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THE ANNUAL COMMUNICATION OF THE G.L. OF NEW ZEALAND.

THE twenty-fourth annual communication of the G.L. of New Zealand was held on the 13th and 14th May, and if the volume of business transacted was not great or of essential importance, it was generally agreed that the function was a very pleasant one. It was fully anticipated that there would be exhaustive discussion on what was regarded as a burning question—viz., the centralisation of the office of G.L. The matter was introduced by a motion to rescind a resolution adopted twelve months previously in Auckland, and, as a singular illustration of inconsistency, the question that was resolved there by a majority of 84 was reversed in Christchurch on the voices by an "overwhelming" majority. One reason adduced for this singularity was that in Auckland the question was sprung upon members, who were not prepared to debate it. But the logical deduction in such a case would be that the vote would be cast against, not for, the proposal. Further, the statement was not correct, as Article 66, B. of C., provides that "Notice of all business to be brought before G.L. must be given before the 25th January in each year," or four months before the holding of the communication. Then, the Kawatiri-Westport Lodge, the originator of the motion, specifically brought the matter before each Lodge by the issue of circular notice. That the rescission motion would be submitted to G.L. in admirable form was a foregone conclusion, when it is considered that the mover is one of the most cultured and eloquent speakers in the Dominion; but with regard to the arguments used, and notwithstanding the "overwhelming" voice of G.L., there is still a diversity of opinion, which, no doubt, the W. Bro. will be quite reconciled to, and which, for a reason that will be apparent, we have no intention of discussing here. But it is perhaps a little singular that one of the strongest arguments against a central office was not referred to either in Auckland or Christchurch. But there is one phase of the question which, as a matter of justice, demands at least a passing notice. If we are correctly informed, it was stated, or implied, that, one reason for the desire to have G. office in Wellington was the hope that a palatial hall would be erected from G.L. funds, or the present hall be purchased. This statement or implication is manifestly unjust to the brethren in Wellington City. We claim to have a knowledge of the undercurrent of all Masonic thought in this city, and have never heard the faintest suspicion of any such suggestion until it was brought to this office by a Christchurch brother. We are sure we voice the opinion of the large majority of brethren in Wellington in saying that, if a Masonic habitation cannot be provided without the aid of G.L. funds, then we have no hesitation in saying that the Lodges in the capital city should cease to exist. At the same time, it should be a self-evident proposition that no appropriation could be made for any such purpose without a majority vote of G.L., of which Wellington does not constitute a fourth part. The contention of the mover that the evolution of a small office might result in a large hall is quite correct, and for that reason alone this journal would be a strenuous opponent of any proposal to invest G.L. funds in building property. The position of the centralisation question now is "as you were," and, as we have previously pointed out, it will be quite competent to move in a more direct manner at the next meeting of G.L. Indeed, we have already been apprised that there is such an intention. But, as we said in December last, the continuation of such questions does not make for the harmony of the Craft in this Dominion, and, in view of the overwhelming expression of opinion in Christchurch, we strongly exhort Lodges and brethren not to again revive the question, but rather allow it to be effected by time. In any case, it is not of vital importance, and to bring about such a change there should be a consensus of favourable opinion on the subject. A W.M. was reported to G.L. for Masonic misconduct, and some discussion ensued as to whether the extreme sentence should be passed. Ultimately it was decided to modify this, and justice was tempered with mercy. This practically concluded the debatable business, the rest of the session being devoted to the routine work incidental to such meetings. As we rightly anticipated, the past fourteen years' service of the G.Sec. was recognised in practical form by the unanimous assent to the proposal to grant him six months' leave of absence. M.W. Bro. Niccol has our best wishes for a very pleasant holiday, and that he may return thoroughly recuperated if not absolutely rejuvenated.

FREEMASONRY SLANDERED.

All Freemasons are probably aware of the bitter hostility displayed by the dignitaries of the Roman Catholic Church

towards Freemasonry, while on the other hand Freemasons are prepared to admit persons to a participation in their mysteries, irrespective of any system of faith or creed. Many of our brethren have some difficulty in understanding why any religious sect should ban its members from joining an institution the tenets and practices of which involve the maintenance of the highest form of morality, and if Freemasonry has no other claim for good works, this alone should render it immune from malicious and slanderous attacks. We quite recognise that the canons of the Roman Catholic Church render it impossible for any man to be a good Catholic and at the same time a good Freemason. The Church must be supreme, and its members cannot hold any secrets from it, and it is a natural sequence that a person who claims membership in both institutions must be renegade to one. Up to this point, the rights of the Church should be admitted and respected, but, in the opinion of the writer, Freemasonry does not do so when it admits persons who are known to be members of the Roman Catholic Church. The statement is frequently made that there are many good Catholics who are good Freemasons, which is an absolute impossibility. While, if they are not good Catholics, the chances are decidedly against them becoming good Freemasons, in the strict interpretation of the term. Now; while there can be no objection to the writ of prohibition of the Roman Church, yet the matter should rest there. Yet we find some of the ecclesiastics going out of their way to make the most slanderous statements in their endeavour to bring Freemasonry into disrepute. Invariably, these gentlemen are deeply learned and cultured men, with a specially acquired knowledge of men, manners, and of the world. Yet this constant practice of endeavouring to bring contumely on Freemasonry must of necessity have a contrary effect to that desired, and must further react upon themselves. From recent advice from Berlin, we learn that :—


"The Bishop of Luxembourg has been fined £1,607 and ordered to pay a similar amount to twenty-one prosecutors for slander contained in a speech at the Roman Catholic Congress at Metz in August last, in which he described Freemasonry as "deceit, whose god is the devil."

The reaction in this instance has been a very costly one to the Bishop, who has to pay dearly for his palpable mistake. But from later press news from France, it would appear that another Bishop is yearning for financial martyrdom, as we are told that— "

The Bishop of Bayonne has banned the Boy Scouts, considering that they represent a Protestant inspiration, and are encouraged by Freemasons with the object of ruining the Catholic young men's societies."

Could anything possibly be more puerile? If the good Bishop really believes that Boy Scouts are "encouraged by Freemasons with the object of ruining the Catholic young men's societies," he has little faith in the morale of his own institutions, and is the most unsophisticated cleric of his age. If he does not believe his own fulminations then he is—the Bishop.

THE BOARD OF ENQUIRY.



We have on previous occasions commented upon Boards of Enquiry and the very excellent work they are accomplishing. Though having no legal standing, they are being more favourably regarded as institutions of Masonic utility, besides having considerable moral force. In their early history, they were looked upon with some little suspicion as self-instituted bodies, whose functions were presumed to usurp the prerogatives of Lodges, they are now recognised as earnestly disposed institutions, whose only desire is to assist Lodges by making exhaustive and systematic enquiries, and to uplift the Craft. Ample evidence has been given that there is no desire to exert an arbitrary or autocratic authority and the growth of these Boards is now everywhere received with pleasure, and in some cases with absolute relief, at the prospect of a strict but just investigation being made into the lives and characters of those who desire to obtain the pleasures and privileges of Freemasonry. At first sight, it may be assumed that the number of candidates who are not recommended is so small in comparison to the large number proposed, that the work of the Boards is one of supererogation, but it must not be forgotten, that the knowledge that the enquiry is a searching one, must exercise no little influence, not only on the proposers, but also with the candidates themselves, who when they have a past do not care to have it laid bare. Another acknowledgment of the good work done is to be found in the general acceptance by Lodges of the decision of the Boards, notwithstanding that it is well known that such decisions have no force in law. As an illustration of the work performed, we quote from the annual report of the Wellington City Board to 30th April last. We find there were 74 candidates proposed during the year by ten Lodges. Of this number 67 were recommended, 5 were refused, and 2 were held over or withdrawn. As evidence of the interest displayed in this voluntary service, it may be mentioned that the attendance of delegates at the meetings of this Board was excellent, and the greatest credit is due to all the members for their earnest desire to advance in the most unostentatious manner the best interests of Freemasonry.

THE RECORDS OF GRAND LODGE.

One of the arguments in favour of a centralised G.L. office is the contingent risk of the loss of all the records and books. Many years ago the writer suggested the advisability of duplicating all records and important documents which would in any way go to the making of history, or which would be necessary for general reference. If this were done then one complete set could be safely stored, and in the event of accident of any kind to the effects of the governing body in transit, the loss would not be irreparable. The additional work would not be very great, as the minutes of the various Boards are always duplicated, and Lodges could supply two copies of returns, instead of one. These two items alone would maintain a continuity of events, and the lists of membership intact. Even if no immediate action is taken in this direction, there is no reason why the complete series of G.L. Proceedings should not be at once deposited in a place of safety apart from the G.L. office, and be kept there. The adoption of this course would at least provide for preserving the actual history of G.L. from complete obliteration.

News and Notes.

WE are glad to learn that the esteemed Sec. of Lodge Taringatura, Lamsden, W. Bro. W. H. Clark, is about again, even though crutches are necessary.

AT the thirtieth anniversary of Lodge St. Mark, Carterton, M.W. Bro. Williams incidentally remarked that he was the only brother present who had taken part at the institution of the Lodge, and that only two or three of the founders were still alive, and they were scattered in various parts of the Dominion.

JUDGING from his remarks at the G.L. Communication, a well-known R.W. brother has become obsessed with Theosophical teaching.

THE Rose and Thistle R.A. Chapter, which was consecrated by M.E. Comp. J. J. Esson, 1st G.P., assisted by G. Chapter officers, on the 15th ult., had a most auspicious send-off, and the G.Z. has expressed his pleasure at the completeness of the arrangements made by R.E. Comp. C. Flavell, G.Supt., and the kind and generous attention he received.

FOLLOWING the installation ceremony in Lodge Otaihape last month, which, by the way, was held in the afternoon, a ball was held in honour of the occasion, which the R.W. Prov.G.M. characterised as the best Masonic function of the kind he had ever attended.

BRO. SIR EDWARD LETCHWORTH, G.Sec. of the G.L. of England, celebrated his eighty-first birthday on the 18th March last. Surely he is the oldest and withal the most genial G.Sec. in Freemasonry.

R.W. BRO. R. FREKE GOULD, P.G.W. of England, has been elected an honorary member of the G.L. of Kansas, with the rank of P.S.G.W. This is the sixth G.L. that has recognised Bro. Gould's literary services to Freemasonry.

BRO. REV. A. M. JOHNSON, Vicar of St. Paul's Pro-Cathedral, Wellington, left for a six months' holiday by the Star of Scotland, on the 4th ult.

LODGE CLINTON, at its May meeting, opened at 6, closed at 8, to enable its members to attend a political meeting. Returned to the refectory at 10, with two politicians, also sundry members' wives, and had a good time at the festive board, where the proceedings were enlivened by W. Bro. Fisher's (the Hon.) fluency of speech and keenness of wit (vide our correspondent.) Surely this constituted an unique evening's work.

M.W. BRO. NICCOL, G.Sec., sailed from Wellington en route for England, on the 20th ult. In the afternoon a number of the Wellington brethren met in the Masonic Hall to wish him bon voyage. Short addresses were delivered by the Prov.G.M. (R.W. Bro. T. A. Peterkin) and M.W. Bro. Williams. Bro. Niccol's health was drunk with enthusiasm, to which he responded in a happy and feeling speech.

ANOTHER question of some consequence was raised by V.W. Bro. Bridge, G.Lect., as to the necessity for making better provision for the regulation of the duties of the Lecturers. At present, he pointed out, the G.Lects. were obliged to wait for an invitation from a Lodge before they could deliver a lecture, which meant that—probably because the Lodges did not always understand the position—half the year was thrown away as far as the Lecturers were concerned, whereas it might be possible to arrange for the delivery of lectures every other month. A suggestion by V.W. Bro. Bridge that the B. of G.P. should consider the question of giving the Prov.GMs. power to

arrange with the Lodges for the delivery of lectures at their meetings was agreed to.

THE risible faculties of all present at a meeting of a country Lodge were tested severely the other evening. The candidate was being asked the preliminary questions, among which is the one relating to difficulty and danger, and upon whom he put his trust. The candidate, a big strapping young fellow, unhesitatingly replied "Myself," and the general opinion was that he appeared capable of looking after himself. The W.M. was considerably nonplussed for the time being, and it was only the judicious prompting of the J.D. that placed matters on their proper footing.

THE May meeting of Lodge St. Andrew (Wellington), following the week of G.L. Communication, was a remarkable one for several reasons. Despite wretched weather, the attendance must have constituted a local record for a degree meeting, and included no less than 57 W.Ms. and P.Ms. from all parts of the territory. The ceremony was performed with precision and care, and was followed by an address delivered by W. Bro. W. N. Ewing (Lodge Ngamotu), the effect of which will not be readily effaced from the minds of those privileged to hear it. The W.M. and officers of the Lodge might well feel complimented on the results which attended their efforts to ensure a successful meeting.

ONE important question that came under discussion at the annual communication of G.L. was that of the small subscriptions required by some of the Lodges in New Zealand from their members. The B. of G.P. called attention to the matter in its report, and R.W. Bro. Stoneham, acting-Chairman of the Board, said he understood that there were some Lodges in N.Z. which fixed their rates of subscription as low as £1 and £1 ls. a year. It was impossible for a Lodge to work with freedom or liberality, or do its duty to itself and the Craft on so small a subscription. After discussion, it was resolved that the matter be referred to the incoming Board, with instructions to report to the next communication.

SOUTHLAND NOTES.



Some months ago Lodge Wallace initiated a movement to present R.W. Bro. F. A. Steans with a Prov.G.M. regalia. The matter was spontaneously taken up by the Lodges, and the presentation was made by M.W. Bro. Thompson, G.M., at Otautau, on 22nd April, in the presence of a very large number of brethren, many of whom travelled long distances to pay their respects to R.W. Bro. Steans, and wish him bon voyage.

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In recognition of the very active part V.E. Comp. Steans has taken in the work of Southern Cross B.A.C., the companions, on learning of his intention to make an extended tour of the world, presented him with a P.Z. jewel as a mark of their fraternal regard.

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St. John's installation meeting drew a large attendance. The installation of officers was admirably conducted by W. Bro. Hoyles, the retiring W.M., assisted by P.Ms. of the Lodge. The new Master, W. Bro. A. S. Cookson, belongs to a family whose enthusiasm for Freemasonry is well known from Christchurch to Invercargill. Bro. Sid is the third member of his family to reach the chair of K.S. Brethren travelled upwards of 100 miles to attend this function, which is in itself eloquent testimony of the popularity of St. John's Lodge and of its talented W.M.

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Waihopai Lodge installation meeting took place on 18th May, when Bro. Somerset Smith was duly installed W.M. His maiden speech from the chair was of a high order, and naturally -created a very good impression. He holds high ideals regarding Freemasonry, and if he succeeds in putting them, or even a portion of them, into practice, he will serve the Craft and his fellows well, In any case a prosperous and useful year's work is predicted for Waihopai Lodge.

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At St. John's banquet, W.W. Bro. Mehaffey was in retrospective vein when proposing the toast of the W.M. He was no doubt inspired to do so by the fact that the four Invercargill Lodges are conducting their own installation ceremony. The speaker instanced the fact that when Master of Southern Cross Lodge, he was on occasions the only W. brother on the dais, and consequently had to perform the ceremonial work as best he could. In these modern days, P.Ms. can be counted by the dozen at our meetings.

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On 8th May, W. Bro. R. Brown, a very popular P.M. of Wairaki Lodge, was presented with a handsome P.M.'s jewel. The presentation was made, in happy terms, by W. Bro. J. O. Clapp, W. M.

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R.W. Bro. Timpany, Prov.G.M., and W. Bros. Yule and Campbell denied themselves the pleasure of indulging in

the G.L. festivities provided by the Canterbury brethren, in order that they might be present at St. John installation meeting on 15th May. Needless to say, the compliment was very highly appreciated by W. Bros. A. S. Cookson and the members of his Lodge.

AUCKLAND NOTES.



The Eden Lodge, No. 1530, E.C., has recently become the possessor of a clock of somewhat unique design, the gift of the members of the Newton Mark Lodge, whose meetings are held in the Eden lodge-room. The case of the clock is of oak, in the shape of a keystone, and on the face of the clock, instead of the usual numerals, are depicted at each quarter certain Craft symbols, while the intervening spaces are filled by the eight letters so well known to all Mark Masters. Other Masonic emblems are depicted on the case, and altogether the gift, which has been placed on the west wall, is a very interesting one.

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The annual festival of Lodge Ponsonby, No. 54, took place on 5th May, when W. Bro. W. J. Maxwell, the retiring W.M., installed his successor (Bro. F. A. Koenig). The lodge-room was taxed to its utmost, all the local Lodges being numerously represented, and the installing officer carried out his duties in a most efficient manner. A banquet was subsequently held in the building, when the usual toasts were done full justice to.

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The new Lodge at Whakatane will be constituted by M.W. Bro. Oliver Nicholson early in June.

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At the regular meeting of the United Masters Lodge, No. 167, the brethren were excellently entertained by W. Bro. F. J. Bankart, P.G.D. (Eng.); who for a number of years was Deputy-Dist.G.M. of British Guiana: under the G.L. of England. Bro. Bankart gave an interesting account of the origin and growth of Masonry in this far-off British possession. He explained that at the present time the English district consisted of five Lodges, in two of which the membership was restricted to white brethren, while two were black Lodges, and the fifth was composed entirely of Chinese. There was also a Scottish Lodge, with a mixed membership, in the community. A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to Bro. Bankart for his address.

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The annual meeting of the Concord Mark Lodge, No. 580, E.C., was recently held at Whangarei, when Bro. A. F. Allwood was installed into the chair of W.M.M.

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The installation meeting of Lodge Ponsonby, No. 54, saw R.W. Bro. Allen make his last appearance officially as Pray.- G.M. Bro. Allen has spent a strenuous two years carrying out the duties of his office in this large and scattered district, and feels that he has earned a rest from Masonic labour.

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It is anticipated that the proposed R.A.C. at Gisborne will be opened in August next, at the time of the annual meeting of the Abercorn Lodge.

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The Ararat Lodge of Ark Mariners, No. 154, E.C., held its annual meeting during the month, when Bro. C. H. Jenkins, junr., was installed as W.C.N., the ceremony being carried out by the retiring C.W. (Bro. E. Auger), in the presence of a fair gathering of R.A.M.

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At the installation of Lodge Ponsonby, the presenting officers were W. Bro. Harnett (W.M., Lodge Eden, No. 1530, E.C.), and W. Bro. Scott (R.W.M. of Lodge Ponsonby, No. 708, S.C.). The W.Ts. in the three degrees were presented respectively by the W.Ms. of Onewa (No. 182)), St. Andrew (No. 8), and Auckland (No. 87). R.W. Bro. F. Kearsley addressed the W.M., R.W. Bro. G. Barclay the Wardens, while R.W. Bro. T. W. Allen addressed the brethren.

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THE fiftieth anniversary of Lodge United Service was celebrated on the 27th May, and special efforts were made to obtain a large attendance of members of the Lodge.

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A number of members of the Craft have now made their home at Mercer, on the Waikato River, and as a desire has been evinced for Masonic intercourse, an application to hold a Lodge of Instruction, under the supervision of Lodge Franklin, No. 58 (the nearest Lodge); has been sent forward.

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A very interesting address on "Deficiencies in Freemasonry" was recently delivered at the United Masters Lodge by Bro. E. R. Piggott, Treas.

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Two presentations were made at the installation meeting of the Waitemata Lodge, No. 689. The retiring W.M. (W. Bro. F. L. Armitage) was the recipient of a P.M.'s jewel, while W. Bro. F. Rose was presented with a special jewel in recognition of his services as Preceptor extending over a number of years.

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At the annual meeting of the Ararat Lodge of R.A.M., the retiring Commander (Bro. E. Auger), was presented with the jewel of a P.W.C.N., in recognition of his services to the Lodge.

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The past few weeks have witnessed quite a number of new rulers of the Craft. Bro. H. Hine now rules over Lodge Plunket, No. 163 (Te Kuiti), while Bro. H. G. Muller occupies the chair of Lodge Waipu, No. 179. Bro. W. Leslie is now W.M. of Lodge Marsden, No. 169, at Maungaturoto.

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It is understood that the proposal for a United Board of Enquiry, which has been raised at different times, will in the near future assume definite form. The authorities of the Dist. G.L. of England have formulated proposals, and it is intended to invite representatives of the sister G.Ls. to meet at an early date and discuss the matter. The best wishes for a satisfactory meeting go forth from all Freemasons.

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At the annual festival of Waitemata Lodge, No. 689, E.C., the retiring W.M. (W. Bro. F. L. Armitage) installed Bro. John Linton into the chair. There was a large attendance of members and visitors. The Dist.G.L. of the English Constitution was strongly represented under R.W. Bro. Bankart, Dist.G.M.; the Prov.G.L. of Ireland was under the control of R.W. Bro. W. J. Rees, Prov.G.M.; while the Scottish brethren were represented by R.W. Bro. W. McCullough, G.M. of Scottish Freemasonry for the North Island, and many of his officers. At the conclusion of the installation ceremony an excellent banquet was provided.

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At the Waitemata installation meeting the presenting officers were the W.Ms. of Ara, No. 348, I.C., and St. Andrew, No. 418, S.C. The W.Ts. were respectively presented by the W.Ms. of Prince of Wales Lodge, No. 1338, E.C.; Eden, No. 1530, E.C.; Te Awamutu, No. 2221, E.C. R.W. Bro. A. S. Bankart, Dist. G.M., addressed the W.M., while R.W. Bro. W. McCullough gave the address to the Wardens, and W. Bro. E. Auger that to the brethren.

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W. Bro. C. J. Schnauer has been re-elected as W.M. of Lodge Ara, No. 348, I.C.

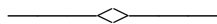
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The Dist.G.L. of Mark Master Masons held its quarterly communication within the portals of the Union Mark Lodge, No. 154. In the absence of the Dist.G.M.M. (R.W. Bro. Bankart) Dep.G.M.M. occupied the chair. The business transacted was of a routine nature.

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The retiring Master of Lodge Ponsonby, No. 54 (W. Bro. W. J. Maxwell), was the recipient of a very fine P.M.'s jewel from the brethren of his Lodge at the annual meeting held recently.

