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25th August—Wednesday	22nd December—Wednesday
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FROM THE EDITOR.

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GRAND LODGE OF NEW ZEALAND.

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ANNUAL COMMUNICATION.

THE members of the G.L. of New Zealand may fairly be congratulated on the success of the annual festival meeting, which also included the celebration of the twenty-fifth anniversary. As there were between three and four hundred brethren present at the business meeting, it would probably constitute a record. At the ceremonial meeting in the evening this number was more than doubled. The business transacted was interesting, but no matters of burning import were contained in the agenda. Dealing with the statement of accounts, an opinion was expressed that there was not due economy in the administration, and the brother commented on the small "net profit." But the succeeding speaker very properly, to our mind, took exception to this view, and gave a most lucid explanation of the cost of administration in proportion to its income for the past five years. The work of analysis had been very thorough, and, coming from an expert hand, was most valuable to G.L. The idea held by some brethren—that Masonic bodies should be on the same plane as commercial institutions, and, unless a large profit is shown, the cost of administration is not warranted—is entirely erroneous, as any excess in the general fund must clearly indicate undue taxation of Lodges. We are quite in sympathy with the suggestion for an increase in the amounts paid to annuitants. We have advocated this for years, and hope the time is not far distant when the present scale of allowances may be doubled. The investment of the funds of G.L. induced all instructive discussion, and again the expert advice was readily accepted. The petition for the division of the Wellington District found general favour, and "Ruapehu" is now registered as a Masonic district of New Zealand. A somewhat long discussion ensued on Clause 11 of the report of the B. of C.F. with reference to the deposition of a brother who had been installed as W.M. of a

Canterbury Lodge, the G.Reg. contending that he did not possess the necessary qualification for election to the Master's chair. Without presuming to contest the legal opinion, there were two points which required more light from a Masonic point of view, apart from the legal aspect. Firstly, the brother having been properly elected and invested, and not having resigned or been required to do so by the Lodge, there was no vacancy in the office of S.W. Consequently another election was not in order and, although a minute appeared stating that another brother had been elected to the office, there was subsequently the written testimony of the Sec. that the minute was an erroneous one. The G.Reg. was, no doubt, quite correct in his legal definition of the word "serve," but we do not think that is an accepted Masonic explanation, which is generally understood to mean "fill" or "hold." This is borne out by the fact that a W.M. may not attend one meeting after his installation—we have a distinct recollection of two such cases—yet he cannot be deposed because he has not "served" in the office in a legal sense. G.L. practically upheld the appeal, and the appellant will consequently be reinstated in his position of W.M. A motion to circulate names of excluded brethren was not agreed to, and there are possibilities that the brother circulating may be subject to the libel laws of the country. A proposal to include the I.P.M. as an actual officer of the Lodge was wisely rejected, and also the proposal to give any "brother" the right to object to the further advancement of an initiate. The evening ceremony was a brilliant function, though unduly prolonged. The M.W.G.M. gave an excellent resume of the history of G.L., which we publish in this issue. But his supreme effort was an impassioned appeal on behalf of the special war fund, in which he moved the brethren to the greatest enthusiasm, and asked that the meeting be made a record one in the amount collected and promised to the fund. The CRAFTSMAN offers its heartiest felicitations to M.W. Bro. Dougall on his work during the past year and his re-election to office for a further term.

FRATERNITY.

At a meeting of the Prov.G.L. of Canterbury held in April last an address was delivered by V.W. Bro. T. W. Rowe; G.Lec., who said, amongst other things :—

"Now, the main source of the weakness of Freemasonry, as a 'system of morality,' is that so much of its teaching consists of mere words—the utterance often of pure platitudes—without any active machinery for making its teaching effective. It has the machinery for giving effect to the 'convivial and hospitable instincts of its members'; it has the machinery for putting into effect that charity which it regards as the chief Masonic virtue; and in each case, especially the first, the machinery is highly effective. But in other matters Freemasonry, however it may approve, takes no active steps to forward what it approves, or, at the best, takes but few steps, and that but rarely, to do so."

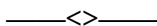
The institution of Freemasonry is credited with being the ne plus ultra of fraternal organisations, and oftentimes those who are not members invest the organisation with most extraordinary supposititious powers, even to shielding its members in offences against the law. To the world, Freemasons are bound together by indissoluble ties to protect each other's interests and promote the general welfare. Yet instances are unfortunately all too frequent, which tend to prove that the Fraternity is not fraternal. Friendly societies have for their primary object the insurance of members against the ills of life, and a moral and fraternal code is attached as a subsidiary adjunct. But in Freemasonry the morality which is veiled in allegory and illustrated by symbols, combined with an enduring Brotherly Love, are the presumed paramount influences of the institution. The exercise of charity is a cardinal principle of an entirely voluntary character, and for its practical diffusion very excellent machinery is provided, as stated by V.W. Bro. Rowe. But the charity which "suffereth long and is kind," which is an essential of active Fraternity, cannot be said to be a distinguishing characteristic of the institution in this country. One may go to the bowling green and hear that there is 'a greater fraternity among bowlers than in Freemasonry, and instances can be cited of choice being given in favour of friendly societies because of the greater and more enduring spirit of fraternity, or put more plainly, that in the one case there is much profession and little practice, and in the other—the bowler and the Oddfellow—a truer spirit of fraternity, devoid of protestation. It cannot be gainsayed that jealousy is too prominent in Freemasonry, especially when one brother is preferred to another for office. Then there is growing disposition to give and take offence, and there is not that unity and fusion of interests between the several provinces of the Dominion which our principles indicate, or the dignity and high standing of Freemasonry demand. Even within some districts the sounds of discord are occasionally heard, and one part, or some Lodges, are not in agreement with another part, or other Lodges. And thus it is that comparisons are sometimes made in favour of bowlers and friendly societies as against the Craft of Freemasonry. These comments are not made in any spirit of factiousness, but rather to induce reflection on practices which are

increasing, and we believe are growing unconsciously. The business arrangements of G.L. may be of such a character as to leave little to be desired. Our system of benevolence may be perfect, and we have ample evidence of large numerical increase. But all this will avail little if the basis of the superstructure upon which Freemasonry rests is being undermined. Unless the spirit of Fraternity is manifested in its fullest and truest aspect, the main purpose of the institution is vitiated, and it ceases to have any especial value. It is truly said that we provide ample machinery for the business side of Free-masonry, but the Brotherhood and Fellowship must depend entirely on the forbearance and good sense of the individual. As the Lex non scripta is often of more importance than the written law, so on the actions of individual members, which cannot be made subject control, may depend the whole future of Freemasonry in New Zealand, whether its teachings are "mere words", "pure platitudes," or its truest fraternal aspect is to be maintained.

THE FESTIVITIES OF GRAND LODGE.

In connection with the festivities that are inseparable from these G.L. functions, the Wellington brethren are entitled to some sympathy. Five years ago, when the last G.L. was held in the Capital City, the death of King Edward on the eve of the meeting made it imperative that all social functions should be abandoned, if only for the reason that he was the Patron of the G.L. of New Zealand. On the present occasion the opinion prevailed that festivities should not be held, but that the cost should be donated to the G.L. War Fund. But against that was the consideration of the apparent inhospitality of Wellington, should the social side be altogether abandoned, and it was agreed that this argument must hold sway. Accordingly a certain programme was arranged, but in the light of recent happenings, it was, decided by the executive committee to forego the dance programme that it was intended should follow the concert held on the Thursday evening. It may at once be said that this decision involved no economy of finance, as all arrangements had been completed and a full liability incurred. But it was not thought necessary to abrogate the other small festive functions, which were quite unostentatious in character, and were only a replica of what is taking place in the city every day in the week. Further, on the twenty-fifth anniversary of G.L. some form of meeting of a jubilant character was virtually imperative, if only to enable visitors from far and near to offer congratulatory good wishes' to the G.L. of New Zealand.

A LAPSE FROM DIGNITY.



It may be taken for granted that the lapse from strict and stern decorum which marked the conduct of business before the closing of G.L. on the Thursday session will not be taken as a precedent. The occasion was unique in its character, of historical import, and, making due allowance for human nature under exceptional emotional impulse, was, perhaps, excusable. But the CRAFTSMAN is the guardian of the interests of the Craft as a whole, and more especially of its high traditions. As such it cannot pass over unnoticed a lapse from that dignity of procedure in the conduct of the meetings of G.L. which occurred on the occasion referred to without recording its protest and fraternal warning against any repetition thereof. How great that lapse was may be gathered from the fact that one brother on the floor, carried away by the prevailing laxity, actually had the temerity to suggest that those present might be allowed to smoke. It would be harmful to detail the particulars, and we therefore suppress them. Whatever was done, however, was in the best of causes, and our remarks are not intended as any reflection on the M.W.G.M., for whom we have the greatest esteem and respect, and whose control of G.L. meetings ordinarily is most praiseworthy. If, under the unusual circumstances, he lost his head a little, he had every excuse, and he has our sympathy. The mistake made was in not closing G.L. first, and then, before the G.M.'s retirement, proceeding with the special appeal for funds, which resulted so successfully. The CRAFTSMAN, however, must uphold the principle that under all circumstances and in any, or every, emergency the dignity which should characterise G.L. proceedings must be unfailingly and unflinchingly maintained.

News and Notes.

THE sincere sympathy, in which the CRAFTSMAN joins, of the Craft throughout New Zealand will be extended to the M.W.G.M., Bro. J. J. Dougall, and Mrs. Dougall, in their anxiety outing to receipt of news

that their son, Lieut. W. K. Dougall, of the Canterbury Infantry Battalion, has been wounded at the Dardanelles.

At the close of the proceedings of G.L. communication a vote of thanks was, by resolution, ordered to be recorded on the minutes to the Wellington brethren for the hospitality shown to G.L. and visitors.

NOTWITHSTANDING the many calls that have been made on the pockets of the brethren, the collection for the Empty Stocking Fund last Christmas (says Canterbury's Prov.G.M. in his annual report) showed an increase on preceding ones, and the distribution gave pleasure to many unfortunate little ones. I am surprised either districts have not undertaken similar work, and am sure W. Bro. R. Baldwin, who is in charge of the fund, will be only too pleased to give any information that may be required,

P.Ms. BROS. SYDNEY PELHAM and G. Hanson Foote, both former members of Ngamotu Lodge, are now serving with the New Zealand forces in Samoa. W. Bro. Pelham is a corporal in the New Zealand Medical Corps.

IN our last issue we called attention to a letter in our correspondence columns on the subject of "Masonic Grace" as discussed in the "Freemasons' Chronicle," London, but our printer inadvertently omitted to insert the letter. It will be found in the present issue.

BRO. CAPTAIN D. J. WATSON, of Otari Lodge, Khandallah, had a rather serious attack of ptomaine poisoning last month from which he has now happily recovered.

BRO. THE REV. I.A. BERNSTEIN, the well-known minister of the Christchurch Jewish congregation, has resigned his charge, and is leaving for Sydney. Bro. Bernstein; who holds the position of chaplain in the New Zealand forces, offered the Australian Government his services as chaplain to the Jewish members of the Expeditionary Forces, and his offer was accepted. His resignation from his charge followed, and the congregation decided to release him to enable him to carry out his intentions,

THE CRAFTSMAN congratulates R.W. Bro. J. J. Clark, Prov. G.M. of Otago, on his election to the Mayoral chair of Dunedin City. Our worthy brother, as a man of leisure, will no doubt be able to serve the southern city as ably as he has promoted the interests of Freemasonry in his district.

ONLY two foreign G.Ls. were represented at the semi-jubilee of the G.L. of New Zealand, viz., M.W. Bro. G. E. Emery, Victoria, and R.W. Bro. A. de B. Brandon, England. At the festive gathering after the installation ceremony, some excellent speeches were made, and both visitors were warmly greeted:

THE amount subscribed and promised to the G.L. War Fund at the annual meeting amounted to upwards of £1,000, and there may be a few more sums yet to come in. The result is highly creditable to the brethren, and we are sure will be fully appreciated by the M.W.G.M.

MANY members of the Craft in Taranaki will have kindly recollections of the Plevna veteran, Bro. E. W. Rosenberg, who lived for a time in New Plymouth, and was a very willing helper where musical aid was needed. Bro. Rosenberg has been resident for some years past in Lima., the capital of Peru, and his name appears as Organist invested at the annual meeting of Unity Lodge, No, 1109.

M.W. BRO. GEO. E. EMERY, P.G.M. of the G.L. of Victoria; who has been paying an extended visit of some months to friends in New Zealand, attended the annual communication of G.L. on the 12th ult., and left for Sydney the following day per s.s. "Ulimaroa."

THE ceremony of working the Third Degree in Lodge St. Andrew was witnessed at its last meeting by a large attendance of visitors from various parts of the country, who subsequently referred flatteringly to the manner in which the Lodge had worked, The number of W.Ms. in attendance was gratifying, and when subsequently in the refectory they and the Prov.G.M. had bowed their acknowledgments of the visitors' toast the evening was quite spent.

SOUTHLAND NOTES.

The ante-room of Waihopai Lodge presented quite an animated appearance at the April meeting, the occasion being an official visit from St. John's Lodge. The visitors were very cordially received, and an enjoyable evening was spent.

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The last regular meetings of Lodges Southern Cross and Victoria drew record attendances, and no reason can

be assigned for it, except, it is hoped, a sense of duty and the pleasure of fraternal intercourse.

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The April meeting of Southern Cross R.A. Chapter was notable in that Wallace Chapter was represented by the three Principals and Janitor, also a large contingent of companions from the Wyndham district motored in, despite the intensely cold weather. The Principals of Wallace Chapter took part, at short notice, but with much credit, in the exaltation ceremony.

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Oreptiki Lodge installation meeting was a pronounced success from every point of view. The ceremony was performed by the Prov.G.M., R.W. Bro. Wm. Timpany. The new Master, W. Bro. W. H. E. Fortune, is imbued with high ideals of Freemasonry, and he gave ample evidence of his ability to give expression to his thoughts in fluent and convincing language. W. Bro. Fortune is one of whom much may be expected. The banquet following was, to say the least, a princely feast, and needless to mention it was heartily enjoyed.

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W. Bro. Walter Crowther, first W.M. and Sec. for many years of Lodge Orepuiki, has responded to his country's call and is about to proceed to the seat of war. Our esteemed brother has had a long connection with the volunteer movement, and at present holds the position of Major of the Southland district. His son has already gone to the front. Our best wishes go with them.

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W. Bro. C. H. Roberts gave a very interesting ten minutes paper on Masonic symbolism at the April meeting of the Southern Cross Lodge.

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W. Bro. Critchfield has reason to be delighted with the attendance at his valedictory meeting as Master of Southern Cross Lodge. Official visits were paid by the Invercargill Lodges and by the Prov. G.M.; R.W. Bro. Wm. Timpany. Perhaps the most notable feature of the evening was the very excellent and impressive manner in which the G.Lec., .V.W. Bro. W. G. Mohaffey, presented the V. of the S.L. to the newly-raised brethren.

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W. Bro. E. C. Smith, W.M, of Lodge Harvey, has been elected chairman of the Board of Governors of the Gore High School.

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Lodge Taringatura has completely wiped off the debt on their fine hall, and are now placing capital on deposit.

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Lodge Winton has a balance of assets over liabilities of £595 17s. 2d., and the Benevolent Fund has a credit of £130 5s. 13d.

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The sympathy of a wide circle of Freemasons and friends is extended to the widow and family of our late highly esteemed W. Bro. Wm. Affleck, whose lamented passing away is chronicled in the obituary column of this issue,

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The annual meeting of Lodge Waihopai drew a record assemblage. As contributing factors to this end might be mentioned the undoubted popularity of the new Master, W. Bro. R. Todd, and the fact that the W.M. of Wallace Lodge, W. Bro. Dr. A. A. Stewart, and his P.Ms. were billed to perform the installation ceremony. The work was creditably carried out, and pleasing reference made to it by the Prov. G.M., R.W. Bro. Wm. Timpany. A very pleasant time was spent at the after meeting, at which M.W. Bro. M. Thompson contributed the star item, viz., a narrative of G.L. session and the wonderful adventures of "Peterkin's Hat."

NOTES ON GRAND LODGE COMMUNICATION.

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Never was there a more hearty Masonic communication in New Zealand. Certainly never was there one that was so swept with a wave of enthusiasm. The brethren present were infected with the fervour shown by the M.W.G.M. for the War Benevolent Fund, and vied with each other in their desire to swell it to the utmost extent.

