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19th June—Thursday.	13th October—Wednesday.
18th July—Friday.	14th November—Friday.
17th August—Sunday.	14th December—Sunday.
16th September—Tuesday.	

FROM THE EDITOR.



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THE BRETHREN ON THE FLOOR.



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PUNCTUALITY A MASONIC DUTY.



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News and Notes

AT the last regular meeting of the Royal Atheistan Lodge, No. 19, the W.M., Bro. Berthold Mager, had the signal honour and privilege of initiating four of his sons into the Craft. The unusual nature of the meeting was responsible for the presence of a large number of guests.—"The Freemason" (London).

M.W. BRO. MAURICE THOMPSON, G.M.-elect, who was accompanied by Mrs. Thompson, arrived in Wellington by the s.s. Maori on the 9th inst. M.W. Bro. Malcolm Niccol, G.Sec., was also a passenger by the same boat. Both these distinguished brethren were on their way to G.L. Communication in Auckland, and members of the Craft will be glad to hear they looked fit and well for the arduous duties and strenuous time in front of them.

THE interchange of Masonic visits by Lodges at a distance is by no means confined to the N.Z. Constitution. Lodge De Burgh Adams, I.C., of New Plymouth, is the latest to go on pilgrimage. Early in April a large party of its officers and members made a trip to Auckland, for the purpose of illustrating in "the Queen City" the Taranaki method of working. An emergency meeting of Lodge Ara, No. 348, I.C., was held for the purpose. Unless we are mistaken, Captain De Burgh Adams, after whom the New Plymouth Lodge was christened, was himself one of the Masters of Ara in the early days of Auckland, when the Imperial troops were stationed there. The business of the meeting was a raising, which was duly performed with eclat by the W.M. and officers of Lodge De Burgh. Several hundred brethren were in attendance, including the Prov.G.M. of the I.C. (R.W. Bro. W. J. Rees) and his officers, a delegation from the Lodge of Light (the Irish Lodge at the Thames goldfield), and strong representations of the New Zealand, English, and Scottish Constitutions. The Taranaki visitors were hospitably feted by the members of Ara during their stay in the North.

THE letterpress of the History of the G.R.A. Chapter of N.Z. is nearly completed, but some delay has been experienced in obtaining photos of the P.G. First Principals. It is anticipated the work will be completed toward the end of the present month.

REFERRING to the lamented death of R.W. Bro. Viscount Wolseley, P.G.W., "The Freemason" (London) says Bro. Viscount Wolseley was an Irish Mason, and was initiated in the Military Lodge, No. 728, Dublin, in April, 1854, when a subaltern in the 90th Regiment. The exigencies of military service in various parts of the world during many years prevented active participation in the Craft. But his sincerity and sound moral tone were dominant when the opportunities came later to take his own part in Masonic work. In 1887 he was appointed J.G.W. of England, and had for his associate as S.W. H.R.H. Prince Albert Victor of Wales. He was also a P.G.W. of the G.L. of M.M.Ms.

THE Installed Masters Lodge of Wellington has accepted an invitation to install the W.M. and invest the officers of Leinster Lodge on 7th July.

M.W. BRO. MALCOLM NICCOL, G.Sec., has just discovered that he has suffered a very serious loss. Bro. Niccol, though he possessed numerous valuable Masonic jewels, representing, doubtless, every degree from that of P.M. to and inclusive of the 33rd Degree, made it a rule never to wear these decorations except on very special and G. occasions. According to the story as we have received it, he last wore them on the occasion of the ball given in Dunedin last year at the time of the G.L. Communication in that city. During the dance, fearing, perhaps, some of the jewels might become detached, Bro. Niccol took them off, wrapped them in some paper, and, so far as he can remember at the present time, placed them with the G.L. regalia. Bro. Niccol had no occasion to wear his jewels, and thought no more of the matter until a day or two ago, when deeming it possible he might require his jewels at the Auckland Communication, he went to the safe in the G.L. office to look them over and sort out what he might want. He found the jewel cases there, but they were empty. The brother who was in charge of the G.L. regalia is quite certain and positive he never saw anything of them. So it would appear the jewels were mislaid ; and, at present, these valuable mementos of an honoured Masonic career are lost. We feel sure that the members of the Craft generally will heartily sympathise with M.W. Bro. Niccol in the loss that has befallen him, one that he feels very sorely ; and, especially, that the Dunedin brethren will do all they can to try and trace the missing jewels.

IN connection with the annual report of the Wellington B. of E., the President, W. Bro. G. G. SCHWARTZ, P.M., P.G.S., remarks :—" Frequently proposals are forwarded without a sufficient slumber of reliable references, and those letters that are sent out do not always receive the attention they deserve, many receiving no replies, thus handicapping the efforts made to obtain the fullest information possible."—Verb. sap.

THE seventh annual report of the Wellington United B. of E. is to hand, and shows that the Board has done much and good work during the year. With this report is also the report of the B. of Casual Relief. The energetic Secretary, W. Bro. H. H. Seaton, P.M., P.G.D.C., notes that a sum of nearly £20 has been expended in assisting urgent cases, while other brethren have obtained work through his kind offices. But it is worthy of emphasis that all the cases of casual relief have been brethren or relatives of members of other Constitutions. Nine E.C. were assisted, two S.C., one I.C., and one U.S.A. No N.Z.C. brethren are on the list.

BRETHREN throughout the E.C. will learn with interest that the G.Sec., Sir Edward Letchworth, will be eighty years of age on the 18th March next, and will also this month celebrate his twenty-first year of office as G.Sec.

DURING a visit paid to the Marlborough Lodge of Unanimity, on 8th May, Bro. W. C. Sadlier (Bishop of Nelson) related how he came to be "discovered " in New Zealand. He was consecrating a new church on the West Coast a month or two ago, and in the course of the ceremony, in a fit of absent-mindedness, gave certain knocks on the door which attracted the notice of the Freemasons present. Judicious interrogation elicited the information that he was a member of the Craft—result, an official welcome from the Greymouth Lodges. The news spread to Marlborough, which is also in his Lordship's diocese, and Bro. Sadlier was the guest of Lodge Unanimity at an emergency meeting.

The steamer trip to the upper reaches of the Auckland Harbour, tendered to G.L. representatives, was very enjoyable. The delegates and their lady friends were taken as far as Pine Island, and notwithstanding the cold wind everybody seemed to thoroughly enjoy the outing.