NOTES ON THE G.L. MEETING.



Christchurch did itself proud over the annual convocation of G.L. The arrangements for the entertainment of both representatives and their lady companions—of whom there was a considerable number—were excellent; and for musical accompanist to ceremonials (both vocal and instrumental accompanists) the Cathedral City seems to stand alone in the Craft.

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The hall accommodation was the one serious drawback. At the business sittings the Choral Hall was like a vault. In the evening, certainly, it was otherwise; but the crowding! The sooner the Christchurch and Dunedin civic authorities come up to Auckland and Wellington in respect to Town Halls the more will the Craft rejoice.

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The conspicuous feature of the gathering was the unusually small attendance of P.G.Ms. M.W. Bros. Niccol and Binns stood—or, rather, sat—alone in support of the G.M. M.W. Bro. Griffiths was accounted for as being away in the Old Country; M.W. Bro. Williams was detained in Wellington by business at the last moment; M.W. Bro. Barron's illness read again to be deplored; and there was the sadly vacant chair of the late M.W. Bro. Burton.

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That vacant chair seemed to obsess G.L. Allusions to its late occupant kept cropping up all through the communication—in the reports of the Boards, again in the discussions thereupon, in a resolution expressing regret, and at odd times. Never was a long-familiar figure more missed. One of the items of the programme was the singing of a memorial ode to the departed P. G.M.

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The debate on centralisation was disappointing. Obviously G.L. was captured from the commencement by the eloquence, though probably not by the arguments, of W. Bro. Jolly, mover of the rescinding motion, and when he sat down the result was a foregone conclusion. On the other side, excellent fighting speeches were made by W. Bros. Allport and Harkness, but they seemed to recognise that they were fighting in a cause temporarily lost. Though there had been rumours that a ballot would be asked for, the supporters of centralisation evidently concluded that it would be useless after the emphatic result of the show of hands, and wisely forebore.

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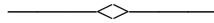
One of the pleasant features of the communication was the presentation to M.W. Bro. Niccol of a purse of sovereigns from the Lodges of the territory in recognition of his valuable service to the Craft and a contribution towards his enjoyment of his well-earned holiday. Possibly, however, the amount was less than might have been expected under the circumstances.

Rather surprisingly, the question of the continuance of the Review of Foreign Correspondence was not even touched upon in G.L.

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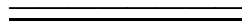
Deserved praise was meted out to the G.Sec. and his staff for their excellent administration, with special emphasis upon the work of Bro. Hutchison as G.L. accountant.

PRESENTATION TO LODGE HINEMOA BY A LADY.

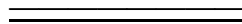


An appropriately designed book-mark for the V.S.L. was presented to Hinemoa Lodge at its last meeting by Mrs. Darrell, the wife of Bro. T. B. Darnall, a member of the Lodge. The article in question, a neat example of silversmith's work, consisted of three blue ribbons, one for each degree, and marked respectively 1, 2, and 3. Adorning one end of each ribbon are the Ionic, Doric, and Corinthian columns, and beneath each pillar engraved on a plate are the appropriate words : " Wisdom to contrive," " Strength to support," and " Beauty to adorn " from these plates hang tassels, three on the first ribbon, five on the second ribbon, and seven on the third ribbon. On the other end of each ribbon is an inscribed plate, bearing the various chapters and verses appertaining to each degree. Pendant to the whole hangs an emblem depicting the First Great Light in Freemasonry, resting on an equilateral triangle, around which is the beautiful motto, " Heaven's Light our Guide," is surmounted by the All-Seeing Eye, irradiated. On the reverse side of the emblem is engraved the name of the donor and date presented.

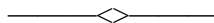
In making the presentation, Bro. Frank Robinson, J.W. (the designer of the gift for Mrs. Darnall), explained the symbolism conveyed by the various designs on the book-mark, and, mentioned, inter alia, the idea that prompted the gift was that the V.S.L. which the Lodge now uses was given by Mrs. Martin, wife of the W.M., and the beautiful cushion on which it rests was made and presented by the W.M.'s two daughters, and he (the speaker) could not think of anything more appropriate than the gift of a book-mark. The altar of Hinemoa Lodge thus being furnished solely by women, a thing unique in Freemasonry.



The corner-stone of morality is religion—a belief in and a reliance upon the One Supreme Being, the Great Architect of the Universe. By whatever name He may be called, by whatever ceremonies He may be worshipped, dependence upon God, acknowledgment of His will, is essential to stable morality,— Bro. Lloyd B, Thomas, Grand Orator, Nevada.



GRAND LODGE COMMUNICATION.



INSTALLATION OF M.W. BRO. DOUGALL AS GRAND
MASTER.



ANOTHER CHANGE OF MIND IN RE CENTRALISATION.

The annual communication of the G.L. of New Zealand was held in the Choral Hall, Christchurch, on the 13th and 14th May, and was attended by probably the largest number of representatives that have yet come together on such an occasion. The one division in which heads were counted showed a total of 280 voters. M.W. Bro. Maurice Thompson, of Invercargill, occupied the throne and discharged the duties with dignity and firmness throughout the greater part of the business sittings. The only P.G.Ms. at the communication were M.W. Bros. Niccol and Binns. R.W. Bro. Broadley was present as S.G.W., and R.W. Bro. G. T. Bull as J.G.W. W. Bro. Flett was G.D. of C.

THE LATE M.W. BRO. BURTON.

Before proceeding with business, the M.W.G.M. expressed his sense of the loss suffered by G.L. by the death of M.W. Bro. A. H. Burton and the other distinguished brethren who have passed away during the year, and on his motion a resolution expressing regret was placed on record. Other allusions to the death of our M.W. brother were made at various stages of the proceedings.

BOARD OF BENEVOLENCE.

The report of the B. of Benevolence showed that grants had been made during the year in 29 cases, in amounts ranging from £35 downwards, and aggregating £469 16s., as against which there is the rare and gratifying circumstance, that one-half of the £35 grant has been repaid, and one other recipient has refunded £2 of the Board's advance.

With regard to circular appeals the Board stated :—" In pursuance of the policy recently adopted by this Board and approved by G.L., we have endeavoured to meet all cases calling for assistance by increased grants from the Fund of Benevolence, and we have only advised the G.M. to sanction a general appeal to the Craft by circular in exceptional circumstances, where the requirements of the case were beyond our power to meet. As a result of this system we have been able again to limit circular appeals for the year to three in number, without turning down any deserving application."

Of the three circular appeals mentioned, one, in aid of a disabled brother at Dannevirke, has realised 2236, and is being utilised in setting up the wife of the beneficiary in a little store; the second, raised for the benefit of the widow of an Auckland brother, is being liberally responded to, and will probably raise £220; and the third, made for the relief of a family of a late brother at Wanganui, was only recently issued.

There are in the Board's hands 18 funds raised by circular appeal, and still unexpired. The balance to their credit on the 31st March was £1414.

The Board placed on record the zeal displayed by the P.G.Ms. in regard to business conducted by the Board, and also recognised gratefully the valuable assistance given by W. Bro. H. H. Seaton, Secretary of the Wellington B. of Relief, who has saved the funds of G.L. considerably, and at the same time has rendered valuable aid in enabling the Board to relieve really deserving cases.

THE ANNUITY BOARD.

First and foremost, this Board recorded the death of their esteemed Chairman, M.W. Bro. Alfred Burton, in February last. "His death," said the report, "removes one who occupied a prominent place in G.L., and who will long be remembered and revered for the integrity of his life and the consistency of his character as a Freemason."

Three of the annuitants of the fund also passed away during the year.

Seven new annuities were granted during the year, and the actual number of beneficiaries on the roll at the 31st March was 32, the total charge upon the fund at that date being £778 10s. (The financial position of the fund and the contributions of the last year were dealt with in the May issue of the CRAFTSMAN.)

The Civic Lodge, No. 157, Christchurch, has, during the past year, contributed over £150 to the W. and O. and A.M. Fund, and has offered to donate further sums during the next four years, which will (added to the 2150 already given) collectively amount to £400, on condition that thereafter an annuity of £26 shall be allotted to Civic Lodge and be at the disposal of that Lodge for the use and enjoyment of any member who may be nominated by it, subject to the rules and requirements of the Board. The Board expressed willingness to fall in with the idea, and submitted an amendment of the rules governing the fund, to enable it to be carried out, viz., a new clause providing that any Lodge or other recognised body of Freemasons which within a period of five years contributes to the W. and O. and A.M. Fund an amount not less than £400 shall have the right to nominate an annuitant on the fund to the extent of £26 per annum, subject to the approval of the Board as to the circumstances of the proposed annuitant being such as to entitle him to an annuity.

The amendment of the rules provoked some discussion, objection being taken to it on the ground that it might give wealthy Lodges an opportunity to earmark to a certain extent part of the funds of the Board. A motion was made that the question be held over until next communication. It was stated in the course of the debate that the means by which the members of Lodge Civic propose to raise the £400 is that they have provided themselves with money-boxes, and by dropping into these at the rate of a penny each per day they will achieve their object without further effort. Eventually the amendment was negatived by 145 to 135, and the proposed new rule adopted.

BALANCE-SHEET.

All the essential figures relating to the finances of G.L. were published in the last issue of the CRAFTSMAN. All that it is necessary now to recapitulate is the fact that the aggregate balance of the five separate funds was £31,923 18s. 1d. There was some little discussion upon the question of the payment to the G.Reg. for his work in connection with the new edition of the Constitution, but the general feeling was obviously against the idea of expecting an officer to give heavy and important professional work gratis, and the item passed with the rest.

GRAND MASTER.

R.W. Bro. John Joseph Dougall, of Christchurch, who had the nomination of 38 Lodges and several distinguished individual members of G.L., was unanimously elected as G.M., on the motion of M.W. Bro. Thompson.

THE ELECTIVE OFFICERS.

In accordance with the scheme of distribution submitted by the B. of G.P., the elective officers for the year were chosen as follows :—

CANTERBURY PROVINCE.

G. Chaplain—W. Bro. Rev. A. Mitchell.
G. Treasurer—W. Bro. David Arthur Baxter.
G. Registrar—W. Bro. Edward Darker Mosley.
President of the B. of G.P.—R.W. Bro. Sydney Clifton Bingham.
President of the B. of Benevolence—W. Bro. John Thornton.
G.D. of C.—W. Bro. Kenneth Mackenzie.
G. Stewards—W. Bros. L. A. H. Gogoll and J. McKenzie.
Members of the B. of G.P.—W. Bros. F. C. B. Bishop, A. H. Hobbs, H. Hopkinson, H. J. Otley, and M. B. Wright.
Members of the B. of Benevolence—W. Bros. W. Brown, T. Compton, J. W. Roberts, A. H. Webb, and W. M. Robinson.

AUCKLAND DISTRICT.

S.G.D.—W. Bro. Stephen Shepherd Allen.
G. Superintendent of Works—W. Bro. J. S. Calhoun.
G. Bible Bearer—W. Bro. John Reid.
G. Standard Bearer—W. Bro. Wm. Smeaton Clark.
G. Stewards—W. Bros. C. F. Reed and Norman McKenzie.
Members of the B. of G.P.—W. Bros. D. B. Walshe and Horace Hammond.
Members of the B. of Benevolence—W. Bros. G. E. McCarthney, and A. H. J. Brackebush.

WELLINGTON DISTRICT.

S.G.D.—W. Bro. J. H. Worboys.
G.D. of C.—W. Bro. F. J. Hunn.
G. Standard Bearer—R.W. Bro. Joseph Firth.
G. Bible Bearer—W. Bro. Frank Bedford.
G. Stewards—W. Bros. W. J. Croucher and E. Goodbehere.
Members of the B. of G.P.—W. Bros. J. G. Harkness and H. J. T. Jaggard.
Members of the B. of Benevolence—W. Bros. Geo. Russell and H. Hobbs.

OTAGO DISTRICT.

J.G.D.—W. Bro. Win. Henry Hopkins.
G. Superintendent of Works—W. Bro. C. L. W. Lischner.
G. Organist—Bro. F. C. Burry.
G. Steward—W. Bro. Wm. Jacobsen.
Members of the B. of G.P.—W. Bros. F. Bradley and J. G. Ross.

Members of the B. of Benevolence—W. Bros. H. G. Deal and J. R. Gilmour.

SOUTHLAND DISTRICT.

G. Chaplain—W. Bro. Veu. Archdeacon Packe.

G. Pursuivant—W. Bro. J. O. Clapp, jun.

G. Steward—W. Bro. J. H. Homer.

Member of the B. of G.P.—W. Bro. J. T. Prain.

Member of the B. of Benevolence—W. Bro. Jas. Walker.

HAWKE'S BAY DISTRICT.

G. Pursuivant—W. Bro. J. B. E. Hird.

G. Steward—W. Bro. H. E. Burley.

Member of the B. of G.P.—W. Bro. E. Hosking.

Member of the B. of Benevolence—W. Bro. G. F. Roach.

NELSON AND MARLBOROUGH DISTRICT.

G. Sword Bearer—W. Bro. F. Thomas.

G. Steward—W. Bro. F. Nosworthy.

Member of the B. of Benevolence—W. Bro. R. W. Stiles:

WEST COAST DISTRICT.

G. Sword Bearer—W. Bro. C. P. Mori.

G. Steward—W. Bro. T. Pattison.

Member of the B. of G.P.—W. Bro. E. Schafer.

Member of the B. of Benevolence—W. Bro. G. Hufton.

TARANAKI DISTRICT.

J.G.D.—W. Bro. W. H. Haddrell.

Member of the B. of G.P.—W. Bro. F. G. Kimbell.

G. Steward — W. Bro. G. W. Rogers.

NECROLOGY OF THE YEAR.

In its report, the B. of G.P. emphasised the regret of the Craft at the death of M.W. Bro. A. H. Burton, P.G.M. Inter aria, it said :—" M.W. Bro. Burton had devoted nearly fifty years to the study and practice of Freemasonry, had taken a foremost place in establishing this G.L., and had filled the highest offices in its power to confer, but what he was proudest of was his responsibility for certain pronounced features in the policy of G.L. relating to the itinerary of its headquarters and its system of representation of Lodges at the annual communications. These outstanding features will always be associated in our minds with the name of our departed brother. To his aged partner in life and to their daughters the fraternal sympathy of G.L. will go forth, and we shall keep his memory green."

Reference was also made to the late R.W. Bro. R. C. Hamerton as "another pillar of Freemasonry." Other past G.L. officers to whose demise regretful allusion was made were W. Bro. J. T. Muir, P.G.D. (Wanganui), W. Bro. G. E. Collins, P.G.D. (Lyttelton), W. Bro. G. D. Hamerton, P.G.B.B. (Patea), and W. Bro. J. J. Grandi, P.G.S.B. (Timaru).

GENERAL REPORT OF THE BOARD.

Other paragraphs in the report of the B. of G.P. contained the following information :-

The agreement with the G.L. of Scotland had been finally executed during the year.

Three G. Lecturers had been appointed since the last communication—viz., V.W. Bros. W. G. Mehaffey, T. W. Rowe, and H. B. Bridge, and their services had been highly appreciated in the districts to which they had been able to minister.

Three new Lodges had been constituted during the year— Timaru, 196, at Timaru ; Koranga, 197, also at Timaru; and Strath—Taieri, 199, at Middlemarch, Otago. A charter had also been issued for a Lodge at Whakatane, Auckland, as No. 198, but its constitution had been delayed owing to the destruction of the hall in which it was to have met.

The following Prov.G.Ms. were retiring from the charge of their respective districts this year :—R.W. Bro. J. H. Harkness, West Coast District, after nine years' service (it transpired, however, that R.W. Bro. Harkness had since been prevailed upon to accept another term of office); R.W. Bro. T. W. Allen, Auckland District, two years' service;

R.W. Bro. A. Stoneham, Otago District, two years' service. The Board recommended that G.L. place on record its grateful appreciation of their faithful and zealous service.

Some diversity of opinion existed regarding the wisdom of investing our surplus funds with the Public Trustee at 4 per cent. instead of purchasing debentures of local governing bodies bearing interest up to 5 per cent. The Board directed attention to the matter in order that the question might be fully considered by the incoming Board.

Several letters had been written by officers in charge of Masonic Districts recommending that some restrictions should be placed by G.L. on the indiscriminate use of the Masonic burial service, and suggesting that it should be necessary for a Lodge to obtain the consent of the Prov.G.M. or other officer in control of the district before conducting the Masonic burial service over the remains of a deceased brother. The Board did not see its way clear to submit legislation in the direction indicated, but promised to bring the matter before G.L. with the view of eliciting an expression of opinion.

The Master of one Lodge had been convicted of breaches of trust as a solicitor, and was now serving a sentence in prison. For his unmasonic conduct a motion for his expulsion from the fraternity would be submitted to G.L.

As to the condition of the Craft in the territory, the Board stated :—" The financial condition of the Lodges is generally sound, none of them are seriously embarrassed, but there are a few which try to work on too small a subscription, and although we do not suggest interference by G.L. in the domestic affairs of Lodges, it is worth considering whether the minimum rate of subscription should not be fixed by statute the same as the minimum fee for initiation."

It was recommended that W. Bro. Cheesman, F.N.Z.A.A., should be appointed Auditor for the ensuing year.

The Board proposed that the representation levy for the year be 9d. per member.

As the next annual communication should be held in the Wellington division of the Dominion, the Board recommended G.L. to decide accordingly.

Finally, the Board placed on record its appreciation of the manner in which the G. Sec. and his staff carry on the work of G.L., and recommended that, in view of the condition of M.W. Bro. Niccol's health, and the fact that he has had no spell during his fourteen years' arduous service as G. Sec., he should be granted six months' holiday.

The various clauses of the report were considered and adopted, with the exception that the questions of method of investment of funds and burial services were referred to the incoming Board.

High compliments were paid to the zeal and ability of the M.W.G. Sec. and the Accountant (Bro. Hutchison), and M.W. Bro. Niccol's holiday was heartily voted.

MASONIC CHARITY.

An extract from the report of the Prov.G.M. of Wellington with reference to the death of W. Bro. T. T. Roberts is of interest :—" Over £200 has been subscribed by the local Lodges as the nucleus of a fund for the education of his two little daughters, now aged nine and ten. It was promised to Bro. Roberts on his death-bed that the Freemasons of Wellington would look after the 'kiddies,' and they are nobly performing their duty."

THE CENTRALISATION QUESTIONS.

W. Bro. Jolly moved to rescind the motion passed at the communication held in Auckland last year, in favour of centralisation of G.L. office in one of the four chief cities of the Dominion. He urged that the prosperity of G.L. was threatened by the proposed change ; that its 'Success had been largely due to the advantages of the peripatetic system; and would be imperilled by the loss of interest that would be caused in the remote districts of the Dominion through their getting out of touch with a centralised Executive. After pointing out that the Auckland resolution was passed with practically no discussion, he gave reasons against centralisation based on geographical, administrative, financial, and business considerations.

The motion was seconded by R.W. Bro. Allen, Prov.G.M. of Auckland, and was then discussed at considerable length.

Eventually it was carried, on 'show of hands, by a large majority.

INSTALLATION OF GRAND MASTER.

The hall was packed to discomfort in the evening, when V.W. Bro. Dougall was installed at G.M. M.W. Bro. Thompson conducted the principal portion of the ceremony, and the musical arrangements, both as to choir and orchestra, were such as Christchurch alone in the territory seems capable of producing, so far as Freemasonry is concerned.

M.W. Bro. Dougall, after his installation, announced his appointed officers as follows :—

Deputy-G.M.—W. Bro. Ernest P. Lee, of Oamaru.

Prov.G.Ms.—Auckland, M.W. Bro. O. Nicholson; Wellington, R.W. Bro. T. A. Peterkin ; Otago, R.W. Bro. J. J. Clark; Southland, R.W. Bro. Win. Timpany ; Hawke's Bay, R.W. Bro. H. L. Harston ; Taranaki, R.W. Bro. R. W. Sargent ; Nelson and Marlborough, R.W. Bro. W. E. Redman; West Coast, R.W. Bro. J. H. Harkness; Canterbury District is ruled by M.W. Bro. F. C. Binns in the capacity of G.M. of the Prov.G.L.

S.G.W.—R.W. Bro. Joseph Catchpole, Auckland.

J.G.W.—R.W. Bro. Herbert H. Seaton, Wellington.

These officers were duly invested, in accordance with their respective ranks, and the elected officers were also invested.

GRAND MASTER'S ADDRESS.

In his address to the brethren, M.W. Bro. Dougall expressed feelings of gratitude and pleasure on the occasion of his elevation to the supreme rank of G.M. It was with feelings of the deepest regret that he referred to the death of the late M.W. Bro. A. H. Burton, P.G.M. That brother had left behind him an enviable record of usefulness and ability, of honour and integrity. Nearly all his adult life an ardent and enthusiastic Freemason, he had given of his best to the Craft. To him Freemasonry had been the Alpha and Omega of existence.

For the first time in the history of the G.L. it was in complete amity with all the world, through the execution during the year of the long-delayed agreement of recognition with the G.L. of Scotland.

The progress of G.L. during the last twelve months had been satisfactory, and showed a steady increase in membership and finance. The increase in the funds, while not quite equal to some of the preceding years, was still substantial, and gave tangible evidence that the brethren fully realised the importance of maintaining the annuity fund in a condition sufficient to meet all reasonable demands.

A point worthy of consideration was whether the time had not arrived for reviewing the size of provincial districts. The present Lodes were divided unequally into eight districts. In the larger districts the tasks of the Prov.G.Ms. were becoming herculean, and no business man could effectively carry out the duties of the office in any of the larger districts without seriously affecting his own material interest. Several of the districts could be subdivided with advantage. He trusted that at the next communication some scheme of subdivision would be submitted.