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The subscription of over £1,000 in one evening and morning, as the personal contribution of the 250 brethren present—that was the number shown by the one division that took place during the session—speaks for itself. If the thousands of brethren who were not present at G.L. respond in like manner to the call for benevolence, there will be no chance of the Freemasons who return maimed from the war being allowed to suffer distress, or the widows and children of the fallen brethren either. Brethren of the Lodges, it is now "up to you" to follow the suit led by your representatives.

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The splendid emulation shown by all present, i.e. practically emptying their pockets of loose cash, and then pledging their bank accounts for something more, was delightful. On the night of the installation there were subscriptions of £50, £25, 220, numerous "tenners," a pile of "fivers," and stacks of modest "oners," not to mention numerous pledges to keep up payment of monthly instalments for the duration of the war. And at next morning's sitting, when the wave of enthusiasm began to roll more strongly than ever, many of the contributors of the previous evening sent up premises to doable what they had already promised, and then started in again to compete in the amusing auction competitions.

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Undoubtedly, it was the fervid appeal made by the G.M. after his installation, saturated as it was with patriotism and benevolence, which was responsible for the splendid result. The pity of it is that that speech—the manner of it, equally with the matter—could not have been heard by every Freemason in New Zealand. It would have awakened the brethren to a sense of their responsibilities to the brethren who have gone abroad to fight for the safety of those of us who remain behind, and their duty to see to it that the future of those permanently injured at the front is provided for, to say nothing of the widows and orphans.

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It was the Prov. G.M. of Wellington who gave the movement in G.L. its final fillip, by suggesting that those present should make up the amount to £1,000 before they left the hall. And the brethren rose to the bait with eagerness. First a collection in the R.W. brother's famous white "tile," and then an exciting auction sale of the venerable headpiece itself. Probably Bro. P. himself had no notion that his headgear would have such a value as £150 put upon it. Scinde Lodge is to be the proud possessor of the high-priced memento of Masonic enthusiasm and patriotism.

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R.W. Bro. Seaton was simply "immense" as a knight of the hammer. He conjured hard cash out of the pockets of purchasers anxious to be despoiled, with greater skill than even his celebrated exhibitions in the "Fourth."

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Brethren who didn't attend G.L. are to have their opportunity of following the splendid example of their representatives. It is understood that the G.M. intends to issue circulars, which will reach every Mason on G.L. rolls, and then will come the chance of helping in the good work. If the circular is as eloquently worded as the G.M.'s speech in Wellington Town Hall there should be no doubt about the result.

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The once universal "swimming stroke" in G. honours has, happily, become a thing of the past. The uniform and accurate "timing" in the salutes in G.L. was something worth seeing.

NEW MASONIC HALL.

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FOUNDATION STONE LAID.

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AN IMPRESSIVE CEREMONY.

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With full and fitting ceremony and according to ancient custom the foundation stone of the Masonic Hall, to be erected in Gloucester Street West, Christchurch, was laid on Saturday, 24th April, by M.W. Bro. J. J. Dougall, G.M. of the G.L. of New Zealand, in the presence of a large attendance of the officers of G.:L., Prov.G.L., and Dist.G.L. (E.C.), as well as of a large attendance of members of the Craft. At the actual

ceremony of laying the stone a number of ladies were also present, and, in the sunshine of their presence, together with the happy weather conditions, the stone was "well and truly laid" of that building which has long been looked for in Masonic circles and which will, it is hoped, prove the centre and fitting home of increased Craft activity in the years to come.

The brethren having assembled at the Provincial Council Chambers, a Lodge was opened at 2.30 p.m., R.W. Bro. S. Clifton Bingham, on behalf of the directors of the Christchurch Masonic Hall Company, Ltd., then invited the G.M. to adjourn to the site of the new hall for the purpose of laying the foundation stone. This was carried out, the G.M., accompanied by the G.L., Prov. and Dist. G.Ls., passing to the site in procession between a hollow rank of brethren. Brethren having formed a square round the foundation stone, the ceremony was opened by an address from the G.M.

GRAND MASTER'S ADDRESS.

M.W. Bro, J. J. Dougall, in his remarks, said they were gathered together to celebrate an event long wished for by the Freemasons of the district, who now after many years were in a position to consummate the desire that had animated them for a long time past. He was constrained first to briefly refer to the sudden death, which had taken place that morning, of their G.Treas., W. Bro. D. A. Baxter. He was apparently in perfect health on Friday. His funeral would take place on Monday afternoon, and as Mrs. Baxter had asked that the Masonic service should be used, he hoped as many brethren as possible would attend to pay a last tribute of respect.

"Freemasonry in this district," continued the G.M., "as many of you know, was contemporaneous almost with the settlement of Canterbury. Within a few months of the arrival of the first four ships at Lyttelton, steps were taken to form a Masonic Lodge, and as a result the Unanimity Lodge was formed by some of the earliest pioneers, and the names of the officers of that Lodge contain some of the greatest charter that we have had in Canterbury. In August of 1852 a charter was granted to the Unanimity Lodge, and in November of the same year a charter was granted to the St. Augustine Lodge. This has been essentially a Christchurch Lodge, and I might not be wrong if I call it the leading Lodge of Canterbury, as from the very beginning it has taken a major position, and has for many years been the moans of providing the Masons of this district with conveniences for meeting.

THE FIRST MEETING.

"The first meeting, that for the installation of the Master, was held in the Magistrate's room, which stood where the City Council buildings now stand, and the notice calling that meeting was signed by John Marshman, a man whom many will still remember as a prominent public servant. The first initiate was another well-known man—W. Guise Britten. Bro. Britton, immediately on his initiation, presented to the Lodge that plot of land in Hereford Street upon which the Tourist Office now stands, A Masonic Hall was built there in 1854.; and was used for many years by brethren and also by the Church of England, which held its synod meetings there. In 1869 the Hereford Street land was sold and that, section purchased in Manchester Street upon which the St. Augustine Hall now stands. In 1864 the Canterbury Lodge had also built a hall lower down Manchester Street (near Coker's Hotel), but it proved a disastrous venture, and was ultimately sold.

THE COMING HAIL.

"It was many years 'ago,'" pursued the speaker, "since the Christchurch brethren came to the conclusion that greater accommodation was required for the increasing demands of the district. In 1899 a meeting was held to consider the question, but after it and subsequent meetings it was decided to build rather than purchase any second-hand building (the Choral Hall had been under consideration). On the basis of money gathered from time to time the Christchurch Masonic Hall Company was formed twelve months ago. To this company the various Lodges in Christchurch and its vicinity subscribed a very large sum of money indeed, so that the Freemasons of Christchurch should have a meeting-place worthy of the Craft to which they belonged. There were in Christchurch probably 1,500 Freemasons, and when they remembered that they were going to spend something like £7,500 upon this hall, it spoke volumes for the merit of the men comprising the Craft. The land had cost £950, the contract for the building was £5,500, and it was estimated that at least £1,000 would be required for furnishing and accessories. A competition had been held amongst the architects of Christchurch for the design of the hall, and success had attended Messrs. Clarkson and Ballantyno. The contractor was Mr. Joseph Taylor."

THE CEREMONY.

V.W. Bro. Rev. A. Mitchell, G. Chaplain, then offered up prayer for the Divine blessing upon the building. The secretary, W. Bro. E. Nordon, then read the scroll and contents of the box to be deposited under the stone. The contents of the casket were: City Council Year Book, 1914-15; New Zealand Craftsman, April number ; Proceedings of G.L. of New Zealand, 1914; Proceedings of Dist. G.L. of Canterbury, E.C., 1914-15; Proceedings of Prov.G.L. of Canterbury, N.Z.C., copy of "Lyttelton Times," 24th April, 1915; copy of "Christchurch Press," 24th April, 1915; envelope containing coins of the realm; and a scroll setting forth that the stone had been laid by MW. Bro. J. J. Dougall and his assisting officers "according to the usages and custom's of our Ancient and Honourable Fraternity, which may God bless and prosper."

The casket having been deposited, the stone was lowered (the trowel and mallet having first been presented to the G.M., by the contractor and architect respectively), and then M.W. Bro. F. C. Binns applied the square, W. Bro. N. L. Macbeth applied the level, and R.W. Bro. S. Clifton Bingham applied the plumb. This done, the stone was declared " well and truly laid." The Elements of Consecration having been administered, the G.M. gave his formal address, after which the architect, Bro. W. P. Clarkson, was presented, and the ceremony terminated with the proclamation by the D. of C. that the stone had been duly laid.

Brethren returned in procession to the Provincial Council Chambers, where Lodge was resumed and completed.

OFFICERS OF LODGE.

The officers of the specially convened Lodge governing the procedure were : W. Bro. A. K. Hadfield (St. Augustine, No. 4), as Master; W. Bro. A. Cookson (Ms'. and P.Ms', No. 130), as I.P.M.; W. Bro. G. H. Weir (Canterbury, No. 1048); as S.W.; W. Bro. R. W. Eastwood (Robert Burns, No. 139), as J. W. ; W. Bro. Jas. Pipe (Ashburton, No. 1811), as Chaplain ; W. Bro. A. Russell (Conyers, No. 1916), as S.D.; W. Bro. R. J. Thomas (Christchurch, No. 91), as J.D.); W. Bro. R. Vincent:, (Avon, No. 185), as D. of C. ; W. Bro. D. Barker (St. Albans, No. 2597), as assist. D. of C. ; W. Bro. F. Steans (Civic, No. 157), as I.G.; R.W. Bro. H. F. Arnold (Dist. and Prov.G.L.), as Tyler.

Apologies for unavoidable absence were received from R.W. Bro. E. P. Lee, M.P., Dep.G.M., Oamaru; R.W. Bro. J. J. Clark, Prov.G.M., Otago; W. Bro. Frank Bedford, G. Bible Bearer; W. Bro. H. H. Seaton, S.G.W., Wellington; R.W. Bros. R. W. Sargent, Prov.G.M., Taranaki ; and H. L. Harston, Prov.G.M., Hawkes Bay; R.W. Bro. M. G. Brown, Dist.G.M. of Canterbury, E.C. ; W. Bro. Frank .Thomas, P.G.S., Canvastown ; R.W. Bro. W. Timpany, Prov.G.M., Southland; .W. Bro. Chas. Moir, Blackball, R.W. Bro. T. A. Peterkin, Prov.G.M. of Wellington, was present, and was specially welcomed by the G.M.

THE BUILDING.

The new building, when completed, will form a very handsome addition to the street architecture of Christchurch. The structure will occupy the full area of a quarter-acre section, the frontage being sixty-six feet. Though constructed of brick throughout, the front, which is designed in accordance with the principles of the Craft, will be of cement, with columns of the Ionic order. Upon the ground floor will be placed the Lodge-Room, the main refectory, committee rooms, an initiate's room, an ante-room, a room for instructional purposes, and a strong room for the preservation of the past records of the Craft.. The Lodgeroom will be 60ft. by 44ft., and will be very handsomely finished with columns of entablature done in fibrous plaster. It will be fitted with a balcony, approached by two spiral staircases where the organ will be erected. Back of the Lodgeroom will be the refectory— 54ft. x 40ft. This will be fitted with a platform and retiring rooms, making it convenient for musical concerts. Immediately behind the refectory is to be a refreshment room and kitchen, with all necessary equipment, and behind it again are provided the caretaker's quarters. On the first floor there is a Chapter room, suitably equipped, and a large refectory. The building will cost a little under £6,000, and is expected to be finished in November. Messrs. Clarkson and Ballantyne are the architects, Mr. Joseph Taylor the contractor, and Mr. Thos. Marriott the clerk of works:

The directors of the Masonic Hall Company, Ltd., are .W. Bro. J. J. Dougall, M.W. Bro. F. C. Binns; R.W. Bro. M. S. Brown, R.W. Bro. S. C. Bingham; V.W. Bro. J. Thornton; W. Bros. R. L. Bush, A. C. Bushell, G. H. Cooper, A. K. Hadfield, F. G. Hobbs, E. U. Just, J. R. Kent, T. H. Ker, G. A. Mazey, McGregor Wright, C. A. Myhre, E. J. Otle, T. C. W. Pugh, E. P. Turner.

CONTENTS OF SCROLL DEPOSITED IN CASKET.

In the name of and by the favour of
The Great Architect of Heaven and Earth

on the 24th day of April, A.D. 1915, A.L. 5915.,
and in the fifth year of the reign of our
Most Gracious Sovereign
GEORGE V.
King of Great Britain, Ireland, and the
British Dominions beyond the seas.

M.W. Bro. S. S. Dougall	Grand Master
R.W. Bro. E. P. Lee	Deputy Grand Master.
R.W. Bro. S. Catchpole	Senior Grand Warden
R.W. Bro. H. H. Seaton	Junior Grand Warden
W. Bro. D. A. Baxter	Grand Treasurer
M.W. Bro. M. Niccol.	Grand Secretary
of the Grand Lodge of New Zealand. •	
Bro. F. C. Binns	Prov. Grand Master
V.W. Bro. J. Thornton	Dep. Prov. Grand Master
of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Canterbury.	

R.W. Bro. M. S. Brown	Dist. Grand Master
W. Bro. N. L. Macbeth	Dep, Dist. Grand Master
of the District Grand Lodge of Canterbury, E.O.	

R.W. Bro. S. C. Bingham	Chairman of Directors
W. Bro. E. Nordon	Secretary
of the Christchurch Masonic Hall Co., Ltd.	

The Foundation Stone of these Buildings, erected for the use of the Freemasons of the City of Christchurch, was laid by

M.W. Bro. J. J. DOUGALL
Grand Master
Of
The Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted
Masons of New Zealand
according to the usages and customs of
our Ancient and Honourable Fraternity
which may God ever bless and prosper.

MASONRY IN THE ARGENTINE.

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A R.W. brother sends us the following copy of a letter which he has received from a Russian member of the Craft, who was a temporary resident in the Dominion, and is now living in South America. It will doubtless be read with interest by a wider circle than those who were acquainted with the brother while here. Writing from Buenos Aires (Argentine Republic) he says:-

" It is a little over a year since I had the pleasure of calling on you for the first time, when you received me kindly and introduced me to some of your townsmen, and particularly to members of the Craft in _____. This helped me along in your pretty town, and, as you know, I did not leave because I could not get along, but simply that I wished to see a little more of the world. I did not write to you sooner, as I desired to see something of the working of the Craft here, so that I might inform you how things are managed here. One of my first cares on landing was to find out where the Masonic Temple is. There are several. On visiting one in order to enquire when the Lodges meet I met a worthy brother, a naval captain and a true and enthusiastic old Mason. He took me in tow and piloted me through the big Building. There are a number of halls, and different Lodges can hold meetings at the same time. I was also shown the other temples and introduced to Craftsmen, and all information needed was given me. Since then the same good pilot has guided me to different Lodges. I have visited several English Lodges, also a German, Spanish, Italian, and French. Having seen some Lodges in Australia and New Zealand, and now here, I naturally compare them with one another,

and without wishing to flatter I have to say that you New Zealanders are ahead of all others, not only in working your Lodges but also in receiving visitors. Without making any undue show you make the visitor feel that he is looked upon as a member of the great Order, and as such is heartily welcome, and you honour him according to his rank.

This I experienced both in Australia and New Zealand. On my first visit to an English Lodge here I felt very much a stranger (I suppose, being spoilt in New Zealand). Of course, things have changed since I got more known, but then, if I behave and get known, I'll find friends among any strangers. However, no matter to what Lodge I went, I always met some brethren whose acquaintance gave me much pleasure, and who, as citizens and craftsmen, are superior to the ordinary run of outsiders. The English Lodges here are by far the best worked compared with those of other nationalities. At an installation of a Spanish Lodge the "speeches" were read by the different "speakers"—very interesting for me, who could not understand them. After the somewhat mixed ceremony the Deacons brought round trays with little bunches of nice flowers. The German and French Lodges are very careful in their dress. The first admits the brothers in hats, and they keep them on during the working of the Lodge. All the Lodges work one part well, and that is the announcement that the bag of benevolence is between the two pillars, and the Master bids them to go forth, and generally a goodly sum returns to the treasury. The Argentine Republic owes' its birth to Masons, for Masons were the first leaders to overthrow the priest-ridden rule of Spain. It is a pity to find, as one gets a glimpse behind the scenes, that petty matters crop up between brother and brother or combinations of them, and the object of our great order—true friendship—is apt to be lost sight of. The city is very big, and I esteem it a very great privilege to accept the many invitations which, as a Craftsman, privilege I am continually receiving."

WELL DESERVED RECOGNITION.