Some amusement was caused at the business session of G.L. by a distinguished brother protesting against the incorrect wording of one of the clauses in the proposed amendments of our Constitution, whereupon the G.Reg. pointed out that the clause was written by the distinguished brother in question, and signed by him as chairman.

SURPRISE was expressed by Bro. Sadlier (Bishop of Nelson) in an address delivered at the " Fourth " at Lodge Unanimity (Blenheim), on 8th May, that in New Zealand the Freemasons did not take a more active part in the consecration of new public buildings. In Victoria, he said, the G.M. assisted at a large number of functions of this kind. A brother from the Isle of Man, who was also present- at the meeting, stated that in his country complaint was sometimes made that " the Masons " were too prominent in matters of this kind.

THE conversazione given in honour of G.L. at Auckland was attended by about twelve hundred brethren and their lady friends, and the programme was quite above the average. Mr. Vaughan Barnett's playing on the fine organ was much appreciated. Items were given by Bros. Ripley and Duncan, two exceptionally fine tenors; recitations by Bro. George Warren and Mr. Allan McElwain ; and a vocal quartette, as fine as has been heard in the Dominion, gave much pleasure. Owing to the absence of R.W. Bro. Whittaker, who was on the programme, W. Bro. Seaton was asked to step into the breach, and acquitted himself to the satisfaction of the large audience with two items.

AT last meeting of Lodge St. Andrew nineteen stone of humanity was the subject of the evening's ceremony. There is nothing out of the way in this until one is informed that this belonged to one individual, who, having taken the three degrees, will be a welcomed attender at all meetings. Bro. Foss is made of the right stuff, but it may be that he sometimes exclaims : "Oh that this too solid flesh, etc."

BRO. G. A. PLATT, who has been a prominent member of Lodge Ulster fur the past ten years, will be leaving for Sydney in June. Bro, Platt is at present employed as designer in the Woollen Mills at Petrone, amid has been appointed to an important position in a large mill near Sydney. Bro, Platt has just completed his term as J.W. in the Lodge, and was the only nomination for the office of W.M. for the ensuing year, but withdrew his nomination immediately he was aware that he was leaving the Dominion. Ulster is losing is very enthusiastic member.

SOUTHLAND NOTES.

It gave Invercargill brethren intense pleasure to make and renew acquaintance with the genial G.Sec., M.W. Bro. Malcolm Niccol, and his charming and estimable wife ; also with R.W. Bro. A. Stoneham, Prov.G.M. of Otago, who has established himself a firm favourite with his Southland brethren.



A paper entitled " Some Notes on Masonry " was given by W. Bro. W. H. Clark in Lodge Taringatura on 10th inst.



It is gratifying to learn that there is a growing desire on the part of Lodges for edification in matters Masonic. Several Lodges have recently approached the Prov. G.M. with a request that a paper or lecture be given in their Lodge. The G. Lecturer, W. Bro. Mehaffey, and other brethren of proved ability as instructors have signified their willingness to do all in their power to satisfy such exhilarating wishes.



Lodge St. John's annual meeting was hugely attended and enjoyable from every point of view. The P,Ms. of Lodge Waitaki performed the installation ceremony par excellence; in fact, no finer exposition of the degree has been witnessed in St. John's Lodge. W. Bros. W. Jagers and J. O. Clapp as I.M. and D. of C. respectively were happily placed, and W. Bros. J. Gray, L. Clapp, and G. E. Applegarth performed their allotted tasks in a highly creditable manner. At the banquet following the Wairaki brethren were warmly and deservedly congratulated by members of St. John's Lodge and visitors on their brilliant achievement.



W. Bro. A. le H. Hoyles, the newly installed Master of St. John's Lodge, was in great form on 16th inst. His maiden speech was a splendid effort and showed how deeply he is imbued with true Masonic principle. W. Bro. Hoyles has a strong and enthusiastic staff of officers to assist him, and a very successful and useful year's work is predicted for this Lodge.

AUCKLAND NOTES.

At the meeting of Lodge Ara, No. 348, I.C., held in connection with the visit paid by the De Burgh Adams Lodge, No. 446, I.C. (New Plymouth), the Prov.G.M., I.C. (Bro. W. J. Rees) mentioned the fact that during his recent visit to the Homeland, he had gone across to Dublin in company with M.W. Bro. Lord Plunkett, to attend the meeting of the G.L. of Ireland, and his Lordship had requested him to convey a message of

goodwill to his Irish brethren in New Zealand. Lord Plunkett had specially mentioned Lodge De Burgh Adams, with whose brethren he had recollections of a very pleasant evening spent.



At the meeting of the Remuera Lodge, No. 1710, E.C., the brethren took leave of Bro. Rev. A. P. Smallfield, the Chaplain of the Lodge, who was about to set out on an extended visit to Britain. The W.M. presented Bro. Smallfield with a travelling rug, and wished him a pleasant trip and safe return ; at the same time referring to the services which he had rendered to his Lodge. Bro. Smallfield was a passenger from Auckland by the R.M.S. Niagara, on the 10th May.



The brethren of Lodge Ponsonby, No. 54, held a P.Ms.' night at their April meeting, when the various P.Ms. occupied the . chairs, and carried out the ceremony of passing a candidate to the Second Degree.



The Zealandia R.A. Chapter, under the S.G.R.A. Chapter of Scotland, which worked in Auckland over two decades ago, and which has been moribund for over twenty years, was resuscitated at Gisborne a few months ago. M.E. Comp. Henry Neill, G.Supt. under the S.C., attended and installed the Principals.



The installation meeting of Lodge Plunkett, Nu. 163, drew a fairly large gathering of brethren to Te uiti, on the 22nd April. Te Kuiti has now become a large centre of population, and the Lodge, which bears the name of a former G.M., prospers with the town in which it is situated.