Speaking with regard to Freemasonry in general, the G.M. proceeded :—" Since the inauguration of Constitutional Freemasonry 200 years, ago the Craft has steadily maintained an unbroken record of dauntless perseverance in disseminating Masonic truth and preserving Masonic ideals. No secular institution on the face of the earth has preserved its original objects so immutably as has Freemasonry. The aims and principles, ideals, discipline, and procedure of to-day are as they were centuries ago. Freemasonry has been, and still is, the pioneer of the highest type of civilisation. Equality and fraternity are its watchwords. Within the doors of the Lodge prince and peasant meet on a common level. Merit, and merit alone, is the passport to its privileges. Distinctions of social rank are abolished. It seems to ameliorate the condition of the humble and lowly. It impresses upon the mighty the duty and obligation of the brotherhood of man. It fosters liberty and justice. It demands virtue, respect, and honourable conduct from its votaries. Its influence is felt in every quarter of the globe, and that influence is invariably directed in the preservation of law, order, and sound government. Through the ages it has never varied, in its ideals. It deals not in politics, and it in no way trenches on religion ; but it ever strives to mitigate or destroy international and internal animosities, and to bring the peoples of the earth into closer and more harmonious communion with each other. It is a world power whose object is peace and goodwill among men. It seeks not individual aggrandisement, but endeavours to sow the seed of faith, hope, and charity, brotherly love, relief, and truth-to spread the mantle of universal benignity and aid man towards a nobler conception of the duty that man owes to man.

" Freemasonry labours to elevate the mind and lighten the soul, and institute an era of brotherly toleration. It endeavours to awaken the intelligence and broaden the view-to fill up the hollows and pitfalls that catch the feet of the unwary and compel man to treat his fellow, no matter how humble he may be, as a sentient being born in the image of the immortal Creator. A great social unrest is agitating the minds of men throughout the world, and never has the beneficial and ameliorating influence of Masonic principle been more needed than is the case at the present time. The evolution of humanity is proceeding more and more rapidly. Men are striving for a higher plane of existence and for greater equality of opportunity. Human aspiration is soaring higher and higher. It is pulsating with new life and new ideas, and in the consequent struggle many hard things are being said and done. Would that all men could view the social movements of the day with the disciplined equanimity of the Freemason. Would that

Freemasonry could plant its faith in the Fatherly guidance of the Most High, its hope of the ultimate regeneration of mankind, and its sanctifying charity of speech, of thought, and of action in every human breast. Then, indeed, would the doors of the millennium open, and men would realise the Masonic ideal that this great world of ours is one huge cosmopolity, founded on the Fatherhood of God and the brotherhood of man,"

SECOND DAY'S PROCEEDINGS.

The second day was devoted almost entirely to discussion of the question of the proposed expulsion from the Craft of the W.M. of a Lodge, now a prisoner of the State for defalcation. There was a strong feeling in G.L. in favour of tempering justice with mercy, and after a long discussion it was decided that the brother be suspended sine die, conditional upon his returning to the G.Sec. his M.M. certificate.

Votes of sympathy were passed to R.W. Bro. Barron, P.G.M., and R.W. Bro. Ronaldson, P.G.Sec., in connection with their prolonged illnesses.

Notices of motion were given for next communication for the subdivision of the Auckland Masonic Province at the latitude of Huntly, and the Wellington Province at the Manawatu River ; also for the transfer of £2,000 from the Fund of Benevolence to the Annuity Fund.

Votes of thanks were given to M.W. Bro. Thompson, P.G.M., for his services in the last two years, and to the Canterbury brethren and their lady friends for lavish hospitality.

G.L. was closed shortly after noon.

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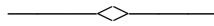
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(All 7/6 but those noted.)

Correspondence

THE PLEASURES OF MOTORING.



TO THE EDITOR.

DEAR SIR AND BRO.,—I was greatly tickled in reading the humorous article under the above heading in the present issue of the CRAFTSMAN. Your clever correspondent has demonstrated that many a fact is spoken in jest, but he has omitted to show that the truth of "the worthy doctor's" statement that " a pair of good horses are worth half a dozen motor cars " was justified. At one breakdown which occurred twenty-five miles out of Wairoa one of the brethren accepted the hospitality of the coach, which was opportunely passing. "The worthy doctor" himself valiantly determined to walk on. Both these brethren arrived in Wairoa some hours before the car, demonstrating that not only are horses superior to the car as a means of progression, but on occasion it can be beaten by "Shanks, his mare. ' The story of the tortoise and the hare is no fable.—

Yours fraternally,

Hastings, 3rd May, 1914.

ONE WHO WAS THERE.

TO THE EDITOR.

DEAR SIR AND BRO.,—After reading "The Pleasures of Motoring" and the thought of a correspondence school conducted by the W. brethren, I concluded they might be like the young bride who said, " Hubbie, what kind of a tailor did you employ to sew your buttons on your trousers ? I have had to sew one of them on five times." I am pleased to see new subscribers for the N.Z. CRAFTSMAN, which I value very highly. I would suggest Lodge Secretaries sending in short but regular reports. They are most interesting. The CRAFTSMAN is most useful and instructive.—Yours fraternally,

4th May, 1914.

W.T.,184.

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PUBLICITY AND FREEMASONRY.
TO THE EDITOR.

DEAR SIR AND BRO.,—The average and ordinary Freemason must surely be sadly puzzled as to the sincerity of the admonition impressed upon him to refrain from anything savouring of publicity or advertisement in matters Masonic. Year after year the spirit of the law in this connection as laid down in the B. of C. is broken by the publication in the daily press of the main features of G.L. communication and of the official list of officers elected and appointed. The letter of the law is not infringed, because this publication is done with the consent of the supreme head; at least, one is given to understand that is so. In drawing attention to the matter no reflection is meant upon the worthy and distinguished brother just recently elevated to that high Position. He has but followed the practice of his predecessors. It happens, however, that the publicity given to G.L. proceedings just recently has far exceeded that in former years, even extending to portraits of certain distinguished brethren in the full Masonic insignia of their respective offices, in the public newspapers. The thing would seem to be growing. The question arises whether it is not opportune to either check this growth by a definite limit being placed to what, if anything, shall go forth, or to remove the embargo altogether and permit free and general publicity of all Masonic doings, great or small, which do not in themselves include any details necessarily and rightly held to be secret to the Craft alone. That this latter course would be repugnant to almost every Mason in the Dominion goes without saying. It therefore remains for the Executive of the Institution to take a hand, and, in connection with G.L. proceedings, to set forth in black and white exactly how far publicity shall go, if any. When doing so, whatever else in its wisdom it decides upon, it certainly should absolutely forbid the publication in the profane press of the names of G.L. officers other than that of the G.M., and also of portraiture, whether single or in groups. This latter lays the Institution open to what its true and earnest members utterly repudiate and detest-- the charge of advertising—a thing so repugnant to the great body of the Craft as, were it permitted to creep in by any door, would most certainly greatly diminish its membership, besides bringing the Institution into ill repute. Let us be true to ourselves. The outside public has nothing to do with Masonry or its affairs. Why, then, publish anything at all in connection with Masonry ?

—Yours fraternally, M.M.

A WORD PICTURE.

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(CHAS. G. JOHNSON, P.M., Balder Lodge, No. 393, San Francisco.)

Standing on a marble pedestal was the form of a woman. Her feet were shod with the sandals of charity. Her form was covered with the garb of truth. Over her shoulders the mantle of chastity. Upon her head the crown of love. At her breast it nursing babe. Standing at her left were a boy and girl. On her right, with her hand resting on her shoulder, was a man.

On the marble pedestal below was inscribed, "This is my kingdom; Love is king."

Above her, in a frame of silver, in letters of gold, was inscribed, "Husbands, desire us not for passion's sake, but respect us as the mothers of the world, and we will give to you a love that will surpass all other possessions that life can give to you.

" Sons, love and respect all women as you would have other sons love and .protect your mothers.

" Brothers, love and respect and protect all women as you would that other brothers love, and respect, and protect your sisters.

" Sweethearts, in your strength, protect us in our weakness, and rise to the fine statue of manhood and come up to us. When we fall we come down to you and you fall lower than we do."

**CONSECRATION AND CONSTITUTION OF THE ROSE AND THISTLE CHAPTER, No. 35,
ASHBURTON.**

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It was indeed a fortunate arrangement to hold this ceremony the day following the close of the annual

communication of G.L., as it enabled a number of distinguished companions to take part in it who would otherwise have been unable to do so. Soon after 3.30 p.m. in the afternoon of Friday, the 15th May, a large number of R.A. Masons, including companions of No. 27, Whangarei, in the far North, and Wallace, No. 34, in Central Otago, assembled in the Masonic Hall, Ashburton, and were called to order by V.E. Comp. F. C. B. Bishop, P.G.D. of C., to receive the M.E.G.Z. M.E. Comp. J. J. Essen, G.Z., opened a Chapter, officered as follows :—M.E. Comp. J. J. Eason, G.Z., as G.Z. ; R.E. Comp. A. C. Andrews, D.G.Z., as G.H. ; M.E. Comp. Rev. T. Porritt, P.G.Z., as G.J. ; M.E. Comp. W. W. De Castro, P.G.Z., as G.S.E. ; V.E. Comp. H. M. Ewing, P.G.Soj., as G.S.N. ; V.E. Comp. A. H. Thorpe, P.G.Soj., as 1st G.Soj. ; V.E. Comp. H. Coop, as 2nd G. Soj. ; V.E. Comp. E. Norden, P.A.G.R., as 3rd G.Soj. ; V.E. Comp. F. C. B. Bishop, as G.D. of C. ; V.E. Comp. J. E. Holmes, P.A.G.S.B., as G.Swd.B. ; V.E. Comp. A. J. Hoskins, P.G.St.B., as G.St.B. ; E. Comp. C. F. Turner, G. Organist. There were also present :—M.E. Comp. S. C. Bingham, P.G.Z. ; R.E. Comp. G. Flavell, G.Supt., Canterbury ; R.E. Comp. Ed. Lane, G.Supt., Otago ; V.E. Comp. C. W. Neilsen, G.Reg. ; V.E. Comp. Alfred Budd, P.G.D. of C. ; V.E. Comp. W. F. McLean, P.G.Supt, Works. The M.E.G.Z. was saluted with honours due to his rank. After prayer had been offered by the Acting-G.J. ; and the M.E.G.Z. had stated the purpose of the meeting, the Acting-G.S.E. stated the wishes of the companions. The petitioning companions having been arranged in due form, the Petition and Charter were read, the companions assenting to the officers named therein. Then followed a very fine address by M.E. Comp. Bingham, P.G.Z., which appears in another portion of this issue. After the Invocation and a Scripture reading, came the most impressive portion of the ceremony, the uncovering of the jewels and the lighting of the candles by the G.D. of C. Another Scripture reading, prayer, and the sprinkling of the perfume was followed by the solemn consecration of the Chapter by the M.E.G.Z., assisted by M.E. Comp. Bingham, P.G.Z. (corn), R.E. Comp. A. C. Andrews, D.G.Z. (wine), V.E. Comp. C. W. Neilsen, G.Reg. (oil), R.E. Comp. C. Flavell, G.Supt. (salt), with the customary Scripture readings and honours. The M.E. Acting-G.J. having perambulated with the censer, the Chapter was formally dedicated, the Dedicatory Prayer was recited, the usual Proclamation made by the G.D. of C., and the Patriachal Benediction pronounced.

The solemn dedication of the Chapter was followed by the installation of the Principals and the investiture of officers, R.E. Comp. Flavell, G.Supt., presiding. V.E. Comp. Dr. Russel Rendle, P.Z., was installed as 1st P. by M.E. Comp. Bingham, P.G.Z. ; E. Comp. W. G. Hillier as 2nd, by R.E. Comp. Andrews, D.G.Z. ; and E. Comp. F. H. Knight as 3rd, by V.E. Comp. J. Robertson. The addresses were delivered to the 1st P. by R.E. Comp. Flavell, G.Supt. ; to the 2nd by V.E. Comp. McLean, P.G.Supt. Works ; and to the 3rd, by V.E. Comp. A. H. Thorpe, P.G.Soj. ; the usual proclamations being made by the G.D. of C., and the honours given. V.E. Comp. E. Norden, P.A.G.R., invested the officers as follows :—E. Comp. W. F. Rmidle, S.N. ; E. Comp. E. F. Nicoll, 1st Soj. ; E. Comp. T. Williams, 2nd Soj. ; E. Comp. C. W. Nicoll, 3rd Soj. ; E. Comp. G. Meddins, Treas. ; E. Comp. J. Rumsey, Janitor, in his usual felicitous style. This was followed by the address to the 1st P. being delivered by M.E. Comp. J. J. Essen, G.Z. ; that to the officers being given by M.E. Comp. W. W. De Castro, P.G.Z. ; and that to the companions by R.E. Comp. C. Flavell, G. Supt. After the transaction of some general business, the M.E.G.Z. tendered his best wishes for the future welfare of the new Chapter, and retired, and the Chapter was closed. During the ceremony suitable odes were sung, and appropriate music was played, E. Comp. Turner, G. Organist., rendering good service at the organ.

An adjournment was made to the refectory, where refreshments were partaken of, and speeches made, special note being made of the kindly words of advice which the M.E.G.Z. gave the companions of his youngest Chapter.— [Specially contributed.]

THE ROYAL ARCH DEGREE.

[An Address delivered by M.E. COMP. S. C. BINGHAM at the opening of Rose and Thistle R.A. Chapter, Ashburton.]

It cannot fail to be a matter of great satisfaction to all members of our fraternity that a new centre of Masonic activity, a new factor in the dissemination of light and knowledge, has been inaugurated in our Province, and I feel sure that I am giving expression to a common sentiment. when I express the hope for, and anticipate a future of much usefulness for the Chapter we are engaged in erecting.

Our ritual states that the Supreme Degree of the H.R.A. is the summum bonum, the ne plus ultra, the completion and perfection of all preceding Freemasonry, whilst the English Ritual expressly disclaims any pretence as a further degree, and is in agreement with the dictum of a well-known American Masonic writer, Mackay, who says the B.A. is the copestone of the Masonic edifice, being absolutely necessary to complete the degree of a M.M., inasmuch as the latter cannot be properly understood without the development of the former. It is true that further fees are

required, a new set of regulations are handed to our candidates, a more stringent (if possible) Obligation is entered upon, and the convocations are entirely disassociated from the Craft, whilst the ordeal of the ballot has again to be faced. The reason for these seeming barriers to progress in Freemasonry may be given in very few words. A moment's thought will convince all here that many are admitted through the outer portals of Freemasonry who can but very imperfectly conform to our peculiar system of morality, do not appreciate the ethical lessons that we endeavour to convey, and to whom the declared objects of our fraternity—viz., -Brotherly Love, Relief, and Truth—are little more than empty words. Personal gain and social advancement are their passwords. Let them never be permitted to be used as the shibboleth for entrance to our inner assemblies. Even if such in the slightest degree animated our minds when we first sought the light, let us with one accord heave over such vain and unbecoming thoughts amongst the rubbish outside the temple, and approach only with uplifted hands and bended knees as outward signs of that reverence and adoration which alone should characterise true servants of the M.H. As the Operative Masons of old kept cowans and intruders rigidly outside their assemblies, so should we seize every opportunity of closely guarding the precincts of our Chapter, and take care to admit none but those who, by their demeanour and bearing in the outer courts, have proved that they are indeed worthy of the full light of the knowledge of Freemasonry. Too much care cannot be taken in the practice of the beautiful series of ceremonies of the Supreme Degree which form a fitting conclusion to the gradual ascent made- by candidates for our mysteries, when as E.A. they snake their first step up that symbolical ladder or winding staircase of Masonic knowledge, till they finally arrive at the White Veil, which is an emblem of the closing hours of our earthly existence.

We are familiar with the teachings peculiar to the Craft, but there is unfortunately far less opportunity of studying the especial lessons of this Supreme Degree. It is customary, therefore, on an important occasion like the present to devote a few moments to their consideration. To myself they seem to be humility, perseverance, and the inculcation of reverence to our Maker.

The three Sojourners, after a long and weary journey from Babylon, present themselves to the Sanhedrin desiring to be allowed to assist in the great and glorious work then proceeding in the land of their forefathers. The lateness of their application precludes them from appointment to the higher position which their rank seems to demand, but, although descendants of princes and rulers in Israel, they deemed the lowest service and honour. Their humility bespoke their merit. It may be interesting to you to know that an older version of our ritual identifies these Sojourners with S.M.A., who, as the V.S.L. informs us, had already given proof of their steadfastness and faith by passing through the furnace.

The humility thus shown is a lesson which may fairly be recommended in these self-assertive days to us all alike. We are too apt to become in ourselves, through the frailty of our flesh, egotistical, selfish, and inconsiderate. We are here taught to be humble before God and our brethren. Let us honour all men, and, whilst we should never forget that it is our duty to adhere to our principles at all hazards, and never abandon the straight but narrow path of duty, let us endeavour to be meek and self-restrained in our estimate of ourselves, our position in life, or our talents, and be equally anxious to recognise merit and ability in others at all times and under all circumstances.

By these Sojourners we are also reminded of the virtue of perseverance. Like them, let us persevere to the end, working on faithfully in spite of every obstacle, just as did the patriotic Jews of old; so should we continuously labour on the building of our symbolical temple. We should never be weary, never give up, but work on until the Gs-and Overseer summons us from toil to rest, from the measure of time to a measureless eternity.

Our T.H. states that the persevering labours of the Sojourners resulted in two great discoveries, one being the restoration of that Great Light in every degree of Freemasonry, the V.S.L., and the other the long-lost method of pronouncing the S.W.

By the somewhat dramatic method of reception of candidates adopted in our Chapters we endeavour to reveal to them a gleam of light from the Altar in the centre, which, it unfolded to them in the right spirit, should permeate their minds with a deep sense of reverent acknowledgment of the infinite greatness and majesty of the T. A. L. G. M. H. In the three degrees of Craft Freemasonry we are symbolically engaged in erecting a temple to the honour and glory of the Most High. We liken our candidate to the rough ashlar, with which the edifice is being constructed, hewn and shaped by the mallet and chisel of the E.A., tried and proved by the Square, Plumb, and Level of the Craftsman, and finally passed by the Chief Overseer as fitted to form part of that eternal structure, that house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens. Such is the underlying principle of the Craft. In the H.R.A. we endeavour to carry the application still further. The Temple of K.S., as well as the succeeding structure erected from the divinely inspired plans of the Prophet Ezekiel, containing an inner shrine wherein was deposited the Ark of the Covenant, the tables of stone, and other articles held sacred by the Jews. Here was the Shekinah, the visible manifestation of the Divine Power upon earth. Only the High Priest., one consecrated to the service of God and who

had conformed to the strict regulations of the Hebrew law, was allowed to enter therein, where, on the great day of atonement, he uttered the S.W. in propitiation for the people's sins, whilst a clash of instruments outside prevented the utterance being overheard.

This occasion seems to have been the only one in which the name of God was ever pronounced, the substitute Adonai being used, even in the most solemn benedictions. We may regard the companions of the H.R.A. as symbolically erecting within the Temple of the Craftsman a shrine, a sanctum sanctorum, a holy of holies, where, in the dim light of reverential awe, each may humbly approach his Maker and plead for mercy. The White Veil symbolises for us that frail division that is between this life and that which is to come. In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, it may be drawn aside, and we be summoned into the Divine Presence. May we then be able to offer a pure heart and contrite spirit as our password to the G. Chapter above.

It has often been said that the great lesson of the degree is reverence. At the risk of repeating myself, I would again endeavour to impress upon all that, as the essence of our teaching is founded on the name of the Most High, a reverential bearing is imperative in our convocations. Levity of any kind should be rigidly excluded, let us remember the oft-repeated instruction of the installing officer, that first impressions are the most permanent, for be assured, and I speak With sonic years' experience, the measure of the success of your operations will be but the expression of the earnestness and thoroughness that you each put into your work. Not only learn your Ritual, but study it, understand it, thus and thus only will the material you receive fully appreciate your conscientiousness.

Be in no great hurry to add to your number. Quality will always count against quantity, and success must follow.

One of the chief functions of a Chapter is to draw together the best that is in the contributing Lodges, attaching all by a new end stronger chain of affection, uniting in the great object of adding lustre to our venerable institution. May the beams of light which shine forth from this Chapter radiate through the Lodges of the district, and if it be possible let your works of charity shine yet more brightly, your deeds of brotherly love be more constant, the interest in your neighbour's welfare, whether he be in or out of the Craft, be more sustained ; let the right hand of fellowship be more promptly extended ; in short, may the teachings of our beloved Order be more genuinely felt and put into practice by the institution of this Chapter, so that faith- ful sojourners and loving companions we may at last, labour ended, building consummated, hope to be admitted through the Royal Arch of Divine mercy into the Presence of the King of Kings.

Companions you will, I doubt not, join heartily with me in saying S.M.I.B.

ORDER OF THE GARTER.



In presenting the lambskin many Masons confound the Order of the Star with that of the Garter, combining them, when as a matter of fact the Order of the Garter stands alone.

The Order of the Garter, which, according to the enthusiastic Seidel), "exceeds in majesty, honour, and fame all chivalrous orders in the world," was founded by King Edward III in 1344.

The best authorities, however, think that it did not obtain recognised existence until the latter part of the reign of Henry VIII, when its statutes were formally promulgated and its members chosen.

The celestial patrons of the Order were originally the Holy Trinity, the Virgin Mary, St. Edward the Confessor, and St. George; but as the latter was established as the tutelary saint of England, his name became more intimately associated with it than the others, and it is now very frequently called "The Order of St. George."

King Edward designed it as a means of drawing to his standard such gallant spirits as would be likely to assist him to prosecuting the claims of France, and so devised an imitation of the fabled Knights of King Arthur's Round Table.

Froissart and other authors of the period tell us that the monarch fixed the headquarters of the Order at Windsor, and at stated intervals was accustomed to spread magnificent feasts, accompanied by jousts, tournaments, and every variety of material exercise, fashionable in those days. Mirth, revelry, luxurious fare, military emulation, and the presence of fair women all combined to render the institution exceedingly attractive, and it has maintained its strong hold upon the popular mind through the changes of intervening centuries.

The familiar story concerning the origin of the motto has been ridiculed by some antiquarians, but there is no good reason to doubt its truth, and it is safe to trust to tradition, which says that the Countess of Salisbury, while dancing

with the king, dropped her garter, and the courtly Edward picked it up and fastened it round his own knee. Observing the jealous glances of the Queen, he removed the article and, handing it to the countess, exclaimed :—

" Honi soit qui mal y pense "—" Evil to him who evil thinks." No other narrative gives so satisfactory a reason for the curious decoration and equally curious motto.

