.; S.W., Bro. D. G. Robertson; J.W., Bro. C. A. Nield; Sec., Bro. G. T. Bull, P.M.

Ruahine, No. 80:—Founded 1886, meets every month in the Masonic Hall, Woodville, Tuesday before full moon, at 7.30 p.m. Installation June. W.M., Bro. E. Dobbie; S.W., Bro. H. P. Horne; J.W., Bro. H. Burley; Sec., Bro. F. Hutchens.

Lion, No. 114:—Founded 1899, meets every month on Monday on or nearest full moon, in Masonic Hall, Ormondville, at 7.30 p.m. Installation nearest Wednesday April full moon. W.M., Bro. E. Hosking; S.W., Bro. M. Johansen; J.W., Bro. J. H. Morrison; Sec., Bro. F. B. Card.

PROVINCE OF TARANAKI : 7 LODGES.

(R.W. Bro. F. P. Corkill, G. Supt.)

Patea Kilwinning, No. 18:—Meets on second Wednesday in month. Installation March. W.M., Bro. C. A. Larcomb; S.W., Bro. R. W. Hamerton; J.W., Bro. Dr. Simmonds; Sec., Bro. G. D. Hamerton, P.M.

Hawera, No. 34:—Founded 1880, meets every month in the Temple, Union-street, Hawera, on first Friday, 7.30 p.m. Installation Dec. W.M., Bro. A. O. Buchler; S.W., Bro. J. Quin; J.W., Bro. W. Little; Sec., Bro. R. W. Sargent, P.M., Hawera.

Ngamotu, No. 48:—Founded 1883, meets in Masonic Hall, Robe-street, New Plymouth, on fourth Wednesday in each month, except December—second Thursday, at 7.30 p.m. Installation Nov. W.M., Bro. J. S. Medley; S.W., Bro. J. Jones; J.W., Bro. S. C. Hadden; Sec., Bro. W. H. Haddrell, P.M.

Stratford, No. 75:—Founded 1892, meets in the Masonic Hall, Stratford, on Wednesday nearest full moon. Installation March. W.M., Bro. A. K. Smart; S.W., Bro. W. J. Mor-

ris; J.W., Bro. S. Ward; Sec., Bro. P. F. Rafle, P.M.

St. John's, No. 95:—Founded 1882, meets on Tuesday nearest full moon in Masonic Hall, Eltham, 8 p.m. Lodge of Instruction every Tuesday, 7.30 p.m. Installation February. W.M., Bro. J. Kenny; S.W., Bro. W. M. Russell; J.W., Bro. G. Carter; Sec., Bro. J. B. Sim, North-street, Eltham.

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Ikaroa, No. 115:—Founded 1896, meets alternately at Lodgeroom, Rahotu, and Sunday School, Opunake, on Tuesday nearest full moon (June meeting Opunake) at 7.30 p.m. Installation Nov. W.M., Bro. W. K. Francis; S.W., Bro. F. E. Dobson; J.W., Bro. J. Garcia; Sec., Bro. G. W. Rogers, P.M., Opunake.

PROVINCE OF WELLINGTON : 27 LODGES.

(R.W. Bro. R. Fletcher, G.Supt.)

New Zealand Pacific, No. 2:—Founded 1842, meets every month in the Masonic Hall, Wellington, on fourth Monday, at 7.30 p.m. Installation third Monday in Dec. W.M., Bro. H. H. Seaton; S.W., Bro. T. H. Gibson; J.W., Bro. E. C. Peers; Sec., Bro. J. H. Worboys, P.M., Kilbirnie.

Waterloo, No. 13:—Founded 1866, meets in Masonic Hall, Wellington, on second Monday, at 7.30 p.m. Installation Sept. W.M., Bro. J. Evans; S.W., Bro. G. Smith; J.W., Bro. A. Veitch; Sec., Bro. J. Hicks, P.M.

Masterton, No. 19:—Founded 1873, meets every month in the Masonic Hall, Bannister-street, Masterton, on second Wednesday, at 8 p.m. Installation May. W.M., Bro. A. Nicol; S.W., Bro. F. J. Hunn; J.W., Bro. A. E. Winzenberg; Sec., Bro. R. J. Young, Queen-street, Masterton.

St. Andrew, No. 32:—Founded 1878, meets every month in the Masonic Hall, Wellington, on third Monday, 7.30 p.m. Installation St. Andrew's Day. W.M., Bro. C. J. Salter; S.W., Bro. H. E. Dovey; J.W., Bro. A. M'Beath; Sec., Bro. J. Rod, 43, Courtenay-place.

St. John, No. 37:—Founded 1880, meets second Thursday each month in Masonic Hall, Wakefield-street, Featherston, at 7 p.m. Installation May. W.M., Bro. C. J. Kent-Johnston, P.M., G. Steward; S.W., Bro. J. A. M'Carthy; J.W., Bro. E. G. Robertson; Sec., Bro. F. W. Wood, Featherston.