Ancient history in connection with Irish Freemasonry in this Dominion was recalled from the fact that the candidate, who was raised to the Third Degree by the W.M. and officers of Lodge De Burgh Adams, at the recent meeting of Lodge Ara, No. 348, I.C., was a son of the late R.W. Bro. G. B. Pierce, a former Prov.G.M. of the I.C. It may be of interest to mention that the Prov.G.L. of Ireland in this Dominion has been presided over since its formation in 1859 by four Prov.G.Ms., viz. R.W. Bro. C. P. O'Rafferty, 1859-64; R.W. Bro. H. de Burgh Adams, 1865-69; R.W. Bro. G. P. Pierce, 1869-91; R.W. Bro. W. O. Rees (now in office). These brethren have all been residents of Auckland.



The first W.M. of Lodge Tirau, No. 193, is W: Bro. Jas. W. Anderson, who is a P.M. of Lodge Te Aroha, No. 52.



Bro. J. C. R. Watts was installed at W.M. of Lodge Piako, No. 160, at the annual meeting of the Lodge, held at Mardi's-vine recently.



R.W. Bro. the Hon. G. Fowlds, P.D.G.M., has not of late years been a frequent attendant at Masonic gatherings in Auckland, his many public duties, no doubt, interfering with his Craft engagements. He, however, was present at the annual meeting of Lodge Ponsonby, No. 54, and the brethren were pleased to note his re-appearance amongst them.



During the visit of H.M.S. New Zealand to Auckland, those members of the ship's company who claimed membership in the Masonic Fraternity had many opportunities of making the acquaintance of their Auckland brethren. Lodge United Service held a meeting during the visit, and extended an invitation to the naval brethren. As this Lodge was constituted for the membership of the two branches (naval and military), who, in 1864, were fairly numerous in Auckland, it was fit mid proper that it should be one of the first to welcome the craftsmen from the Dominion's gift battleship.



R.W. Bro. T. Allen is chairman of the Royal Navy Association in Auckland, and was heard to advantage at the meeting of Lodge Ara, No. 348, I.C., when a number of the brethren from H.M.S. New Zealand were amongst those entertained. Bro. Allen's words of welcome must have made a deep impression upon the visitors.



G.L. Communication has come and gone, and the general feeling amongst the Auckland brethren appears to be one of satisfaction at the smoothness with which everything passed off. The visitors appeared to thoroughly enjoy themselves, and it was evident that they appreciated the efforts of the local committees in their respective spheres of labour. A good many brethren visited Auckland for the first time, and were no doubt deeply impressed with the extent and beauty of the Queen City.



On Monday, 12th May, the G.M. paid a visit to Lodge Ara, No. 1. He was attended by a numerous gathering of the officers of G.L. M.W. Bro. Thompson, at the close of the ceremony of initiation, which was worked by the Lodge, took occasion to express his pleasure at visiting the senior Lodge on the Register of the G.L. of New Zealand. A banquet was subsequently held, and the toast of the G.M.'s health was honoured in a manner befitting the occasion. This was the first visit paid by the G.M. to a Lodge in the Auckland district.



Lodge Ma.ungawhao, No. 168, had no degree work at its April meeting, and advantage was taken of the occasion to obtain an address from R.W. Bro. G. Barclay, P.S.G.W. The subject selected was " The Ceremony of Initiation," and it was handled in an interesting manner. The thanks of the brethren were afterwards accorded to Bro. Barclay for his lecture.



The ceremony of installation of the M.W.G.M. has been voted by one and all as most brilliant. The Town Hall, where the function took place, lent itself admirably to the purpose, and the large gathering of members of G.L., together with the equally large attendance of M.Ms. in the gallery, proved a fitting background. There was no doubt that the effectiveness of the ceremonial was enhanced by the use of the municipal grand organ, and Bro. Gregson ably presided at the keyboard. The Ds. of C. carried out their duties in a manlier deserving of all praise. The address given by the G.M. bore the impress of careful thought, and will afford good reading for those who were not privileged to be present.



Bro. W. J. Maxwell was installed as W.M. of Lodge Ponsonby, No. 54. and the ceremony marked the first occasion upon which the building recently acquired by the Lodge has been used for the purposes of Freemasonry. There was a large gathering, and W. Bro. J. H. Braithwaite, the retiring W.M., installed his successor in a very able manner.



The business portion of the G.L. Communication was got through in a manner which came as a surprise to many who had viewed the lengthy agenda paper with dismay. Some of the subjects brought forward provoked discussion, but others again were assented to without debate. The tact displayed by the G.M. in handling the meeting, and the able manner in which R.W. Bro. Ross, President of the B. of O.P., piloted the various matters through the assembly tended materially to facilitate the work of G.L. As usual, the G.Sec. was at hand to give good counsel and advice. The results of some of the discussions came as it surprise to many of the brethren present.

PEEPS INTO GRAND LODGE.



<See File TNZC191306D>

Bro. Thomas John Deeks Cramphorn, of Chelmsford, Essex, who died on 21st December, gave £10 to each Lodge of Freemasons, Arch Chapter, and Mark Lodge in Chelmsford, Maldon, and Clacton-on-Sea for poor brethren; 300 shares in Cramphorn (Limited) each to St. Mary, Chelmsford, and St. John, Monisham, for the purchase of necessaries and comforts for deserving poor persons not in receipt of parish relief ; his half share in the freehold property at Maldon, formerly the old union workhouse, to the Corporation of Malden, for the purpose of public improvement or hospital or educational purposes; £500 to the Clacton-on-Sea District Council for like purposes ; and one-half of the ultimate residue to the Corporation of Chelmsford for the

erection of a town hall or other building and improvements, " to advance the dignity of my native town." The value of the property is £49,983.—" Freemasons' Chronicle."

GRAND LODGE COMMUNICATION.



THE PROCEEDINGS AT AUCKLAND.

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GRAND MASTER'S ADDRESS.

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WARWICKSHIRE FREEMASONRY.

INSTALLATION OF THE PROVINCIAL GRAND MASTER.

<See File TNZC191306F>

THE EVOLUTION OF SPECULATIVE FREEMASONRY,

[A Paper read at the Installed Masters' Lodge of Wellington, by
M. W. BRO. HERBERT J. WILLIAMS, W.M.]

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TREE PLANTING.

<See File TNZC191306H>

A FEW REMARKS MADE BY THE OFFICIATING OFFICER AFTER THE
CONSECRATION OP LODGE MOUTOA, No. 195.