The original number of the Knights of the Garter was twenty-five, the king himself being the twenty-sixth; and this is its present limit.

The insignia consists of a dark blue ribbon, edged with gold, with a buckle and pendant of the same material richly chased. The ribbon, having the motto inscribed thereon in golden letters, is worn on the left leg below the knee. The mantle is of blue velvet, lined with white taffeta, and having on the left breast an embroidered star. The hood and surcoat are of crimson velvet, lined with white taffeta, with a plume of white ostrich leathers, in the centre of which is a tuft of black heron's feathers, the whole fastened by a band of diamonds.

The collar is of gold and made in twenty-six pieces, each in the shape of a garter. Suspended from this is "the George," being a figure of the Saint on horseback, engaged in a terrific combat with a dragon. "George" is attached to a dark blue ribbon worn over the left shoulder. The star is of silver, and eight-pointed, having in the centre the cross of St. George encircled by the Garter.

The officers of the Order are a prelate, the Bishop of Winchester; a Chancellor, the Bishop of Oxford; a registrar, the Dean of Windsor; the garter, the king of arms, and the usher of the black rod.

The convocations are always held at Windsor, and in the chapel there are hung up the armorial bearings of each Knight. —" Square and Compass."

THE WIDER SENSE OF CHARITY.

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(By MARK MASON.)

(Written for " The West Australian Freemason.")

It was once observed by an American Freemason that if the Apostle Paul was not a Freemason, he ought to have been one, as he had given one of the most comprehensive descriptions of that comprehensive virtue, Charity, the world had ever known. It is not at all improbable that the American brother was quite unconscious that in saying this he was emphasising a truth which is not, unhappily, so thoroughly recognised as it ought to be by every professing Freemason—namely, that the great Masonic virtue of Charity is something more than mere giving of gold or silver. To be charitable in the Pauline sense—and that is really also the Masonic sense—is to perform the second of those three great principles taught to the initiate—namely, duty to one's neighbour—the Golden Rule in its most comprehensive form. Yet how many are there among us who fail to recognise this great truth! How many, for instance, who, while the pocket is always open for the hand, inspired by the heart, to give, yet never discern a lack of charity in backbiting and scandalmongering. There are those who, while they give generously to provide the body with sustenance or warmth, or both, in no way deem it incumbent to preserve the reputation of a brother, either by maintaining his honour or their own, or by supporting his character in his absence as in his presence. Neither position in the outside world nor services to his country ; neither honours achieved in the Fraternity nor the value of his Craftmanship ; neither the thought of the injury it may occasion those nearest and dearest to him, nor the pain which his besmirching may cause them; neither the unfortunate result of such uncharitableness upon his character or his feelings, nor the irreparable harm it may do him in earning his livelihood; neither one of these seems to present itself to the scandal-mongering brother when the portals of his speech are no longer locked with the Treasurer's symbolic key. It almost impels the conviction that "the breath of calumny" is as a sweet savour in the nostrils of the besmircher of reputations, whether Masonic or profane.

What gives rise to this lack of charity in its more comprehensive form? It is said by some who profess worldly wisdom that at the bottom of the uncharitable tendency to evil-speaking lie one or more, if not all, of the four sins—envy, hatred, malice, revenge. Possibly there is a good deal of truth in this opinion yet surely a fifth cause might be assigned namely, carelessness. Henry Ward Beecher is credited with having observed that he would rather be killed premeditatedly than carelessly, as it seemed to him that the man who did harm of set purpose was less culpable than he whose actions reeked not of right or wrong. To argue such a question might require some casuistry, yet it cannot be denied that one of the most dangerous persons in a community is the man whose words are spoken and deeds done regardless of consequences, and where such carelessness is shown by a member of an order largely built up on

its profession of adherence to the dictates of Mercy's sweet sister Charity, what was wrong in a profane becomes doubly so in a Freemason; what was blameworthy in the worker outside is decidedly more reprehensible in the Craftsman; what was censurable in the ordinary man and brother is wholly inexcusable in the "square man," the member of the world's greatest and oldest brotherhood, founded on the purest principles of piety and charity and the practice of every moral and social virtue.

"Though I speak with the tongues of men and of angels, and have not Charity, I am become as sounding brass, or a tinkling cymbal." No matter how great may be the powers: of Speech possessed by a brother, if he employ those powers in defamation his gift is as hollow as a brass vessel. "And though I bestow all my goods to feed the poor, and though I give my body to be burned, and have not Charity, it profiteth me nothing." No matter how great may be his powers of active benevolence in feeding and clothing John Jones and John Jones's wife and children—nay, though he is ready to encounter danger for the sake of each and every member of the Jones family—yet, if he speaks the words which soil or slay the reputation of all or any of them, his regard for their creature needs is of no credit to him, nor does it avail him as a credit against his sin. "Charity suffereth long and is kind." No matter what may have been suffered at the hands of another, he in whose heart is the true grace of charity bears the wrong without resentment, but rather with a desire to "heap coals of fire" on the wrongdoer. "Charity envieth not." No matter how great may be the preferment given to another, the honours won, the distinction attained, the success achieved; he in whose heart is the true gift of Masonic Charity in no way envies his brother his good fortune. "Charity vaunteth not itself, is not puffed up, doth not behave itself unseemly, seeketh not her own, is not easily provoked, thinketh no evil." Probably there are few of us but would confess, if asked, that altogether too often we find in the Craft a tendency to self-laudation on the score of our giving, a puffing-up of our care of John Jones's body and the bodies of those dear to him, as if that was the one thing needful to constitute what Spenser in his "Faerie Queene" terms "every good behest of love, and righteousness, and well to done." Yet, all the while we thus allow our Charity to vaunt itself, and puff ourselves up with pride, seeking applause for letting our right hands know what our left hands have done—to adopt the Wise King's phrase—are we sure that we have sufficient of the true grace within us not to seek our own, not to easily provoked to enviousness by others' good fortune, not to be impelled to think evil of him who achieves the success we fail to realise? if Professor Drummond was right in treating Charity as a synonym of Love, can we avouch our possession of that virtue if we do not square our conduct with the declaration that Charity (or Love) "thinketh no evil"? Regard the picture drawn by the great Jew of Tarsus still further to illustrate Charity: "Rejoiceth not in iniquity, but rejoiceth in the truth; beareth all things, believeth all things, hopeth all things, endureth all things." Are we, as Freemasons, sufficiently Masonic—that is to say, so thoroughly possessed of Charity (Love)—as to aver that we do not rejoice in iniquity? If we claim to resemble that virtue in that we "believe all things," ought we not to add "when they are to the detriment of another"? Many years ago a London "Punch" illustration represented a newspaper reader saying to a companion, "I say, here's another delightful murder," and how many of us, whether we be Masons or profanes, can claim that it is only sorrow we feel over the reputation that is slain or dying? A cynical friend of the writer once observed that it was somewhat fatiguing to think well of people, and that he found it infinitely more pleasureable to associate his friends with the seven deadly sins; to which a mutual friend who was present replied that it was as amusing to play with reputations as it was to drop water into a Florentine flask, as both "went off." Yet Charity—of which we boast—rejoiceth not in iniquity, but rejoiceth in the truth," and to that end is heroic with the heroism of the manly man, hopes that the best in all men will prevail over the worst, and with the calm philosophy of proved faith in the ultimate good of all things endures. Far from allowing men to lose "that bubble reputation in the cannon's mouth"—which only too often is a poetic euphemism for the more deadly "evil-speaking, lying, and slandering," it is the cloak which "shall cover the multitude of sins," the friendly critic who stands by "gently to hear, kindly to judge," the spirit which bids the gossip, the scandal-monger, the censorious, in the words of the Ayrshire ploughman—

" Then gently scan your brither man,
Still gentler, sister woman :
Though they may gang a kennin' wrang,
To step aside is human. "

"And now abideth Faith, Hope, Charity, these three; but the greatest of these is Charity."

THE VALUE OF EXAMPLE.

We make it plainly to appear
By our behaviour everywhere
That where you meet a Mason, there

You meet a gentleman.

These lines here quoted are nearly as old as Freemasonry itself, for we find them forming a part of Benjamin Franklin's (1734) reprint of the first book of constitutions. Whether they formed part of the original work, published eleven years previously, we are unable to say with confidence, nor does it matter either way. We are more concerned with the thought that to the true Freemason the sentiment has lost nothing of its application since that time, and every instance wherein it is exemplified in daily life and conduct provides a retort to those individuals who are always to be found declaiming out their own small store of knowledge that there is nothing in Freemasonry worthy of the time and energy which so many good men are devoting to it.

A modern dictionary defines a gentleman as " a man of education, high principles, courtesy, and kindness—a man of honour,"

And it is in the maintenance of this high standard that the teachings of Freemasonry are expected to operate for the improvement of its members, and through them for the benefit of mankind. We do not for one moment suggest that our Lodges should be regarded as reformative institutions. There should be no need of any such, as we have a right to expect that everyone who seeks to be enrolled under the banner of Masonry will in a fair measure answer to the description already quoted, for it is laid down on the corner-stone of the structure that "the persons admitted members of a Lodge must be good men and true . . . no immoral or scandalous men, but of good report."

This injunction should never be lost sight of, states a writer in the " Masonic Review," and it should rest every decision we may be called upon to give in regard to the admission of new members, as well as the regulation of our attitude toward those amongst our membership whose conduct is no longer in accord with the conditions under which they were received. While we are required to make certain, as far as possible, that those whom we receive into the Fraternity are worthy men, further responsibility devolves upon us to show to the initiate that we are also worthy of his company, for only by such means can we secure that respect for the institution which must be implanted in the individual before he is likely to put the best that is in him into the work we have in hand.

The mission of Freemasonry is the betterment of those who come within its sphere of influence, which, in view of the enormous expansion of the Craft, it would now be difficult to define as anything less than world-wide. This influence, legitimately exercised, should provide one of the most powerful contributions to the elevation of the human race, but the potential force must be dependent on the sum of individual effort. Upon each and every one, therefore, devolves the duty of sustaining the reputation of our Order, free from the stain of reproach.

The usefulness of our institution is seriously diminished when it becomes possible for the profane to point out delinquencies on the part of our own members. It will not serve to say that our relations are not with the outside world. Officially that may be the case, but in these days the searchlight of publicity is directed upon every organisation, with the object of discovering the weak points of its system, whereby it can be attacked with advantage. For that reason, if for no better one, care must be taken to ensure that our own house is in order.

That Freemasonry is in any danger from without we do not admit, but the mountain-top of success can only be attained as the result of earnest endeavour. Only by striving to maintain the best traditions of the past, by exerting ourselves to perfect the beauties of our teachings, and to promulgate the principles of fraternity, shall we demonstrate our acknowledgment of the Fatherhood of God and succeed in building to His glory that temple, the corner-stones of which are known as Prudence, Temperance, Fortitude, and Justice.

Freemasonry enjoins us to pursue those qualities which constitute nobility in its broadest sense; especially does it insist upon a strict observance of the principles of morality and the practice of domestic as well as public virtue. Fortunately flagrant breaches of the moral code are by no means common enough to injure the good name of the whole body, but such as do occur and become matter of public comment ought not on that account to be lightly passed over. It is mere foolishness to close our eyes and then declare that, as we are unable to see anything, there is nothing in existence. By refusing to take action in such cases some semblance of justification is given to the charge that we are willing to condone the offence, whereby our principles have been outraged and our organisation brought into contempt.

True Masonic sympathy is as broad as humanity itself, but it must not be allowed to blind us to the measures necessary for the preservation of the Order. As Freemasons, we reject as unfit material those who are physically or mentally deficient, also the morally depraved. The two first-mentioned defects may, later on, overtake and maim the best and brightest of our members, but such a misfortune would deepen our sympathy and call forth such practical evidence thereof as the case required. The man who deliberately breaks our laws and violates his obligation is on an entirely different footing. Pity we must continue to extend, but our sympathy must be tempered by the claim for consideration due to the overwhelming majority of good men who view his actions with disgust. As Freemasons we

are enjoined to judge with candour and reprehend with mercy, but neither eminence of office or a redundancy of jewels should confer immunity upon the wrong-doer. Where a deep sense of contrition is coupled with a sincere attempt to make reparation for the wrong done, charity should plead that he should be let down and easily out; but in the absence of these evidences of repentance, then justice demands that sterner measures should be adopted to purge the whole body of his unworthy presence. — "London Freemason."

MASONRY AND THE PRINTING PRESS.



In its early history Freemasonry everywhere applied the unlimited resources of architectural skill to developing divine ideas through symbolised stone. Operative Masonry erected to God the grandest temples on earth, and filled them with aspiring pilasters and mystic arches. Freemasonry worked out in granite blocks the thoughts and aspiration of the middle ages. Popular imagination found its correct exponent, and religion conveyed its most impressive lessons of faith and submission in these works of art. No other means could so accurately evoke that Christian emotional element underlying the rude and rugged character of social life at this period. The single object which presented itself to the Masonic architect was to find suitable expression for the heart-yearnings and moral aspirations of the people. This purpose was pursued with a persistent zeal, which resulted in art productions of wondrous beauty and uniformity. So long as architects realised the anticipations of the middle ages, so long as Freemasonry, through the erection of superb edifices, furnished an adequate outlet for national ideas, just that long Masonry continued to create exquisite temples of worship and preserved a vigorous existence as an operative science. When, however, popular thought found expression by means of printing presses, church architecture began immediately to retrograde, and with it operative Masonry rapidly declined, and then many of the abstruse and abstract principles of the building art were totally lost.—Victor Hugo.

THE BALLOT.



M.W. Bro. Delmar D. Darrah, the G.M. of Illinois, whose address is a most admirable one, and the many subjects introduced show intelligent treatment. However, the manner in which he berates the "black-balling devil" is not fully to our liking. We, however, give space to Bro. Darrah that he may be heard. We quote :-

"But to my mind the worst devil in Masonry is the black-balling devil. During the year this misguided brother has given me my full share of trouble. I have never been able to understand just why the good work of fifty men should be set at naught by one man who proposes to disable the Lodge simply because he has never learned that Masonic lesson of who best can work and best agree," and at the same time be allowed to keep up his nefarious work year in and year out. In each case which has been reported to me I have made a thorough investigation of existing conditions, and where I found that a brother was using the black ball to disturb the peace and harmony of the Lodge I served him with a notice that unless he ceased his pernicious activity charges would at once be preferred against him. I am pleased to report that in every instance the offender has promised to be good, and the Lodges involved are now happily fulfilling their true mission in Masonry. It is puerile and foolish to allow one man to break up a Lodge simply because he is permitted to entrench himself behind a law which was never framed for his benefit, and which says that the reason for casting a black ball cannot be enquired into. We have been entirely too lenient in times past with offenders of this sort, and whenever it shall become known that Lodges will not tolerate an abuse of the black ball, much of the trouble arising from this source will be at an end."

The sacredness of the ballot ought never to be infringed. The position of G.M. Darrah, if maintained and adopted, would be an insidious invasion of one of the most ancient landmarks. It must be admitted that some pretty mean men find their way into our Masonic Lodges, where they exercise their cussedness in a most superlative degree. Troublesome as brethren of this class are, the trouble with the G.M.'s position, if followed to a logical conclusion, would lead to infinitely a worse state of affairs, because there would be no limit as to enquiry as to motives, which might be pushed to a degree that would produce open anarchy in a Lodge. No, Bro. Darrah, we are against your general sweeping language, and do not believe in your remedy. The proper use of the black ball is the mainstay of the Craft, and has always served a wise and wholesome purpose in keeping out the undesirable, and the cases you cite are the exception, isolated cases, if you please. —"Masonic Tidings."

AN INTERESTING DISCOVERY.



(W. G. DAVIS.)

In Belfast., Ireland a well-known brother has made an interesting discovery, in the finding of two old Masonic Lodge banners, one of Lodge No. 205, and another of Lodge No. 465. On the rolls of the G.L. of Ireland the banner of Lodge No. 205 is dated February 7, 1749, and bears upon it the symbols of the Craft, Royal Arch, Knights Templar, and Rose Croix 18 deg.

In the year 1749 Lodge No. 205 was with the 35th Regiment, and was transferred to Moy, County of Tyrone, in 1790, where it met until 1814; they met in Newry, County of Down, from 1818 to 1830, and was transferred to Enniskillen in 1841, where it still continues.

The banner of Lodge No. 465 is dated 1769, and is painted on both sides. Photographs of both banners are being prepared, and will be interesting to Masonic antiquarians. The finding of the banner of Lodge No. 205 will show that the Irish Lodges worked the Templar degrees, like those of the Arch degree, the earliest of any Masonic bodies in the British Isles.

The date of the R.A. being 1743, in Lodge No. 21, of Youghall, County Cork, and Lodge No. 205, in the 35th Regiment, now of Enniskillen, the Templar Degree in 1749. Both were degrees of Stuart Masonry, and were brought to Ireland from France and to America by the Irish Lodges, as was also the Rose Croix 18 deg.

The Rose Croix degrees were introduced into Ireland about 1765, by a French professor named Zimmerman, and his assistant was named Laurens.

They founded a Chapter in Dublin, and it was from this Dublin Chapter that John Mitchell received authority to work the Rose Croix and Templar degrees at Charleston, S.C., about 1770, or a little later.

The Irish Lodges that were most prominent in spreading these degrees in America were No. 227, in the 45th Regiment, No. 351 in the 18th Regiment., No. 322 in the 29th Regiment, and No. 243 in the 59th. In Philadelphia they founded a Royal Arch Lodge, and in Boston in 1769 they assisted in founding St. Andrew's Royal Arch Lodge, No. 322, in the 29th Regiment.— " The Trestle Board."

SUPPOSE YOU BE, NOT MERELY SEEM.

It would be hard to find six words that go deeper into the values of life. Suppose that, instead of seeming honest, every man was filled with eager integrity. Suppose that, instead of seeming polite, every girl was sincere and warmly kind, at home as well as abroad. Suppose that, instead of outside observance, every one's religion were as pure and deep as a hidden spring. How the world would be transformed, and how beautiful and satisfying life would be! Supposing is vain, of course, as far as others go. But each can make the "suppose" come true in his or her own case. Each can look over his or her character with an honest and searching eye, to see where shams and appearances come in, and can cast them out and replace them by realities. Self-examination is a valuable religious exercise. It is the beginning of better things; and this motto may well set it to work. Then the world will be made sincerer and better by at least one true and faithful character; and that is really the only way the world can go ahead, step by step.

The crest and crowning of all good,
Life's final star, is brotherhood ;
For it will bring again to earth
Her long-lost poesy and mirth.
Will send new life on every face,
A kingly power upon the race;
And till it comes we men are slaves,
And travel downward to the dust of graves.
Come, clear the way, then; clear the way;
Blind creeds and kings have had their day;
Break the dead branches from the path—
Our hope is in the aftermath—
Our hope is in heroic men,
Star-led to build the world again.
To this event the ages ran;
Make way for Brotherhood—make way for Man."

Reports.

[Secretaries and Scribes are requested to forward reports.]

CRAFT LODGES.

SOUTHLAND.

Taringatura, No. 100.—The usual monthly meeting on 11th May was particularly well attended, upwards of forty being present, seven of these being P.Ms. The usual routine business received attention. One joining brother was received by ballot, and one candidate proposed. A vote of sympathy with the widow and relations of our late Bro. G. L. Heenan was passed in silence, and the thanks of brethren extended to the brethren of Lodge Otago, No. 7, who during Bro. Heenan's illness in Dunedin had shown much fraternal kindness in visiting our suffering brother. Six brethren were then raised to the Third Degree by W.M. Bro. Wm. Roxburgh, assisted by W. Bros. Campbell (Retrospect and Charge), McMath (Exhortation), Currie (T.H.), Johnson (Secrets), and Bro. D. Walker, J.W. (W.Ts.). W. Bro. Sec. (who also thanks you, Bro. Editor, for your kindly wishes in last month's CRAFTSMAN) was present, though on crutches, thanked the brethren for their resolution of sympathy, and more especially W. Bro. Johnson, who on short notice skilfully engineered the great mass of business which had to be considered at the April meeting. After H.G.W. had been received from visiting brethren, the Lodge was closed about 11 p.m. No after-meeting was held, out of respect to our deceased Bro. Heenan.—[Lodge Correspondent.]

Mataura, No. 174.—The monthly meeting was held on 11th ult., and nominations were received for W.M. and officers for the ensuing year. W. Bro. J. H. Reed, of Lodge Waihopai, No. 189, attended by invitation and delivered an exceedingly interesting lecture on "Ancient Freemasonry and its Relationship to Our Present-day Lodges," incidentally touching on the subject of Lodge management and the care of the initiate, Fellow Craft, and M.M. His remarks were well chosen, tactful, and such that, if attended to, would without doubt be for the betterment of Freemasonry in general. Lodge Mataura greatly appreciated the W. Bro.'s kindness in attending and delivering his lecture, and will store his words of wisdom for future guidance.—[Lodge Correspondent.]

OTAGO.

Clinton, No. 183.—The monthly meeting was held on 7th May, with W. Bro. C. Capamagian, P.M., presiding. There was a good attendance of visitors and brethren. The Lodge was tyled at 6 p.m., an hour and a half earlier than usual, on account of a political meeting being held in the town on the same night. A candidate was initiated by the W.M., ably assisted by his officers. At 8 p.m. the Lodge closed, when a general adjournment was made to hear the address by the Hon. F. M. B. Fisher. About 10 o'clock the brethren returned to the Lodgeroom, accompanied by two distinguished guests, the Hon. F. M. B. Fisher and Mr. Malcolm, M.Ps., and several of the brethren's wives. Ample justice having been done to the good things provided by the Stewards, a very pleasant hour was spent round the festive board, when the usual Masonic toasts were duly honoured. Every member present was proud to be in the happy position of host to our W. Bro. Fisher, whose fluency of speech and keenness of wit added much to the pleasure of all. The Tyler's toast brought to a conclusion one of the most enjoyable evenings spent by the members of Lodge Clinton.—[Lodge Correspondent.]

CANTERBURY.