Rangitikei, No. 38:—Founded 1880, meets at the Masonic Hall, Bulls, on Wednesday before full moon. Installation October. W.M., Bro. J. Penney; S.W., Bro. W. J. Phillips; J.W., Bro. W. J. Croucher; Sec., Bro. Broughton, P.M.

Feilding, No. 41:—Founded 1881, meets Monday nearest full moon, at the Masonic Temple, Feilding. Installation July. W.M., Bro. H. F. Worsfold; S.W., Bro. ———; J.W., Bro. W. H. M'Lean; Sec., Bro. T. W. K. Foster, Feilding.

Leinster, No. 44:—Founded 1882, meets every month in the Masonic Hall, Wellington, on first Monday, at 8 p.m. Installation July. W.M., Bro. R. M. Roberts; S.W., Bro. C. Hausmann; J.W., Bro. W. H. Jones; Sec., Bro. W. Wills, P.M. "Copper" collection taken at each meeting for G.L.W. and O. and A.M. Fund.

Manawatu Kilwinning, No. 47:—Founded 1883, meets every month in the Masonic Hall, Broad-street, Palmerston North, on Wednesday before full moon. Installation April. W.M., Bro. A. Bennett; S.W., Bro. A. Thompson; J.W., Bro. Browning; Sec., Bro. Rush.

St. Mark, No. 53:—Founded 1884, meets every month in the Freemasons' Hall, Carterton, on second Tuesday, at 8 p.m. April meeting, St. Mark's Day. Installation April. W.M., Bro. H. M'Phee; S.W., Bro. A. Ramsay; J.W., Bro. J. Dawson; Sec., Bro. J. M. Lightfoot, P.M., Carterton.

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Tararua, No. 67:—Founded 1890, meets at Masonic Hall, Pahiatua, Tuesday nearest full moon. Installation Nov. W.M., Bro. J. S. Webb; S.W., Bro. C. R. Mitchell; J.W., Bro. A. Barrell; Sec., Bro. J. M. Levin, P.M.

Otagaki, No. 70:—Founded 1891, meets in Masonic Hall, Ashhurst, Tuesday before full moon in each month, at 7.30 p.m. Installation August. W.M., Bro. H. W. G. Ashworth; S.W., Bro. J. T. Entwistle; J.W., Bro. D. P. Thurston; Sec., Bro. E. C. Sanders.

Rangitira, No. 71:—Founded 1891, meets in the Masonic Hall, Hunterville, Rangitikei, on Friday nearest full moon. Installation January. W.M., Bro. A. T. Brooker; S.W., Bro. O. B. Dobbs; J.W., Bro. W. G. Ashworth; Sec., Bro. W. H. Bowick, P.M.

Otaki, No. 72:—Founded 1891, meets in the Masonic Hall, Otaki, Friday nearest full moon, 8 p.m. Installation Nov. W.M., Bro. G. Watson, P.M.; S.W., Bro. G. Cameron; J.W., Bro. F. J. Richards; Sec., Bro. W. B. Smith.

Greytown, No. 74:—Founded 1877, meets at the Masonic Hall, Greytown North, second Friday in each month, at 8 p.m. Installation St. John's Day (June). W.M., Bro. H. Lawson; S.W., Bro. A. Murray; J.W., Bro. M. R. Varnham; Sec., Bro. H. Dudding, Greytown North.

St. Andrew Kilwinning, No. 79:—Founded 1868, meets at Freemasons' Hall, Wanganui, on second Thursday in each month (excepting December, first Thursday). Installation second Thursday in July. W.M., Bro. W. J. Treadwell; S.W., Bro. A. M. M'Leod; J.W., Bro. H. C. Price; Sec., Bro. T. J. Muir, P.M.

Eketahuna, No. 92:—Founded 1893, meets every month in the Masonic Hall, Eketahuna, on Friday nearest full moon, at 7.30 p.m. Installation May. W.M., Bro. W. N. Dempsey; S.W., Bro. V. J. Hill; J.W., Bro. W. M. Wilson; Sec., Bro. J. S. Tripe.

Hinemoa, No. 122:—Founded 1901, meets on second Thursday, 7.30 p.m., in Masonic Hall, Wellington S. Installation Nov. W.M., Bro. T. T. Roberts; S.W., Bro. H. W. Preston; J.W., Bro. A. Banks; Sec., Bro. S. Martin.

Kimbolton, No. 123:—Founded 1902, meets in the Masonic Hall, Kimbolton on Thursday nearest full moon, 8 p.m. Installation February. W.M., Bro. W. G. Carruthers; S.W., Bro. W. J. Beard; J.W., Bro. A. Waugh; Sec., Bro. W. P. Pratt.

Coronation, No. 127:—Founded 1902, meets in Masonic Hall, Johnsonville, Saturday, on or before full moon, 8 p.m. Installation July. W.M., Bro. J. Firth; S.W., Bro. J. W. Sinclair; J.W., Bro. G. Manson; Sec., Bro. F. Schlaich.