It was a happy thought that induced the brethren of this Lodge to plant in front of the hall a tree which has so much Masonic significance. The acacia has an ancient lineage, most of the species are evergreen, and are natives of the East. Mackey, the historian, is responsible for the statement that the acacia of Freemasonry is the Mimosa Nilotica of Linnaeus, a shrub which grew in great abundance in the neighbourhood of Jerusalem. Historically we are told that, according to Jewish law, no interments were permitted within the walls of the city, and it is stated that, as it was unlawful for the cozens or priests to pass over a grave, it became necessary to place marks where interments had been made, and the acacia was used for the purpose. Coincident with the acacia were the palm of the Egyptian mysteries, and the mistletoe of the Druids. The evergreen nature of the plant, united to other circumstances, should remind us of the immortality of the, soul, and figuratively applied, in the present instance, should lead to the hope that Lodge Moutoa will never die. but will increase in luxuriance from generation to generation. We build not alone for the present, but also for those who follow after, and in the future days the brethren will no doubt recognise that this tree planted to-day has the greatest value in connection with the history of the Lodge, and they will laud the wisdom which has interwoven the immortal lessons of Freemasonry with its practical work. I thank you very much for according me the honour of performing a ceremony of such significance.—[Published by request.]

OBITUARY.

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BRO. RICHARD BAUMGART.

There passed away at Wellington, on 6th May, Bro. Richard Baumgart, P.M., of Lodge Waterloo. About, twenty years ago he was initiated in Waterloo. He soon held office, and by his efficient discharge of the humbler duties so impressed the brethren that in due course they elected him W.M. (1898). No Mason ever regarded his responsibilities as W.M. more seriously, or carried them out with more zeal than our late esteemed brother. He connected himself with the Waterloo R.A. Chapter, of which he became a life member. Soon after his occupancy of the chair in Waterloo, the disease to which he finally succumbed made its first appearance. During the intervening years his sufferings and his weakness increased, but rarely was heard any word of complaint or of impatience from our deceased brother. For the past twelve months lie has been for the most part confined to bed. The end came not unexpectedly, and so he passed "to where beyond these voices there is peace." The sympathy of our 'late brother's Masonic friends goes out to Mrs. Baumgart and the members of the family.

Correspondence

WEARING OF JEWELS.

TO THE EDITOR.

DEAR SIR AND BRO.,—I notice in this month's CRAFTSMAN, "Notes and Comments," that the wearing of jewels is against Masonic etiquette. Would you kindly inform me in next month's CRAFTSMAN whether this includes the Mark. Excellent, Royal Arch, and so on?—Yours fraternally,

A. STAPLETON.

[You have misunderstood the comment to which you refer. The wearing of jewels in the Lodge-room, subject to the G.L. law regarding jewels, is not un-Masonic, or a breach of etiquette, but may be a breach of good taste when carried to excess. The comment particularly referred to the Blue Lodge jewels purchased by brethren, but not presented to them.—ED.C.]

ENGLISH FREEMASONRY AND THE LAW.

TO THE EDITOR.

DEAR SIR AND BRO.,—In common with, I doubt not, all your readers, I read with close interest the lucid and informative lecture of V.W. Bro. W. G. Mehaffey, reprinted in the columns of your last issue under the title of "Masonry in Relation to the Law, Civil and Ecclesiastic," and acquit it of the suspicion which the G. Lecturer expressed regarding its title—that it was not as elucidative as he desired. I was somewhat struck, however, with his remark in relation to Freemasonry and English statute law, that one may apparently gather that, in the eye of the law, every association the members of which are bound by oath not to disclose its secrets is still an unlawful combination, for whatever purpose formed, unless the association is expressly declared by statute to be legal, and in a leisure moment made an excursion into the region of these hoary statutes to satisfy myself on this question—of fortunately academic importance only—whether such a position as that indicated, involving Freemasonry in illegality, still obtained in England. On investigation one is bound to say that it does, and some of the features of these mediaeval statutes seemed to me to be interesting enough to justify notice where not already referred to. The earlier Act of 1799 (George III) was professedly called for by the fact that a traitorous conspiracy had long been carried on in conjunction with the Government authorities of France to overturn the constitution and government in Great Britain and

Ireland and dissolve the connection between the two kingdoms, to further which design societies of a new and dangerous nature inconsistent with public tranquillity and with the existence of regular government had been formed, particularly certain societies calling themselves Societies of United Englishmen, United Scotsmen, United Britons, United Irishmen, and the London Corresponding Society, the members of which took unlawful oaths of fidelity and secrecy, used secret signs, and appointed in secret manner committees, secretaries, and other officers. All such societies, and societies wherein the members were required to take an oath not authorised or required by law, were declared unlawful combinations or confederacies, and the words of the statute were manifestly sufficient to embrace Masonic Lodges, inasmuch as exemptions were made in the cases of such Lodges as were holden before the passing of the Act, provided that two members of each Lodge certified on oath before a Justice or Magistrate that the Lodge had been holden before the passing of the Act, and it, registered with the local Clerk of the Peace yearly the name of the Lodge, its place and time for meeting, and the names and descriptions of the members. The General Session of Justices was empowered to prohibit the meeting of any Lodge on complaint being made on oath that the meetings of the Lodge were injurious to the public peace and good order, whereupon such Lodge became instanter an illegal confederacy. For an offence against the Act proceedings could be taken summarily or on indictment, and in the latter event punishment could be meted out, where thought desirable, in the form of seven years' transportation. The law wielded then, on occasions, a formidable bludgeon. Evidently Masonic Lodges at that time were objects of suspicion, and the Legislature would have no more of them and meant to keep a wary eye on such as already existed. In 1817 the Seditious Meetings Act tightened up the loose nuts and bolts of the 1799 Act, and was aimed at societies and clubs of a dangerous nature and tendency, particularly at societies holding certain views on landed questions, the members of which styled themselves "Spenceans." Exemptions were made in favour of Masonic Lodges, but subject to the conditions of the earlier Act.

The prohibition against Craft Lodges contained in these time-encrusted cramping statutes has not been removed, although the matter is now of insufficient practical importance to justify their inclusion in "Chitty's Statutes of Practical Utility." If short work is some day contemplated in England on obsolete and spent enactments, attention could well be directed to these monuments of 1799 and 1817.

—Yours fraternally,
C. W. NIELSEN, S.W., No. 32.

Poetry

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A GENTLEMAN.