For ten years R.W. Bro. H. H. Seaton, P.J.G.W., has served, with conspicuous energy, ability, and discretion, as the secretary to the Wellington Board of Enquiry. Just recently he retired from that position, and it was decided by those Masters of Lodges who during the above period had worked with him and had experienced the benefit of his advice and assistance to present him with a tangible recognition of his valuable services. This took the form of a beautifully illuminated address, the work of Mr. W. R. Bock, engraver, of this city, upon whom its artistic execution reflects the greatest credit. This handsome testimonial, bearing the autographs of all the donors, was presented to R.W. Bro. Seaton by the M.W.G.M. at the close of the afternoon business session of G.L. on the Wednesday afternoon. Needless to say, the G.M. added to the value of the presentation to the recipient by the graceful and appropriate terms with which it was accompanied. A further recognition was also extended to Mrs. Seaton as some return for robbing her of her husband's society on many an evening spent over Board of Enquiry business. This took the form of a silver salver and tea and coffee service. Never was there a testimonial, to both recipients, more thoroughly deserved.

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GRAND LODGE OF NEW ZEALAND.

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SEMI-JUBILEE COMMUNICATION.

The annual (and semi-Jubilee) communication of the G.L. of New Zealand was held in the Wellington Town hall on Wednesday, 12th May, when there was a very large assemblage of brethren, M.W. Bro. J. J. Dougall, G.M., presiding. The P.G.Ms. present were M.W. Bro. H.J. Williams, M.W. Bro. M. Niccol (G.Sec.), and M.W. Bro. Maurice Thomson.

BOARD OF BENEVOLENCE.

The annual report of the Board of Benevolence showed that grants had been made during the year to the amount of £349 15s., mostly to members of sister Constitutions, and to the widows of deceased members of the New Zealand Constitution. Three sums had been raised on circular appeal, amounting to £259, £224, and about £200 respectively. Both the two latter funds were still complete when the report was drawn up.

With regard to the Special (War) Benevolent Fund the report stated :—During August, 1914, a few weeks after the outbreak of war, a circular letter was addressed to the Lodges by the M.W.G.M., advocating the necessity for the establishment of a special fund for exclusive use in providing for the needs of brethren who may return from the war wounded, sick, or otherwise unfitted for the battle of life, or in assisting the dependents of brethren whose names may be recorded on the Roll of Fame as having died in the service of the Empire. The idea of this special fund was eagerly taken up by most of our Lodges, and the few who did not immediately respond hesitated only till the probability of the fund being necessary became more apparent. Now that it is known definitely that amongst the many thousands who have left New Zealand for the front a large proportion are Freemasons, the duty of brethren who remained at home is clear. We must be prepared to meet in a liberal spirit every claim which comes before us, and to enable those who administer this fund to do that every Lodge and every brother must be willing to make considerable sacrifices.

A table attached to the report, dated the 10th April, showed the state of the fund at that date to be as follows:—

£ s. d:

Wellington District ...	370 11 3
Hawkes Bay District	221 9 7
Canterbury Province	204 19 7
Otago District	150 1 9
Auckland District	120 16 9

Taranaki District	118 14 6
Southland District	71 14 6
West Coast District	61 10 0
Nelson and Marlborough District ...	22 17 6
M.W.G.M.—J. J. Dougall	10 10 6
.	£1,353 511

On this subject the report stated further :— The sum now in hand does not fairly represent the position, Is a great many Lodges have resolved to make monthly or quarterly levies upon their members during the continuance of the war, other Lodges are taking up voluntary collections at each meeting, whilst a considerable number are organising concerts, and other means of raising money, so that the combined result should be fairly satisfactory when we take into account the many calls all have to meet at present.

Particulars were also given of sixteen circular appeal funds still existent, showing an aggregate credit balance of £1,664, while it was shown that three other funds had been exhausted during the year.

THE ANNUITY BOARD.

The report of the Annuity Board contained the usual table of annuitants, showing that 35 aged Masons, widows, and orphans are now in receipt of annuities, aggregating £845 a year, and ranging from £52 a year downwards.

The capital value of the fund at 31st March, 1915, was £24,447 16s. 5d., an increase of £1,183 8s. 9d. over the amount at the close of the financial year of 1914. The increase was made up as follows

	£	s.	d.
Voluntary contributions from Lodges and brethren	1,395	16	9
Voluntary contributions from Snp.G.R.A.. Chapter of New Zealand	26	0	0
Interest earned by General Fund and Fund of Benevolence ...	352	0	0
Interest oarnd by W. and O. And A.M. Fund ...	2868	7	0
Less annuities paid	828	15	0
		<u>39</u>	<u>12 0</u>
Total	£1,813	8	9

The income from the invested Annuity Fund for the year 1915-1916 will be about £1,061 15s. The annual charge upon the Annuity Fund is at present £845 10s., so that a margin of about £216 5s. per annum exists for the creation of new annuities.

The summary of voluntary contributions to the fund during the year showed as follows :—

	£	s.	d.
Auckland District	385	18	4
Canterbury Province	... 207	12	0
Wellington District	258	12	1.
Otago District	144	9	11
Taranaki District	80	3	1
Southland District	69	18	6
West Coast District	56	15	6
Hawkes Bay District ...	56	6	4
Nelson and Marlborough District	39	11	0
Sup. G.R.A. Chapter of New Zealand	26	0	0
Annuity Refunded ...		<u>6</u>	<u>10 0</u>
		<u>£21,421</u>	<u>16 9</u>

BOARD OF GENERAL PURPOSES.

The B. of G.P., in its report, stated the financial position thus :—The cash balances of the several funds as at 31st March, 1915, are as follows :

	£	s.	d.
General Fund	3,937	19	3
Fund of Benevolence	3,914	12	9

W. and O. and A.M. Fund	24,447	15	5
Circular Appeal Funds	1,663	19	10
Representation Fund	512	11	0
Special War Benevolent Fund ...	897	18	5
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Total	<u>£35,374</u>	<u>16</u>	<u>8</u>

Proceeding to other matters, the Board mentioned that three new Lodges had been constituted during the year, viz. :—Erewhon, No. 200, at Mount Somers, Canterbury ; Whetu-Kairangi, No. 201, at Seatoun, Wellington; and Takapuna, No. 202, at Takapuna, Auckland.

A petition had been received from fifteen Lodges in the Wellington District, Praying for the formation of a new district, to be called Ruapehu, extending from the Manawatu River to the southern boundary of Taranaki, and the Board recommended that it be acceded to.

With regard to the Special (War). Benevolent Fund, the Board stated :—The Board has endeavoured to ascertain from Lodges the names of members of such Lodges who have enlisted, and the names of those who are dependent on them. The returns received this far are not complete, but we have reason to believe that not less than two hundred of our brethren have already proceeded to the seat of war, whilst at least another hundred are at present in camp at Trentham, and will be sailing from New Zealand shortly. The Board and the G.M. have advised Lodges to remit the dues of members who are serving their country, and we now recommend G.L. to adopt a resolution authorising the G.Sec. to give effect to this in the same spirit, by a similar exemption from payment of dues by Lodges to G.L. during the continuance of the war from brethren who have gone to the front.

On the question of members resigning in arrears the report contained the following :—The Board desires to place on record a decision unanimously agreed to after consultation with the G. Registrar upon the question of "Registration in Arrears of Lodge Dues," where the delinquent is a member of more than one Lodge. This is a position which frequently arises, and it is well that all brethren should be made aware of the result. The G. Register has ruled that if AB is a Member of Lodges. C. and D and resigns from Lodge C without complying with its by-laws (in regard to payment of dues) he automatically ceases to be a member of Lodge D, although he may be financially clear on the books of Lodge D, inasmuch as by Rule 183 he is deprived of all Masonic privileges. The Board endorsed the G. Registrar's ruling and will give full effect thereto.

An application was received last November from the G.L. of France for monetary assistance to enable it to carry out the following branches of relief work :— (a) An ambulance for wounded, without distinction of nationality or religion; (b) a service of free meals; (c) a service of domestic help for sick women. The Board voted and forwarded the sum of £100, and now asks G.L. to confirm the vote.

The Board referred with pleasure to the beneficial results of official visits made by the M.W.G.M. to many parts of the Dominion during the past year. The G.M. had devoted a great deal of time and energy to the discharge of the duties devolving upon the "head of the Craft," and had done much to stimulate zeal and activity throughout the territory.

The Board congratulated G.L. on the prosperous condition of its affairs at the close of the twenty-fifth year of its existence, as disclosed in the records. These records speak volumes for the care and prudence displayed by the rulers of the Craft throughout the period just closed, and provide an inspiring and encouraging example for those who in the future will direct the activities of our institution.

In May, 1916, G.L. will be removed from Christchurch to Auckland, and it was agreed the next annual communication will be held in the city of Auckland.

The levy for 1914 produced £508 4s. 2d., and the expenditure for the Christchurch communication amounted to £508 14s. 4d. The levy for this year will produce about £515, and the G.Sec. estimates that the expenditure for the Wellington communication will not exceed that amount. The Board recommended that the levy for 1916 be fixed at a rate which will meet the cost of conveying Lodge representatives to Auckland. This the G.Sec. estimates at £750 (based on the amount expended in 1912).

The Board had pleasure in reporting to G.L. that every one of our Lodges had made complete returns and payments when G.L. books were closed on 31st March. This was very satisfactory, when we remembered that war conditions prevailed. We cannot, however, hope that the Lodges will continue unaffected by the terrible state of affairs existing in Europe, and prudence calls for the exercise of economy and thrift under existing circumstances.

All the foregoing reports were adopted.

ELECTION OF W.M. GRAND MASTER.

M.W. Bro. John Joseph Dougall was unanimously reelected G.M.

OTHER GRAND OFFICERS.

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

From Canterbury Province.—G. Chaplain, W. Bro. Rev. A. J. S. Seaton; G.Treas., W. Bro. H. J. dtley ; G. Registrar, V.W. Bro. Edward Darker Mosley ; Pres. of the B. of G.P., Bro. Sydney Clifton Bingham; Pres. of the B. of B., V.W. Bro. John Thornton; G.D. of C., W. Bro. J. N. Du Feu; G. Organist, W. Bro. T. L. Crooke; G.S., W. Bro. W. C. Brydon; Members of the B. of G.P., W. Bros. F. C. B. Bishop; A. H. Hobbs, H. Hopkinson, H. B. Sorensen, and M. B. Wright; Members of the B. of B. W. Bros. C. F. Whiteside, T. Compton, J. W. Roberts, A. H. Webb, and W. M. Robinson.

Auckland District.—J.G.D., W. Bro. D. Jameson; G.St.B., W. Bro. H. D. Bunby ; G.Purs., W. Bro.. C. N. Flyger; G.Ss., W. Bros. S. L. Bygrave and R. W. Mears ; Members of the B. of G.P., W. Bros. F. A. Balcke and Joseph Wooler; Members of the B. of B., W. Bros. J. C. Woodward and G. F. Love-grove.

Wellington District—G. Chaplain, Bro. Rev. W. Shirer ; J.G.D., W. Bro. James Rod; G.D. of C., W. Bro. W. H. Jones ; G.Sd.B., W. Bro. James McIntyre; G.Ss., W. Bros. H. J. T. Jaggard and R. Jenkins; Members of the B. of GP., W. Bros. C. W. Nielsen and T. W. Kirk; Members of the B. of B., W. Bros. A. W. Chapman and H.J. Booth.

Otago District.—S.G.D., W. Bro. T. Gallagher; G.Sd.B., W. Bro. Shirley E. W. Baker; G.St.B., W. Bro. D. Harris Hastings; G.Ss., W. Bro. Alex. Allan and Bro. J. L. Miller ; Members of the B. of G.P., R.W. Bro. A. Fieldwick and W. Bro. D. C. Cameron; Members of the B. of B., W. Bro. H. E. Moller and W Bro. R. Bain.

Southland District —G. Bible Bearer, W. Bro. B. J. K. Jamieson; G.Purs., W. Bro. G. A. Reid; GS., W. Bro. Edward Frobarth; Member of the B. of G.P., W. Bro. Edward Parker ; Member of the B. of B., W. Bro. Charles Campbell.

Hawkes Bay District—S.G.D., W. Bro. Louis Freedman; G.S., W. Bro. W. A. Chambers ; Member of the B. of G.P., W. Bro. Fred Craven; Member of the B. of B., W. Bro. R. S. Chadwick,

Nelson and Marlborough. District.—G. Bible Bearer, W. Bro. Roy P. Furness ; G.S.; W. Bro. Malcolm McKenzie; Member of the B. of B., W. Bro. Walter Cowin.

West Coast District.—G.Supt. of W., W. Bro. E. Warnes; G.S., W. Bro. G. W. Jones; Member of the B. of G.P., W. Bro. R. Colligan ; Member of the B. of B., W. Bro. E. Schafer.

Taranaki District—G.Supt. of W., W. Bro. A. E. Surrey ; G.S., W. Bro. W. H. H. Young; Member of the B. of GP., W. Bro. J. B. Sim.

FINANCIAL.

An important discussion took place with reference to the clause in the report of the B. of G.P. in regard to an arrangement made with the Public Trustee as to the rate of interest upon G.L.'s deposits.

On the motion of W. Bro. Jolly, whose standing as a financier in highly esteemed by G.L., a resolution was passed empowering the Board to invest its funds in gilt-edged debentures of local bodies, and also in other approved securities.

Further it was agreed that the Board should consider another proposal by W. Bro. Jolly that a consultative committee be set up, consisting of brethren of financial repute in the centres distant from where the G.Sec.'s office happens to be located, to advise the Board as to available debenture investments.

JUSTICE TO A DEPOSED W.M.

The principal debate of the communication took place upon the question of the deposition of Bro. Eustace Saunders from the chair of Lodge Mackenzie, Fairlie, after his installation, because it appeared that he had never served the office of Warden. The facts were, briefly, that Bro. Saunders left the Fairlie district for the West Coast two months after his investment as S.W.; that another brother filled his chair during his absence, for the rest of the year; that by what was now admitted to be a mistake, that brother was shown in the returns to G.L. as being the elected S.W. of the. Lodge; that sane some years Bro. Saunders returned to Fairlie and resumed active work in Lodge Mackenzie, and after he had continued doing so for about two years, frequently filling the Warden's chair in their temporary absence, he was elected W.M. ; that after his election it appeared from the records that he had never served the office, of Warden, and the Board accordingly

declared his election and installation null and void, and directed the I.P.M. to continue in office as W.M. for the present year. The Lodge is desirous of Bro. Saunders's re-installment as W.M. The whole debate turned upon the interpretation of the word "serve," and its spirit was wholly favourable to Bro. Saunders, though a strong minority held that on-strictly legal grounds he had not "served" the office of Warden. Eventually the motion confirming his election as W.M. was carried on division by a large majority, and he will accordingly be restored to the chair.

SENTENCE OF EXPULSION.

The question of the misconduct of the late Master of Lodge Falling, now serving a sentence for felony, again came under discussion. Last year G.L. decided that if the brother in question should surrender his W.M. certificate, so as to render himself unable to hold Masonic intercourse with the brethren of any country to which he might repair, he should be suspended sine die. As he has not availed himself of the clemency of G.L., the question came up for further consideration. The enormity of the offender's frauds upon brother Masons, and the scandal which he has brought upon the Craft in his district, were enlarged upon at some length by a representative of Lodge Feilding and after brief consideration G.L. unanimously adopted a motion that instead of being merely Suspended he should be expelled from the Craft.

A DANGEROUS PROPOSAL.

A motion by the representative of Lodge Manawatu Kil. to amend the Constitution by providing that the G.Sec. should periodically circulate amongst Lodges a list of all brethren whose names have been struck off the roll, together with an intimation that they should no longer be permitted to participate in any Masonic privilege until reinstated, met with a short shrift. With the fear of the law of libel before their eyes—several possibilities in the matter of risk were pointed out—the representatives negatived the proposal by a large majority.

I.P.M.'s POSITION.

A similar fate befell a motion by the G.Reg., which would have the effect of giving the I.P.M. of a Lodge rank next after the W.M. G.L. would have none of it.

So, again, with another of the Registrar's motions, which was interpreted as meaning that a member of any Lodge would have the power of coming into a Lodge other than his own and interfering with its business to the extent of resisting the advancement in the degrees of a brother already initiated. It was considered that this would lead to endless friction, and the motion was voted out.

INSTALLATION OF GRAND MASTER.

The Town Hall was fairly well filled in the evening, when M.W. Bro. J. J. Dougall was installed for a second year of office as G.M. The principal portion of the ceremony was performed by M.W. Bro. Maurice Thompson. The musical portion of the ceremonial was excellent, both as to choir and the accompanying on the grand organ, lire, Robert Parker, L.C.T.L., being the G. Organist for the occasion. After his installation M.W. Bro. Dougall announced his appointed officers as follows :—

DEPUTY G.M.—R.W. Bro. James Hamilton Harkness, Westport.