Ruapehu, No. 128 (formerly No. 2317, E.C.):—Founded 1885, meets at Masonic Hall, Marton, on Thursday nearest full moon. Installation March; W.M., Bro. A. J. Gould; S.W., Bro. J. W. Thompson; J.W., Bro. E. H. Wing; Sec., Bro. J. Robson.

Brooklyn, No. 132:—Founded October, 1903, meets in Masonic Hall, Brooklyn, first Wednesday each month. Installation Oct. W.M., Bro. J. Mackay P.M.; S.W., Bro. J. Dineen; J.W., Bro. J. B. Hopkirk; Sec., Bro. F. W. S. Bronte.

Te Awahou, No. 133:—Founded 1904, meets in Masonic Hall, Liddle-st., Foxton, Friday after full moon. Installation May. W.M., Bro. W. S. Stewart; S.W., Bro. C. L. Barnard; J.W., Bro. — Healey; Sec., Bro. J. K. Hornblow.

Horowhenua, No. 135:—Founded 1904, meets in Masonic Hall, Wereroa, Thursday nearest full moon, 8 p.m. Installation Sept. W.M., Bro. J. M'Inyre; S.W., Bro. E. B. Easther; J.W., Bro. J. P. Kennedy; Sec., Bro. G. Cameron.

Otalhape, No. 142:—Founded 13th December, 1905; meets in the Masonic Hall, Taihape, at 7.30 p.m. on Wednesday nearest full moon. Installation Dec. W.M., Bro. T. A. Garratt; S.W., Bro. J. Oldham; J.W., Bro. W. Davidson; Sec., Bro. A. J. Burrows, Box 30, Taihape. Rongotea, No. 146:

SOUTH ISLAND.

MARLBOROUGH AND NELSON : 7 LODGES.

(R.W. Bro. J. Conolly, G. Supt.)

Victory, No. 40:—Founded 1881, meets second Tuesday every month, in New Hall, Waimea-st., Nelson, 7.30 p.m. Installation Oct. W.M., Bro. J. Orsman; S.W., Bro. R. W. Stiles; J.W., Bro. H. A. Hobbs; Sec., Bro. W. W. de Castro, P.G.D.O.

Wairau, No. 42:—Founded 1881, meets on Tuesday before full moon, at 7.30 p.m. in Masonic Hall, Andrew-street, Blenheim. Installation June. W.M., Bro. C. F. Marple; S.W., Bro. T. Patchett; J.W., Bro. F. Nosworthy; Sec., Bro. S. A. Connolly, P.M.

Havelock, No. 104:—Founded 1895, meets on Tuesday on or nearest full moon in Masonic Hall, Havelock, at 7.30 p.m. Installation March. W.M., Bro. J. Brownlee; S.W., Bro. H. J. Smith; J.W., Bro. A. H. Hale; Sec., Bro. V. C. Venimore, Havelock.

Marlborough Unanimity, No. 106:—Founded 1869 (formerly No. 1236, E.C.), joined N.Z.C.

1896, meets at Masonic Hall, Charles-street, Blenheim, on Thursday nearest full moon in each month, at 7.30 p.m. Installation August, each month, 7.30 p.m. W.M., Bro. H. A. J. Howard; S.W., Bro. W. T. Esson; J.W., Bro. T. Carmody; Sec., Bro. A. R. Thomson, P.M.

Waitohi, No. 111:—Meets in the Masonic Hall, Picton, on last Friday in each month, at 7.30 p.m. Installation March. W.M., Bro. R. R. Nelson; S.W., Bro. C. W. Philpotts; J.W., Bro. W. Fitch; Sec., Bro. T. J. Storey.

Forest, No. 115:—Meets at Wakefield, Wednesday before full moon. Installation Nov. W.M., Bro. Rev. O. R. Hewlett; S.W., Bro. W. K. Henderson; J.W., Bro. F. H. Smith; Sec., Bro. E. Edridge, P.M., Waititi.

Motueka, No. 117:—Founded 1900, meets in Lodgeroom, Motueka, Wednesday nearest full moon each month. Installation Oct. W.M., Bro. G. W. Jenkins; S.W., Bro. T. Hewetson; J.W., Bro. J. A. Harris; Sec., Bro. J. A. Guy, Ngatimoti.

St. Cuthbert, No. 144:

PROVINCE OF WESTLAND : 8 LODGES.

(R.W. Bro. J. H. Harkness, G. Supt.)

Robert Burns, No. 50:—Founded 1883, meets third Thursday in each month in the Burns Masonic Hall, Kelly-street, Reefton, at 7.30 p.m. Installation January. W.M., Bro. J. Banks; S.W., Bro. H. Smith; J.W., Bro. G. D. Edgar; Sec., Bro. W. P. Monteth.

Advance, No. 61:—Founded 1887, meets every month in the Masonic Hall, Brunerton, on Thursday on or nearest full moon, at 7.30 p.m. Installation January; W.M., Bro. J. Noble; S.W., Bro. S. Groom; J.W., Bro. T. A. Smith; Sec., Bro. R. Taylor.