A man that's clean inside and out, who neither looks up to the rich nor down at the poor, who can lose without squealing, and who can win without bragging; who is considerate of women and children and old people; who is too brave to lie, too generous to cheat, and who takes his share of the world and lets other people have theirs.—"New York Sun,"

MARK MASONRY IN NEW ZEALAND.

[EXTRACT FROM THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE G. MARK LODGE OF
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AN ADDRESS READ AT THE CONSTITUTION OF LODGE MOUTOA, No 195.

[By R.W. BRO. J. KEESING, P.G.W.]

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CONSTITUTION AND DEDICATION OF LODGE MOUTOA, No. 195.

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RECEPTION OF NAVAL BRETHREN IN CHRISTCHURCH

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A NEW MASONIC SOCIAL HALL.

After years of deliberation, examination and rejection of plans, the social hall for Southland Lodges Southern Cross, St. John, and Victoria is now a consummated desire and necessity. The evening of 30th April will long be remembered by the Freemasons and their lady friends who were present at the opening function. Punctually at 8 o'clock the ladies were comfortably seated in the Lodgeroom. Brethren were then admitted, after which the officers of Lodge Southern Cross assumed the stations. The D. of C., W. Bro. A. Campbell, then announced the Prov.G.M., R.W. Bro. Steans, who was fittingly received, The G.M. (M.W. Bro. M. Thompson), accompanied by the G.Sec. (M.W. Bro. Malcolm Niccol), H.W. Bro. A. Stoneham (Prov.G.M. of Otago), and an unusually large number of R.W., V.W., and W. brethren, was then announced and received with musical honours. At a convenient moment W. Bro. J. M. Aitken, Chairman of the Hall Committee, rose, and in a fluent and interesting speech traversed the progress Freemasonry had made in Invercargill from its inception to present date, concluding his address by requesting the G.M. to formally declare the Social Hall open.

On acceding to the request the G.M. expressed the pleasure it gave him to be present on such a happy occasion, and warmly congratulated the Lodges on the completion of the Social Hall and other needful improvements. He then, on behalf of the Hall Committee, presented W. Bro. A. E. Smith, the indefatigable secretary, with a solid gold pen and pencil and a-note book. The G.M. was very happy in his explanation of these working tools, so much so that he soon dispelled the look of astonishment and perplexity which spread over the recipient's countenance on being unexpectedly called to the E.

In reply W. Bro. Smith modestly disclaimed particular effort and chivalrously proclaimed himself "only the mouthpiece of the Hall Committee," but his co-workers aver that, in their experience, no craftsman's labour could be more deserving of tangible recognition than that of the enthusiastic and energetic Sec. of the Hall Committee.

After several musical items had been rendered, V.W. Bro. W. O. Mehaffey rose and, in his inimitable style, treated the large audience to an admirable address; in fact, it is questionable if our erudite brother did not excel himself. Probably his charm was "the intensity of feeling and expectancy of manner" exhibited by the fairer but uninitiated portion of his audience. However, long before he concluded his very appropriate discourse he had quite convinced the ladies of the good and beneficent work their fathers, husbands, brothers, and sweethearts were engaged in when attending Lodge meetings. All gratitude to our worthy G. Lecturer for his cogent and inspiring rhetoric.

A word of thanks is due to W. Bro. Brokenshire for singing, at short notice, the solo "Thou'rt Passing Hence"; also to the Organist, Bro. Campbell and his efficient orchestra.

The closing hymn, in which the ladies joined, concluded the first part of the evening's programme. A move was then made into the Social Hall, where feasting, games, singing, and dancing were indulged in until 2 a.m., when "Auld Lang Syne" brought to a close a memorable function. Hearty congratulations were extended to the committee responsible for the arrangements.

ROYAL MASONIC BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

The election in connection with the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution for Aged Freemasons and widows of Freemasons will be held in the Connaught Rooms, Freemasons' Hall, London, on the 16th May next, when all but ten candidates of each sex, out of 185 candidates, will be elected. —"Freemasons' Chronicle."

SUBSCRIPTIONS ACKNOWLEDGED TO 22nd MAY.

C. J. Bilton, (Temuka), I. Fothergill 40/-, H. J. Newling 23/4 (Ormondville), D. J. Robertson (Alexandra S.), Dr. L. G. Bock (Nelson), A. McKay, C. Athya 17/6, R. Witheford (Wellington), A. Clarkson 50/-, J. Lipscombe, Dr. Yule, Strang, J. J. Hiskins, S. Craig 20/-, W. A. Stout 10/-, M. Thomson 23/4, McKenzie, S. Clark, A. R. Porter (for another man), F. Thomas 10/- (Canvastown), W. A. Fendall 23/4 (Whangarei), R. T. J. Henderson 10/- (Whitianga), G. T. Lumsden (Dunedin) J. J. McMath (Riversdale), J. Calder 30j-, Andrews and Lavelle 17/6, E. Adams 19/2, C. Baddesley 17/6, R. N. Blakeston 20/-, W. Dobson 20/-, G. H. Gaustad 11/8, S. H. Jansen 17/6, A. Nash 13/4, D. Pringle 10/-, Vernon Smith 20/-, J. Fry, A. H. Ross, J. L. Scott, C. L. Thomson, W. G. Benson (Dannevirke), W. J. Riddell, J. B. Andrew 39/2, A. E. Currie 9/2, A. J. Ching 11/8, J. H. Edmondson 17/6, H. L. Harston 36/8, 11. L. M. Kitto 15/-, C. Mott 19/2, J. W. McDougall 27/6, L. S. McClurg 11/8, W. McNab 19/2, S. Parker 17/6, A. Pearson 19/2, E. L. Thomas 15/10, A. J. Williams 17/b, H. White 11/8, A. S. Erskine (Napier), Dr. G. Gossett (Leeston), C. H. Pawley (Ponsonby), G. B. Smith (Otago), J. S. Allen 17/6, W. J. E. Anderson 18/4, A. O. Beers 17/6, W. J. Barlow 11/8, J. Colley 30/-, D. R. De Costa 17/6, A. B. Gilmour, D. S. Jamieson, A. Kirk 20/-, F. J. Lound 20/10, E. H. Mann 10/-, D. McKeague 12/6, G. McMillan, J. Pettie 19/2, E. D. Smith, S. Wootton 5/-, E. W. Lewis, J. B. Wood, E. Fenton, T. Elliott, W. H. Smith (Gisborne), W. Moore 15/- (Carterton), C. C. Lambert, J. A. Stables (Christchurch), Dr. Withers 17/6, J. G. Cox (Featherston), O. Meddins (Ashburton), A. Effingham 61/2, A. Ramsay 10/-, H. K. Thompson 50 /- (Hastings, J. Milburn 20/- W. Pillow 20/-, J. D. Watson 27/6 (Waipawa), H. J. Newling 23/4 (Ormondville), J. McMillan (Nightcaps), W. J. Dunlop (Auckland).