Unanimity, No. 3.—The regular meeting was held in the Masonic Hall, Sumner Road, Lyttelton, on 5th May. A considerable amount of business having been disposed of, including agenda paper of G.L. annual Communication, one candidate was admitted to the First Degree. The W.M. (W. Bro. J. Furneaux) was assisted by W. Bro. N. W. Taylor (W.M., Canterbury Kil.), N.E.; W. Bro. T. C. Hatton, I.P.M.; W.Ts. ; and W. Bro. C. Flavell, P.M., Final Charge. Music and refreshments were followed by the Tyler's toast at 11 p.m.—[Lodge Correspondent.]

Lincoln, No. 33.—The regular meeting was held on 5th May, W. Bro. C. M. Suckling, W.M., occupied the chair. V.W. Bro. Broadly, G.S.W., was present, as also were the W.M. and officers of Lodge Phoenix (Akaroa). The business was passing, the ceremony being worked by the W.M. and his officers, the W.Ts. being presented by Bro. Rev. Julius, of Lodge Phoenix. I notice the W.M.-elect of St. John, No. 94, is Bro. Philip Sidney Cookson, a brother

of W. Bro. Arthur Cookson, G.O. of this Lodge. This is the third brother of this musical family to attain the Chair of K.S. Lodge Lincoln extends its hearty congratulations. A pleasant hour was spent in the "Fourth," W. Bro. Wilkin, W.M. of Lodge Phoenix, extending a hearty invitation to the W.M. and officers to pay Akaroa a fraternal visit at an early date. — [Lodge Correspondent.]

Concord, No. 39.—The regular meeting took place in the Masonic Hall, Papanui, on 22nd April, W. Bro. Gasson, W.M., in the chair. The most important business was the election of officers, which resulted as follows :—W.M., Bro. Laurie; S.W., Bro. Wilson; J.W., Bro. North; Chaplain, W. Bro. Bosomworth; Sec., W. Bro. Baldwin; Treas., W. Bro. Hobbs; S.D., Bro. H. Gilkes; J.D., Bro. Francis; Organist, Bro. Oliver; Assist.-Organist, W. Bro. Henshall; D. of C., Bro. Beanland; I.G., Bro. Nicholas; Chief Steward, Bro. Drury; Assist-Stewards, Bros. Snoad, Gow, Banks, and E. Clark; Tyler, Bro. May; Assist-Tyler and Caretaker, Bro. R. Patrick; Preceptor, W. Bro. Hobbs; Standing Committee (floor members), Bros. Webley, Colville, and Brooks; Auditors, W. Bro. Bosomworth and Bro. Francis. With regard to installation night, it was decided not to hold the usual banquet that evening, but only to have an informal "stand-up Fourth." A dinner would be given a week or two later. The "Fourth" was greatly enlivened by the excellent items rendered by Bros. Brown, Orchard, J. Clark, and others. The toast of the evening was that of the W.M., which was received and drunk with acclamation, the brethren showing in a very hearty manner their appreciation of his services during the year which draws to a close next meeting. — [Lodge Correspondent.]

Christchurch, No. 91.—The monthly meeting was held on 28th April in the St. Augustine Hall, W. Bro. G. H. McLean, W.M., presiding over about sixty brethren. The W.M. and officers of Lodge Canterbury Kil., accompanied by about thirty members, entered the Lodge for the purpose of performing the ritual work, which consisted of raising two brethren. The candidates were obligated by W. Bro. Taylor, W.M.; the first part of the Exhortation was given by W. Bro. Cook, P.M.; the Apron Charge by the J.W.; the second part of the Exhortation by W. Bro. Rutherford, P.M.; the T.H. by the S.W.; the W.Ts. were explained by W. Bro. Carson, P.M.; the T.B. was explained by W. Bro. Kaye; and the Final Charge was delivered by W. Bro. Page. The Lodge having been closed in due and ample form, a pleasant hour was spent in the refectory, where reference was made to the cordial feeling that had so long existed between No. 91 and Canterbury Kil. (Lyttelton). — [Lodge Correspondent.]

HAWKES BAY.

Victoria, No. 21.—The monthly meeting was held on 5th May, when there was a good attendance of brethren, including three visitors, presided over by the W.M., Bro. Whitten. The Prov. G.M., W. Bro. H. L. Harston, was also in attendance. Included in the correspondence read was one re the approaching visit to the Old Country of the G.Sec., M.W. Bro. Niccol, the Lodge expressing hearty concurrence with the terms of the letter, and expressing the hope that Bro. and Mrs. Niccol would have a pleasant trip and a safe return. Bro. Bennett took his "Third" very creditably. The election of officers for the ensuing year was then proceeded with. After the Lodge was closed a pleasant hour was spent in the refectory.—[Lodge Correspondent.]

Bedford, No. 25.—The Lodge held its monthly meeting on 5th May. There being no ceremonial work, the attendance was not as large as usual, although the visitors present were none the less heartily welcomed. The Sec. was authorised to endorse cheques. The balance-sheet for the year ended 31st March, 1914, was read, and disclosed a debit balance on general account of £52/10/1. This was considered satisfactory in view of the fact that three years ago, owing to building operations, the debit balance stood at £250, and the excess of assets over liabilities at the present time is £673/18/4. S.W. Bro. Gore gave notice of motion for next meeting to increase the amount allowed under the by-laws for refectory expenses from 7/6 to 10/6. The balance-sheet was adopted as read, and the by-laws were read by Bro. Sec. Two ballots for admission were taken and proved fair. The W.M. then called upon W. Bro. Elliott to deliver the Lecture on the 1st T.B., in the unavoidable absence of W. Bro. W. A. Chambers, whose privilege it was to address the brethren. A vote of condolence with Bro. A. E. Jull, through the demise of his esteemed wife, was passed.—[Lodge Correspondent.]

Abercorn, No. 30.—The Lodge met on 11th May. Owing to the absence of the W.M. and I.P.M. at the G.L. communication in Christchurch, W. Bro. Hobin occupied the chair. A motion of sympathy was passed to Bro. A. E. Jill in his recent sad bereavement. A candidate was duly initiated by the acting W.M., who also communicated the S.; Bro. Hunt, N.E. Charge; Bro. Bott, R. for P.; W.Ts., Bro. Parkin; and Final Charge, Bro. Williams. A motion to

alter the date of the installation meeting was negatived, it being considered that a change this year would be inadvisable. Two candidates were proposed for membership, and the Sec. gave notice of his intention to amend By-Law No. 28, which now reads "according to Law 58a," to be read "according to Law 97." A short adjournment in the refectory terminated a successful meeting.—[Lodge Correspondent.]

AUCKLAND.

Star of the North, No. 102.—The installation meeting took place at Whangarei on 17th April, and was conducted by R.W. Bro. T. W. Allen, Prov.G.M. Bro. Robert Werner was presented as the W.M.-elect by W. Bros. F. A. Allwood and Bail. The Tools were handed to the W.M. by W. Bro. K. McBeth, W.M. of Lodge Hikurangi, No. 140; W. Bro. R. C. Savage, of Lodge Star of the North, No. 1647, E.C. ; and W. Bro. H. G. Muller, of Lodge Waipu, No. 179. Officers were invested as follows I.P.M., W: Bro. M. McInnis; S.W., Bro. F. Strugnell; J.W., Bro. R. R. McLennan; Treas., Bro. C. H. Chissell; Sec., Bro. A. D. Lambly; D.M., W. Bro. J. E. Ball; D. of C., W. Bro. S. Worner ; S.D., Bro. C. F. Smedley ; J.D., Bro. R. H. Allan ; I.G., Bro. R. W. Carpenter ; S.S., Bro. W. J. Bell ; J.S., Bro. F. W. Tothill; Tyler, Bro. V. Beeston; Auditors, Bros. R. Worner and J. F. S. Briggs. The Address to the W.M. was delivered by W. Bro. J. E. Holmes, G.S.B. ; that to the Wardens by W. Bro. A. McLeod; and that to the brethren by the Prov.G.M. A sum of £5/2/3 was raised on behalf of the Annuity Fund.

Waihi, No. 112.—Bro. Henry Langdon was installed into the chair on 20th April, in the presence of a large gathering of the Craft, including visitors from the Thames and Paeroa. The Prov.G.M. (R.W. Bro. T. W. Allen) performed the ceremony. The presenting officers were W. Bro. H. O. Searle (of Lodge Ohinemuri, No. 107) and W. Bro. F. T. Davies (of the Lodge of Light, I.C.) The Degree Tools were entrusted to the care of the W.M. by W. Bro. W. Bongard (W.M. of Lodge Sir Walter Scott), W. Bro. Hilary Nutt (of Lodge Ponsonby, No. 54), and W. Bro. Congalton (W.M. of Lodge Ohinemuri). The following officers were invested:— W. Bro. D. P. Evitt; S.W., Bro. G. Wohlmann; J.W., Bro. R. Hay; Treas., Bro. F. G. Davies; Sec., W. Bro. A. T. Ellis; D. of C., W. Bro. E. Morgan; Chaplain, W. Bro. W. White ; Organist, Bro. A. Stapleton; S.D., Bro. D. Smeaton ; J.D., Bro. H. Fleming; I.G., Bro. John Say ; Tyler, Bro. J. Birse. The addresses to the W.M. and brethren were given by the Prov.G.M. and W. Bro. M. H. Harris, P.G.D. The usual collection augmented the Annuity Fund to the extent of £8 odd.

Hikurangi, No. 140.—For his second term of office W. Bro. Kenneth McBeath was installed as W.M. at a meeting held on 16th April. The ceremony was performed by the Prov.G.M., who had the assistance of W. Bro. J. E. Holmes, G.S.B. The after-proceedings were remarkable for the hospitality shown by the wives, daughters, and sisters of the members of the Lodges, who saw to all the details of the festive arrangements, even to dispensing the refreshments with their own fair hands.

Tawhiri, No. 166.—The regular meeting was held on 12th May in the Masonic Hall, Frankton Junction. In the absence of the W.M., who was attending the annual communication of G. L., W. Bro. C. M. Flyger occupied the chair, there being a large attendance of members and visiting brethren. The ceremonial work was the initiation of two candidates, the W.M. being assisted by W. Bro. Fricker (Charge), W. Bro. G. Watt (Secrets), W. Bro. Tristram (N.E. Charge), Bro. J. E. Herbert, J.W. (W.Ts.), W. Bro. Williams (Address on Preparation). W. Bro. Wilkinson presented the Charter and B. of C. and By-laws, and Bro. Cameron, S.W., Final Charge. The collection taken during the N.E. Charge realised £1/9/6, Bro. Dunn contributing a solo. The business concluded at 10 p.m., after which the brethren adjourned to the refectory, where an enjoyable hour was spent. — [Lodge Correspondent.]

TARANAKI.

Hawera, No. 34.—The regular meeting was held on 7th April, the W.M. (W. Bro. Evan Evans) presiding. Bro. T. R. Esley was raised to the Degree of a M.M. by the W.M. The I.P.M. related the T.H. and explained the Secrets; W. Bro. Quin gave the remainder of the H. ; Bro. Bishop explained the W.Ts.; and W. Bro. Keen the Final Charge. The sum of £2 was voted in reply to a circular appeal on behalf of the widow of a late Bro. Mason, and the W.M. was appointed as the Lodge delegate to the G.L. meeting. Ballots were taken for two candidates, and Messrs. Crawford and Richardson were elected as members.

An emergency meeting was held on the 21st April for the purpose of initiating two candidates, the W.M. being assisted by W. Bro. Kimbell and W. Bro. Quin, explaining the Secrets; W. Bro. Keen giving the Charity Charge, and R.W. Bro. Sargent the Final Charge. In the refectory, after the usual toast of the newly initiated brethren, R.W. Bro. Sargent, Prov.G.M., on behalf of the brethren, presented Bro. Atkinson, our I.G., with a handsome travelling

rug and straps as a recognition of the zeal and interest he had taken in the work of the Lodge during the three years he had been a member. —[Lodge Correspondent.]

The monthly meeting on 5th May was very largely attended both by members and visitors, reminding us of an installation meeting, some 110 being present, taxing our seating accommodation and making a record meeting of our Lodge. The cause celebre was a fraternal visit from Lodge St. Andrew Kil., No. 79, to work the Third Degree according to the Scotch ritual. After the routine business the Prov.G.M. and G.L. officers were received. The Lodge was resumed in the Second Degree, and, by the invitation of the W.M., W. Bro. Armstrong (of St. Andrew Kil.) and his officers took the chairs. Bro. Bowman was raised to the Degree of a M.M. Bro. J. McFarlane gave an exquisite rendering of the solo, "Lead Kindly Light." W. Bro. Gordon gave the Exhortation; W. Bro. Richardson, D. of C., the Raising; and W. Bro. D. McFarlane explained the W.Ts. and the remainder of the T.H. The Lodge was resumed in the Second Degree, and the W.M. and officers of Hawera resumed their seats. W. Bro. Armstrong thanked the W.M. for the honour conferred on his Lodge in having been invited to work the degree. Our W.M. acknowledged the same and thanked the visitors for the work done, and expressed the appreciation of himself and his brethren at the excellent and beautiful rendering of the degree. Bro. Bishop, S.W., was nominated for the office of W.M. for the ensuing year, W. Bro. Tait as Treas., and Bro. Cummane as Tyler. In the fraternal greetings rendered by various visitors twenty-six different Lodges were represented. At the conclusion of the business the brethren adjourned to W. Bro. Keen's rooms, where a most enjoyable hour was spent in refreshment and harmony, our visitors contributing well to the latter. W. Bro. Armstrong was in especially good form. The Hawera Lodge quartette (W. Bros. Keen and Burgess and Bros. Tarrant and Webb) made their debut, and gave two exquisite items. The meeting constituted quite an event with us, and both our own and visiting brethren enjoyed and appreciated our visiting workers' rendering of the fine old Scotch ritual.

At an emergency meeting on 19th May a candidate was initiated into A.F.M. by W. Bro. Kimbell (in the absence of the W.M. at the G.L. communication). He was assisted by R.W. Bro. Sargent, who communicated the Secrets; W. Bro. Salmon, the Address in the N.E. Corner.; Bro. Bishop, S.W., explained the Reasons for Preparation; and Bro. Harding, J.W., the W.Ts.; and W. Bro. Burgess gave the Final Charge. After the close of the Lodge the refectory degree was undertaken with pleasure and profit to the brethren.

Your correspondent apologises for the omission of Hawera's notes for last month, but he was a day late, and the doors being closed he knocked at the sanctuary in vain; an inexorable editor sat grim in his chair, and would not allow him to enter there.— [Lodge Correspondent.]

WELLINGTON.

St. Andrew, No. 32.—The monthly meeting was held at the Freemasons' Hall, Wellington, on 18th May under circumstances which will long be remembered with pardonable pride by members. The Lodge had been strongly represented at the annual communication of G.L., held during the previous week, and the W.M. and P.Ms. prior to their return took the opportunity of inviting representatives passing through Wellington on their way home to attend. They did so in force, and as, in addition, W.Ms. and brethren of local Lodges visited in considerable numbers, the gathering constituted what must almost be a record for the city. R.W. Bro. T. A. Peterkin, Prov.G.M., was received with honours, and was followed by M.W. Bro. H. J. Williams, P.G.M.; R.W. Bro. H. H. Seaton, J.G.W.; V.W. Bro. H. B. Bridge, G. Lecturer; W. Bros. A. Veitch, P.G.Supt. of Works; F. Thomas, G.S.B.; and G. Logan, P.G.S. The Lodge proceeded with the business, set down for the evening, of raising a candidate, the ceremony being performed without a hitch, with the assistance of the orchestra of the Lodge, which accompanied the odes. Bro. C. W. Neilsen, W.M., was assisted by R.W. Bro. T. A. Peterkin, Prov.G.M., W. Bro. J. W. Ellison (Lodge Leinster), and the following officers: W. Bros. G. Russell, Chaplain; J. Rod, D. of C.; O. Neilson, acting-I.P.M.; Bros. A. W. Rowlands, S.W.; W. Simpson, J.W.; A. Schmidt and J. C. Riddell, S. and J.D.; W. Greening, I.G. At the conclusion of the ceremony W. Bro. W. N. Ewing (Lodge Ngamotu) delivered a recapitulatory address to the candidate, which was listened to with the deepest interest by all present, and will not readily be forgotten. Amongst the W. brethren present were the W.Ms. of Lodges United Service (Auckland), No. 10; Masterton, No. 19; Hawera, No. 34; Albion (Devonport), No. 45; Ngamotu, No. 48; Auckland, No. 87; Waitakerei, No. 170; Waimarino, No. 175; Moutoa (Gonville), No. 195; and the W.Ms. of the following city and suburban Lodges: Wellington, No. 1521, E.C.; Pacific, No. 2; Waterloo, No. 13; Leinster, No. 44; Coronation, No. 127; Tutaneikai, No. 156; Installed Masters, No. 194. The brethren subsequently repaired to the large hall downstairs, where the usual toasts were honoured and musical items given by Bro. W. Eiby and the energetic orchestra. Truly from start to finish the meeting was one the recollection of which will be long cherished in the hearts of members, who will often recall the honour accorded the Lodge by such a large and representative gathering attending to take part in its proceedings.— [Lodge Correspondent.]

Leinster, No. 44.—The monthly meeting was held on 4th May. The W.M. (W. Bro. Chas. Haynes) presided over a large assembly of members and visitors, among whom were M.W. Bro. H. J. Williams, P.G.M., V.W. Bro. H. B. Bridge, G.Lect., and representatives of most of the city and suburban Lodges, also many from various parts of the Dominion. The ballot for a joining member, also one for initiation, proved favourable. The ceremonial business (the raising of a F.C.) was entrusted to the P.Ms. of the Lodge, by whom it was carried out in a very commendable manner. It afforded great pleasure to those present to witness the manner in which the P.Ms. performed the ceremony, and reflects great credit to the Lodge in having such enthusiastic W. brethren, some of whom were foundation members some 32 years ago, notably W. Bro. J. Hyde, who was first D. of C., and acted in a similar capacity on this evening. W. Bro. J. W. Ellison, who occupied the Master's chair, obligated the candidate, the following W. brethren assisting : W. Bro. A. Neely (the Exhortation), W. Bro. Jas. Robertson, W. Bro. R. M. Roberts, W. Bro. E. B. Parsons, W. Bro. W. H. Jones, W. Bro. F. Silver, who acted as P.W. (the Investiture), W. Bro. W. Wills, who acted as J.W. (the T.H. and further Signs), W. Bro. R. H. Wilson, and W. Bro. W. A. Baudinet, Sec. W. Bro. T. Bland presented the candidate with the V.S.L. on which he had been obligated. The nomination of W.M. and officers was then taken, with the result that each officer will advance a step. After the Lodge was closed a very pleasant hour was spent in the refectory, the older members being prominent in the efforts to enlighten those present, which proved very instructive as well as interesting.—[Lodge Correspondent.]

St. Mark, No. 53.—The installation meeting was held on the 23rd April, W. Bro. A. N. Burns presiding. There were large delegations from all the Wairarapa Lodges, and St. Mark will soon have to face the question of more accommodation. Prominent among the large concourse of visitors were M.W. Bro. H. J. Williams. R.W. Bro. J. Moncrieff, D.G.M., W. Bro. F. J. Hunn, P.G.S.B., and W. Bro. A. Veitch, of Wellington R.W. Bro. J. Moncrieff acted as I.M., the Master-elect being Bro. A. J. Reynolds, who was inducted into the chair with due solemnity and all the honours of his rank. W. Bro. F. J. Hunn, with his fine presence and "massive" voice, made an ideal D. of C., and contributed a good quota to the success of the gathering. The W.Ts. were presented by Bros. Moncrieff, Niccol, and Larkin. W. Bro. Chapman [W.M., Lodge Masterton), invested the following officers :—S.W., Bro. H. Hart; J.W., Bro. W. H. Baillie; Sec., W. Bro. A. Phillpotts, P.M.; S.D., Bro. R. Stout; J.D., Bro. G. S. Phillpotts; I.G., Bro. T. Higgins; Tyler, Bro. J. Stevens; Stewards, Bros. T. Caverhill and W. Graham. R.W. Bro. Moncrieff addressed the W.M. W. Bro. A. N. Burns gave the charge to the Wardens; and M.W. Bro. H. J. Williams gave the final address to the brethren. The retiring Master was presented with a P.M.'s jewel by the D.G.M., and suitably thanked the Lodge. An excellent supper, quite calculated to impair the digestive organs of the elderly brethren, was served in the refectory, and numerous toasts were honoured, one especially to Bro. Lightfoot, who was booked for an early departure to Blenheim on promotion. A most pleasant evening was enjoyed by all participating.

Ulster, No. 62.—The regular meeting was held on 20th May. The W.M., W. Bro. Davis, occupied the chair, and there was a good attendance of members and visitors. The ceremonial work was the initiation of a candidate, the ceremony being performed by the W.M., who was assisted by several of the P.Ms. The N.E. Charge was given by W. Bro. Cox; the Mode of Preparation was explained by W. Bro. Schwartz; the W.Ts. were presented by W. Bro. Jenkins; and the Final Charge was given by W. Bro. Wylie. At the request of the retiring W.M. (Bro. Davis), W. Bro. Colquitt presented a large framed photograph to the Lodge, and a vote of thanks was accorded to the W.M. for same. The Sec. reported that the account of the Lodge was in credit to the extent of £92, and on his motion a sum of £30 was voted to the Benevolent Fund. The election of officers for the ensuing year was then taken, W. Bro. Hobbs and Bro. McIlvride acting as scrutineers. At the conclusion of the business the brethren adjourned to the refectory, where the usual toasts were honoured and an excellent musical programme given.—[Lodge Correspondent.]