PROV.G.Ms.—Auckland, M.W. Bro. O. Nicholson; Wellington, R.W. Bro. T. A. Peterkin ; Otago, R.W. Bro. J. S. Clark; Southland, R.W. Bro. Wm. Timpany; Hawkes Bay, R.W. Bro. H. L. Huston; Taranaki, R.W. Bro. R. W. Sargent; Nelson and Marlborough, R.W. Bro. W. E. Redman; West Coast, R.W. Bro. Richard H. Richmond; Ruapahu., R.W. Bro. David J. F. McFarlane; 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 Barton, Dunedin.

J.G.W.—R.W. Bro. Maurice J. Harris, Paeroa, Auckland,

G.LECS.—V.W. Bro. T. W. Rowe, V.W. Bro. W. G. Mchaffey, V.W. Bro. H. B. Bridge.

Such of these officers as were in attendance were then, duly invested by the G.M., and then the elected officers were invested by M.W. Bro. Malcolm Niccol, P.G.M.

GRAND MASTER'S ADDRESS.

BRETHREN,—Today the G.L. of New Zealand celebrates its semi-Jubilee. For 26 years it has swayed the destinies of Freemasonry in this Dominion. Through evil report and good report; through storm and calm;

through impecuniosity to comparative affluence it has steadily persevered in sowing the seed of Masonic knowledge and in propagating the ideals and traditions of the Fraternity. It has not only survived the labour of what many deemed a premature birth, but stands to-day an emblem of the foresight of its progenitors; at peace with the world, a peer among peers, a triumphant vindication of the sacred right of free government.

The introduction of Freemasonry into New Zealand was coincident with the grant of a free constitution to the infant colony. In 1842 the first Masonic Lodge was opened. It is still a debateable point whether Auckland Ara or Wellington Pacific can claim to be the premier Lodge ; the Charter of Ara No. 348, I.C., is prior in date, but N.Z. Pacific, No. 517, E.C., was the first by some months in active work. In a few years not only were Craft Lodges to be found in nearly every part of the colony, but a considerable number of District G.Ls. came into existence.

Ignoring the precedents of other countries where one District G.L. of a Constitution was deemed sufficient for each State, Freemasons of this country erected District G.L. in every province. Our early brethren certainly could not complain of the paucity of government. The erection of so many District G.Ls. has had material effect in retarding the complete unity of Masonic administration in New Zealand. With so many Dist.G.Ms. to consult and so many conflicting interests to reconcile, it is remarkable that so much success has been achieved by G.L.

The dangers of superabundant administration was recognised at an early date. In 1876 R.W. Bro. Vincent Pyke, P.P.G.M. of New Zealand South, under the Scotch Constitution (acting in conjunction with R.W. Bro. E. T. Gillon), convened a meeting which was held in Wellington on 4th September; 1876, when the establishment of a National G.L. was discussed, but nothing eventuated. The establishment of G.L. in several of the Australian colonies during the "eighties" revived the desire for local autonomy, and in February, 1889, a meeting of P.Ms. of the three Constitutions was held in Wellington "to consider the advisability of taking steps to form a United G.L. of New Zealand." A resolution to that effect was carried, and reports of the proceedings forwarded to every Lodge in the colony.

A Masonic Union was formed, having branches in the different centres, with the object of thoroughly discussing and giving the widest publicity to the project. Canterbury was the first province to move, a preliminary meeting being held on 26th February, 1889, when a branch union was formed, and R.W. Bro. C. Bishop appointed chairman, A subsequent meeting was held on 2nd April, when a motion affirming the desirability of forming a G.L. was carried by 50 to 14.

Otago came next with a meeting on 29th -March, when a similar resolution was passed by 134 to 24. The first note of hostility to the movement was heard in Otago ; the Dist. G.M., S.C., having issued a circular forbidding the discussion in Lodges of the question. Ultimately he withdrew the prohibition, but never relaxed his hostility to the movement. The Auckland brethren met on 10th April, 1880, and formed a branch of the Union, our esteemed G.Sec., M.W. Bro. Malcolm Niccol, then Deputy Prov.G.M., being elected chairman. The motion to form G.L. was carried by 75 to 17. Similar resolutions were passed in Southland and Oamaru.

Almost from the beginning there was considerable opposition to the movement, and as time went on the opposition became more intense; indeed, such bitterness of feeling was aroused that the effect is not yet altogether obliterated, although the mellowing influence of time is slowly but surely healing the breach, and there can be little doubt that in due course New Zealand will come into its own and hold undivided authority in its own territory. In Otago the opponents of the movement caused a resolution to be carried for the formation of a G.L. for each island, with a kind of Federal Union. This, however, came to nothing.

Many of the Dist.G.Ls. were strenuous opponents. Summarised, the grounds of their opposition may be stated as follows :—(1) That union such as existed in Australia was impracticable in New Zealand on account of the absence of one recognised centre in each portion of the colony as there was in New South Wales, Victoria, and South Australia; (2) the sparseness of the population; (3) the great cost of establishing a United G.L. ; that any hope of permanently establishing a Benevolent Fund of a substantial character was fallacious ; (5) the grave difficulty of reconciling the divergencies of opinion existing between, the different centres of population in the colony upon any question calling for united action ; (6) that the formation of G.L. was inopportune, unnecessary, and calculated to destroy rather than to advance the best interests of Freemasonry. The position of, G.L. to-day affords a startling commentary upon these unimaginative prognostications. Notwithstanding the opposition encountered, within a few months 92 out of the 147 Lodges chartered under all Constitutions (but some of which were dormant) declared their intention of joining the proposed G.L. The Central Executive then issued a circular suggesting a meeting of Lodge delegates during

the following September, and urging those Lodges that had not already decided to do so, to join the movement and appoint delegates.

The convention of Lodge delegates met in Wellington on 11th September, 1889, when 64 Lodges were represented, comprising 36 E.C., 21 S.C., and 7 I.C. Bro. E. T. Gillon was chairman and Bro. G. Robertson was appointed secretary. A declaration was drawn up, which declared that a majority of the Lodges had determined that it was in the best interests of Freemasonry, and for the better ordering of the Craft in New Zealand that there should be full, perfect, and perpetual union, with uniformity of obligation and discipline among the members at present divided into and working under the three separate Constitutions of England, Ireland, and Scotland, so that in all time to come they should form but one Brotherhood, and be represented in one G.L. And the delegates declared and agreed that the Lodges should from and after the 9th day of November, 1889, be constituted one G.L. under the style "The G.L. of New Zealand." This declaration was signed at the meeting by the delegates of the 64 Lodges present, and was subsequently signed by other delegates.

The basis of union was drafted and agreed to, and it was decided to adopt the Constitution of New South Wales until New Zealand formulated its own Constitution and method of working. It was further decided to request His Excellency the Governor, R.W. Bro. the Earl of Onslow, to become first G.M., and H.R.H. the Prince of Wales to become Patron. A report of the proceedings was circulated among all the Lodges in New Zealand.

About this time circulars were issued to their Lodges by the Dist.G.M., E.C., Wellington, and the Dist. G.M., S.C., New Zealand South, opposing the formation of G.L., and contending that so long as three members remained true to their original Constitution all Lodge property vested in them. This point caused considerable controversy, and as the result of correspondence between R.W. Bro. Sir Harry Atkinson, the Dist. G.M., E.C. Wellington, and the G.Sec. of England, the GReg. of England decided that Article 219 of the English Book of Constitution, which permitted three members to hold the warrant, did not apply, as the majority were not retiring from the Lodge, but were merely transferring its allegiance to another Masonic power.

Scotland, however, intimated to the R.W. Dist.G.M., S.C., Dunedin, under date 24th July, 1889, that "The minority of any Lodge wishing to retain its connection with, and allegiance to, the G.L. of Scotland, can hold the Charter, and should the Charter be carried off surreptitiously, the Dist.G.M. is empowered to give a dispensation until duplicate Charter can be had from Scotland." On 8th August the G.Sec. of Scotland further intimated that "Extraordinary powers assumed by the Dist.G.M. in defending the interests of Scottish Masonry under his jurisdiction will be endorsed by G.L., and the rights of all Lodges and minorities of their memberships to continue in allegiance to Scotland will certainly be maintained and protected in face of any G.L."

On 14th October, 1889, a letter was addressed to His Excellency R.M. Bro. the Earl of Onslow by Bros. E. T. Gillon, R. C. Hamerton, H. J. Williams, H. J. H. Elliott, J. H. Richardson, and Geo. Robertson (the Central Executive) requesting him to accept the office of first G.M., and stating that of the Lodges in the Colony, 92 were in favour of G.L., 21 against, and 24 had not decided.

On 16th October His Excellency replied that he had been in communication with the G.L. of England, but did not as yet feel able to represent to the G.Sec. that the practical unanimity which had been secured in the Australian colonies had been attained in New Zealand, and while he recognised the earnestness of purpose and the loyal, courteous, and Masonic spirit in which the Masonic Unions had carried on their efforts, the circumstances appeared to him to be such that were he to accept the position he could not hope that all the Lodges, still less all the Freemasons in New Zealand, would enroll themselves under the new G.L., and expressed the hope that if in twelve months, or possibly more, it could be shown that the views of the promoters were shared by a considerably larger majority of the Masonic community, they could rely on commanding his services with the G.L. of England, or in acting for the benefit of Freemasonry in general and New Zealand in particular.

Lord Onslow's decision not to accept office practically destroyed the chance of unanimity. At first it was determined to push on with the movement at once and inaugurate G.L. in the month of November.

Negotiations with R.W. Bro. Sir Harry Atkinson, however, caused the promoters to stay proceedings until a meeting of the various Dist.G.Ms. called by Sir Harry Atkinson was held. This meeting took place in Dunedin on 24th January, 1890, and was attended by the Prov.G.M. for New Zealand, I.C., the Dist.G.M., South Island, S.C., and the Dist.G.Ms. for Westland, Canterbury, Auckland, and Otago, E.C. A resolution was carried to the effect that it was not desirable to form a G.L. of New Zealand at present, so that time

might be allowed for a better understanding between the various Lodges, and a greater unanimity arrived at upon such a vital question of Freemasonry in New Zealand. This resolution, coming from such a source, placed beyond hope the prospect of unanimity.

The promoters of G.L., however, were undaunted, and persisted in their endeavours. Further meetings of the Unions and negotiations with distinguished brethren took place. Bro. Sir Harry Atkinson expressed himself as being entirely in favour of the establishment of G.L., but counselled delay. He further suggested that Lord Onslow should again be approached. The executive accordingly again approached His Excellency, who asked for time to communicate with England. In the meantime a meeting of delegates was held on 10th March, 1880, when 54 Lodges were represented, and it was resolved that in the event of His Excellency not accepting office, R.W. Bro. Henry Thomson, Dist.G.M. of Canterbury, E.G., should be elected as the first G.M., and that the committee should take immediate steps to inaugurate G.L. and install the G.M.

On 15th March His Excellency informed the executive that the reply from England was not altogether satisfactory, and asked whether 120 Lodges could be secured. The executive replied that it did not think it could guarantee more than 100 Lodges right off, but felt confident that if His Excellency accepted the position, 120 Lodges, if not more, could be obtained before his installation. Ultimately, on 16th March, His Excellency intimated that he did not think less than 120 out of 144 Lodges working in the colony would constitute what in his judgment would amount to practical unanimity, and that if 120 Lodges supported the Constitution he would gladly accept the offer of the first Grand Mastership, provided the recognition of the English G.L. was obtained after the New Zealand G.L. had been fully constituted.

The last hope of unanimity had now gone, and the promoters were left with the alternative of postponing the movement indefinitely or of proceeding in the face of what was obviously an increasing hostility. The question to be decided was a most momentous one. The history of other colonial G.Ls. showed that unanimity prior to the formation of a National G.L. was difficult, if not impracticable, but once a G.L. was formed Lodges outstanding rapidly changed their allegiance. Knowledge of these facts was in possession of the promoters, and it is not unnatural to think was a factor in bringing about the final decision.

Both sides were quite earnest and sincere in their motives. The opponents of G.L. led by the Dist.G.Ms., were satisfied with the then state of affairs. Some favoured the idea of a G. L., but deemed the time premature; others were absolutely and irreconcilably opposed to separation from the Mother G.Ls. Time has shown that the Dist. G. Rs. failed to appreciate the latent possibilities of the Craft in New Zealand. On the other hand, the advocates of G.L. believed that New Zealand had reached a stage of development when she should take the management of affairs into her own hands in a manner similar to what had been done politically years previously; that Freemasonry would progress and expand in a way that could never be attained under divided control, and that a united and national administration would create a national spirit such as did not and could not exist so long as New Zealand was Masonically regarded as unoccupied territory, open to exploitation by any Constitution that thought fit to erect Lodges in the colony. Moreover, it was made abundantly clear, from the negotiations that had taken place, that delay, so far from reconciling opposing factions, merely intensified the opposition. It is easy after the event to criticise, and one may feel inclined to express the opinion that delay might in a short time have reconciled the differences that existed. The promoters, however, came to the conclusion that the movement must either be abandoned or at once forced to an issue. The latter course was adopted. Bro. Henry Thomson was asked to become the first G.M., and it was decided to erect G.L. on 29th April, 1890.

Subsequent events have justified this decision, although it cannot be denied that G.L. is still suffering from the aftermath of bitter hostility that was aroused. For long it was hoped that the remaining Lodges would accept the position and recognise the fact that a nation must be administered by a national organisation if it desired material progress. A great many Lodges have come over, but a considerable number still remain outside the national fold, and Now Zealand presents to the world the spectacle of a house divided against itself.

Eminently satisfactory as has been the progress of G.L. during the past 25 years, remarkable as has been the wise administration, the distribution of charity, the accumulation of wealth, and the increase of membership, still more remarkable would have been the result had Freemasonry in this country been a united body. One can only hope that the results already achieved may in the near future convince those brethren who do not as yet quite see eye to eye with us, that the future of Freemasonry in New Zealand is indissolubly wrapped up with the progress of G.L. The worth of Freemasonry in this country is judged by the outside world wholly and solely by the actions of its G.L. if it does well, New Zealand receives the credit; if it does badly, the discredit will be New Zealand's. The only desire of G.L. is to foster Freemasonry in strict accordance with

Masonic tradition; G.L. wants every Freemason in the Dominion to assist in this laudable object.

On 29th April, 1890, G.L. was consummated in Christchurch, when R.W. Bro. Henry Thomson, Dist.G.M. of Canterbury, was installed as G.M. in the presence of a gathering of about 250 brethren, RM. Bro. E. T. Gillon listing as Installing Officer. The first officers of G.L. were as follows :—

G.M.— M.W. Bro. Henry Thomson, of Christchurch.

D.G.M.— R.W. Bro: A, S. Russell, of Auckland.

S.G.W.— R.w Bro. H. Feldwick, M.H.R., of Invercargill.

J.G.W.— R.W. Bro. H. D. Macarthur, M.H.R., Feilding.

G. CHAPLAIN.— V.W. Bro. Rev. W. E. Paige, Masterton.

G. TREAS.—W, Bro. A, Kaye, Christchurch,

G.Reg.—.V.W. Bro. J. Joyce, M.H.R., Christchurch,

C.Sec. — V.W. Bro. Rev. Wm, Ronaldson, Dunedin.

PRES. OF THE B. OF G.P.—V.W. Bro. C. A. C. Hardy, Rakaia,

PRES OF THE B. OF B.—V.W. Bro. A. R. Kirk, Christchurch.

S.G.D.—W. Bro. Dr. L. G. Boor, Nelson.

J.G.D.—W. Bro. R. Price, Napier.

G.SUPT OF W. — W. Bro. J. E. McKelvie, Dunedin.

G.D. OF C.—W. Bro. Herbert J. Williams, Wellington.

G. BIBLE BEARER.—W. Bro, T. L. Murray, Thames.

G.SD.B.—W. Bro. W. W. De Castro, Nelson.

G.ST.B.—W. Bro. G. C. Fownes, Wellington,

G.PURS.—W. Bro. Alfred Kidd, Auckland.

G. ORGANIST.—W. Bro. A. J. Barth, Dunedin,

G. TYLER —W. Bro. C. E. Briggs, Christchurch,

ASSIST-G. OFFICERS.—ASSIST.-G.SEC., W. Bro. W. H. Cooper, Auckland; ASSIST.-G.REG., W. Bro. J. H. Hankins, Palmerston North; ASSIST.-G.D. of C., W. Bro. T. F. Dodd, Balclutha; ASSIST.-G.SD.B., W. Bro. John Page, Auckland; ASSIST.-G.ST.B., W. Bro. Wm. Craig, Auckland.