(All 7/6 but those noted.)

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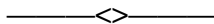
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MASONIC CHURCH SERVICE.



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CHIEF GLORY OF FREEMASONRY.



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Reports

[Secretaries amid Scribes are requested to forward Reports.]

CRAFT LODGES.

SOUTHLAND.

Taringatura, No. 100.—The monthly meeting on 21st May was sparsely attended, and the business was purely formal. A joining brother was unanimously accepted: the demit of one brother removed from the district was granted, and Bro. W. Roxburgh, J.W., was unanimously elected representative to the G.L. meeting. Lodge was closed at 9 p.m.—[Lodge Correspondent.]

CANTERBURY.

Christchurch, No. 91.—The regular meeting was held on 22nd April, W. Bro. R. Macfarlane, Will., presiding. There was a large attendance of brethren and visitors present, eight sitting W.Ms., accompanied by officers and brethren, signing the attendance book. The election of Lodge representative to attend G.L. at Auckland resulted in W. Bro. H. Hopkinson, P.M., P.G.D.C., being selected. It was decided that the Lodge should co-operate in the Masonic welcome to brethren on H.M.S. New Zealand. The ritual work consisted of passing two brethren. The reasons for preparation were explained by W. Bro. Torrance, P.M., the charge after investiture was delivered by W. Bro. Dunlop (W.M., Crown Lodge) ; the W.Ts. were presented by W. Bro. Mosley (Civic Lodge) ; the charge in the S.E. was given by W. Bro. J. Robertson, P.M. ; and the final charge by W. Bro. Velum. The W.M. obligated and imparted the S. of the degree. After the ritual work, the W.M. announced that Lodge Canterbury Kil. had invited the officers and himself to conduct the ceremony of the Third Degree at Lyttelton on the third Thursday in May. The Lodge having been closed in due form, a pleasant interval was spent in the refectory.—[Lodge Correspondent.]

St. Augustine, No. 99.—The usual monthly meeting of the Lodge was held on Wednesday, 14th May. The work for the evening was an initiation. In the absence of the W.M. (Bro. D. A. Fulton), who was attending G.L. in Auckland, the I.P.M. (W. Bro. G. J. Shackleton, Prov.G.Sunt. of W. for Canterbury), presided. The work was divided up as follows: O., W. Bro. Shackleton ; S., W. Bro. A. Colville, P.G.S.B. ; Charge, W. Bro. A. Hiskins, P.Prov.G.D.C. ; N.B. Charge, W. Bro. Symon, P.M. ; W.Ts., Bro. S. Bird, J.W. ; Preparation, Bro. E. J. Atwill; Final Charge, Bro. J. Menzies, S.W. Greetings were received from Victoria, the West Coast, and from Oamaru. The Oamaru brethren, of whom there was a carload, congratulated the Acting-W.M. and his officers on the excellence of the working. It was decided to simply receive a letter from the Christchurch Entertainment Committee re H.M.S. New Zealand. The evening was closed with a very enjoyable hour in the refectory.—[Lodge Correspondent.]

MARLBOROUGH AND NELSON.

Unanimity, No. 106.—An emergency meeting was held on Thursday, 8th May, the W.M. (W. Bro. F. W. Smith) presiding. Two brethren were passed to the Second Degree, the W.M. being assisted in the ceremony by W. Bros. Esson, Furness, Lord, and Bro. Girling, S.W. After the business had been disposed of, the Lodge was called off to await the arrival of Bro. Sadlier, Bishop of Nelson, who was visiting Marlborough on church matters, and was attending a function in connection with the foundation of a new church. Bro. Sadlier was accompanied to the Lodge by W. Bro. Rev. E. A. Stace (Lodge Unanimity) and Bro. Rev. D. A. Parker (Lodge St. Cut.hbert's), and after being welcomed by the W.M., delivered an impressive address on "Masonic Charity." In responding to the toast of "The Visitors" at the after-meeting, Bro. Sadlier gave another most interesting address.—[Lodge Correspondent.]

HAWKES BAY

Bedford Lodge, No. 25.—W. Bro. H. T. Wright, W.M., presided at the monthly meeting, held on the 20th inst. There was a fair attendance, in spite of inclement weather. W. Bro. D. Milne and Bro. Merton were elected to represent Lodge Bedford on the Central United Board of Enquiry. A candidate for initiation was then announced, admitted in due form, and obligated by the W.M. ' W. Bro. Elliott entrusted the candidate, and he was invested by Bro. Booth. S.W. W. Bro. Storah gave the N.E. Address, Bro. Gore, J.W., presented the W.Ts., W. Bro. Milne explained reasons for preparation, and the final charge was delivered by Bro. Booth, S.W. An Improvement Committee was appointed to report on Lodge premises at next meeting. In the refectory, W. Bro. P. F. Wall, Lodge delegate to G.L. Communication, gave a very lucid and interesting report on business dealt with recently in Auckland. W. Bro. Scholes supplemented his remarks, and it was evident that both brethren thoroughly enjoyed themselves, and were duly impressed with the very effective manner in which members of G.L. fulfilled their duties. —[Lodge Correspondent.]

Abercorn, No. 30.—The regular meeting was held on the 21st April, when there was a moderate attendance. three candidates were duly passed to the Second Degree, the W.M. administering the O., and W. Bro. J. Dawson Watson the S. of this degree. Bro. J.D. gave the S. E. Charge, Bro. J.W. presented the W.Ts., and - Bro. S.W. delivered the Final Charge. A motion was carried expressing sympathy with W. Bro. J. Nicholson Watson in his recent sad bereavement. Bro. J.W. submitted a report on the Refectory Fund, which shows a small credit balance. The Secretary of the District Enquiry Board intimated that the second year of this Board terminated next month, and that it would be necessary to re-elect delegates, and the Lodge's opinion on the working and carrying on of the Board was invited. The members appeared to be of the opinion that the Board was doing good work, and should be loyally supported, and it was resolved to more fully discuss the matter at next meeting. A pleasant hour in the refectory terminated a successful meeting.—[Lodge Correspondent.]