Kumara, No. 65:—Meets in Freemasons' Hall, Seddon-street, Kumara, on Tuesday nearest full moon, at 8 p.m. Installation February. W.M., Bro. R. C. Bell; S.W., Bro. J. G. A. Donaldson; J.W., Bro. H. M. Smyth; Sec., Bro. W. E. Richards, Kumara.

Westland Kil., No. 88:—Founded 1867, meets every month in Freemasons' Hall, Hokitika, Wednesday nearest full moon, 7.30 p.m. Installation St. Andrew's Day. W.M., Bro. J. M'Millan; S.W., Bro. C. J. Nightingale; J.W., Bro. W. Bray; Sec., Bro. W. E. Ward.

Aorangi, No. 89:—Founded 1893, meets every month on first pay Saturday, in Masonic Hall, Denniston. Installation April. W.M., Bro. T. G. Niven; S.W., Bro. W. Henderson; J.W., Bro. A. Trevecla; Sec., Bro. W. Carruthers.

Mokihinui, No. 96:—Founded 1896, meets every month, last Saturday, in Masonic Hall, Seddonville, 7.30 p.m. Installation Dec. W.M., Bro. S. W. Street; S.W., Bro. R. Bain; J.W., Bro. T. Quinn; Sec., Bro. C. M. Johnson, P.M.

Torea, No. 21:—Founded 1900, meets third Saturday each month, 7.30 p.m., at Masonic Hall, Granity. Installation Dec. W.M., Bro. J. Brown; S.W., Bro. W. A. Rumbold; J.W., Bro. D. R. Brown; Sec., Bro. A. Broadfoot.

Mawhera, No. 136:—Founded 1904, meets second Wednesday in Mawhera Masonic Hall, Verita-st., Greymouth. Installation 9th Nov. W.M., Bro. W. J. Watson; S.W., Bro. T. Fraser; J.W., Bro. A. F. Broad; Sec., Bro. E. Guinness.

PROVINCE OF CANTERBURY : 27 LODGES.

(R.W. Bro. S. C. Bingham, G.Supt.)

Unanimity, No. 3:—Founded 1852, meets at Masonic Hall, Sumner-road, Lyttelton, on fourth Thursday in each month, at 7.30 p.m. Installation January. W.M., Bro. T. A. Murphy, P.M.; S.W., Bro. A. H. Thorpe; J.W., Bro. C. M. Price; Sec., Bro. F. H. Gifford.

St. Augustine, No. 4:—Founded 1852, meets every month in St. Augustine Masonic Hall, Christchurch, on second Tuesday, at 7.30 p.m. Installation March. W.M., Bro. F. C. B. Bishop; S.W., Bro. J. R. Morrison; J.W., Bro. F. A. Grant; Sec., Bro. G. W. Hulme, P.M.

Southern Cross, No. 6:—Founded 1858, meets in Masonic Hall, Charles-st., Kaiapoi, first Thursday each month, 7.30 p.m. Installation Dec. W.M., Bro. W. Broadley; S.W., Bro. J. K. Simpson; J.W., Bro. J. Stanton; Sec., Bro. H. Packwood.

Caledonian, No. 16:—Founded 1871, meets in the Caledonian Masonic Hall, Sophia-street, Timaru, on second Thursday, 8 p.m. Installation June. W.M., Bro. A. Graham; S.W., Bro. J. Simpson; J.W., Bro. H. B. Hall; Sec., Bro. G. J. Shepherd, Box 19, Timaru.

Progress, No. 22:—Founded 1876, meets at the Masonic Hall, Southbridge, on Tuesday on or before full moon in each month, at 7.30 p.m. Installation second Thursday in December. W.M., Bro. W. Pool; S.W., Bro. D. Mal-

comson; J.W., Bro. F. Kimber; Sec., Bro. J. W. Haley, P.M.

Canterbury Kil., No. 23:—Meets third Thursday each month, at Masonic Hall, Canterbury-st., Lyttelton, 7.30 p.m. Installation Nov. W.M., Bro. H. Wyatt; S.W., Bro. T. J. G. Rutland; J.W., Bro. J. Voss; Sec., Bro. C. Kay, P.M.

Geraldine, No. 27:—Founded April, 1890, meets in Masonic Hall, Geraldine, on third Wednesday in each month. Installation January. W.M., Bro. W. A. Sherratt; S.W., Bro. J. Heasley; J.W., Bro. W. Berry; Sec., Bro. J. R. Montgomery, P.M.

Ashley, No. 28:—Founded 1878, meets every month in the Masonic Hall, Rangiora, on Thursday on or before full moon, at 7.30 p.m. Installation June. W.M., Bro. D. M'Kay; S.W., Bro. A. Hadecke; J.W., Bro. F. A. Will; Sec., Bro. D. R. Blake, Box 12, Rangiora.