G. STEWARDS.—W, Bros. G. Gilbertson, Invercargill; G. Edgcombe, Hamilton; H. Caplin, Hawera; N. Grace, Carterton; T. Carr, Wellington; F. J. Dawes, Petone; F. E. Budge, Reef ton ; E. Rogers, Kumara; M. R. Bree, Gore; C. Hull, Christchurch ; J. Grubb, Lyttelton ; T. Bland, Brunnerton; J. Shearing, Tapanui; J. Walkley, Palmerston North; C. Crump, Palmerston South; C. Bray, Feilding; Geo. S. Dalrymple, Masterton; A. King, Coromandel; H. S. Valentine, M.H.R., Gore; Anthony Mills, Timaru.

G.SUPTS. OF DISTRICTS.—The following brethren were appointed to supervise and control the several districts with powers similar to those of Prov.G.Ms, in the present day :—Auckland District., Malcolm Niccol; Wellington District, E. T. Gillon (temporarily); Otago District, Alfred H. Burton; Southland District, W, H. Hall.

G.L. was constituted by 41 Lodges, with 1,236 members. The utmost enthusiasm prevailed at the inauguration, and the speeches delivered by the G.M. and R.W. Bro. Gillon, the Installing Officer, were of a character befitting the occasion, and certainly have never been surpassed at any subsequent gathering. Bro. Gillon referred to some of the advantages which it was hoped would accrue to the Craft from the creation of G.L. He said : By prudent and economical administration we hope to reduce the cost of government, while providing even more efficient machinery for local control. . . By keeping the whole Masonic contributions in the colony we trust to be able to concentrate our efforts and resources so as to do something practical and worthy of the principles we profess. . . . Now we shall be brought into direct communication with the chain of G.Ls. which, commencing in New South Wales, extends through Europe and the United States . . . to our sister Dominion of Canada. This direct communication with supreme governing bodies of the world cannot fail to enlarge our Masonic knowledge, extend our influence, and render the Craft in this colony still more powerful for good." Wise words these; who to-day would gainsay them?

At the banquet which followed the installation, the nucleus of a Benevolent Fund was formed by a collection of £42 2s. 611., including £5 sent by Bro. T. A. Peterkin, the present Prov, G.M, of Wellington. Singularly enough, almost the first business brought before G.L. at the quarterly communication in July, 1890, was to protest against the G. Orient of France infringing Now Zealand territory by erecting a Craft Lodge in Wellington. If argument were needed to support the creation of G.L. it was supplied by the action of the G. Orient in invading a British colony. Had no G.L. been in existence no protest could have been made, as, according to Masonic usage, New Zealand was no man's land.

One of the first duties of the infant organisation was to secure recognition, New South Wales, which had recently passed through an ordeal similar to what New Zealand was experiencing, was the first to extend the courtesy of fraternal relations. Italy, Victoria, Tasmania, and South Australia came next in order. England replied that "for the present" the G.L. of England could not grant recognition. Scotland refused, and Ireland for a time deferred consideration, but eventually followed the lead of England.

The first annual communication was held in Wellington, when 71 Lodges were represented by 140 members. The result of the year's work showed a credit balance of £72, and it may be interesting at this point to record the quinquennial progress:-

Date.	Credit Balance.	Lodges.	Members.
30th April, 1891	72	73	2,193
31st Dec., 1894	945	102	3,984
31st March, 1900	4,000	116	5,144
31st. March, 1905	8,759	137	7,227.
31st March, 1910	21,944	170	10,850
31st March, 1915	35,374	202	14,000

On 27th April, 1892, at the second annual communication, M.W. Bro. Nicol was installed in the supreme office of C.M. The date of his installation coincided with the twenty-fifth anniversary of his initiation into the Craft, and now, on the twenty-fifth anniversary of G.L., he is still the most eminent figure amongst us, guiding and directing us with his matured experience of nearly 50 years' participation in Masonic life. A great deal of the success that has been achieved is undoubtedly due to the skill, ability, and wisdom with which our esteemed and respected brother has managed our concerns. May he for years to come be blessed with health and strength to act as our preceptor and guide in the path of Masonic brotherhood.

As a commentary from a foreign and impartial source, an extract from the letter of the G.M. of Cuba according recognition is worth repeating. He says : ' We regret exceedingly to see that the G.Ls. of England, Scotland, and Ireland, with whom we cultivate the most intimate friendship, should not as well have recognised your legitimacy, insomuch that had they done so, no doubt the remaining Lodges would also have put themselves under the control of your G.L., but we sincerely hope it will not be long before they take this fraternal step."

Up till 1895 G.L. held quarterly communications. It was early recognised that this practice, although common among G.Ls. of the Empire, was unsuitable to the circumstances' of New Zealand. Accordingly the 1805 communication decided that for the future G.L. should meet half-yearly. The half yearly communications were continued until 1902, when the present system of annual meetings was instituted.

In 1896 a serious loss was sustained by the death of R.W. Bro. E. T. Gillon, who perhaps more than anyone else was responsible for the creation of G.L. Bro. Gillon died on 19th April, 1896, aged 54 years,

The year 1896 was memorable by reason of the fact that H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, G.M. of England, sent a message requesting his G.L. to take into consideration the advisability of recognising the G.L. of New Zealand. On 29th July, 1896, the G.L. of England carried the following resolution :— That, taking into consideration the message from the M.W.G.M., G.L. requests His Royal Highness will be pleased to take such steps for the recognition of the G.L. of New Zealand and for the establishment of fraternal good feeling with our New Zealand brethren as he may consider consistent with the honour of this G.L., and with just consideration for those Lodges which may desire to retain their connection with the G.L. of England."

Some delay occurred in giving full effect to this resolution, owing to certain alterations having to be made in the English Book of Constitutions, but ultimately the proposals were adopted, and articles of recognition sent from London on 30th November, 1897. These articles were received in New Zealand on 17th January, 1898, and on 20th January a cablegram was sent accepting the terms unaltered.

The decision of England not to accord recognition in the first instance had led to much bitter feeling being displayed by brethren in various parts of the colony. True, New Zealand merely repeated the experience of other colonies, but the fact that internal strife has ensued in almost every instance after the formation of a colonial G.L., is strong evidence of a material defect in the policy of England and Scotland, and in the cause of Freemasonry, apart altogether from Imperial interests, it might not be presumptuous to suggest that these G.Ls. should earnestly consider whether their attitude is conducive to Masonic harmony. It is in such marked contrast to the Imperial relations existing between Great Britain and the Dominions beyond the seas as to be the subject of comment, at the least.

The G.L. of England has always been courteous and, one must admit, consistent, but it has never attempted to emulate the example of the imperial Government. Colonial aspirations are correctly expressed in the following extract from an article by Sir Francis Pigott which recently appeared in the "Nineteenth Century":—"The problem of colonial Government, is to keep the bonds of allegiance which are practical as well as sentimental, taut and true. We believe that it can only lie done by fostering the spirit of independence, so that the colonies may not be mere offshoots of the home country, but component parts of the Empire; that every colony should feel that it is a nation in embryo, capable if it will of declaring its independence if the Mother Country neglect it or treat it improperly. Such success as we have attained is by the fearless recognition of this principle, and we foster it by self-reliance, by granting as much official and administrative independence as each is capable of exercising."

R.W. Bro. Chetwode Crawley, the Irish G.L. delegate, at a conference of the three Home G.Ls. held to consider colonial affairs, dealt with the question from the Masonic standpoint. He said : "Speaking generally, I should apprehend difficulty in seeking valid arguments in support of the thesis that the parent G.Ls. of the British Isles have the right to impose on Colonial Lodges; without their consent, "conditions which interfere in any way with their legitimate freedom of action. Does any enquirer want a closer historical parallel than the proposition laid down in the Declaratory Act of 1766, to the effect that the Mother Country has, and of right ought to have, power to bind the colonies in all cases whatsoever? Our American brethren were the outcome of that contention."

Lord Onslow, who had materially assisted in securing recognition, was appointed our representative near the G.L. of England, and held that position until his death in 1911. England was the fifty-fifth G.L. to accord recognition, and H.R.H. the Prince of Wales honoured G.L. by accepting the position of Patron. For bringing about this happy result we are indebted to Lord Onslow, and also in an equal degree to M.W. Bro. Dillon Bell, who instituted negotiations. These eminent brethren approached H.R.H. the G.M. of England, and laid the facts before him. His Royal Highness, with the breadth of view that characterised all his actions, took up the cause of G.L., and recognition was at once accorded.

Recognition was granted by Ireland under date 10th October, 1898, and by Scotland under date 2nd March, 1899, on terms similar to. England. Scotland, however, placed a peculiar interpretation upon its terms of recognition, and contended that notwithstanding the recognition, it still retained authority to erect new Lodges. This amazing proposition re-opened the whole question, and for some years was a fruitful source of trouble. Eventually the G.L. of Scotland appreciated the fact that its attitude was opposed to all recognised roles and usage, but it was not until 1913 that the differences were settled, and we were accorded unquestioned recognition as the sovereign authority in our own territory.

On 31st May, 1900, our Venerable Bro. the Rev. Wm. Ronaldson resigned the position of G. Sec., after 10 years of arduous work. It is pleasant to note that Bro. Ronaldson, although well over ninety years of age, is still alive and in fairly good health, and although not with us in body, he certainly is so in spirit. M.W. Bro. Malcolm Niccol was appointed to succeed R.W. Bro. Ronaldson.

In the year 1903 the W. and O. and A.M. Fund was established. Prior to this date two funds existed, the Masonic W. and O. Fund, which at the time of amalgamation had £1,021 19s. to its credit and the A. and I.M. Fund, which at the same date was in credit £1,243 14s. 101 The amalgamation of these two funds was a wise proceeding. The subsequent accretions to this fund, and the relief afforded to the distressed, constitute the brightest jewel in the crown of G.L., and give a complete answer to those opponents who contended "that any hope of permanently establishing a Benevolent Fund of a substantial character from so small a body of Masons was fallacious."

The Fund has increased in the most creditable Manner. On 31st March, 1903, the Credit balance was £2,265 ; 31st March, 1905, £5,037; 31st March, 1910, £13,688; 31st March, 1915, £24,447. The first annuities were granted on 1st October, 1903, and on 1st January, 1904, the fund was paying £67 in annuities. In the present year the funds is paying £824 15s. in annuities, ranging from £13 to £52.

In 1905 G.L. determined to assume control of the circular appeals. Up till that date the Lodge issuing the appeal controlled and distributed the amount subscribed, no authentic record being kept by G.L. Prior to April, 1905, about 75 appeals had been made by Lodges, and although exact figures could not be obtained in every case, it was estimated that a sum of over £10,000 had been dispensed as the result of those circular appeals. Taking that amount as a basis, G.L. since its inception has disbursed in charity

£. s. d.

Circular Appeals

... 16,658 14 5

Grants from Benevolent Fund	... 4,469 3 6
Annuities	<u>4,700 7 6</u>
Total	<u>£25,728 5 5</u>

This is quite apart from the private benevolence of Lodges. Numbers of Lodges have at different times expended considerable sums in charity of which G.L. has no record. It would not be unfair to estimate the amount so expended at considerably over £5,000. In other words, G.L. has been dispensing benevolence at the rate of over £1,000 a year for 25 years, and notwithstanding this expenditure our Benevolent Funds on 31st March, 1915, show a cash balance of £30,924 6s. 5d., while the General Fund is in credit £4,450 10s. 3d., making a gross credit of £35,374 16s. 8d. Further comment is needless.

On 13th September, 1903, M.W. Bro. Henry Thomson died, full of years and honour, aged 76. Not only as our first G.M., but as an example of Masonic knowledge and Masonic virtues, he will long be remembered by his living brethren.

In 1903, and again in 1905, trouble occurred with England over the action of one of the English Dist.G.Ms. in reviving dormant Lodges. Notwithstanding our protest, England approved the action of its Dist.G.M., but as the result of the protests then made it is exceedingly unlikely that any similar attempt will ever again be made by the English Constitution.

An especially noteworthy event in the annals of G.L. was the acceptance in 1906 by His Excellency the Governor, .M.W. Bro. Lord Plunket, of the office of G.M. The accession to office of his Excellency marked an epoch in G.L. It placed beyond question the status of our G.M. The highest dignity in the land had exchanged the vice-regal sceptre for the trowel, and right well did he lay the cement of brotherly love and fraternal regard during his term of office. Notwithstanding the multitude of his official duties, His Excellency Meier once failed in the discharge of the arduous and onerous obligations that devolve upon the G.M. of New Zealand. Thousands of M.M. certificates bear his autograph, and Lodges all over the Dominion were honoured and gratified by his visits. He added lustre to our communications by his admirable tact and dignified demeanour, while unvarying kindness and consideration won him the love of his brethren. To him Freemasonry was a very real thing, and big name will long be remembered as a household word in every Masonic home in this country. After four years of beneficent and assiduous control of our affairs he reluctantly relinquished office to return to the Homeland and his Mother G.L., where he is still in active Masonic work as a leading G.L. officer. The G.L. of New Zealand has a lifelong friend in M.W. Bro. Lord Plunket.

On 10th June, 1906, M.W. Bro. the Right Hon. Richard John Seddon, Prime Minister of New Zealand, died at sea on a voyage from Sydney to Wellington, and not only the Freemasons, but every citizen of New Zealand, irrespective of political bias, knew that a great man had passed away, Bro. Seddon's political duties precluded his constant attendance at G.L., but undoubtedly he was an earnest and sincere Freemason. His last appearance in G.L. was on 9th May 1906, at the installation of His Excellency Lord Plunket, just prior to the trip to Australia, from which he was fated never to return.

At the 1909 communication a resolution was carried granting Canterbury a Prov.G.L. In October of the same year M.W. Bro. Binns was installed as the first Prov.G.M., and he still holds that position. The Prov.G.L. of Canterbury is believed to be the first Prov. G.L. formed outside Great Britain and Ireland. This departure from orthodox colonial administration has proved a great success in Canterbury, but so far no other province has thought fit to emulate Canterbury's example.

Special interest was attached to the 1910 communication, as that was to be the last occasion in which M.W. Bro. Lord Plunket was to appear in G.L. and a great and enthusiastic gathering was expected. The death of His Majesty King Edward VII., however, cast such gloom over the Empire as to preclude every thought but that of sincere sorrow. The gathering, which was to have been so happy and joyous, was stricken with grief. His Excellency sent a message to G.L., in which he said, " Man proposes, but the Great Architect disposes, and at such a moment it is impossible for me, remembering my public capacity, to take part in any ceremonies save those connected with the Sovereign, and I cannot therefore be present with you to-day." Of all the Royalties who have honoured Freemasonry, King Edward was certainly the greatest. Throughout his life he not only displayed the greatest interest in the Craft, but by practical personal labour and example had evinced his sincere belief in the teachings of the Fraternity. We in New Zealand were especially indebted to him for the personal interest he took in our G.L.

It had been intended to make a presentation to M.W. Bro. Lord Plunket at the meeting of G.L., as a token of esteem and respect from the brethren. This had to be deferred to a later date, but prior to his departure His

Excellency was presented with a splendid service of silver plate, weighing 1,000oz. in solid silver.

In September, 1911, a letter was received from the G.Sec. of England intimating that H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught, G.M. of England, had been pleased to accede to our request to become Patron of the G.L. of New Zealand in succession to His Majesty King Edward, thus maintaining the fraternal link between this G.L. and England.

On 2nd February, 1914, our venerable and esteemed P.G.M., Bro. Burton, passed to the care of the Great Architect at the ripe age of 80 years. His memory will long remain green in the hearts of his brethren.

And now, brethren, what shall be said in conclusion? Has G.L. as the result of 25 years of labour justified its existence? Surely, no one will say nay. We may not have achieved all that was hoped. It may be that some things might have been done better; but it must be remembered that we have had many obstacles to surmount and many difficulties to overcome. Whatever success has attended our proceedings has been achieved at much sacrifice and self-denial. At present G.L. placidly floats on a sea serenely calm. All omens favourably smile. The future seems assured. But let us not forget that our early brethren had to contend against a very siege of troubles; that their action was viewed by the majority of their fellows with intense disfavour, and that their object was gained only by incessant perseverance and unremitting toil. To them belongs all credit. To them we give all praise. It may be that the success attained is largely due to the strenuousness of the early fight for existence; that we have been chastened and refined by the trials through which we have passed; that the measure of our success is the sum of the toil and self-sacrifice of the brethren who so faithfully laid the foundation of G.L.