Otaihape, No. 142.—The installation of Lodge Otaihape, No. 142, was held on 5th May, when Bro. A. James, S. W., was installed in the Chair of K.S. The Lodge was tyled at 2.30 p.m., the ceremony being conducted by R.W. Bro. T. A. Peterkin, Prov.G.M., assisted by the P.Ms. of the Lodge. The Ancient Charges were read by W. Bro. T. A. Peterkin. W. Bro. T. A. Garratt, P.M. invested the officers as follows :—W.M., Bro. A. James; S.W., W. Bro. H. J. T. Jaggard, P.M., J.W., Bro. J. Kloth; Chaplain, W. Bro. C. L. Dymock, P.M.; Sec., W. Bro. T. A. Garratt, P.M.; Treas., Bro. Z. J. Davies; S.D., Bro. G. Wrightson; J.D., Bro. F. W. Somerville; I.G., Bro. A. McColl; O.G., Bro. F. Varnum; S.S., Bro. N. E. Drayton; J.S. Bro. B. A. Fraser. The address to the brethren was given by W. Bro. C. L. Dymock, P.M. The R.W. Installing Master gave the address to the W.M. W. Bro. H. Jaggard, P.M., discharged the duties of D. of C. in a highly efficient manner. Bro. S. Gibbons, Ruapehu Lodge, officiated at the organ in a manner which contributed greatly to the impressiveness of the ceremony. W. Bro. G. Bray, the retiring W.M., was presented with a handsome P.M.'s jewel by R.W. Bro. Peterkin on behalf of the brethren of the Lodge. The collection on behalf of the W. and O. and A.M. Fund amounted to £4/15/-. The Lodge was closed in L., P. and H. at 5.30 p.m. In

the evening a ball was held at the Town Hall, which was most admirably decorated for the occasion. All the visiting brethren, which included members of Lodges from Taumarunui to Palmerston North and Wanganui, including Feilding, Marton, Hunterville, Mangaweka, and Raetihi, received an invitation to the evening festivities, and after a most enjoyable evening the gathering finally dispersed at 3.30 a.m.—[Lodge Correspondent.]

Huia, No. 171.—The regular meeting was held on 7th May. The ceremonial work consisted of the initiation of two candidates and one elected for affiliation, and was carried out by the W.M., assisted by the I.P.M., W. Bro. Stone [N.E. Corner], W. Bro. Spooner (W.Ts.), M. of P. by Bro. W. Turner, J.W., and R.W. Bro. Graham (Final Charge). A pleasing feature in connection with the meeting was the generous gift to the Lodge of a beautifully finished ballot-box, also a Blazing Star, which was greatly appreciated by the members, and in addition sufficed to show that this young brother in the Craft possesses an artistic taste and a hand cunning to devise. It might not be amiss to remark that the officers have at last appeared to decide to tyle at the time notified for their attendance, which, with expeditious work, will produce a better attendance, as late starting represents a late hour in the finish with a general exodus of visitors and brethren, whom no amount of persuasion will induce to remain to attend the "Fourth," the result inevitably being a depressing atmosphere experienced by the few who remain behind. Trusting the officers will accept this in the spirit it is intended—namely, for the future welfare of the Lodge.—[Lodge Correspondent.]

Otari, No. 190.—The regular meeting was held at the Public Hall, Khandallah, on 8th May, the W.M. presiding. The business was the raising of a brother, and the ceremony was conducted by the W.M., ably assisted by several of the Lodge officers. Nominations for the elected officers for the ensuing year were received. Bro. S. P. Curtis, S.W., was nominated for W.M., by W. Bro. J. G. Harkness, W.M. Bro. J. G. Radcliffe was nominated for Treas., and Bro. A. J. Patrick for Tyler. After the business was over a very pleasant hour of social intercourse was spent in the refectory.—[Lodge Correspondent.]

ROYAL ARCH CHAPTERS.

St. Augustine, No. 1.—The regular meeting was held in St. Augustine Hall on 8th May, V.E. Comp. Lee presiding. Comps. J. Hurly and H. W. Wait, of Prince of Wales Chapter, were proposed as joining members. Bros. W. Smith and A. J. B. Cresswell (of Ashley Lodge) were nominated for membership. Bros. G. Judd, A. E. Smith, and Colin Thompson were declared duly elected for membership. The business of the evening was the exaltation of W. Bros. Hopkinson Richardson, Yemm, and Bro. Beanland. V.E. Comp. Lee obligated; E. Comp. C. W. Bingham presented the W.Ts., V.E. Comp. Robertson gave from the Discovery, V.E. Comp. McLean gave the P.G. and P.W.; V.E. Comp. Thorpe further illustrated the Signs; V.E. Comp. Bishop delivered the Final Charge; M.E. Comp. J. C. Bingham gave the Lecture at the Altar. The ceremony was very creditably performed by all who took part.—[Chapter Correspondent.]

Waterloo, No. 2.—At the regular convocation, held on 22nd April, the principal business was the acknowledgment of one candidate. An E.Ms.' Lodge was opened, the V.E. 1st Principal, Comp. A. Veitch, being the W.E.M.; W. Bro. G. Russell, S.W.; and W. Bro. J. Rod, J.W. The officers assisting were:— Captain of Veils, W. Bro. G. Menzies, W. Bro. C. Haynes, and W. Bro. C. B. Harton. W. Bro. C. H. Dement acted as Conductor, and Bro. H. G. Claridge as I.G. The W.E.M. conferred the Ob.; W. Bro. C. H. Dement delivered the Lecture and explained the Ss. On resuming Chapter, past and present. Principals were appointed a committee to take into consideration the question of entertaining the members of visiting Chapter Waitaki Kil., Oamaru, No. 8, on 27th and 28th May. The S.E. was added to the committee ex officio. A pleasant incident was the vote of hearty thanks to V.E. Comp. Dement, P.Z., for his gift to the Chapter of a handsome wicket for the S.W. in the M.Ms.' Lodge. Comp. Demerit suitably responded. Among the visitors present was V.E. Comp. J. P. Shand, Z. of Hinemoa Chapter, No. 25, who was received with the usual honours. The V.E. Comp. took the opportunity to very warmly thank the Chapter for the letter of sympathy sent him in connection with Mrs. Shand's recent illness. The V.E. Comp. also, at the request of the V.E.Z., presented several companions with their R.A. and S.D. diplomas. On the motion of V.E. Comp. G. G. Schwartz, I.P.Z., it was resolved that the Sup. G. Chapter be requested to reprint the B. of C., as so many amendments had been made therein since its last issue. Among the apologies received for unavoidable absence were those of M.E. Comp. J. J. Esson, G.Z., and M.E. Comp. H. J. Williams, G.S.E. Chapter was closed in customary form at 9.15 p.m., and a pleasant hour or so then spent in the refectory.—[Chapter Correspondent.]

Wanganui, No. 23.—An emergency meeting was held on 7th May, three candidates offering for Exaltation, V.E. Comp. J. Ashwell in the chair, assisted by Comps. N. Roulston and G. Gordon; Comp. Runnerstrum, 1st Soj.,

Conductor. Comp. N. Roulston presented the W.Ts. ; V.E. Comp. Palmer, Explanation; and Comp. G. Bullock, F.C. Three candidates were successfully balloted for and one proposed for membership. The weather was against a very large muster, but several companions faced the elements and spent a very successful and enjoyable evening.—
[Chapter Correspondent.]

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United Service, No. 10:—Founded 1864, meets in Freemasons' Hall, Princes-st., Auckland, last Wednesday every month, 7.30 p.m. Installation June. W.M., Bro. A. W. Morris; S.W., Bro. E. Edwards; J.W., Bro. H. G. Grimlinton; Sec., R.W. Bro. T. W. Allen, P.G.W., "Byrn-Awli," Henderson.

Beta-Waikato, No. 12:—Founded 1865, meets in Masonic Hall, Hamilton, Waikato, Thursday on or before full moon, at 7.30 p.m. Installation Thursday on or after 24th June. W.M., Bro. W. Dey, P.M.; S.W., Bro. R. L. Hope; J.W., Bro. C. R. Speight; Sec., Bro. J. E. Hammond, Hamilton.

Sir Walter Scott, No. 15:—Founded 1870, meets in Freemasons' Hall, Thames, third Tuesday every month, 7.30 p.m. Installation March. W.M., Bro. W. Bongard; S.W., Bro. L. McIlwride; J.W., Bro. A. L. Read; Sec., Bro. A. Burns, P.M.

Coromandel, No. 17:—Founded (450, I.C.), 1872, meets in Masonic Hall, Coromandel, on Wednesday nearest full moon in each month. Installation March. W.M., Bro. A. J. Garland; S.W., Bro. E. Greensmith; J.W., Bro. Rev. T. Norrie; Sec., Bro. C. H. Bennett, P.M., Coromandel.

Manukau, No. 24:—Founded 1876, meets in Masonic Hall, Princes-st., Onehunga, on first Wednesday each month. Installation March. W.M., Bro. H. E. Harrison; S.W., Bro. A. J. Pople; J.W., Bro. W. McSkimming; Sec., W. Bro. A. C. Harrison, Box 10, Auckland.

Albion, No. 45:—Founded 1883, meets in Masonic Hall, Devonport, on second Thursday in each month. Installation June. W.M., Bro. J. M. Crosher; S.W., Bro. W. Coltman; J.W., Bro. W. G. Allen; Sec., W. Bro. F. H. Horsnell, P.M., 68 Calliope-road, Devonport.

Te Aroha, No. 52:—Meets in Masonic Hall, Te Aroha, Tuesday nearest full moon, .30 p.m. Installation March. W.M., Bro. R. S. Hanna; S.W., Bro. A. J. Clarke; J.W., Bro. C. H. Richardson; Sec., Bro. — Lovegrove.

Ponsonby, No. 54:—Founded 1890, meets in Oddfellows' Hall, Renall-st., Ponsonby, first Tuesday in month, 7.30 p.m. Installation May. Sec., Bro. H. R. Arthur, P.M., No. 31, Curran-st., Ponsonby.

Wairoa, No. 55:—Meets in Masonic Hall, Ellerslie, Wednesday on or before full moon. Installation Oct. W.M., Bro. J. Wooler, P.M.; S.W., Bro. A. Clark; J.W., Bro. A. Hewson; Sec., Bro. R. W. Mears, P.M., Papakura.

Papakura, No. 56:—Founded 1855, meets in Masonic Hall, Papakura, Tuesday on or before full moon. Installation June. W.M., Bro. D. W. Jones, P.M.; S.W., Bro. D. A. Reid, P.M.; J.W., Bro. W. M. McLean; Sec., Bro. H. Willis, P.M.

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Hokianga, No. 69:—Founded 1891, meets at Masonic Hall, Kohukohu, Friday nearest full moon. Installation November. W.M., W. Bro. R. R. Menzies; S.W., Bro. R. G. Cochrane; J.W., Bro. A. C. Wallace; Sec., Bro. H. A. Williams, P.O. Box 18, Kohukohu.

Abercorn, No. 76:—Founded 1886, meets in Abercorn Hall, Ormond Road, Gisborne, on first Tuesday in each month. Installation August. W.M., Bro. F. J. Rowley; S.W., Bro. W. F. J. Anderson; J.W., Bro. Rev. W. Grant; Sec., Bro. G. T. Bull, J.G.W.

Mangonui, No. 78:—Founded 1892, meets in Masonic Hall, Mangonui, on Thursday in each month nearest full moon. Installation Feb. W.M., W. Bro. Watts; S.W., Bro. G. Wilkinson; J.W., Bro. A. Warburton; Sec., Bro. N. J. Ray, "Age" Office, Mangonui.

Alpha, No. 81:—Founded 1881, meets at Masonic Hall, Cambridge, Wednesday nearest full moon. Installation March. W.M., Bro. E. E. Roberts; S.W., Bro. A. C. Curtain; J.W., Bro. J. G. Sowers; Sec., Bro. G. H. Ollard, Cambridge.

Auckland, No. 87:—Founded 1893, meets in Masonic Hall, Eden-ter., fourth Tuesday each month. Installation May. W.M., Bro. A. S. Clark; S.W., Bro. W. J. Arnold; J.W., Bro. J. B. Crawford; Sec., Bro. W. S. Williams, P.M., Wynyard-rd., Mount Eden.

Waikuku, No. 90:—Founded 1893.

Ohaeawai, No. 101:

Star of the North, No. 102:—Meets Freemasons' Hall, John-st., Whangarei, Monday nearest full moon. Installation April. W.M., Bro. R. Worner; S.W., Bro. F. Strugnell; J.W., Bro. R. R. McLeenan; Sec., Bro. A. D. Lambly, Whangarei.

Ohinemuri, No. 107:—Founded 1897, meets in Masonic Hall, Paeroa, on Wednesday on or before full moon each month. Installation Nov. W.M., Bro. D. Congalton; S.W., Bro. F. A. Cameron; J.W., Bro. E. H. Mackay; Sec., Bro. C. B. Gentil.

Waiki, No. 112:—Founded 1898, meets in the Masonic Hall, Waiki, Monday nearest full moon every month. Installation April. W.M., Bro. H. Langdon; S.W., Bro. G. Wohlmann; J.W., Bro. R. Hay; Sec., Bro. A. T. Ellis, P.M., Slewin-st., Waiki.

Taupiri, No. 118:—Founded 1900, meets in Masonic Hall, Huntly, on Wednesday nearest full moon in every month. Installation Oct. W.M., Bro. A. H. Waring; S.W., Bro. J. Kinson; J.W., Bro. D'Arcy Low; Sec., Bro. W. A. Joll.

Waipa, No. 119:—Founded 25th Sept., 1901; meets in Masonic Hall, Te Awamutu, Friday nearest full moon, 7.30 p.m. Installation Oct. W.M., Bro. H. Y. Collins; S.W., Bro. H. Heerdegen; J.W., Bro. J. Browning; Sec., Bro. A. J. Bray.

Hobson, No. 120:—Founded 1901, meets in Masonic Hall, Aratapu, Tuesday on or before full moon. Installation Jan. 29. W.M., Bro. H. Leabourne; S.W., Bro. D. Savident; J.W., Bro. S. L. Spanhake; Sec., W. Bro. C. E. Smith, Te Kopuru.

Tauranga, No. 125:—Founded 1902, meets at Lodgeroom, First Avenue, Tauranga, Thursday on or next before full moon, 7.30 p.m. prompt. Installation Aug. W.M., Bro. T. H. Hall; S.W., Bro. E. E. Hammond; J.W., Bro. W. H. Poole; Sec., Bro. B. P. Andrews, Tauranga.

Hikurangi, No. 140.

Rotorua, No. 153:—Founded 1907, meets in Masonic Hall, Fenton Street, Rotorua, Tuesday nearest full moon, 7.30 p.m. Installation August. W.M., Bro. S. J. Hale; S.W., W. Bro. A. W. Stevens, P.M.; J.W., Bro. Geo. Urquhart; Sec., Bro. W. Hill, P.M., P.O. Box 27, Rotorua.

Piako, No. 160:—Founded 1908, meets in Masonic Hall, Morrinsville, on Wednesday on or before full moon every month, 7.30 p.m. Installation March. W.M., Bro. G. W. Brayshaw; S.W., Bro. C. M. Gummer; J.W., Bro. R. Parlour; Sec., W. Bro. S. S. Allen, P.O. Box 12, Morrinsville.

Plunket, No. 163:—Founded 1910, meets in Masonic Hall, Te Kuiti, on Wednesday on or nearest full moon, 7.30 p.m. Installation April. W.M., Bro. H. Hine; S.W., Bro. G. P. Finlay; J.W., Bro. A. V. Snaddon; Sec., Bro. B. Wolff, Te Kuiti.

Karioi, No. 165 (Raglan).

Tawhiri, No. 166:—Founded November, 1909, meets at Frankton on Tuesday after full moon, at 7.30 p.m. Installation November. W.M., Bro. E. A. Tisch; S.W., Bro. T. Cameron; J.W., Bro. J. E. Herbert; Sec., Bro. C. N. Flyger, P.M., N.Z.R., Frankton Jn.

United Masters', No. 167 (Auckland).

Maungawhao, No. 168:—Founded 1909, meets in the Lodge-room, Woodside-rd., Mt. Eden, on the third Thursday in each month. Installation Nov. W.M., W. Bro. H. L. Wade; S.W., Bro. C. Hudson; J.W., Bro. H. T. Surman; Sec., V.W. Bro. F. H. Mueller, P.G.R., P.O. Box 796, Auckland.

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Nau Mai, No. 177:—Founded 1910, meets in Lodgeroom, Hakiaha-street, Taumarunui, first Wednesday every month. Installation Nov. W.M., Bro. A. S. Laird; S.W., Bro. N. A. Winter; J.W., Bro. E. T. Hughes; Sec., Bro. T. H. McVilly, Box 17, Taumarunui.

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Te Marama, No. 186:—Founded 1911, meets at Ngaruawahia, first Monday after full moon. Installation Oct. W.M., Bro. B. A. Smith; S.W., Bro. J. Coutts; J.W., Bro. R. L. Thomas; Sec., Bro. T. Parker.

Tirau, No. 193:—Founded 20th March, 1913, meets in Masonic Hall, Tirau, on the Thursday on or nearest full moon. Installation March. W.M., Bro. S. L. Bygrave; S.W., Bro. H. Head; J.W., Bro. L. H. Allen; Sec., Bro. N. D. Clifford, Box 1, P.O., Tirau.

PROVINCE OF HAWKES BAY: 10 LODGES.

(R.W. Bro. H. L. Harston, Prov.G.M.)

Scinde, No. 5:—Founded 1858, meets in Masonic Hall, Tennyson-st., Napier, third Tuesday each month. Installation June. W.M., Bro. J. W. Ritchie; S.W., Bro. C. H. Critchley, P.M.; J.W., Bro. J. P. Thomson; Sec., Bro. L. Freedman, P.M., Emerson-street, Napier.

Victoria, No. 21:—Founded 1871, meets in Masonic Hall, Munroe-st., Napier, first Tuesday every month (except December and January), 7.45 p.m. Installation June. W.M. Bro. H. W. Whitton; S.W., Bro. A. B. Gibson; J.W., Bro. W. A. Kirk; Sec., Bro. Jas. Redshaw, P.M., P.O. Box 196, Napier.

Bedford, No. 25:—Founded 1878, meets at Masonic Hall, Waipukurau, Tuesday on or before full moon, 7.30 p.m. Installation April. W.M., Bro. W. H. Booth; S.W., Bro. F. W. Gore; J.W., Bro. W. H. L. Williams; Sec., W. Bro. J. W. Elliott, P.M., Waipukurau.

Abercorn, No. 30:—Founded 1878, meets at Masonic Hall, Waipawa, H.B., on Monday on or nearest full moon in each month, at 7.30 p.m. Installation second Monday in December. W.M., Bro. T. Thompson; S.W., Bro. Alex. Todd; J.W., Bro. A. Parkin; Sec., Bro. J. James, P.M., Waipawa.

Rawhiti, No. 66:—Founded 1890, meets in Freemasons' Hall, High-st., Dannevirke, third Thursday each month, 7.30 p.m. Installation May. W.M., Bro. J. Armstrong; S.W., Bro. F. A. B. Harrison; J.W., Bro. W. Snell; Sec., Bro. Thomas Paton, Dannevirke.

Heretaunga, No. 73:—Founded 1878, meets in Masonic Hall, Hastings, H.B., second Tuesday, 7.30 p.m. Installation June. W.M., Bro. A. J. McGlashan; S.W., Bro. A. Ramsey, P.M.; J.W., Bro. J. A. Miller; Sec., Bro. T. Morgan, P.M.

Ruahina, No. 80:—Founded 1886, meets in Masonic Hall, Woodville, Tuesday before full moon every month, 7.30 p.m. Installation June. W.M., Bro. E. H. Leigh; S.W., Bro. A. Stevenson; J.W., Bro. J. H. Escott; Sec., Bro. F. J. Hutchins.

Lion, No. 114:—Founded 1899, meets in Masonic Hall, Ormondville, Monday on or nearest full moon, 7.30 p.m. Installation Wed. nearest to April full moon. W.M., Bro. B. Bagley; S.W., Bro. D. Wilson; J.W., Bro. C. F. Barker; Sec., Bro. H. N. Benson.

Waikaremoana, No. 158:—Founded 1909, meets in Masonic Hall, Wairoa, H.B., Tuesday nearest full moon every month, 7.30 p.m. Installation March. W.M., Bro. Bowen Millward; S.W., Bro. E. J. Green; J.W., Bro. J. A. Nilsson; Sec., Bro. W. Bodley.

Ruataniwha, No. 172:—Founded 1910, meets in Masonic Hall, Takapau, Friday on or before full moon every month, 7 p.m. Installation Aug. W.M., Bro. E. Johnson; S.W., Bro. M. Steffenson; J.W., Bro. R. A. Fraser; Sec., Bro. W. Hobson, Takapau.

PROVINCE OF TARANAKI: 7 LODGES.

(R.W. Bro. R. W. Sargent, Prov. G.M.)

Patea Kil, No. 18.—Founded 1873, meets second Wednesday each month. Installation March. W.M., Bro. A. McFarlane; S.W., Bro. J. Fairweather; J.W., Bro. E. B. Wells; Sec., W. Bro. H. E. P. Adams.

Hawera, No. 24.—Founded 1880, meets in the Temple, Union-street, Hawera, on first Tuesday in every month at 7.30 p.m. Installation July. W.M., Bro. Evan Evans; S.W., Bro. W. G. Bishop; J.W., Bro. J. W. J. Harding; Sec., Bro. T. B. Salmon, Princess-street, Hawera.

Ngamotu, No. 43.—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 September. W.M., Bro. W. N. Ewing; S.W., Bro. E. W. Garner; J.W., Bro. F. S. Johns; Sec., Bro. W. H. Hadfield, P.M.

Stratford, No. 75.—Founded 1892, meets in Masonic Hall, Stratford, on Wednesday nearest full moon. Installation March. W.M., Bro. J. McAllister; S.W., Bro. G. H. Speck; J.W., Bro. T. E. Coleman; Sec., W. Bro. G. Smart, P.M.

St. John's, No. 96.—Founded 1892, meets in Masonic Hall, Eltham, Tuesday nearest full moon, 7.30 p.m. Lodge of Instruction Friday before meeting at 8. Installation Feb. W.M., Bro. R. C. D. Lightbourne; S.W., Bro. J. H. Bleakley; J.W., Bro. J. E. Weir; Sec., W. Bro. J. B. Sim, P.M.

Moa, No. 110.—Founded 1896, meets Freemasons' Hall, Inglewood, Taranaki, Friday nearest full moon, 7.30 p.m. Installation March. W.M., Bro. E. B. Oison; S.W., Bro. E. J. Allemann; J.W., Bro. J. Roberts; Sec., Bro. A. E. Surrey, P.M., Inglewood.