The Lodge met as usual on the 19th May. In the absence of the W.M. (W. Bro. T. Thompson), who was attending the G.L. communication in Auckland, W. Bro. J. Nicholson Watson, I.P.M., presided. W. Bros. J. McIntyre and J. Dawson Watson were appointed to represent the Lodge on the District Enquiry Board. A motion was passed expressing appreciation of the good work done by the Board and hoping that it would continue in existence. A candidate was raised, the ceremony being conducted by the acting-W.M., who was assisted by AV. Bro. J. Dawson Watson (Exhortation, Retrospect and the S.), W. Bro. J. Nicholson Watson (Charge), W. Bro. J. McIntyre (T.H.), Bro. Sec. (Further S.), BR). S.D. (W.Ts.), and Bro. S.W. (Final Charge). One candidate for membership was duly elected. The adjournment to the refectory was of the usual pleasant nature.

WELLINGTON.

N.Z. Pacific, No. 2.—The regular monthly meeting of this Lodge was held on 28th April, W. Bro. R. Witheford being in the chair. Bro. A. Scott, S.D.-elect, who was absent at the installation meeting, was invested with his collar and jewel ; two brethren were raised, the work being performed by the W.M., W. Bros. Gibson, Bridge, Blundell, and Bro. Connell. The brethren were agreeably surprised at the thoroughness

of the work, as it was the W.M.'s first night in the chair. A pleasant hour was spent in the refectory, items being given by W. Bro. Gibson, Bros. Connell, Steele, and Norton.

St. Andrew, No. 32. The usual monthly meeting of this Lodge was held on 19th May at the Boulcott Street Hall, when the Lodge was tyled at 7.30 p.m., the W.M. (Bro. A. T. Wells) presiding over a numerous attendance of members and visitors, some of the latter paying a visit on their way to their homes from the Auckland G.L. communication. The business of the evening was to raise a brother, and this was performed by the W.M. and officers, the charges and addresses being given by the following :-O. and S., W.M.; Exhortation, W. Sm. J. Danko; T.H., W. Bro. J. J. Esson and Bro. A. W. Rowlands; W.Ts. Bro. 3. C. Riddell; Final Charge, Bro. C. W. Nielsen. A ballot for the election of a candidate for initiation was taken, and resulted favourably to the proposal, while two propositions of candidates wishing to join the Craft were announced. The Lodge was closed in due course at 10 p.m. after which an adjournment was made to the supper room, where a pleasant hour was spent in musical company.

Rongotea, No. 146.—The installation of the W.M. and investiture of officers for the ensuing year took place on Thursday, 1st May. The ceremony was ably carried out by the U.M., R.W. Bro. J. A. Nash, G.S.W., and D. of C., W. Bro. W. J. Phillips, of Lodge Rangitikei, No. 38. The investiture of officers was capably performed by W. Bro. Anderson, also of Lodge Rangitikei. The presentation of W.Ts. and the rendering the various addresses were most satisfactory. R.W. Bro. T. A. Peterkin, Prov.G.M., was present and represented G.L. in his usual good form, his address to the brethren being most impressive. Notwithstanding the inclement condition of the weather, quite a number of visiting brethren were in attendance, and after the installation ceremony a very enjoyable time was spent in the Coronation Hall, when the usual toasts were proposed and responded to in due Masonic manner. The officers for the current year are W. Bro. R. Boswell ; I.P.M., W. Bro. H. Pearce ; S.W., Bro. J. McMinn ; J.W., Bro. E. T. Glover ; Sec., Bro. R. M. Matheson; Treas., W. Bro. R. B. Sutton ; S.D., Bro. W. Baylis; J.D., Bro. W. Amon I.G., Bro. J. West ; Organist, Bro. J. Currie; S.S., Bro. D. Young ; J.S., Bro. A. Thompson ; Tyler, Bro. J. R. McCall.

Ulster, No. 62. The regular meeting was held on 21st May, when there was a record attendance of members and visitors. no fewer than 14 Lodges being represented. The W.M. (Bro. J. C. Davis) occupied the chair, and conducted the ceremony of raising, being assisted by W. Bros. Jenkins, Matthews, and Cox. Bro. Platt, J.W., who had been nominated for the position of W.M., intimated that he was compelled to withdraw his nomination, as he would be leaving for Sydney next month, where he had accepted a position. The present W.M. was elected for a further term. The election of the other officers then took place. A vote of thanks was accorded to W. Bros. Ross and Cox for the presentation of a framed photo of themselves, and also to Bro. J. Harlow for a framed photo of the officers which he presented to the Lodge. The W.M. expressed regret at the sudden death of Bro. Ronald Cameron, who was killed in an accident at Orangaoranga, and directed that the Lodge should go into mourning for three months. One candidate was proposed for affiliation and one for initiation. The Lodge was tyled at 7 o'clock, but even then a number of the visitors had to leave before the business was concluded, in order to catch the last train to town. After the meeting, the members and visitors present adjourned to the refectory, where the formal toasts were honoured.—[Lodge Correspondent.]

Waimarino, No. 175.—The monthly meeting was held on 21st April, I.P.M. W. Bro. A. Revell in the chair. The ceremonial work consisted of passing two of the brethren, the degree being worked by the Acting-W.M., assisted by W. Bro. Chaplain. Bro. Grant, J.W., presented the W.Ts., and Bro. Mahbott, Acting-S.W., gave the Investiture and Final Charge. W. Bro. Chaplain presented W. Bro. Revell with his P.M. certificate, and four of the brethren with their M.M. certificates. The Lodge closed at 10 p.m., after which a pleasant hour was spent in the refectory. —[Lodge Correspondent.]