May the edifice erected on that foundation prove worthy of Freemasonry. May it be instrumental in diffusing the light of wisdom, adding the strength of reason, dispensing the beauties of virtue, and lessening the aggregate of human vice. May the Great Architect guide, protect, and prosper the work. May He grant that we of to-day shall be found deserving of the trust reposed in us, and may we bequeath to our children, an even greater heritage than we have received. May the unifying influence of brotherly love stifle the desire for war, and stimulate the hope of universal peace. May peace, love, and harmony reign among the peoples of the earth for ever and for ever.

SECOND DAY'S PROCEEDINGS.

THE BENEVOLENT FUNDS,

W. Bro, Hobbs, of Lodge Waiwhetu, brought up his motion for the transfer of £2,000 from the Fund of Benevolence to the Annuity Fund, but readily agreed to the division of the amount, instead, in sums of £1,000 each between the Annuity Fund and the Special (War) Benevolent Fund. In this form the motion was unanimously agreed to.

In discussing this matter, M.W. Bro. Dougall made an explanation of the nature of his proposal with respect to the War Benevolent Fund. His idea was that the capital of the fund should be utilised, and not merely the interest it earned. He believed that many brethren would come back from the front physically disabled—incapacitated from carrying on their former callings. The fund could be of immense assistance in helping such men to start some business, and his proposal would be to advance the injured brother enough money to enable him to embark in this way—not as an absolute gift, but with the understanding that he should pay it back to the fund at some future time if his business prospered. Of course, some would fail. Many men started business with great hopes, and failed through no fault of their own, but simply through mental incapacity to make the change of circumstances. That, however, was no reason why G.L. should not provide then with the means of starting, for all would not fail. Then there would have to be annual grants to widows and orphans for a number of years. It would be for the B. of B., which would have the administration of the fund, to put the scheme for administration of the fund into shape, but these would be the lines of the proposals he would submit to the Board.

It was this explanation by the G.M, that started afresh the-wave of enthusiasm which he had set rolling on the previous evening, and resulted in the splendid subscription of over £1,000 before the brethren left the hall.

It was agreed that the next session of G.L. should be hold in Auckland, in May, 1916.

Correspondence.

ATTENDANCE OF OFFICERS AT G.L.

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TO THE EDITOR.

DEAR SIR AND BRO.,—It almost looks as though the honour of holding office in G.L. is not sufficiently appreciated by some of the W. brethren distinguished by preferment, and it would, perhaps, be well if Lodges nominating members were to exact an undertaking from each aspirant that, if so honoured, he will make reasonable endeavours not only to present himself for investiture, but also to be in his place at the next following communication. While it may be granted that distance and the cost of travel must at times render it impossible for such a brother to attend G.L., it is obvious that these reasons do not always exist to excuse the absence of actual or prospective holders of positions. At the remit communication both the present and to-be officers selected from a district by no means remote from Wellington were conspicuous by their non-attendance, and one cannot, help feeling that this was unfair to the Lodges which had done them the honour to nominate them, as well as a slight to the Parliament of the Craft. The newly elected brother will now expect the Prov.G.M. to make a special visitation to his particular Lodge, during the next three months, for the purpose of investing him. This is not as it should be.—Yours fraternally,

A TARANAKI P.M.'

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A PROTEST.

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TO THE EDITOR.

DEAR SIR AND BRO.,— I desire to enter a vigorous protest against the publication in the daily Press of the proceedings of G.L. (or at any rate a portion of same), the list of G.L. officers, and the M.W.G.M.'s address, and I know that many brethren throughout the Dominion share my disapproval of what seems to have become a practice—a pernicious practice. Of what benefit to the Craft is it to have the names of G.L. officers paraded in the public newspapers ? Surely our M.W.G.M. was speaking to the Craft when he delivered his fine address. Then why flaunt it before the profane public? Again, every year, as G.L. meets, the figures of our finances are published in the newspapers in a boasting way which is positively nauseous to many brethren who read them. The Book of Proceedings and the CRAFTSMAN are surely sufficient means to make such matters known to the members of our Craft. Anyhow, the much-vaunted charity funds of G.L. will not bear comparison with those of such a body as the Loyal Manchester Unity of Odd-fellows of New Zealand. I know of two Lodges of that body which have greater accumulated charity funds than the Masonic G.L. of New Zealand. There is a tendency to too much " cold figuring " and boasting about G.L. and the Craft, and not enough brotherly love. I would rather see G.L. forbid this publication of proceedings in the public Press, and adopt an attitude of quiet, unostentatious well-doing.—Yours fraternally,

T. C. HATTON, P.M.

Poetry.

THE CALL OF PEACE.

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BY WILMA JARRATT ELLIS

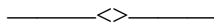
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Above the battle's thundering cry,
Above the war-clouds, dark and high; .
'Mid roar of gun and burst of shell,
'Mid hate as fierce as raging hell,
There sounds triumphant over all

In clarion tones, a mightier call—
A call that sends o'er war's rod flame
The surging rush of redder shame;
That sounds in tones so loud they fill
The universe, with Peace, be Still !

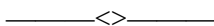
Above the slain piled on the sod,
So thick, they seem forgot of God,
Above the lust of kinsman's rage,
Where savage passions surge and wage,
Above the widow's wail and shriek,
Above the children's cries that speak,
Accusing all the listening world
Of sharing in the war-bolts hurled,
There sounds majestic notes that chill
The hot, mad strife, with Peace, be Still
The mighty tones come through the air,
Triumphant o'er each soul's despair,
As horror-struck we watch and wait
-To hear the warring nation's fate.
The glorious oratorio sounds
Above the wreck of creeds and crowns;
The golden "music of the spheres "
Will speak through all, the. endless years
The eternal harmonies that thrill
The listening world, with Peace, be Still
—Exchange.

PETERKIN'S WHITE "TILE."



There is a white hat, longitudinal in form, venerable of aspect, and ancient, as to shape, which is known and revered, Masonically, from the North Cape to the Bluff. It is, or rather was, the headgear of a distinguished brother, who is, without doubt, the best-known and best-beloved of Masons throughout this territory. Needless to say, that brother is R:W. Bro. T. A. Peterkin, Prov.G.M. of Wellington District. When, on the morning of Thursday, 13th May ult., the G.M. made a further appeal to the brethren present to increase the amount sub. scribed the previous evening to the Special War Fund to bring it up to the 21,000, this old white "chimney-pot" hat was taken round the room by its venerable owner, and soon was so full of coin that he could scarcely carry it, and fears were entertained that the top would fall out. Fortunately, the old hat was as vigorously strong as its owner, and no such catastrophe occurred. Then the hat was put up to auction over and over again, until finally knocked down to the S.W. of Scinde Lodge, Napier, for something little short of £30. Then it was suggested that Bro. Peterkin himself and the G.M. should sign their names in the hat. This was done with a fountain pen—quite an ordinary one—produced by R.W. Din. Rodman, and this pen was then auctioned, and fetched £14. Next brethren were permitted to sign their names on the top of the hat on payment of one pound. So many "signed on" that the fund benefited greatly. In fact, Peterkin's white hat increased the Special War Fund by something like £150. Its destination now is Napier, where it is to be enshrined in a glass case in honour of the silver, jubilee of G.L., of the G.M.'s Special War Fund, and the historical collection therefor at the 1915 communication, and last, but not least, of R.W. Bro. Peterkin himself. The last-named left the place of meeting wearing a Balaclava, and a huge smile, and so wended his way through the streets of the Empire City to a hat emporium, where he sacrificed his identity to the purchase of a white head covering—temporary, of course—of a modern and frivolous fashion. He has, however, more white tiles, and his smile is perennial. Long may both live.

OBITUARY.



W. BRO. WM. AFFLECK.

The news of the death of the late W. Bro. Wm. Affleck was received with profound regret throughout the Southland province, and more particularly in the western district, where his was a well-known and highly respected figure for over thirty years.

The deceased was initiated in Lodge Aparima, E.C., on 4th June, 1885; passed 2nd July, and raised 30th July of the same year. He was a charter member and the first Master of Lodge Wallace, 1902, and was again elected Master in 1911. Of a genial, kindly, and obliging disposition, his presence will be much missed in Wallace Lodge.

In the absence of W.M. Bro. Dr. A. A. Stewart at G.L. session, a Lodge of Sorrow was presided over by W. Bro. Stevens, I.P.M. After the usual formalities, the brethren formed in procession and paid their last tribute of respect to a much revered brother. The Masonic service at the grave was impressively rendered by W. Bro. J. J. Boyd.

V.W. BRO. D. A. BAXTER, G.TREAS.

V.W. Bro. David Arthur Baxter, manager of the Christchurch branch of the Now Zealand Loan and Mercantile Agency Company, Ltd., died suddenly from heart failure on 24th April. He was born in 1861, and his first connection with the company was as a member of its London staff, in 1891 he joined the New Zealand staff at Wellington, and was later appointed manager of the company's Napier branch, a position he filled till three years ago, when he was appointed to the managership of the Christchurch branch. He was a prominent Freemason, having been initiated in Scinde Lodge, Napier, of which Lodge he was subsequently W.M. He held the rank of G.Treas. of the G.L. of New Zealand at the time of his death. For some years he was a member of the Napier Borough Council. At the time of his death he was vice-president of the Canterbury Chamber of Commerce, and chairman of the Woolbrokers' Association.

MASONIC GRACE.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BRO.,— I am entirely in sympathy with Bro. J. G.. Sturton, of Peterborough, in the desire which he expresses for some really appropriate form of Masonic Grace.

It would be a difficult matter indeed to provide such a form as would meet all tastes in this regard. There are some who like their Graces long, while others consider that they cannot be too short, Some think that Latin is the only language fitted to enshrine this particular not of homage, while others call it gibberish and clamour for the mother tongue.

In the leisurely days of the beginning of the last century the fashionable Grace took the form of a prayer, which often occupied as much as five or six minutes in delivery. In revolt against this, our less restrained immediate ancestors practised an ever increasing brevity in their Graces, which in process of time degenerated into meaningless ejaculations. It was then sought to remedy this by invoking the aid of the epigrammatic art. But the border land between epigram and irreverence is an extremely narrow one, and it was soon crossed; with the result that the epigrammatic Grace was too often a watery witticism which either gave an unpleasant flavour to the whole subsequent repast, or fell upon it at its close with a thud, like a flat stone. Although I am painfully conscious that I am totally unworthy of the confidence Which Bro. Sturton is kind enough to profess in my ability to write a satisfactory Grace, I beg to offer the following as an attempt at one which, avoiding wearisome prolixity on the one hand and futile terseness on the other, may perhaps hit the happy medium, and, without sacrificing the true purposes of a Grace, may yet possess something of that distinctive Masonic tone which Bro. Sturton, and, I am sure, a great many others of us, would like to preserve in these Initial and Final Settings of our " Fourth Degree."—Yours fraternally,

C. :E. ROBERTS,

The Chilterns, Tring,
Septuagesima 1915.

GRACE BEFORE MEAT.

G.A.O.T.U.,—Bless to our use the gifts which Thy Bounty has provided, and grant that we may be strengthened thereby for increased usefulness to each other, and for further work in Thy service.

S.M.I.B.

GRACE AFTER MEAT.

G.A.O.T.U.,—For these and all Thy many mercies give us thankful hearts, and, as Thou hast supplied all our needs, so may we over do our utmost to put in practice the benevolent principles of our Order by ministering to the wants of others.

S,M.I.B.

A DOMINION HOSPITAL SHIP.

Post and Telegraph Department,
General Post Office,
Wellington, 19th May, 1915.

The Editor,
N.Z. CRAFTSMAN,
Wellington.

His Excellency the Governor would be grateful if you could have the following appeal inserted in a prominent place in the next issue of your newspaper, and would deem it a great favour if you will do all you can to support him in this worthy object

TO THE PEOPLE OF NEW ZEALAND.

I feel that the time has arrived when I should place certain facts before you with a view to seeking both your help and cooperation.

During the past three weeks my thoughts have, like those of everyone else in these islands, been centred on the operations which are being carried on in the Dardanelles by the men of this Dominion. Nor can I refrain from telling you how deeply both Lady Liverpool, and I feel for those whose homes have been visited by sorrow, or who are in grave anxiety for the safety of those who are near and dear to them.

A HOSPITAL SHIP AND MORE NURSES.

I doubt if any of us were prepared for the very large number of casualties which have occurred, and, realising the strain on those responsible for the medical and hospital arrangements in the Mediterranean, the Prime Minister asked me to telegraph to the Secretary of State, asking whether there was any particular way in which New Zealand could further assist in the care of the sick and wounded. On 16th May I received a reply which, while assuring me that adequate arrangements had been made, stated that the provision of a fully-equipped hospital ship, primarily intended for the conveyance of New Zealanders from the front to base hospitals, which would also be available for such work as the Imperial authorities considered necessary, would be most welcome at the present juncture. Mr. Harcourt also added that he would be glad if additional nurses could be sent to Malta and Egypt,

PEOPLE TO ASSIST TO EQUIP THE SHIP.

I feel that we should all like to have a share in this work, and while the cost of hiring, fitting out, and manning a hospital ship has been undertaken by the New Zealand Government, I am writing this letter with the object of asking the people of these islands if they will assist me to equip her for the great service for which she is required.

As the head of the Order of St. John in New Zealand, I have asked all the four centres to work solely now for our own men in the Mediterranean, but, in addition, I want to appeal to everyone to assist me, because much will be required, not only for the ship, but for the station hospitals which are shortly leaving these shores, and for the base hospitals at Malta and in Egypt. Bedding, blankets, sheets, pillows, pillow cases, pyjamas, surgical instruments, bandages, medicines, drugs, etc., will all be necessary, some of which will have to be ordered from England, and in a few days' time I shall hope to publish a complete list of what is required; in the meantime I have telegraphed Home for full information.

The Dominion has nobly subscribed to the relief of those who, like the Belgians, are in dire distress, and has up to now sent away upwards of £300,000 in money and kind, which averages out to over £30,000 a month since the beginning of the war, yet I am sure that any appeal for our own people will receive as ready a response as was given on behalf of our distressed Allies.

NEEDS OF THE MEN IN THE FIGHTING LINE.

While making this appeal on behalf of the sick and wounded, it must not be forgotten that the needs of those in the fighting line are equally pressing, and for this reason I trust that those who have so ably assisted Her Excellency and her committees in the past will not slacken in their efforts to provide every comfort for our troops at present at the front, and those who will be leaving our shores from time to time.

I shall be glad if those who wish to assist me will pay any contributions in money into any branch of the Bank of New Zealand, and at the same time forward the bank receipt to Mr. Hislop, Under-Secretary, Department of Internal Affairs, Wellington, stating the object to which the money is to be devoted. Any gifts in kind should be sent to any of the secretaries of the four centres of the Order of St. John in New Zealand, whose names and addresses are as follow :—

WELLINGTON.—Mr. H. B. Bainbridge, 25 Panama Street.

AUCKLAND.—Mr. W. Rattray, Ambulance Station, Rutland Street,

CHRISTCHURCH.—Mr. C. J. Treleaven, 119 Worcester Street,

DUNEDIN.—Mr. J. E. Bone, Glen Avenue, Mornington.

or to

The Honourable Dr. Collins, 32 Robson Street, Wellington.

(Sgd.) LIVERPOOL,

Governor.

18th May, 1915.

W. R. MORRIS,

Secretary.

RELICS FREED BY THE WAR.

FUTURE OF THE LAND OF PALESTINE.

" Turkey fortifies Nazareth." This headline, published a few days ago in a London newspaper, may have startled not a few people who did not realize that the Ottoman Empire includes in her possessions practically all the sites and treasures of Biblical history. When Mr. Asquith said recently that "this war means the end of Turkey," he prophesied a great future for the students of Christianity. For it means that with the downfall of the Turkish Empire we shall gain right of free access to such places as Jerusalem with the Sepulchre of the Saviour, the Temple of Solomon, and many other sacred sites which have been shut off from visitors who did not care to comply with the rigorous rules of the Turkish' governors.

For while Christian civilisation has gained some rights in Jerusalem, many of the most interesting parts of that famous city have not been opened to the ordinary visitor. Chief among these is the site of the Temple of Solomon, which cannot be touched by a Christian or a Hebrew, because it is utilized as a Mohammedan mosque. The Temple and Palace of Solomon, where he received the Queen of Sheba, is a building concerning which world-wide interest is naturally felt, and excavations in the Temple area may still reveal the altar of sacrifice, the brazen altar, the molten sea, and other various sacred objects mentioned in the Bible.

NO ADMITTANCE.