St George, No. 29:—Meets second Wednesday each month in Masonic Hall, Wilkin-street, Temuka. Installation Dec. W.M., Bro. W. P. Routledge; S.W., Bro. J. M'Lean; J.W., Bro. E. James; Sec., Bro. M. M'Leod, P.M.

South Rakaia, No. 31:

Lincoln, No. 33:

Malvern, No. 35:

Concord, No. 39:—Founded 1881, meets every month in the Masonic Hall, Papanui, on third Tuesday. Installation March. W.M., Bro. H. Hobbs; S.W., Bro. R. Baldwin; J.W., Bro. W. Bottrell; Sec., Bro. T. Shearman, Christchurch.

Phoenix, No. 43:

Methven, No. 51:

Kaikoura, No. 60:

Christchurch, No. 91:—Founded 1893, meets in the St. Augustine Masonic Hall, Christchurch, on fourth Tuesday in each month, at 7.30 p.m. Installation November. W.M., Bro. J. T. Henderson; S.W., Bro. G. Yemm; J.W., Bro. A. Bentley; Sec., Bro. W. V. Mauchlin, Brougham-street, Sydenham.

Mackenzie, No. 93:—Founded 1894, meets at Masonic Hall, Fairlie, Thursday nearest full moon, 8 p.m. Installation third Thursday Oct. W.M., Bro. W. G. Gunnion; S.W., Bro. H. Gillies; J.W., Bro. C. W. Isitt; Sec., Bro. R. L. Banks, P.M.

St. Augustine, No. 99:—Meets on the Wednesday on or before full moon, at Lodgeroom, Leonard-street, Waimate. Installation March. W.M., Bro. C. Dash; S.W., Bro. W. A. Lee; J.W., Bro. R. W. Hunt; Sec., Bro. J. Sinclair.

Thistle, No. 113:—Meets on third Thursday in each month, in the Masonic Hall, Tancered-street, Ashburton, at 7.30 p.m. Installation 30th November. W.M., Bro. E. C. Beech; S.W., Bro. S. Rountree; J.W., Bro. F. B. Robilliard; Sec., Bro. C. Campbell.

Cheviot, No. 124:

Masters and Past Masters', No. 130:

Mairaki, No. 131:

Pareora, No. 134:

Crown, No. 138:

Robert Burns, No. 139:

Waihora, No. 141:

PROVINCE OF OTAGO : 14 LODGES.

(R.W. Bro. C. J. Ronaldson, G.Supt.)

Otago, No. 7:—Founded 1859, meets at the Freemasons' Hall, Moray-pl., Dunedin, second Wednesday each month, 8 p.m. Installation Oct. W.M., Bro. J. Williamson; S.W., Bro. T. R. Christie; J.W., Bro. C. H. Hayward; Sec., Bro. D. C. Cameron, P.M., 226, Princes-st., Dunedin.

Waitaki, No. 11:—Founded 1864, meets every month in the Masonic Hall, Wansbeck-street, Oamaru, on Wednesday on or before full moon, at 8 p.m. Installation May. W.M., Bro. G. Menzies; S.W., Bro. W. F. Meldrum; J.W., Bro. R. H. Appleby; Sec., Bro. A. J. Grave, P.M.

Clutha, No. 14:

Palmerston, No. 26:—Founded 1878, meets every month in Masonic Hall, Palmerston S., Friday on or before full moon, 7.30 p.m. Installation Aug. W.M., Bro. E. Lefeoire; S.W., Bro. H. W. Jenkins; J.W., Bro. S. L. Beck; Sec., Bro. T. A. Bailey, P.M.

Hercules, No. 36:

Hiram, No. 46:—Founded 1883, meets at the Masonic Hall, Cargill-road, South Dunedin, on fourth Tuesday in month. Installation Oct. W.M., Bro. T. Gallagher, Jun.; S.W., Bro. E. Turley; J.W., Bro. R. W. Swindley; Sec., Bro. J. T. Laing, P.M., 45, Lees-st., Dunedin.

Waikouaiti, No. 57:

Ngapara, No. 68:—Founded 1891, meets every month in the Masonic Hall, Ngapara, Oamaru, Monday on or preceding full moon, 7.30 p.m.

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Installation Oct. W.M., Bro. R. McGillivray; S.W., Bro. J. J. Henderson; J.W., Bro. R. Whyte; Sec., Bro. T. Paterson, P.M.

Oamaru Kil., No. 82.—Founded 1872, meets at Masonic Hall, Oamaru, first Wednesday after full moon each month. Installation Oct. W.M., Bro. P. McCallum; S.W., Bro. J. Gilliland; J.W., Bro. D. Miller; Sec., Bro. J. M. Brown, P.M., Thames-st., Oamaru.

St. Thomas Kilwinning, No. 83 :
1st. John, No. 84 :
Mount Ida, No. 97 :
Cromwell Kil., No. 982 (originally No. 536, S.C.):—Meets in Lodge room, Melmore-ter., Cromwell, Wednesday nearest full moon, 7.30 p.m. Installation Nov. W.M., Bro. A. M. Brodrick; S.W., Bro. C. Philip; J.W., Bro. F. Bradley; Sec., Bro. W. Ritchie, P.M.