Ikaroa, No. 115.—Founded 1898, meets at Lodgeroom, Opunake, Tuesday nearest full moon, 7.30 p.m. Installation Nov. W.M., Bro. D. Penwarden; S.W., Bro. A. Clarke; J.W., Bro. K. Connell; Sec., Bro. G. W. Rogers, P.M.

PROVINCE OF WELLINGTON: 37 LODGES.

(R.W. Bro. T. A. Peterkh, Prov. G.M.)

N.Z. Pacific, No. 2.—Founded 1842, meets in Masonic Hall, Wellington, on fourth Monday every month, 7.30 p.m. No meeting December. Installation March. W.M., Bro. J. S. Connell; S.W., Bro. E. Norton; J.W., Bro. A. Scott; Sec., W. Bro. J. H. Worboys, P.M., Kilbirnie.

Waterloo, No. 18.—Founded 1886, meets in Masonic Hall, Wellington, on second Monday every month, 7.30 p.m. Installation Sept. W.M., Bro. C. B. Barton; S.W., Bro. S. J. Moncrieff; J.W., Bro. A. Wilson; Sec., Bro. G. E. Smith, P.M., Box 811, G.P.O.

Masterton, No. 19.—Founded 1873, meets in Masonic Hall, Bannister-street, Masterton, second Wednesday every month, 8 p.m. Installation May. W.M., Bro. A. W. Chapman; S.W., Bro. E. R. Wilson; J.W., Bro. R. J. Young; Sec., Bro. F. J. Hunn, Box 31, Masterton.

St. Andrew, No. 32.—Founded 1879, meets in the Masonic Hall, Wellington, on the third Monday in every month, at 7.30 p.m. Installation St. Andrew's Day. W.M., Bro. C. W. Nielsen; S.W., Bro. A. W. Rowlands; J.W., Bro. W. Simpson; Sec., Bro. J. B. Lea, P.O. Box 236, Wellington.

St. John, No. 37.—Founded 1880, meets in Masonic Hall, Wakefield-street, Featherston, on second Monday in each month, at 7.30 p.m. Installation Oct. W.M., Bro. G. J. Carlyn; S.W., Bro. F. Henry; J.W., Bro. G. T. Baker; Sec., Bro. E. H. Saunders, Box 15, Featherston.

Rangitikei, No. 88.—Founded 1880, meets at Masonic Hall, Bulls, Tuesday before full moon. Installation Oct. W.M., Bro. G. W. McKenzie; S.W., Bro. K. W. Deighton; J.W., Bro. W. S. Penney; Sec., Bro. Thomas King, P.O. Box 6, Bulls.

Felding, No. 41.—Founded 1881, meets in Masonic Temple, Felding, Monday nearest full moon. Installation July. W.M., Bro. O. N. Gillespie; S.W., Bro. W. A. Bailey; J.W., Bro. N. Bray; Sec., W. Bro. Gordon Elliott, P.M., Felding.

Linster, No. 44.—Founded 1882, meets in Masonic Hall, Wellington, first Monday each month, 7.30 p.m. Installation July. W.M., Bro. Chas. Haynes; S.W., Bro. David Ritchie; J.W., Bro. F. G. Cooper; Sec., Bro. W. A. Baudinet, P.M., 17 Caroline Street, "Copper" collection each meeting for W. and O. and A.M. Fund.

Manawatu Kil, No. 47.—Founded 1883, meets Masonic Hall, Church-st., Palmerston N., Wednesday before full moon every month. Installation April. W.M., Bro. C. S. Rush; S.W., Bro. H. Hopwood; J.W., Bro. W. Mundy; Sec., Bro. W. H. Collingwood, P.M.

St. Mark, No. 68.—Founded 1884, meets in Freemasons' Hall, Carterton, second Tuesday every month, 8 p.m. Installation April (St. Mark's Day). W.M., Bro. A. J. Reynolds; S.W., Bro. H. E. Hart; J.W., Bro. W. H. Bullie; Sec., Bro. Arthur Phillips, P.M.

Ulster, No. 62.—Founded 1888, meets in the Masonic Hall, Petone, third Wednesday every month. Installation June. W.M., Bro. J. C. Davis; S.W., Bro. G. D. McKewen; J.W., Bro. W. H. Richards; Sec., Bro. R. Wylie, P.M., 49 Victoria-street, Petone.

Taranua, No. 67.—Founded 1890, meets at Masonic Hall, Pahiatau, Thursday nearest full moon. Installation Nov. W.M., Bro. G. E. Clifton; S.W., Bro. W. W. Scott; J.W., Bro. — Bacon; Sec., Bro. G. Moore.

Otagaki, No. 70.—Founded 1891, meets in Masonic Hall, Ashhurst, on Tuesday before full moon in each month, at 7.30 p.m. Installation August. W.M., Bro. G. B. Lovelock; S.W., Bro. D. Howie; J.W., Bro. H. W. Smart; Sec., Bro. A. O. Buchler, P.M., 88 Ferguson St. West, Palmerston N.

Rangitira, No. 71.—Founded 1891, meets in Masonic Hall, Hunterville, Rangitikei, Friday on or before full moon. Installation March. W.M., Bro. W. J. Woolford; S.W., Bro. T. Chisholm; J.W., Bro. W. H. Maclean; Sec., Bro. R. A. Campbell.

Otaki, No. 72.—Founded 1891, meets in Masonic Hall, Otaki, on Tuesday nearest full moon, at 8 p.m. Installation Nov. W.M., Bro. W. M. Simcox; S.W., Bro. W. J. Howell; J.W., Bro. W. Quayle; Sec., W. Bro. Swabey, P.M.

Greytown, No. 74.—Founded 1877, meets at the Masonic Hall, Greytown, on second Friday in each month, at 8 p.m. Installation St. John's Day (June). W.M., Bro. Alfred George Tyler; S.W., Bro. Sven Polson; J.W., Bro. John B. Brickell; Sec., Bro. Alex. Murray, P.M., Greytown.

St. Andrew Kil, No. 79.—Founded 1898, meets Freemasons' Hall, Wanganui, second Thursday each month (excepting Dec., first Thursday). Installation second Thursday in July. W.M., Bro. N. G. Armstrong; S.W., Bro. A. Dolg; J.W., Bro. L. Craig; Acting Sec., Bro. D. McFarlane, P.M., P.O. Box 129.

Eketahuna, No. 82.—Founded 1893, meets in Masonic Hall, Bengston-street, Eketahuna, Friday nearest full moon each month (except May, Installation, on Thursday nearest full moon), at 7.30 p.m. W.M., Bro. E. W. Ashcroft; S.W., Bro. D. M. Wilson; J.W., Bro. A. Rowan; Sec., Bro. G. Gavay Jackson.

Hinemoa, No. 122.—Founded 1901, meets in Masonic Hall, Wellington S., on second Thursday, at 7.30 p.m. Installation August. W.M., Bro. S. T. S. Martin; S.W., Bro. J. Reid; J.W., Bro. F. Robinson; Sec., Bro. C. Foster.

Kimbolton, No. 123.—Founded 1902, meets in Masonic Hall, Kimbolton, on Thursday nearest full moon. Installation Feb. W.M., Bro. E. Nix; S.W., Bro. E. A. C. Baddeley; J.W., Bro. J. M. Turnbull; Sec., Bro. W. Beedie.

Coronation, No. 127.—Founded 1902, meets at Masonic Hall, Johnsonville, Saturday, on or before full moon, 8 p.m. Installation July. W.M., Bro. R. P. Cook; S.W., Bro. O. Jerusalem; J.W., Bro. E. Harrop; Sec., Bro. J. Wheeler.

Enapehu, No. 128 (formerly No. 2317, E.C.)—Founded 1885, meets in Masonic Hall, Marton, Thursday nearest full moon. Installation Feb. W.M., Bro. W. E. Snellgrove; S.W., Bro. J. Robson; J.W., Bro. H. J. Cameron; Sec., Bro. J. Mogridge, P.M.

Brooklyn, No. 182.—Founded October, 1903, meets in Masonic Hall, Brooklyn, on first Wednesday in each month. Installation Oct. W.M., Bro. W. Jensen; S.W., Bro. S. M. Arenas; J.W., Bro. H. V. Futier; Sec., Bro. A. Onkey, Beauchamp-st., Karori, Wellington.

Te Awahou, No. 189.—Founded 1903, meets in Masonic Hall, Middle-street, Foxton, Tuesday nearest full moon. Installation May. W.M., Bro. J. Senior; S.W., Bro. W. Bullard; J.W., Bro. J. Ross; Sec., Bro. J. W. Hodgson.

Horowhenua, No. 135.—Founded 1906, meets in Druids' Hall, Levin, on Thursday nearest full moon, at 8 p.m. Installation, Wednesday nearest in Sept. W.M., Bro. C. Bjerkhorn; S.W., Bro. T. Brown; J.W., Bro. Wm. Jamieson; Sec., W. Bro. James McIntyre, D.H. School, Levin.

Otaihape, No. 142.—Founded 18th December, 1906, meets in the Masonic Hall, Taihape, on Tuesday on or before full moon, at 7.46 p.m. Installation Feb. W.M., Bro. A. James; S.W., Bro. H. Jaggard, P.M.; J.W., Bro. J. Kloth; Sec., Bro. T. A. Garratt, P.M.

Rongotea, No. 143.—Founded 1903, meets in Masonic Hall, Rongotea, Wednesday after full moon. Installation April. W.M., Bro. J. McMinn; S.W., Bro. E. T. Glover; J.W., Bro. R. M. Matheson; Sec., Bro. T. McGee.

Puketoi, No. 149.—Founded 1907, meets Masonic Hall, Pongoroa, Tuesday nearest full moon, 7.30 p.m. Installation Feb. W.M., Bro. E. Armstrong; S.W., Bro. G. Liverton; J.W., Bro. H. A. Yeoman; Sec., W. Bro. W. Sounness, P.M.

Walheuga, No. 150.—Founded October, 1907, meets in Masonic Hall, Martinborough, on first Wednesday in each month at 7.30 p.m. Installation Oct. W.M., Bro. A. Nicol; S.W., Bro. A. D. McLeod; J.W., Bro. W. McKay; Sec., Bro. H. Kershaw, P.O. Box 12, Martinborough.

Tutanskal, No. 156.—Founded 1908, meets in Masonic Hall, Adelaide-rd., Berhampore, first Friday each month, 7.30 p.m. Installation Feb. W.M., Bro. P. C. Watt; S.W., Bro. E. D. Alexander; J.W., Bro. A. A. Whitelaw; Sec., Bro. J. P. Shand, P.M., Cuba-st., Wellington.

Hula, No. 171.—Founded 1910, meets at Masonic Hall, Church-st. E., Palmerston N., on first Thursday each month. Installation March. W.M., Bro. W. S. Smith; S.W., Bro. R. McNab; J.W., Bro. W. Turner; Sec., Bro. C. J. Hewlett, Courthouse, Palmerston N.

Waimarino, No. 176.—Founded 1910, meets in Masonic Hall, Ward Street, Raetihi, on Monday nearest full moon. Installation Oct. W.M., Bro. E. Mugridge; S.W., Bro. D. H. Grant; J.W., Bro. W. H. Tustin; Sec., Bro. A. Mabbott, Raetihi.

Waiphehu, No. 170.—Founded 1910, meets in Masonic Hall, Hula-street, Lower Hutt, on second Wednesday in every month, at 7.30 p.m. Installation Oct. W.M., Bro. L. F. Ayson; S.W., Bro. E. J. Guinness; J.W., Bro. J. McLaughlan; Sec., Bro. W. H. Fretley, Main-street, Lower Hutt.

Manga-te-Weka, No. 175.—Founded 1910, meets in Masonic Hall, Mangaweka, on Monday on or before full moon in each month at 8 p.m. Installation February. W.M., Bro. D. Galloway; S.W., Bro. D. M. Watkins; J.W., Bro. J. W. Tompkins; Sec., Bro. R. B. Turnbull, Mangaweka.

Otari, No. 190.—Founded 1912, meets in the Public Hall, Khandallah, second Friday each month, 7.30 p.m. Installation July. W.M., Bro. J. G. Harkness, P.G.D.; S.W., Bro. S. P. Curtis; J.W., Bro. J. H. Jerram, P.M.; Sec., Bro. W. A. Tanner, Khandallah.

Installed Masters Lodge, No. 194.—Founded 6th October, 1912. Meets in Freemasons' Hall, on fourth Friday in November, *February, *April, *June, *August, *October. Installation in Oct. W.M., Bro. G. Alport; S.W., Bro. J. J. Eason; J.W., Bro. H. B. Bridge; Sec., Bro. Morris Fox. *Open to visiting M.M.s.

Moutoa, No. 196.—Constituted 24th April, 1913, meets Masonic Hall, Gonville, fourth Thursday in each month (excepting December, third Thursday). Installation fourth Thursday in April. W.M., Bro. D. Munro; S.W., Bro. J. W. Deam; J.W., Bro. J. D. V. McBeth; Sec., Bro. F. Symes, Avenue, Wanganui.

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MARLBOROUGH AND NELSON: 8 LODGES.

(R.W. Bro. Dr. W. E. Redman, Prov. G.M.)

Victory, No. 40.—Founded 1881, meets in Freemasons' Hall, Collingwood-street, Nelson, second Thursday every month (except May—fourth Thursday), 7.30 p.m. Installation May. W.M., Bro. J. Houker; S.W., Bro. E. W. Rudman; J.W., Bro. A. E. Hedges; Sec., W. Bro. R. W. Stiles, Nelson.

Wairua, No. 42 (Blenheim):

Havelock, No. 104:—Founded 1896, meets in Masonic Hall, Havelock, Friday, before full moon, 7.30 p.m. Installation March. W.M., Bro. W. H. Buckman; S.W., Bro. E. W. Price; J.W., Bro. W. A. Russell; Sec., Bro. J. R. A. Gifford, Havelock.

Marlborough Unanimity, No. 106:—Founded 1899 (formerly 1286, E.C.), joined N.Z.C. 1896, meets Masonic Hall, Charles-st., Blenheim, Thursday nearest full moon each month, 7.30 p.m. Installation Aug. W.M., Bro. W. J. Gilling; S.W., Bro. C. H. Mills; J.W., Bro. O. A. Eckford; Acting Sec., Bro. S. A. Edinger, Blenheim.

Walshoi, No. 111:—Meets Masonic Hall, Picton, last Friday each month, 7.30 p.m. Installation March. W.M., Bro. T. W. Bragge; S.W., Bro. J. Burgess; J.W., Bro. H. A. S. Martin; Sec., Bro. R. C. Branch.

Forest, No. 116:—Meets at Wakefield on Wednesday before full moon. Installation Nov. W.M., Bro. H. C. Fitzsimmonds; S.W., Bro. M. Pawcett; J.W., Bro. G. Worth; Sec., W. Bro. F. B. Peart.

Motueka, No. 177:—Founded 1900, meets in Lodgeroom, Motueka, on Wednesday nearest full moon in each month. Installation Oct. W.M., Bro. R. H. Shaw-Thompson; S.W., Bro. J. A. Wallace; J.W., Bro. W. E. Poole; Sec., Bro. L. E. Rhodes.

St. Cuthbert's, No. 144:—Founded 1905, meets in Masonic Hall, Collingwood, on Saturday nearest full moon, at 7.30 p.m. Installation Oct. W.M., Bro. A. Walker; S.W., Bro. W. J. Shaw; J.W., Bro. Jas. Phillips; Sec., Bro. R. H. Tash, P.M., Rockville, Collingwood.

PROVINCE OF WESTLAND: 12 LODGES.

(R.W. Bro. J. H. Hartness, Prov.G.M.)

Robert Burns, No. 60:—Founded 1888, meets in Burns' Masonic Hall, Kelly-st., Reefton, third Thursday each month, at 7.30 p.m. Installation 25th Jan. W.M., Bro. W. H. Nicholas; S.W., Bro. R. Tudhope; J.W., Bro. F. S. Willis; Sec., Bro. Roy Liddelow.

Advance, No. 61:—Founded 1871, meets in Masonic Hall, Brunerton, Thursday on or nearest full moon every month, 7.30 p.m. Installation Jan. W.M., Bro. J. Rouse; S.W., Bro. J. Cook; J.W., Bro. W. Dando; Sec., Bro. F. Jacobs.

Kumara, No. 65:—Meets in Freemasons' Hall, Seddon-st., Kumara, Tuesday nearest full moon, 8 p.m. Installation Feb. W.M., Bro. W. E. Richards; S.W., Bro. S. T. Peters, P.M.; J.W., Bro. J. Steel; Sec., Bro. W. H. Evenden, P.M.

Westland Kil, No. 88:—Founded 1867, meets in Freemasons' Hall, Hokitika, on Wednesday nearest full moon in every month, at 7.30 p.m. Installation St. Andrew's Day. W.M., Bro. H. M. Lynch; S.W., Bro. H. M. Coulson; J.W., Bro. W. H. Shannon; Sec., Bro. J. McMillan, P.M.

Aorangi, No. 89:—Founded 1893, meets in Masonic Hall, Denniston, on first Wednesday in every month. Installation April. W.M., Bro. R. Colligan; S.W., Bro. A. L. Macdonell; J.W., Bro. W. Thawley; Sec., Bro. G. Whitefield.

Mokihinui, No. 96:—Founded 1896, meets in Masonic Hall, Seddonville, first Saturday every month, 7.30 p.m. Installation Dec. W.M., Bro. E. F. Mumm; S.W., Bro. O. G. Jones; J.W., Bro. W. J. Mumm; Sec., Bro. C. M. Johnson, P.M.

Torea, No. 121:—Founded 1900, meets at Masonic Hall, Granity, third Saturday each month, 7.30 p.m. Installation Dec. W.M., Bro. J. Burt; S.W., Bro. T. A. Stephens; J.W., Bro. E. C. Brown; Sec., Bro. H. G. Webster, Ngakawan.

Mawhera, No. 126:—Founded 1904, meets in Masonic Hall, Tainui-st., Greymouth, second Thursday each month. Installation Nov. W.M., Bro. C. G. T. Morice; S.W., Bro. J. Hales; J.W., Bro. A. Gilbert; Sec., Bro. J. C. Duncan.

Kawatri-Westport, No. 162:—Founded 1907, meets Masonic Hall, Russell-street, Westport, second Monday in each month, at 8 p.m. Installation May. W.M., Bro. A. T. Peterkin; S.W., Bro. F. Hobbs; J.W., Bro. W. Panckhurst; Sec., Bro. A. Gifford, P.M.

Rananga, No. 159:—Founded 1908, meets in Masonic Hall, Seddon-st., Rananga, on Tuesday nearest full moon in each month, at 7.30 p.m. Installation Oct. W.M., Bro. W. Hall; S.W., Bro. W. Wlek; J.W., Bro. T. Latimer; Sec., Bro. A. A. Shannon.

Waro, No. 173 (Blackball).
Counaught, No. 187 (Karamea).

PROVINCE OF CANTERBURY: 34 LODGES.

(M.W. Bro. F. C. Binns, Prov.G.M.)

Unanimity, No. 3:—Founded October, 1851, meets at Masonic Hall, Sumner-rd., Lyttelton, first Tuesday each month, 7.30 p.m. Installation Feb. W.M., Bro. J. Furneaux; S.W., Bro. J. A. Borthwick; J.W., Bro. A. R. W. Prestney; Sec., Bro. W. H. Brown, Box 34, Lyttelton.

St. Augustine, No. 4:—Founded 1862, meets in St. Augustine Masonic Hall, Christchurch, second Tuesday every month, at 7.30 p.m. Installation March. W.M., Bro. C. W. Bingham; S.W., Bro. T. H. Ker, junr.; J.W., Bro. H. H. Wauchop; Sec., W. Bro. F. C. B. Bishop, P.O. Box 872, Christchurch.

Southern Cross, No. 6:—Founded 1858, meets in Masonic Hall, Kaiapoi, on first Thursday in each month, at 7.30 p.m. Installation Dec. W.M., Bro. A. E. Gray; S.W., Bro. L. Brighting; J.W., Bro. E. Grubbis; Sec., Bro. R. H. Croft, Box 13, Kaiapoi.

Caledonian, No. 15:—Founded 1871, meets in Caledonian Masonic Hall, Sophia-st., Timaru, first Monday every month, 7.30 p.m. Installation June. W.M., Bro. J. H. Harrison; S.W., Bro. R. McAnaney; J.W., Bro. A. Kennedy; Sec., Bro. James Simpson, 130 North-st., Timaru.

Progress, No. 22:—Founded 1876, meets at Masonic Hall, Southbridge, Tuesday on or before full moon in each month at 8 p.m. Installation regular night in December. W.M., W. Bro. J. C. Free; S.W., W. Bro. R. B. E. Willis, P.G.D.; J.W., W. Bro. J. E. Inwood; Sec., W. Bro. J. W. A. Walker, District High School, Southbridge.

Canterbury Kil, No. 23:—Founded 1875, meets at Masonic Hall, Canterbury Street, Lyttelton, third Thursday each month, 7.30 p.m. Installation July. W.M., Bro. N. W. Taylor; S.W., Bro. W. T. Lester; J.W., Bro. J. D. Plimmer; Sec., Bro. C. Kay, P.M., Oxford Street, Lyttelton.

Geraldine, No. 27:—Founded 1890, meets in Masonic Hall, Geraldine, third Wednesday each month. Installation March. W.M., Bro. H. M. Hullah; S.W., Bro. C. T. Borrel; J.W., Bro. A. Wilkinson; Sec., Bro. B. E. Hogg.

Ashley, No. 28:—Founded 1878, meets in the Masonic Hall, Rangiora, on second Thursday every month, 7.30 p.m. Installation March. W.M., Bro. P. J. Coates; S.W., Bro. H. Farrelly; J.W., Bro. T. J. Withers; Sec., Bro. B. A. McKeown, P.O. Box 12, Rangiora.

St. George, No. 29:—Meets in Masonic Hall, Wilkin-st., Temuka, on second Wed. in each month. Installation Dec. W.M., Bro. A. Calder; S.W., Bro. A. E. Spith; J.W., Bro. J. Preddy; Sec., Bro. E. A. Joynt.