Investigators of this Temple- and Palace, however, have been rigorously barred by the Turks, a remark which also applies to the Tomb of Abraham, the forefather of all the Israelites, and the Hebrew patriarchs at Hebron, in Palestine. Before he died Abraham bought the Cave of Machpelah as a burial-place for himself and his family. This cave is situated within an enclosure called the Haram, and above the cave stands a church built by the Crusaders in 1187, but since, converted into a mosque, for many centuries in the possession of the Turks. Ordinarily Christians and Hebrews are not even allowed to enter the Harem surrounding the mosque, although occasionally Royalty have been permitted to enter.

Another remarkably interesting relic which may be freed by the war is the monastery of Mount Sinai. This occupies the traditional spot where the Lord delivered the Ten Commandments to Moses, while in the library was recently found the oldest known manuscript of the Bible.

EXORBITANT FEES.

These and many other spots which after the war will be opened to civilization have been jealously guarded by the Turks, who have only allowed people to visit them and make investigations after paying them an exorbitant fee.

According to the present Turkish law of antiquities, the consent of the local authorities for any such purpose must first be secured before a permit would be issued in Constantinople. To obtain this a lavish expenditure of money is necessary.. With the downfall of the Turkish Empire, however, these ancient spots, which hold so much interest for Christian people, will be free for authorised investigation.

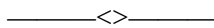
Not only the sacred place's of the Holy Land, however, but the most famous sites of the ancient and classical world, including Constantinople, Troy, Babylon, Nineveh, Damascus, and Tyre, lie in the clutch of the Turk.

Considerable excavation has, of course, been done in such places as Babylon and Nineveh, but it could only be done at vast expense and great risk of many kinds. This condition will be removed when the Turk is swept away, and the world will enter upon a new era of religious enlightenment and progress.

GRAND LODGE ENTERTAINMENT.

" The Wellington brethren have no reason to feel ashamed for the manner in which they entertained their visitors." Such was the remark passed by a distinguished brother ore leaving for his home after the recent G.L. Communication hero, and we have reason to believe that opinion was shared in by a majority of the visitors. The Masons of Wellington District will be glad of this, because, without going into particulars already well known, they were severely handicapped in their efforts by circumstances over which they had no control. The visiting ladies, especially expressed their delight with the forms of entertainment provided for them, and great credit is due to the local committee of ladies for the manner in which they looked after their guests. One of the most pleasing features to the strangers to the city was the fine view obtainable from the Kelburn kiosk, where they were taken for that feminine, solace, tea, on the Wednesday afternoon. A majority of them concluded the outing by walking down through the Botanical Gardens, which. were greatly admired, The picnic to Day's Bay, with afternoon tea, on the Thursday afternoon, which included both sexes, was carried out in cold, showery weather, and a "bit of a joggle," so far as the sea part was concerned, but old Sol shone brightly at the bay, and everyone enjoyed the affair. The conversazione in the Town Hall on Thursday evening, which took the form of a concert and a supper afterwards, was numerously attended, and much appreciated. The organ solos by Bro. Herbert Cloughton gave the visitors an opportunity of hearing the magnificent instrument to advantage. The vocal solos of Bros. Charlton, Quevee, Okey, Connell, and Dunn were tastefully selected and admirably rendered, as also were duets by Bros. Charlton and Queree, Dunn and Okey, and others, while the quartettes by Bros. Thompson, Longmore, J. Connell, and Smith were worth going far to, hear. Every item was encored, which was satisfactory to the performers, but a mistake, as it unduly lengthened the programme. Mention must be made, too, as it was an outstanding feature of delight; of the recitations Of Bro. Culford Bell. These were excellent, and, indeed, the audience could not have enough of them. The various accompaniments were played by Bro. Godier so tastefully and with such sympathetic skill as to gain encomiums from all present. The whole result of the entertaining of G.L. should prove some reward to the Wellington committee, who spent so much time and thought in the endeavour to please. But the best outcome of all is that it is confidently expected by the executive committee to be able to hand £100 or over to supplement the G.M.'s Special War Fund.

CONSECRATION AND CONSTITUTION OF HERETAUNGA CHAPTER.



At last the long-wished-for ceremony of consecration and dedication of Heretaunga Chapter, Hastings, H.B., has now been accomplished, with entire satisfaction to all the companions interested. The members of G. Chapter and other Chapters arrived in great numbers, either to take part in or to witness the ceremonies. The G. Chapter officers must have given close study to their work, as everything they did was perfect. The whole of the companions and .visitors were unstinted in their praises. One feature of the ceremony was the beautiful surroundings of furniture and regalia; everything that was necessary for R.A. Freemasonry being procured with a lavish hand, which no doubt added to the impressiveness of the ceremony. In all 39 companionswere present both afternoon and evening, Victoria, No, 4, our mother Chapter, being to the fore with a good contingent. Companions from Chapters 1, 2, 4, 6, 9, 10, 24, 25, 35, and 36 were present, and several apologies were received from companions who were unable to be present, and wishing the new Chapter every success. The afternoon ceremony of consecration and dedication was presided over by M.E. Comp. A. C. Andrews, G.Z., who was assisted by am following G.L. officers:— Comp. S. Clifton Bingham, P.G.Z., acting 2nd Prin.; M.E. Comp. T. Porritt, P.G.Z., G.S. acting 3rd G. Prin. V.E. Comp. T. Hobson, 1st G.Soj.;

V.E. Comp. R. A. Gillespie, P.G.D. of C., acting-G.D. of C. V.E. Comp. H.A. Wundrum, P.G.J.; E. Comp. H. L. Harston, acting-G. Organist ; V.E. Comp. G. T. Bull, acting. 3rd G.Soj.; RE. Comp. L. Freedman, P.D.G.Z.; E. Comp. E. Hosking, P.G.S.B.; E. Comp. J. A. Burt, P.G.S.B.; E. Comp. C. H. Critchley, acting-2nd G.Soj. ; E. Comp. E. Basil-Jones, acting-G.S.E.

An adjournment was made at 5 p.m. for refreshments until 7.30 p.m.- at which time the companions again assembled for the installation ceremony. The ceremony was conducted by M.E. Comp. T. Porritt, G.J., assisted by other G. Chapter officers. The acting-G.D. of C, then presented Comp. G. F. Roach for investiture and installation as 1st Prin. of Heretaunga Chapter. M.E. Comp. Andrews, G.Z., addressed him on the duties and insignia of his office, and presented him with the Charter, V. of S.E., and copy of the Laws and Constitution. Comp. J. A. Grant as 2nd Prin., and Comp. J. A. Millar as 3rd Prin. were then invested and installed by the G.S. R.E. Comp. L. Freedman, P.D. G.Z., then invested the remaining officers of the Chapter as follows :—Comp. E. Basil-Jones, as S.E. ; Comp. J. W. Bates, as S.N.; Comp. T. :Ritchie, as. Treas. ; Comp. A. E. Spooner, as 1st Soj. ; Comp. P. M. Cohr, as 2nd Soj.; Comp. S. B. Dodge as 3rd Soj. E. Comp. T. Hobson addressed the officers, the M.E.G.Z. addressed the companions present on R.A. Freemasonry generally, and complimented the 1st Prin. on the excellent arrangements made for the ceremony. He also touched upon the subject of Charity, that virtue we so much profess to admire. A collection was made, which amounted to £3 11s. 6d. V.E. Comp. T. Hobson was presented with his Patent of G. office as 1st Soj. E. Comp. J. Bull, of Gisborne, was presented with his Patent of office as Z. of his Chapter. During the consecration ceremony M.E. Comp. S. Clifton Bingham read an address (as under) on the " Aims and Objects of R.A. Freemasonry,," which was listened to with more than usual interest, and a wish was voiced that in the near future the subject matter be published by our companion. Before G. Chapter retired E, Comp. G. F. Roach, 1stPrin., in a short speech thanked the G. Chapter officers for the valuable assistance they had rendered in the formation of the new Chapter, and for their attendance in coming so many miles to assist. He assured them that the officers appointed to the new Chapter were all keen to make the Chapter a success. Five members were proposed for companionship, and others are sure to follow. After the Chapter was closed at 10 p.m. companions fraternised in the refectory, and spent a sociable hour together, Great praise is due for the amount of work done by M.E. Comp. T. Porritt, G.S. His modesty, kindliness, and energy in everything he does for R.A. Freemasonry, and especially for Heretaunga Chapter, has endeared him to our hearts. The province of Hawkes Bay will lose a champion companion when his services as G.S. are lost.

M.E. COMP. S. CLIFTON BINGHAM'S ADDRESS.

The occasion of constituting a new Chapter of the Supreme Order of the H.R.A. is usually considered as a time for much congratulation to the companions immediately concerned, and can only be regarded by Others who have been associated in the working of the degrees, as an opportunity of spreading more light in Freemasonry, expecting, as we naturally must, that those who have been responsible for its coming into existence, are actuated only by a general desire for knowledge, and a sincere wish to render themselves more generally serviceable to their fellows.

It is usual on the occasions for an address to be delivered by some experienced companion of the Order, which generally takes the form of a brief outline of the special objects of our Order, together with some admonitions as to the best methods of putting them into practice, Theory and practice, as you are all aware, are sometimes widely separated.

The privilege and duty of so addressing you, companions, today, has been entrusted to me by your M.E..G.Z., and I forthwith proceed to discharge it to the best of my ability.

First let me say a word or two concerning some common but erroneous views on this important branch of Freemasonry, Many members of the Craft are wont to somewhat hastily, class this; the H.R.A., amongst those grades usually, but incorrectly, termed " higher degrees," and dismiss the question of joining, with a shrug of the shoulders, as unworthy of their serious consideration. As one having an intimate knowledge of most of the rites of Freemasonry now practised, I can truly say that nearly all of them cover something of interest, and contain knowledge of value to the truly speculative Freemason, who has the time and inclination to study their teachings but, nevertheless, possession of them cannot be deemed absolutely necessary for a thorough understanding of the art of Freemasonry. The Supreme Order of the H.R.A., however, stands on an entirely different basis, and no Craftsman can be said to be thoroughly instructed in the tenets of our system, until he has been regularly admitted and entrusted with the full knowledge of this supreme degree. Let us consider its history for a moment.

Whilst the origin of speculative Freemasonry is lost in the mist of antiquity, we know that the institution began to assume regularity and order when the foundations of our modern system were laid, in the early part of the 18th century, by the establishment of the G.L. of England. It does not seem probable that more than two degrees were known in 1717, and not till some five or six years later is any mention made of the degree of a M.M. Less than twenty years separate the first actual records of the conferring of the Third Degree by speculative, Freemasons, from the earliest references to the Arch, and the oldest minutes so far known. (dated another twenty years later again) relate the "passing," as it is termed, of a brother to the Arch, one month after his raising, just as if it was the ordinary custom of the Lodge, and by no means as a reference to a new or strange ceremony. Thus, historically, the degree can hardly be separated from the M.M., and was no doubt considered as equally, if not more important by the brethren of the day.

It seems to have been frequently worked on a Sunday, possibly that day being more convenient, or more probably, as I am somewhat inclined to think, because of the specially reverent nature of the teachings and lessons contained in the degree.

There were in England two organisations carrying on the work of speculative Freemasonry during the greater part of the 18th century, termed respectively "Ancient" and "Modern," both of whom practised the degree of the H.R.A., but with slightly varying methods. The "Antients" custom was to confer it by virtue of their Craft warrants, whilst the "Moderns" organised separate bodies, termed Chapters, which at an early stage combined to form a G. Chapter. Leading Freemasons in both branches, notably Laurence Dermott on one side, and Thos. Dunkerley on the other, were insistent on the value and importance of the R.A., and the latter brother devoted many years of a busy life to the superintendence and advancement of the degree; indeed, the early records of the G. Chapter of England testify that there was little or no business to be done at many quarterly communications, unless there was a report from M.E. Comp. Dunkerley.

At the amalgamation of these two bodies in 1813, the United G.L. of England formally "declared and pronounced that pure Antient Masonry consists of three degrees, and no more, viz., those of E.A., F.C., and M.M., including the Supreme Order of the H.R.A." The English ritual corroborates this in its statement that the candidate does not receive a fourth degree, but rather the completion of the Third or M.M. Degree.

I have referred briefly to these historical points, in order that you may be well assured that as speculative Freemasons the practice of the Supreme Degree of the R.A. is as much warranted by long standing custom and authority as almost any other ceremony of the Craft. Our traditions have even greater warrant, for no Scriptural sanction can be adduced for the central feature of the Third Degree, whilst the discovery of the S.L. is narrated in the Chronicles, the volume so recovered being usually considered to be the Book of Deuteronomy. A full account of the discovery of a secret vault containing an altar, at the site of King Solomon's Temple, is also on record in a volume issued in the third century of the present era.

We have, in this Dominion, somewhat departed from the customs of the Mother Country in our methods, as in England Chapters must bear the same number of, and be attached to, a Craft Lodge, each being thus generally composed of the same brethren. It has been found more convenient in New Zealand to work on broader lines, and thus our constitution is modelled on Scottish custom, with the requirement that companions must retain their membership in a Lodge, and a proviso that certain qualifications must be possessed by the chief officers. The latter system has much to commend it. In practice our Chapters should assemble together the best and most congenial brethren from the various Lodges meeting in its locality, and these being bound by the extra obligations voluntarily assumed, should quietly and unostentatiously bring to bear upon the general work of our Fraternity an influence from which nothing but good can result.

If the members of this new Chapter will bear in mind, as I have every confidence they will, the oft repeated adage to Freemasons, "that quality, not quantity, tells in the long run," the Heretaunga Chapter cannot but have a successful career, and become influential in the district in which it works. The first year or so of the Chapter, whilst it may have plenty of work ready to hand, will also be difficult, inasmuch as the ritual will be no doubt new to many of the officers. I would, however, urge that every care be used in making your ceremonies impressive and inspiring. You have all heard that well-worn maxim, "first impressions are the most lasting," but I should fail somewhat in my duty if I did not emphasise the point. A careful rendering of each degree, taking as your keynote the spirit of reverence, which should be inculcated by the remembrance of the sacred name upon which our mysteries are based, is absolutely essential to success. This fact alone, companions, if nothing else, ought to inspire us with the determination that no time or trouble should be considered too great to interfere with the perfecting of our work. Far better would it be that a brother should never enter our tabernacle; rather than he should retire from it but to scoff or sneer. In this respect the future is in your hands alone.

Whilst the careful instruction of entrants is one of the chief objects, and forms generally the important part of the work of a R.A. Chapter, I would venture to suggest for your further consideration the systematic study of the wealth of symbolism presented by the ritual and lectures of the three degrees which you are now authorised to work. These present a vast mass of material for consideration, which will well repay investigation I will try and indicate a few of the leading points.

The honourable degree of M.M.M. has been incorporated in our system, and although the ceremony is essentially modern in form and development, the custom of registering a mark has existed amongst operative masons from time immemorial, as the minutes of many old Scottish operative lodges indicate; indeed, when the art of writing was generally unknown, the practice of communication by symbols and rude marks, composed of lines and angles, was the only method.

The prominence of the triad in this degree is worthy of remark: Note the three principal officers, three overseers, three workmen, and also the peculiar form of the mark restricted to the Master.

The second grade in our system, the degree of Excellent Master, is really only an elaboration of the old English ceremony of " Passing the Veil," which was formerly given in the Arch ceremony, after the administration of the Obligation and before the Sojourners were admitted. Although abandoned by Chapters working under the G. Chapter of England (indeed, I believe it has actually been forbidden, for what reason I am at a loss to understand), it seems rightly to form an important part of Chapter work. In the American rite, which appears to have been greatly influenced by Irish tradition, Freemasonry being largely introduced into that country by Army Lodges holding Charters under the G.L. of Ireland, the ceremonial work known to us as the Excellent becomes an integral part of the Arch Degree, and a further degree, under the designation of Most Excellent, is given, dealing with the placing of the keystone, which is unknown in this connection in Great Britain.

When the proper furniture is available the exemplification of the Excellent Degree can be made extremely interesting, and the explanations of the veils, which are partly borrowed from the works of Josephus and Philo, together with the account of the Tabernacle erected by M. A. and B. in the wilderness, will give the thoughtful brother full scope for meditation on the symbolism and religious ideas of one of the most remarkable nations that have existed.

Here is brought prominently to our notice the cube, illustrated by the measurements of the three divisions of the Tabernacle. A perfect Ashlar, well known to some of you as the jewel by which an Installed Master is proved, is, of course, a perfect cube, and enters into the symbolism of many degrees of Freemasonry, notably the H.R.A., where, doubled, it is termed a type, in a superlative degree, of the wisdom, equality, and power of the M.H.