Dunstan, No. 103 (originally No. 407, S.C.):—Founded 1869, joined N.Z.C. 1895, meets in the Town Hall, Clyde, monthly, on Tuesday on or nearest before full moon, at 7.30 p.m. Installation November. W.M., Bro. J. McKnight; S.W., Bro. T. Jamieson; J.W., Bro. T. W. Holden; Sec., Bro. G. Fache.
Maori, No. 105.—Meets first Monday in each month, at Jackman's Hall, Ravensbourne, Dunedin, at 7.30 p.m. Installation March. W.M., Bro. A. J. Sinclair; S.W., Bro. W. Crawley; J.W., Bro. J. Douglas; Sec., Bro. T. Ross, P.M.

Manuhierika, No. 109 :
St. Bathans, No. 126 :
Otago Kil., No. 143 (originally No. 417, S.C.):—Founded 1861, joined N.Z.C. August, 1905; meets in Masonic Hall, Dunedin, first Thursday each month, 7.30 p.m. Installation Dec. W.M., Bro. R. T. Wheeler; S.W., Bro. S. Sutherland; J.W., Bro. R. McNaughton; Sec., Bro. G. A. Harlow, Box 294, P.O.

PROVINCE OF SOUTHLAND: 13 LODGES.

(R.W. Bro. G. T. Smyth, G. Supt.)
Southern Cross, No. 9:—Founded 1864, meets at the Masonic Hall, Forth-street, Invercargill, on first Friday in each month, at 7.30 p.m. Installation June. Lodge of Instruction held every Thursday evening, at 7.30. W.M., Bro. F. A. Steans; S.W., Bro. J. Rennie; J.W., Bro. G. Featherstone; Sec., Bro. C. H. Roberts.

Harvey, No. 49:—Founded 1883, meets every month in Masonic Hall, Gore, Thursday nearest full moon, 7.30 p.m. Installation Dec. W.M., Bro. T. A. Foweraker; S.W., Bro. D. Dun; J.W., Bro. C. H. Fleming; Sec., Bro. G. J. Anderson, P.M.

Mokoreta, No. 63:—Founded 1888, meets at the Oddfellows' Hall, Wyndham, on third Thursday in each month, at 8 p.m. Installation Sept. W.M., Bro. H. McKerrow; S.W., Bro. J. Jamie; J.W., Bro. A. Brannigan; Sec., Bro. J. McLaughlan, P.M., Wyndham.

Fortitude, No. 64:—Founded 1888, meets at Masonic Hall, Campbelltown, Bluff, on second Wednesday each month at 7.30 p.m. Installation May. W.M., Bro. G. R. George; S.W., Bro. D. Mitchell; J.W., Bro. A. McKenzie; Sec., Bro. E. Parker.

Aparima, No. 77:—Founded 1876, meets on Tuesday nearest full moon in each month, at 7.30 p.m., in the Masonic Hall, Riverton. Installation June. W.M., Bro. G. E. Robertson; S.W., Bro. A. E. Willett; J.W., Bro. J. Sear; Sec., Bro. L. W. Petchell.

Lake Lodge of Ophir, No. 85:—Founded 1864; meets at Masonic Hall, Queenstown on third Tuesday of each month. Installation February. W.M., Bro. J. McNeil; S.W., Bro. J. George; J.W., Bro. A. H. Hiddleston; Sec., Bro. R. Keele.

Arrow Kilwinning, No. 86 :
St. John, No. 94:—Meets on third Friday in each month, at the Masonic Hall, Invercargill. Installation May. W.M., Bro. J. M. Aitken; S.W., Bro. J. H. Smith; J.W., Bro. W. K. Dixon; Sec., Bro. J. Armstead.

Taringatura, No. 100:—Founded 1887, meets on Monday on or before full moon in each month at Masonic Hall, Lumsden. Installation May. W.M., Bro. J. Earl; S.W., Bro. A. W. McBean; J.W., Bro. A. Seator; Sec., Bro. W. H. Clark, P.M.

Winton, No. 102:—Founded 1896, meets at Masonic Hall, Park-street, Winton, Tuesday, on or before full moon. Installation Oct. W.M., Bro. A. H. McKenzie; S.W., Bro. W. A. Thompson; J.W., Bro. G. H. Bennett; Sec., Bro. J. F. White.

Otautau, No. 129 :
Orepuki, No. 137 :
Wairaki, No. 145 :

ENGLISH CRAFT LODGES.

(R.W. District Grand Masters: Auckland, Bro. C. C. McMillan; Wellington, Bro. A. de B. Brandon; Westland, Bro. John Bevan; Canterbury, Bro. C. Dillworth Fox; Otago, Bro. T. S. Graham.)

Wellington, No. 1521:—Founded 1874, meets at the Freemasons' Hall, Wellington, on fourth Thursday in each month at 8 p.m. Installation June. W.M., Bro. F. N. R. Meadows; S.W., Bro. H. H. Rayward; J.W., Bro. C. J. S. Harcourt; Sec., Bro. G. Toogood.