The ordinary monthly meeting was held on Monday, 19th May, I.P.M. W. Bro. A. Revell in the chair. The ceremonial work consisted of the initiation of a candidate and the passing of Bro. Sinclair, tile ceremony of

initiation being performed by the Acting-W.M., the address being given by the S.W., mode of preparation by W. Bro. Chaplain, and the W.Ts. by the J.W. The work in the Second Degree was ably done by W. Bro. Chaplain, the address being given by I.P.M. W. Bro. A. Revell, the W.Ts. by Bro. J.W., and the final charge by Bro. Sec. Lodge closed at 10.30 p.m., after receiving H.G.W. from the visitors.—[Lodge Correspondent.]

Waiwhetu, No. 176.—The regular monthly meeting of the Lodge was held on 14th May. W. Bro. J. O. Anson, D. of C., presided in the absence of the W.M., who was attending G.L. communication. The principal business was the raising of two brethren, the acting-W.M. being assisted by W. Bro. H. Hobbs and W. Bro. A. H. Hancock (T.H.), and W.Ts. presented by Bro. Guinness, J.W. Two joining members were elected, and Bro. G. A. Chapman presented the Lodge with a very fine electric star for use in Third Degree working. After the close of business an enjoyable hour was spent by the brethren in the refectory.

Otari, No. 190.—The regular meeting was held at Khandallah on Friday, 9th May, the WM, (W. Bro. J. J. Esson, P.G.D.), presiding. There was a large attendance of members and visitors, including a contingent of Southern brethren on their way to the Annual Communication of G.L., amongst the number being V.W. Bro. Ewing, G.Reg., and the W..Ms. of Lodges Ionic, No. 191, Otago, No. 7, and Hercules, No. 36. The ceremony of raising was conducted by the W.M., assisted by W. Bros. Harkness. Richardson, and Scrimgeour, P.31s. W. Bro. J. G. Harkness, P.G.D., was nominated for the office of W.M. for the coming year, and Bros. .T. Radcliffe and A, J, Patrick as Treas. and Tyler respectively. A pleasant half-hour was spent in the refectory, where the visiting brethren were warmly welcomed, their remarks regarding Freemasonry in the South proving of great interest.—[Lodge Correspondent.]

Installed Masters, No. 194.—The regular meeting was held at Wellington on 25th April, M.W. Br°, H. J. Williams, W.M., presiding. Two brothers were elected members, and one M.M, an associate member. The paper read by W. Bro. J. J. Esson, J.W., at the previous meeting, was briefly discussed, and a paper was read by the W.M. entitled " The Evolution of Speculative Freemasonry," which will be discussed at the next meeting, and will doubtless elicit very full criticism. The W.M. asked members who are possessed of any old papers, diplomas, aprons, or jewels, to kindly place them on view at the next meeting of the Lodge.

ROYAL ARCH CHAPTERS.

Waterloo, No. 2.—An emergency convocation was held on 23rd April, for the purpose of advancing two candidates, only one of whom, however, put in an appearance. There was a fair muster of companions, and one visiting Mark Master. On the dais were P:Zs. V.E. Comps. H. J. Freeman, C. Dement, W. H. Jones, R.E. Comp. J. .J. Esson and E. Comp. G. Parsons, H., of Brooklyn Chapter. V.E. Comp. G. G. Schwartz, Z., presided, supported by E. Comps. A. Veitch, H., and G. Russell, J. Ballots for two candidates were successful, after which the Chapter adjourned, and a Mark Lodge was opened. In this the offices were taken by W.M.M. G. G. Schwartz; S.W., A. Veitch; J. W., G. Russell; M.O., J. Rod; S.O., J. J. Esson ; J.O., H. Ruscoe; S.D., J. W. Macdonald; J.D., J. Curtis; Chaplain, H. J. Freeman ; I.G., J. W. Ellison. The work was very smoothly performed, the signs being given by W.M.M., the W.Ts. by the S.W., the Explanatory Lecture by P.W.M.M., W. H. Jones, and the Final Charge by the J.W., G. Russell. Chapter was then resumed, when the S.E. was instructed to write a letter of sympathy to E. Comp. C. Haynes on account of illness in his family. Comps. J. McLachlan and J. B. Lea had their diplomas presented to them by R.E. Comp. J. Esson. Chapter closed at 9.30 p.m., when adjournment was made to the refectory.— [Chapter Correspondents]

Coronation, No. 20.—On Thursday, 17th April, G.Supt. E. Lane, accompanied by M.E. Comp. R. H. Cathcart, V.E. Comp. W. G. Alexander, and E. Comp. S. J. Davys, J., motored through from Oamarn to Alexandra to pay this Chapter a fraternal visit and exalt E.Ms. D. J. Robertson and T. Adams. This visit was highly appreciated by the Companions, undertaken, as it was, under climatic conditions the reverse of favourable, and speaks well for the enthusiasm shown by our G.Supt. and the interest taken by him and the

Onmarn companions in a Chapter so far removed. This Chapter has now plenty of work in hand and in view, and I think will prove that the removal of Charter from Cromwell to Alexandra, recommended by G.Supt. and G. Scribe E., was a wise one.—[Chapter Correspondent.]

Hinemoa, No. 25.—An emergency convocation was held in the Chapter-room, Daniel-street, on Thursday, 1st May, for the purpose of conferring the degree of Exaltation on two candidates, only one of whom, however, was present. The weather was abnormally inclement, and in consequence the attendance of companions was not so large as usual. The ceremony, despite these drawbacks, was very impressively carried out. V.E. Comm. O. Nielsen, P.Z., in the unavoidable absence of V.E. Comp. H. Ivory, Z., presided, being supported by E. Comp. G. P. Shand, H., and E. Comp. H. B. Bridge, J., there being also on the dais V.E. Comp. C. H. Dement, P.Z., and E. Comp. E. P. Parsons, H., of Brooklyn Chapter. The work of E. Comp. J. Reid as 1st Soj. was again very good. The Signs and Final Charge were given by V.E. Comp. O. Nielsen, P.Z. E. Comp. G. P. Shand, H., presented the W.Ts., and V.E. Comp. C. H. Dement, P.Z., invested the candidate. The Chapter closed at 9.20 p.m., when an Ark Mariners' Lodge was opened under the presidency of P.N. O. Nielsen ; Acting-S.C., H. Dement, P.N., Acting-J., H. B. Bridge, for the purpose of receiving nominations for and electing the officers for the side-degrees for the current year. The Lodge was closed in due form at 9.45 p.m. —[Lodge Correspondent.]