South Rakaiia, No. 31:
Lincoln, No. 33:—Founded 1880, meets in Masonic Hall, Lincoln, Tuesday on or before full moon in each month. Installation Oct. W.M., W. Bro. C. M. Sucking; S.W., Bro. J. W. Kline; J.W., Bro. C. J. Moutand; Sec., W. Bro. Jno. Graham, P.M., P.O., Lincoln.

Concord, No. 39:—Founded 1881, meets in Masonic Hall, Papanui, fourth Wednesday every month. Installation May. W.M., Bro. W. Gasson; S.W., Bro. E. Laurie; J.W., Bro. Wilson; Sec., Bro. R. Baldwin, 72, Aikman's Road, Christchurch.

Phoenix, No. 43 (Akaroa):
Methven, No. 51:
Kaitiara, No. 93:

Christchurch, No. 91:—Founded 1863, meets in St. Augustine's Hall, Christchurch, on fourth Tuesday in each month, at 7.30 p.m. Installation Nov. W.M., Bro. G. H. McLean; S.W., Bro. J. Thomas; J.W., Bro. W. Kilday; Sec., Bro. H. Hopkinson, P.M., 88 Cuffton Street, Addington, Christchurch.

Mackenzie, No. 93:—Founded 1883, meets in Masonic Hall, Fairlie, on Thursday nearest full moon, at 8 p.m. Installation third Thursday in Oct. W.M., Bro. C. J. Talbot; S.W., Bro. P. J. Beaton; J.W., Bro. J. Richards; Sec., Bro. J. H. Southwick, Fairlie.

St. Augustine, No. 99:—Meets Lodgeroom, Leonard-st., Waimate, Wednesday on or before full moon. Installation Aug. W.M., Bro. J. Menzies; S.W., Bro. S. Bird; J.W., Bro. Thos. W. Manchester; Sec., Bro. A. J. Hoskins, P.M.

Thistle, No. 113:—Meets in Masonic Hall, Havelock-st. W., Ashburton, on third Wednesday in each month, at 7.30 p.m. Installation 30th Nov. W.M., Bro. J. Williams; S.W., Bro. S. Crooks; J.W., Bro. J. Harris, P.M.; Sec., Bro. C. Campbell, P.M., Box 6, P.O., Ashburton.

Cheviot, No. 124:
M. and P. M., No. 130 (Christchurch):

Mairaki, No. 131:—Founded 1903, meets at Masonic Hall, Cust, third Friday in each month. Installation April. W.M., Bro. A. Searell; S.W., Bro. E. L. H. Wolff; J.W., Bro. F. E. Fairweather, P.M.; Sec., Bro. D. Arnott, Cust.

Paraora, No. 134 (St. Andrew's).
Crown, No. 138 (Christchurch):

Robert Burns, No. 139:—Meets at St. Augustine Hall, Christchurch, on third Tuesday in each month, at 7.30 p.m. Installation August. W.M., Bro. R. L. Bush; S.W., Bro. R. W. S. Eastwood; J.W., Bro. R. H. Taylor; Sec., W. Bro. H. Wyatt, 98 Worcester Street, Christchurch.

Walhora, No. 141:—Founded 1905, meets Odd-fellows' Hall, Leeston, Thursday on or before full moon, 8 p.m. Installation April. W.M., Bro. H. F. Pennington; S.W., Bro. B. C. Jacobs; J.W., Bro. J. W. Lemon; Sec., Bro. W. J. Mansell.

Civic, No. 157:—Meets at St. Augustine Hall, Christchurch, first Friday each month, 7.30 p.m. Installation August. W.M., Bro. D. Manson; S.W., Bro. A. J. Synonds; J.W., Bro. F. Steans; Sec., Bro. W. W. Garton, Christchurch.

St. Martin, No. 162 (Pleasant Point):
Ahurewa, No. 181:—Founded 1911, meets in Schoolroom, Dunandel, Monday on or before full moon. Installation Oct. W.M., Bro. F. Lil; S.W., Bro. T. Wraight; J.W., Bro. J. Macpherson; Sec., Bro. G. Stapleton.

Amuri, No. 184:—Founded Oct., 1911, meets Masonic Hall, Kokerham, Friday nearest full moon, 7.30 p.m. Installation Oct. W.M., Bro. Dr. W. Todd; J.W., Bro. W. M. Munro; J.W., Bro. C. Thompson; Sec., Bro. W. Britton.

Avon, No. 166 (Christchurch).
Tawera, No. 188 (Oxford).
Timaru, No. 166 (Timaru).
Koranga, No. 197 (Timaru).

PROVINCE OF OTAGO: 26 LODGES.

(R.W. Bro. A. Stoneham, Prov. G.M.)

Otago, No. 7:—Founded 1800, meets at the Freemasons' Hall, King-street (opp. Museum), Dunedin, on second Wednesday in each month, at 8 p.m. Installation Oct. W.M., Bro. J. L. Miller; S.W., Bro. J. R. Rogerson; J.W., Bro. E. T. Moller; Sec., Bro. D. O. Cameron, P.M., 27, Manor-place, Dunedin.

Waikati, No. 11:—Founded 1869, meets Masonic Hall, Wansbeck Street, Oamaru, Wednesday on or before full moon, 7.30 p.m. Installation May. W.M., Bro. G. M. Whale; S.W., Bro. J. M. Forrester; J.W., Bro. H. M. Roxby; Sec., W. Bro. J. A. Peebles, Newborough, Oamaru.

Clutha, No. 14:—Founded 1866, meets in the Masonic Hall, Douglas Street, Balclutha, second Tuesday in the month, at 8 p.m. Installation September. W.M., Bro. W. Henderson; S.W., Bro. A. R. Lattimore; J.W., Bro. T. W. Bain; Sec., Bro. B. Whiting, P.M., Box 13, P.O., Balclutha.

Palmerston, No. 26:—Founded 1870, meets Masonic Hall, Palmerston S., Friday on or before full moon every month, 7.30 p.m. Installation Aug. W.M., Bro. O. Dempsey; S.W., Bro. J. T. Argue; J.W., Bro. G. B. Smith, junr.; Sec., Bro. W. Diach.

Heracles, No. 36:—Founded 1880, meets in Masonic Hall, Tapanui, Wednesday nearest full moon every month, 7.30 p.m. Installation April. W.M., Bro. C. Keeley; S.W., Bro. H. Mackay; J.W., Bro. D. D. Cleghorn; Sec., Bro. E. B. Wetley, P.M.

Hiram, No. 46:—Founded 1883, meets at Masonic Hall, Cargill-road, S. Dunedin, on fourth Tuesday in month. Installation Oct. W.M., Bro. G. H. Westwood; S.W., Bro. H. E. Woodhead; J.W., Bro. R. V. Parker; Sec., Bro. J. T. Laing, P.M., 45, Lees-street, Dunedin.

Ngapara, No. 68:—Founded 1891, meets in the Masonic Hall, Ngapara, Oamaru, on Monday on or preceding full moon in every month, at 7.30 p.m. Installation October. W.M., Bro. J. O. Little; S.W., Bro. A. Robbie; J.W., Bro. S. Wilson; Sec., Bro. R. McGillivray, P.M.

Oamaru Kil, No. 82:—Founded 1872, meets in Masonic Hall, Oamaru, on first Wednesday after full moon in each month. Installation Oct. W.M., Bro. A. W. Moss; S.W., Bro. J. Swindley; J.W., Bro. D. Herron; Sec., Bro. J. M. Brown, P.M., Thames St., Oamaru.

St. Thomas Kil, No. 83 (Kaitangata):

St. John, No. 84 (Mosgiel):

Mount Ida, No. 97:—Founded 1868 (originally No. 1202, E.C.), meets in the Masonic Hall, Naseby, on Wednesday nearest full moon in each month. Installation Feb. W.M., Bro. A. E. Inder; S.W., Bro. D. Rankin; J.W., Bro. G. Bell; Treas., Bro. F. P. Christopher; Sec., Bro. A. E. Brown.

Cromwell Kil, No. 98 (originally No. 535, S.C.):—Meets in Lodgeroom, Melmore-terrace, Cromwell, on Wednesday nearest full moon, at 7.30 p.m. Installation November. W.M., Bro. W. R. Parcell; S.W., Bro. R. M. Ray; J.W., Bro. W. Campbell; Sec., Bro. W. J. Ritchie, Box 27, Cromwell.

Dunstan, No. 103 (originally No. 407, S.C.):—Founded 1869, joined N.Z.C. 1895, meets in Town Hall, Clyde, on Tuesday on or nearest full moon in every month, at 7.30 p.m. Installation Nov. W.M., Bro. W. Holloway; S.W., Bro. W. McKean; J.W., Bro. J. E. Menzies; Sec., Bro. H. E. Stevens.

Maori, No. 105:—Meets in the Masonic Hall, Ravensbourne, Dunedin, first Monday each month, 7.30 p.m. Installation March. W.M., Bro. J. G. Ross; S.W., Bro. S. Hanlon; J.W., Bro. H. Crawley; Sec., Bro. R. Dewar, Ravensbourne.

Manuhierika Kil, No. 109:—Founded 1896, meets in the Masonic Hall, Alexandra South, on Friday on or nearest full moon. Installation Feb. W.M., Bro. A. E. Spooner; S.W., Bro. H. Munroe; J.W., Bro. G. W. Campbell; Sec., Bro. J. B. Arnott.

St. Bathans, No. 126:—Founded 11th Nov., 1902, meets Masonic Hall, Becks, on Thursday nearest full moon every month, at 7.30 p.m. Installation Nov. W.M., Bro. T. H. Mee; S.W., Bro. C. Alexander; J.W., Bro. T. Sheppard; Sec., Bro. E. Wilson, P.M., Becks.

Otago Kil, No. 143:—Meets in Masonic Hall, Moray-place, Dunedin, on first Thursday each month at 7.30 p.m. Installation Dec. W.M., Bro. W. Farquharson; S.W., Bro. W. G. Hay; J.W., Bro. G. G. Adess; Sec., Bro. G. Watts, P.M., 53 Clyde-st., Dunedin.

Teviot, No. 145:—Founded 1907, meets in Masonic Hall, Roxburgh, on the Saturday on or nearest full moon, 7.30 p.m. Installation March. W.M., Bro. D. A. Mitchell; S.W., Bro. Wm. Donnelly; J.W., Bro. S. E. T. Vernon; Sec., Bro. W. Bro. Dr. J. R. Gilmour, P.M., Box 18, Roxburgh.

Oceanic, No. 154:—Meets in St. Kilda Masonic Hall, Dunedin, third Wednesday each month, 7.30 p.m. Installation Oct. W.M., Bro. H. C. Anderson; S.W., Bro. J. Couchman; J.W., Bro. A. Cameron; Sec., W. Bro. D. H. Hastings, P.M., 33, Moreau St., St. Kilda.

Haeremal, No. 155:—Founded 1907, meets in Masonic Hall, Gt. King-st. (opp. Museum), Dunedin, second Friday each month, 7.45 p.m. Installation April. W.M., Bro. Alex. Allan; S.W., Bro. J. W. Rafilis; J.W., Bro. C. F. J. Bell; Sec., Bro. J. J. Clark, P.M., 1 Union-st., Dunedin.

Masters, No. 161:

Kurow, No. 164:—Founded May 13, 1909, meets in Masonic Hall, Kurow, on Thursday on or before full moon, at 7.30 p.m. Installation May. W.M., Bro. A. N. Hayes; S.W., Bro. S. M. Taylor; J.W., Bro. C. L. Ayson; Sec., Bro. R. H. Appleby, P.M., Kurow.

Owaka, No. 180:—Founded 1911, meets in Masonic Hall, Owaka, on Thursday nearest full moon in every month, at 7.30 p.m. Installation March. W.M., Bro. R. McLean; S.W., Bro. W. H. Halley; J.W., Bro. A. Williams; Sec., Bro. Dr. J. S. Stenhouse, P.M., Owaka.

Clinton, No. 183:—Founded 1911, meets in Oddfellows' Hall, Clinton, on Thursday nearest full moon in every month, at 7.30 p.m. Installation March. W.M., Bro. C. A. Capamagian; S.W., Bro. A. H. Charlton; J.W., Bro. J. Wright; Sec., Bro. J. C. Borthwick.

Ionic, No. 191 (Green Island):

Morning Star, No. 192 (Morningside):—

PROVINCE OF SOUTHLAND: 17 LODGES.

(R.W. Bro. Wm. Timpany, Prov.G.M.)

Southern Cross, No. 9:—Founded 1864, meets Masonic Hall, Forth-street, Invercargill, first Friday each month, 7.45 p.m. Installation June. W.M., Bro. W. T. Waters; S.W., Bro. J. Critchfield; J.W., Bro. G. Kelly; Sec., W. Bro. A. Heron, P.O., Invercargill.

Harvey, No. 49:—Founded 1864, meets Masonic Hall, Gore, Wednesday nearest full moon, 7.30 p.m. Installation second Wednesday in April. W.M., Bro. E. Frobarth; S.W., Bro. L. Fretwell; J.W., Bro. G. B. Paterson; Sec., Bro. Walter Gee, Box 35, Gore.

Mokoreta, No. 63:—Founded 1888, meets in Masonic Temple, Wyndham, on third Thursday in every month, at 8 p.m. Installation third Wednesday in September. W.M., Bro. H. E. Porter; S.W., Bro. W. C. Hislop; J.W., Bro. —; Sec., Bro. B. Sutherland, Wyndham.

Fortitude, No. 64:—Founded 1888, meets at Masonic Hall, Bluff, second Wednesday each month, 7.30 p.m. Installation June. W.M., Bro. C. P. Horne; S.W., Bro. S. D. Pearce; J.W., Bro. W. R. Redden; Sec., Bro. E. Parker, P.M.

Aparima, No. 77:—Founded 1876, meets in Masonic Hall, Riverton, Tuesday nearest full moon each month, 7.30 p.m. Installation Aug. W.M., Bro. H. Akhurst; S.W., Bro. T. B. McIntyre; J.W., Bro. A. E. Ward; Sec., Bro. Alex. Hamilton.

Lake Lodge of Ophir, No. 85:—Founded 1864, meets Masonic Hall, Queenstown, third Tuesday each month. Installation Feb. W.M., Bro. J. McNeil, P.M.; S.W., Bro. A. Fraser; J.W., Bro. L. Curtis; Sec., Bro. W. D. Warren, P.M., Queenstown.

Arrow Kil, No. 86:—Meets at Masonic Hall, Arrowtown, Monday on or before full moon. Installation Feb., same day as No. 85. W.M., Bro. J. Jenkins; S.W., Bro. J. Duncan; J.W., Bro. E. Graham; Sec., Bro. F. F. Dunlop, Box 48, Arrowtown.

St. John, No. 94:—Meets at Masonic Hall, Invercargill, third Friday every month. Installation May. W.M., Bro. A. le H. Hoyles; S.W., Bro. A. S. Cookson; J.W., Bro. R. Smith; Sec., Bro. C. H. Poole, 169 Teviot-st., Invercargill.

Taringatura, No. 100:—Founded 1887, meets at Masonic Hall, Lumsden, on Monday on or before full moon in each month. Installation last Wednesday in November. W.M., Bro. W. Roxburgh; S.W., Bro. H. Graham; J.W., Bro. D. Walker; Sec., Bro. W. H. Clark, P.M.

Winton, No. 105:—Founded 1896, meets at Masonic Hall, Park-st., Winton, on Tuesday on or before full moon. Installation October. W.M., Bro. T. Walker; S.W., Bro. W. D. Cowie; J.W., Bro. J. R. Hamilton; Sec., Bro. J. A. Broom, P.O. Box 3, Winton.

Wallace, No. 129:—Founded 1904, meets in Masonic Hall, Otautau, on third Friday in every month, at 7.30 p.m. Instruction meetings every Friday. Installation Oct. W.M., Bro. G. H. Stevens; S.W., Bro. A. A. Stewart; J.W., Bro. R. Gibson; Sec., Bro. E. Matheson, jun., Otautau P.O.

Orepuki, No. 137:—Founded 1905, meets at Masonic Hall, Orepuki, second Thursday each month, 7.30 p.m. Installation Feb. W.M., Bro. L. F. Clapp; S.W., Bro. W. R. Hood; J.W., Bro. W. H. E. Fortune; Sec., W. Bro. W. Crowther.

Wairaki, No. 145 (Nightcaps):

Victoria, No. 147:—Founded 1883, meets in Masonic Hall, Forth-st., Invercargill, second Friday every month. Installation June. W.M., Bro. T. C. Seed; S.W., Bro. G. J. Yule; J.W., Bro. G. O. Joyce; Sec., Bro. A. Campbell, P.M., Crescent, Invercargill.

Waikaka, No. 151:—Founded 1907, meets in Lodge-room, Waikaka, Monday nearest full moon. Installation June. W.M., Bro. W. F. Bennetts; S.W., Bro. G. S. Rees; J.W., Bro. T. Keating; Sec., Bro. D. Browning.

Mataura, No. 174:

Waihopal, No. 180 (Invercargill):

ENGLISH CRAFT LODGES.

Pacific Lodge, No. 1453, E.C., Reefton.—Founded 1873, meets in the Masonic Hall, Reefton, on the Tuesday nearest full moon in every month. Installation in July. W.M., Bro. T. J. M. Ferens; S.W., Bro. H. Smith; J.W., Bro. R. Burley; Sec., Bro. Nicholas Lawn, Walsh Street, Reefton.

Wellington, No. 1521:—Founded 1874, meets at the Masonic Hall, Wellington, on third Wednesday in each month except in Jan., Feb., and March. Installation June. W.M., Bro. F. J. Courtney; S.W., Bro. H. N. Fletcher; J.W., Bro. S. P. Andrew; Sec., Bro. E. E. Coghlan, Box 819, Wellington.

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Veritas, No. 384:—Founded 1907, meets at the Freemasons' Hall, Mission-street, Paapeete, on fourth Saturday in each month, at 7.30 p.m. Installation December. W.M., Bro. J. Randall; S.W., Bro. G. Lamprecht; J.W., Bro. C. Brown; Sec., Bro. G. Largarde. (This Lodge, working in English, cordially invites brethren from New Zealand.)

L'Oceanic Francaise, No. 850:—Meets in the Masonic Hall, Mission-street, Paapeete, on first Tuesday of each month at 7.30 p.m. Installation December. W.M., Bro. H. Langomazino; S.W., Bro. Allain; J.W., Bro. G. Verhaeghe; Sec., Bro. M. Sue.

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

(With jurisdiction over 31 R.A. Chapters and 1 Mark Lodge.)

Annual convocation January or February. I.P.G.Z., M.E. Comp. W. Smith; G.Z., M.E. Comp. J. J. Esson (No. 2); D.G.Z., R.E. Comp. A. C. Andrews (No. 1); G.H., R.E. Comp. T. Ross (No. 28); G.J., R.E. Comp. M. J. Harris (No. 17); G.S.E., M.E. Comp. H. J. Williams (No. 2); G.S.N., V.E. Comp. J. S. Hope (No. 14); G.Treas., V.E. Comp. H. J. Freeman (No. 24); 1st G.Soj., V.E. Comp. H. Coop (No. 9); 2nd G.Soj., V.E. Comp. F. A. Steans (No. 3); 3rd G.Soj., V.E. Comp. M. N. Rivers (No. 18); G.Reg., V.E. Comp. C. W. Neilsen (No. 2); G.Chanc., V.E. Comp. M. Evans (No. 15); G.Supt. of W., V.E. Comp. A. McLean (No. 20); G.D. of C., V.E. Comp. R. Gillespie (No. 30); G.Swd.B., V.E. Comp. E. W. Eaton (No. 7); G.Std.B., V.E. Comp. G. S. Gordon (No. 23); G.Org., V.E. Comp. C. F. Turner (No. 31); Asst.-G.D. of C., V.E. Comp. J. H. S. Perritt (No. 19); Asst.-G.Swd.B., V.E. Comp. L. A. H. Gogoie (No. 6); Asst.-G.Std.B., V.E. Comp. H. M. Smyth (No. 29); Asst.-G.Reg., V.E. Comp. W. McElrea (No. 33). SUPREME G. COMMITTEE—Chairman M.E. Comp. R. Fletcher, the G.Ps. and G.Treas. (ex officio), all P.G.Zs., all G.Supts., and V.E. Comps. C. J. B. Norwood, G. E. Smith, H. Preston, and H. H. Seaton.

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NEW ZEALAND CHAPTERS.

St. Augustine, No. 1:—Founded November, 1869, meets in the St. Augustine Hall, Christchurch, on second Wednesday in each month, at 7.30 p.m. Installation Oct. Z., Comp. T. W. Lee; H., Comp. W. Broadley; J., Comp. R. McFarlane; S.E., Comp. J. W. Piper, 537, Hereford-street, Linwood.

Waterloo, No. 2:—Founded 1875, meets in Masonic Hall, Boulcott Street, Wellington, fourth Wednesday in each month. Installation Sept. Z., Comp. A. Veitch; H., Comp. G. Russell; J., Comp. J. Rod; S.E., Comp. H. B. Bridge.

Southern Cross, No. 3:—Meets in Masonic Hall, Invercargill, on fourth Friday in each month, excluding Dec. Installation Sept. Z., Comp. N. J. Brokenshire; H., Comp. R. Prentice; J.; Comp. W. T. Waters; S.E., Comp. G. Gilchrist, Invercargill.

Victoria, No. 4:—Founded 1879, meets in Masonic Hall, Munroe-st., Napier, last Thursday each month, except Dec. Installation Sept. Z., Comp. J. W. Ritchie; H., Comp. L. Freedman, P.Z.; J., Comp. A. J. McGlashan; S.E., Comp. J. Redshaw.

Albert Edward, No. 6:

Otago, No. 7:—Meets in Oceanic Masonic Hall, St. Kilda, Dunedin, first Wednesday every month except Dec. and Jan. Instruction meeting Friday before each meeting. Installation Nov. Z., V.E. Comp. G. H. Westwood; H., E. Comp. H. C. Anderson; J., V.E. Comp. E. W. Eaton, P.Z.; S.E., Comp. G. T. Lumsden, 39 Main South-rd., Dunedin.

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