Star of the North, No. 1647, E.C.—Founded 1876. Meets in Masonic Hall, Walton-st., Whangarei, on first Wednesday. Installation April. W.M., Bro. F. Byles; S.W., Bro. J. McCarroll; J.W., Bro. F. Allwood; Sec., Bro. A. E. Brown, Whangarei.

Zealandia, No. 2072:—Founded April, 1883, meets in Hall, Whangaroa, Thursday on or before full moon, 7.30 p.m. Installation Nov. W.M., Bro. E. E. Carr; S.W., Bro. J. Y. Kelly; J.W., Bro. E. Irving; Sec., Bro. J. Hare, jun.

Under the auspices of the Supreme Council for France and its Dependencies.

GRAND LODGE OF FRANCE.

L'Océanie Française, No. 350.—Meets in Freemasons' Hall, Mission-street, Papeete, Tahiti, on first and third Tuesday of every month. Installation November. W.M., Bro. A. Chassaniol; S.W., Bro. E. Tabanou; J.W., Bro. M. Bardury; Sec., Bro. M. Sue. Visitors from New Zealand are cordially invited.

SUPREME G.R.A. CHAPTER OF NEW ZEALAND.

(With jurisdiction over 26 R.A. Chapters.)

Annual convocation in January. P.G.Z., M.E. Comp. G. Fowlds (No. 9); G.Z., M.E. Comp. J. McGregor (No. 3); D.G.Z., M.E. Comp. R. Fletcher (No. 2); G.H., M.E. Comp. C. J. W. Griffiths (No. 14); G.J., M.E. Comp. S. O. Bingham (No. 1); G. Scribe E., M.E. Comp. H. J. Williams, P.G.Z. (No. 2); G. Scribe N., M.E. Comp. W. Dawick (No. 11); G. Treas., M.E. Comp. H. J. Freeman (No. 2); 1st G. Sol., M.E. Comp. J. Moncrieff (No. 10); 2nd G. Sol., M.E. Comp. J. D. Webster (No. 9); 3rd G. Sol., M.E. Comp. R. G. V. Parker (No. 7); G. Recorder, M.E. Comp. A. L. Herdman (No. 7); G. Chancellor, M.E. Comp. Rev. A. C. Wright (No. 12); G. Supt. of W., M.E. Comp. J. J. Grandi (No. 15); G.D. of C., M.E. Comp. W. H. R. Dale (No. 6); G. Sword-B., M.E. Comp. W. White (No. 8); G. Standard-B., M.E. Comp. J. A. Burt (No. 4); Asst.-G.D. of C., M.E. Comp. D. Leech (No. 2); Asst.-G. Standard-B., M.E. Comp. E. Mossman (No. 19). Supreme Committee—G. Officers ex officio, all P.G.Z. and M.E. Comps. R. C. Hamerton (P.G. Treas.), W. Hildreth, G. Wilson, and A. McKay, P.Z.'s.

NEW ZEALAND CHAPTERS.

St. Augustine, No. 1:—Meets in the St. Augustine Hall, Christchurch, at 7.30 p.m. on second Wednesday in September (installation) Dec., March, June, Z., Comp. G. W. Hulme; H., Comp. W. H. Cheesman; J., Comp. J. R. Morrison; S.E., Comp. W. Dalley, Terold-street, Sydenham.

Waterloo, No. 2:—Founded 1875, meets in the Masonic Hall, Boulcott-street, Wellington, on the second Friday in each month. Installation September 23rd. Z., Comp. N. F. Marley; H., Comp. O. J. B. Norwood; J., Comp. C. J. Williamson; S.E., Comp. S. P. Curtis.

Southern Cross, No. 3:—Meets in Masonic Hall, Invercargill, on fourth Friday in Jan., March, May, July, Sept., and Nov. Installation Sept. Z., Comp. P. S. Brodie; H., Comp. J. Walker; J., Comp. T. M. Rankin; S.E., Comp. W. Strang, Don-street, Invercargill.

Victoria, No. 4:—Founded 1879, meets at Masonic Hall, Monroe-street, Napier, on fourth Thursday in Nov., Jan., March, May, July, and Sept. Z., Comp. W. J. Gibbons; H., Comp. L. Freedman; J., Comp. J. Redshaw; S.E., Comp. T. W. Bear.

Harikuru, No. 5:—Founded 1887, meets in Unanimity Masonic Hall, Lyttelton, on first Thursday in every month. Installation September. Z., Comp. C. Flavell; H., Comp. A. H. Thorpe; J., Comp. T. J. G. Rutland; S.E., Comp. Rev. E. E. Chambers.

Otago, No. 7:—Meets in Hiram Masonic Hall, Cargill-road, South Dunedin, third Wednesday in Nov., Jan., March, May, July, and Sept. Installation Sept. Instruction meeting second Friday every month. Z., Comp. G. A. Hansard; H., Comp. L. Warsaw; J., Comp. D. Porter; S.E., Comp. A. Clothier, P.Z., Box 436, Dunedin.

Waitaki Kilwinning, No. 8 (being Otago Chapter, No. 8, and Waitaki Chapter, No. 13, which were amalgamated on October 9th, 1901):—Meets in Masonic Hall, Wansbeck-street, Oamaru, every second Wednesday after full

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moon. Installation Sept. Z., Comp. A. J. Grave; H., Comp. W. Whyte; J., Comp. P. McCallum. S.E., Comp. J. M. Brown, P.G.Z.

Auckland Prov., No. 9:—Founded 1892, meets third Wednesday in Feb., March, April, May, June, July, Aug., Sept., Oct., and Nov. Installation Sept. Z., Comp. G. M. Reed; H., Comp. A. Millar; J., Comp. G. T. Girdler; S.E., Comp. T. R. Inglis, Auc'land.

Wairarapa, No. 10:—Founded 1892, meets in the Masonic Hall, Carterton, on third Friday in Jan., March, May, July, Sept., and Nov. Installation 23rd Sept. Z., Comp. J. B. Baird; H., Comp. C. Albertsen; J., Comp. J. S. Pepper; S.E., Comp. W. Moore, P.Z.

Manawatu, No. 11:—Founded 1892, meets in the Masonic Hall, Palmerston North, on Wednesday after full moon every month. Z., Comp. R. H. Whalley; H., Comp. R. V. Lloyd, P.Z.; J., Comp. T. Wilson, P.Z.; S.E., Comp. W. Dawick, P.Z.

Victory, No. 12 :
Marlborough, No. 14 :
Timaru, No. 15 :
Waimate, No. 16 :
Ohinemuri, No. 17 :

Inangahua, No. 18:—Founded 1902, meets in Burns Masonic Hall, Kelly-street, Reefton, second Wednesday each month. Installation Sept. Z., Comp. H. Wicken; H., Comp. P. H. Wood; J., Comp. J. Banks; S.E., Comp. J. H. Harkness, P.Z.

Ruapehu, No. 19 :
Cromwell Coronation, No. 20 :
Kawatiri, No. 21 :
Waitato, No. 22 :

Wanganui, No. 23:—Founded 1906, meets in Masonic Hall, Wanganui, first Thursday in Nov., April, June, and Aug. Installation fourth Thursday in Sept. Z., Comp. T. W. Blennerhassett; H., Comp. G. H. Humphreys; J., Comp. J. T. Muir; S.E., Comp. J. G. Swan, Wanganui.

Brooklyn, No. 24:—Founded 1906, meets in Masonic Hall, Brooklyn, on second Wednesday in July, Sept., Nov., Jan., March, and May. Installation May. Z., M.E. Comp. H. J. Williams; H., M.E. Comp. R. Fletcher; J., M.E. Comp. H. J. Freeman; Scribe E., Comp. A. H. Duff, Brooklyn.

Hinemoa, No. 25:—Founded 1906, meets in Masonic Hall, Daniel-street, Newtown, third Thursday in July, September, November, January, March, May. Installation September. Z., Comp. O. Neilson; H., Comp. J. J. Ashwood; J., Comp. G. E. A. Hood; S.E., Comp. R. E. Manley, 3, Blucher-avenue, Newtown.
Winton, No. 26 :

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Wellington Chapter No. 91:—Meets in the Masonic Hall, Wellington, on the second Friday in the months of January, April, July, and October, or as near those dates as possible. Installation October. M.W.S., Ex. and P. Bro. H. J. Williams, 30deg.; High Prelate, E. and P. Bro. J. Moncrieff, jun.; Recorder, E. and P. Bro. N. F. Marley.

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Wellington Rose Croix Chapter, No. 14:—Founded by Charter issued by the Sov. Sanctuary, 35deg., of Great Britain and Ireland, dated 27th May, 1892; meets in Masonic Hall, Wellington, second Wednesday each alternate month. Installation Dec. W.M., Ill. Sir Knt. A. H. Rogers, 32deg.; S.W., Ill. Sir Knt. W. F. Newson, 18deg.; J.W., Ill. Sir Knt. W. H. Jones, 18deg.; Sec., Ill. Sir Knt. J. M. Ferguson, 14, Hawkestone-st. (or Income Tax, Dept.), Wellington.

Waimea, No. 19:—Founded by Charter issued by the Sovereign Sanctuary of Great Britain and Ireland, 1906; meets in the Masonic Hall, Lumsden, on the third Thursday in the months of March, June, September, and January, at 8 p.m. M.W., Ill. Sir Knt. F. Hyde, 32deg.; S.W., Ill. Sir Knt. Rev. W. C. Wood, 18deg.; J.W., Ill. Sir Knt. G. F. Johnson, 18deg.; Sec., Sir Knt. T. R. Anderson, 18deg., care Messrs. Wright, Stephenson and Co., Balfour.



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