The degrees of Mark and E. Master are, after all, but an introduction and preparation for the most important, termed in some rituals " the Ne Plus Ultra, the summum bonum, the completion and perfection of all preceding Masonry ;" and, indeed, founded as it is on the S.N. of T.T.A.L.G.M.H, and endeavouring to indicate, in its various disquisitions, the attributes, power, and majesty of Him who is above all others— the G.A., G.G., the Eternal, the Boundless and Inscrutable Source of all things, what subject can be more sacred or require more reverence.

Little reference is made in the ritual to the title of the degree, and whilst an early note speaks of " two Excellent Masons bearing the Royal Arch " in a precession, it is generally thought that the word "Arch " was originally used in the sense of chief, just as we use it in conjunction with Bishop or Deacon in the Church of England. In the Continental form much use is made of arches, in allusion to those said to have been borne on the nine pairs of columns leading to the secret vault, but these appear to be ritualistic additions to the original tradition.

Our Chapters are said to represent the Sanhedrin of the Jews, and the older regulations and rituals theoretically restrict membership of the Chapters to 72, the number said to compose the Sanhedrim. According to some historians, however, it is doubtful if the Sanhedrim was in existence at the time of Zerubbabel's governorship of Judea.

The tools and symbols of the operative masons are practically abandoned, for the S., P.A., and C.B. can hardly be termed masons' tools, and the symbolism and tradition are based almost entirely upon Jewish history and legends. To our Hebrew companions the whole system should be intensely interesting, whilst those of other religions can see behind the veil of symbolism hung before them allusions to that universal religion in which we can all join—viz., the fatherhood of God and the brotherhood of man.

The number three is again brought prominently before us in the three principals, three sojourners, and the three-syllabled words, three times three being also the number required to form a perfect Chapter.

The banners of the twelve tribes of Israel, with the standards of the four principal divisions, contain much interesting symbolism, and some of you will be aware that these latter are also the symbols of the four Evangelists.

I have always regretted that the compilers of our ritual did not incorporate therein the three lectures given in the English system— viz., the Historical, Symbolical, and Mystical — as there is contained therein a very full and complete explanation of the traditions, furniture, ceremonies, and mysteries of the H.R.A., which cannot be found in the same form elsewhere.

Companions, I trust I have not wearied you in this dissertation. My excuse, if any be needed, must be the deep interest I have always felt in the work of the H.R.A. and the important nature of its relationship to the Craft generally.

I do not think it is necessary to warn you to be careful in your admissions. The necessary probation through which aspirants to the Chapter must have passed will readily enable you to judge of their fitness. Whilst mistakes are, and most occasionally be, made by a Lodge, there is no excuse for them in your Chapter. We rely, therefore, on your earnestness and enthusiasm in the work of R.A. Freemasonry to make Heretaunga Chapter a power for good in this district. May you celebrate with joy the annual recurrence of the anniversary of this auspicious occasion. In the words of an old ritual: " May you here learn to extend those noble and generous sentiments brought to you in Craft Freemasonry still further; may it be impressed upon your minds and instilled into your hearts that every human being has an undoubted claim to your kind offices ; we therefore strictly enjoin you to do good to all, while inure particularly recommend to your care the household of the faithful, that by diligence and fidelity in the duties of your respective vocations, liberal benevolence and diffusive charity, constancy and sincerity in your friendships; just, amiable, and virtuous in your daily life; thus you will beat prove to the world the happy and beneficial effects of our ancient and honourable institution. '

Finally, companions, be all of one mind, live in peace, and may the God of love and mercy delight to dwell amongst you, and bless you evermore.-S.M.I.B.

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All 7/6 except those noted.

R.M.I. BOYS.

RETIREMENT OF THE HEADMASTER.

At the Council of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, held yesterday (Friday) afternoon, at Freemasons' Hall, the following resolution, proposed by Bro. C. E. Keyser, P.G.D., Chairman of the Board of Management, and seconded by Bro. W. Russell, P.G.D., Treasurer of the Institution, was carried nem. con. :- "That the Council approve the following resolution of the Board of Management, of the 14th January, 1915— that, having regard to the, age and the state of health of the Headmaster; the Chairman of the Board of Management be authorised to arrange with the Headmaster for his retirement at the close of the present term, and that this Board, subject to the approval of the Council, do grant the Headmaster an allowance on his retirement at, the rate of 2500 per annum.' "

It was pointed out that Bro. Rev. H. A. Hebb, P.G.D., had been in failing health for some time. He had devoted himself, for twenty-five years, to the interests of the School, and had been most successful. Under his guidance, since 1890, everything at the School had worked smoothly, and particular mention was made of his organising abilities and tact when the School moved from Wood Green to Bushey. About five years ago Bro. Hebb had a break-down in health, and quite recently he had had great anxiety by many of his assistant masters joining the Colours, and the fact that recently there had been a slight epidemic of influenza among the boys and masters at the School.

In 1912 the Institution instituted a superannuation scheme for its staff (under Law 96), but three of the servants of the Institution could not be included on account of age, whereby the subscribers passed Law 97, sub-section 5, to deal with the matter, and as Bro. Hebb was nearing his sixty-fifth year the Board and Council took advantage of that provision.—"Freemasons' Chronicle."

THE CRAFT AND THE WAR.

Although the Craft has lost the direct service, for the time being, of many of its leaders, including' the G.1M, and the Pro-G.M,—whose whole time and attention must be devoted to Imperial matters—no one would wish for a moment that they should give up any part of their military activity for the purposes of Freemasonry. At present the Craft as a whole is simply "marking time," but Lodges are in most cases about as active as ever. Those who are in the habit of visiting a number of Lodges see little difference, if any, in the proceedings or enthusiasm of the members. Visiting may not be so active, but the G. officers who are at liberty have taken advantage of their opportunities to put themselves more in evidence, and give a really acceptable need of encouragement and inspiration to Masters and officers. All the meetings disclose an awakening to a higher conception of the true value of Masonic kinship and fraternity. A study of the relationship of nation to nation, encouraged by the prevailing international conditions, has opened a vista of possibilities for the Craft which were perhaps not fully realised previously. The war is proving a most salutary object-lesson, and its thunders will long echo in human minds, teaching mankind that the principles of peace are more powerful for progress than are the fancied heroics of violence, and brute force.

— "The Freemason."

HIS ROYAL HIGHNESS THE DUKE OF CONNAUGHT.

It was a piece of good fortune, not only to Canada, but to the British Empire, that His Royal Highness the Duke of Connaught should be in the Dominion at the moment of one of the greatest epochs in its history. The desire to help the Mother Country in its present need demanded that there should be someone at the head of Canadian affairs who could advise and organise with a firm assurance under circumstances which were quite new to government and people. In the Duke of Connaught there was a beautiful blending of the power of Royalty, the full ability of a wise and trusted Governor-General, and a gallant and capable soldier, a combination of qualities rarely expressed in one individual. The London Correspondent of the "Birmingham

Post" remarks that letters which have just been received have by mail from one in immediate attendance upon His Royal Highness speak of the high value of the help and counsel which the Duke of Connaught is affording the Canadian Government from a military point of view, "The Duke," says one writer, "was, perhaps, never more alive to the responsibilities of his position as Governor-General of the Dominion, but is now recognised to an extent not previously known that His Royal Highness is a soldier with actual experience of war, and as such he is consulted by Sir Robert Borden and his Ministerial colleagues on all matters affecting the raising and equipment of the Canadian contingents." As a fact, the former—in his capacity as Premier—recently took occasion at an official luncheon to remark that "it is providential that the Dominion has at the moment a soldier at its head"—a sentiment which was cordially endorsed by Sir Wilfred Laurier.—"The Freemason."

Reports

[Secretaries and Scribes are requested to forward Reports.]

CRAFT LODGES.

SOUTHLAND.

Winton, No. 108.—The regular meeting was held on 27th April, W. Bro. Wm. Young in the chair. Bro. M. Summers submitted a comprehensive report on the best method, of improving the ventilation of the Lodgeroom. After a full discussion it was decided to put the work in hand at once. W. Bro. I. Walker, I.P.M., was presented with his P.M.'s certificate, and Bro. H. Liddell with his M.M. certificate. The main business was raising two brethren, This was performed by the W.M., who obligated the candidates, assisted by W. Bro. T. Walker, Metro. ; W. Bro. Jas. Watson delivered the T.H. ; Bro. F. Tilly, J.W., W.Ts. ; Bro. J. R. Hamilton, S.W., delivered the Final Charge. It was decided to have the annual balance-sheet printed and circulated. The Sec. was instructed to send a letter of sympathy to Bro. Archdall, Lodge Treas., who has been indisposed for some time, and to wish him a speedy recovery. A candidate was proposed. The Lodge having been closed, brethren fraternised round the festive board, where the usual toasts were duly honoured.—[Lodge Correspondent.]

CANTERBURY.

Southern Cross, No. 6.—The usual monthly meeting was hold on 6th May at the Masonic Hall, Kaiapoi. The W.M., Bro. W. A. Gribble, presided over a fair attendance of members. The usual routine work being disposed of, the First Degree was worked, and two candidates were initiated. The W.M. was appointed as the Lodge delegate for the G.L. communication at Wellington. Three propositions for membership were received. The business concluded, the brethren retired to the refectory, which looked the picture of comfort, and an enjoyable hour was spent there. Half-past ten saw the finish of still another very enjoyable and instructive evening.—[Lodge Corretpondent.]

Concord, No. 39.—The regular meeting was hold in the Masonic Hall, Papanui, on Wednesday evening, 28th April, W. Bro. Webb in the chair. The election of officers for the ensuing year resulted as follows :—W.M., Bro. H. S. Wilson, S.W. ; S.W., Bro. T. H. North, J.W. ; J.W., Bro. H. Gilkes, S.D. ; Chaplain, W. Bro. J. N. Du Feu ; Sec., W. Bro. R. Baldwin ; Treas., W. Bro. A. H. Hobbs ; S.D., Bro. J. W. H. Francis ; J.D. Bro. A. J. Nicholas ; I.G., Bro. J. W. Beanland ; D. of C., Bro. C. F. Drury ; Organist, Bro. Oliver ; Chief Steward, Bro. Gow ; Stewards (assist.), Bros. Snoad, Turner, Giddings, and Stanley ; Standing Committee, Bros. Webley, Colville, and Brooks (floor members), Preceptor, W. Bro. A. H. Hobbs ; Auditors, Bros. North and Francis ; Tyler, Bro. May ; Assist.-Tyler, Bro. R. Patrick. The ordinary business being finished, a large number of ladies were admitted to hear Bro. L. P. Birks give the Lodge his lecture on " Electricity." Bro. Birks dealt with the subject in a manner which made it very interesting and instructive to his listeners. He was assisted by Bro. Turner, who with a varied assortment of electrical domestic appliances, demonstrated the various uses, in the way of cooking, ironing, etc., that could be made of electricity, and, doubtless, sent many of the ladies home thoroughly dissatisfied with the existing variety of house-keeping here, and fully intent on

making their husbands live up to their many obligations by insisting on their at once installing a full rig-out of electrical cookers, etc., in their homes. The ladies and visitors were afterwards entertained in the refectory. The members regret to hear of the death of Bro. Howe's wife, and express their deepest sympathy with him in his bereavement.— [Lodge Correspondent.]

Christchurch, No. 91.— The monthly communication of the Lodge was held in the St. Augustine Hall on 27th April, W. Bro. R. J. Thomas (Master) presiding over a large attendance] of brethren. Two candidates were elected on the ballot. The W.M. was elected G.L. representative at Wellington communication. The ritual work of the evening consisted of raising three brethren to the H. and S. Degree of M.M. The candidates were obligated by the W.M. ; the first part of the Exhort. was delivered by W. Bro. Parkes, P.M.; the Secrets were communicated by W. Bro. F. L. Adams ; the T.H. was related by W. Bro. Yemm, P.M. ; the T.B. was explained by W. Bro Roberts, P.M.; the W.Ts. were presented by the S.W. Bro. Kiddy; the Charge after Investiture was delivered by W. Bro. McLean, the Final Charge being given by the J.W., Bro. Mitchell. The Lodge having been reduced to the First Degree, R.W. Bro. Bingham performed the pleasing ceremony of presenting W. Bro. G. H. McLean with a P.M.'s jewel, which, owing to his absence on active service at Samoa, it had been impossible to present on the night of the installation of his successor. Bro. Bingham said how pleased the brethren were to welcome W. Bro. McLean back to his mother Lodge, and expressed a wish that the W. brother would be long spared to assist his Lodge in its work. W. Bro. McLean responded in a few well-chosen words. The Lodge having been closed in due form, brethren and visitors adjourned to the refectory for harmony and good fellowship.

Lodge Christchurch held its nineteenth annual children's social in the Alexandra Hall on 1st May, when the hall was packed with merry young folks. A varied programme was gone through, contributed by a number of the talented juvenile prize-winners at the recent competitions, and the grown-ups as well as the juveniles showed their appreciation very warmly. Supper was done full justice to, and a distribution of useful presents to the younger members and a good hour's free and easy concluded a most successful function. A curious thing about the children's social seems to be that although many of the members of the Lodge are showing streaks of grey, the number of children seems to increase year by year, and points to a flourishing state of affairs in Lodge Christchurch.—[Lodge Correspondent.]

St. Augustine, No. 99.—The regular monthly meeting of the Lodge was held on Wednesday, 28th April, acting-Master W. Bro. Menzies presiding. This evening will doubtless live long in the memories of the two brethren who were raised to the rank of M.M., according to the formula of Lodge St. Augustine. The following P.Ms. and officers assisted the W.M. :—Ob. and first part T.H., W. Bro. D. A. Fulton; Exhort., W. Bro. Shackleton, P.M. ; W. Bro. Colville, Secrets and Final Charge ; W. Bro. Hoskings, T.H. The W.Ts. were given by J.W. Bro. Jas. Manchester. The prayers incidental to the ceremony were ably rendered by the Chaplain, Bro. Blake. The usual Fourth Degree followed, but the Lodge being still in mourning it was quiet and subdued,—[Lodge Correspondent.]

HAWKES BAY.

Scinde, No. 5.— The regular monthly meeting of the Lodge was held on Tuesday, 18th May, at the Lodgeroom, Tennyson Street, Napier, W. Bro. Critchley, W.M., in the chair, there being a large attendance of members and visitors. Amongst the latter was R.W. Bro. Broadley, P.G..S.W. The ceremonial Work consisted of raising two brethren to the Third Degree, and was very impressively rendered by the W.M., W. Bro. Critchley, assisted by W. Bro. J. W. .Ritchie, I.P.M. (Ob. and Ex.); W. Bro. C. L. Thomas, D. of C. (fifteen F.C. and Raising) ; W. Bro. D. McLennan (fifteen F.C. and Raising); R.W. Bro. Harston, Prov.G.M. (Charge after Raising); W. Bro. L. Freedman (T.H.); Bro. R. Bishop, J.W. (W.Ts.); Bro. J. P. Thomson, S.W. (Final Charge). The election for W.M. resulted in Bro. J. P. Thomson being elected unanimously to fill the position, and we are assured that Bro. Thomson will uphold the reputation Scinde Lodge has enjoyed for thoroughness and capability. W. Bro. Critchley, W.M., referred to the loss sustained by Freemasonry through the sudden death of V.W. Bro. D. A. Baxter, G.Treas., who was initiated in Scinde Lodge and worked up from S.S. to the Chair of K.S., filling every position on the way, and the following resolution was ordered to be recorded in the minutes: That Scinde Lodge expresses its deep sense of the loss sustained by the Craft through the death of V.W. Bro. D. A. Baxter, G.Treas. This was carried in silence, after which Bro. A. Hobson, Organist, gave a very impressive rendering of the "Dead March" in "Saul." During an interval

"Thou'rt Passing Hence, My Brother " was finely sung by Bro. G. H. Fletcher. A pleasant hour was spent in the refectory at the conclusion of the Lodge, meeting, the items being of a sacred nature owing to the Lodge being in mourning: [Lodge Correspondent.]

Bedford, No. 25.—The installation meeting was held in tiro Lodgeroom, Waipukurau, on 27th April. The ceremony was conducted by R.W. Bro. H. L. Ralston, Prov.G.M. for Hawkes Bay, and he was assisted by R.W. Pro. T. Hobson, P.Prov. G.A., and several W. brethren from Napier and .Hastings. W. Bro. Critchley, as D. of C., timed every portion of an impressive ceremony to the second, thereby adding very materially to the pleasure and interest of all present. Our new W.M. is an efficient and popular officer (W. Bro.. F. W. Gore), and it is confidently anticipated that under his guidance the Lodge will continue to progress on the same solid lines as during the past few years, more particularly as he opens his term as Master with the Lodge free of debt, This is a matter for sincere congratulation, and the brethren deserve every credit for their cordial co-operation in the matter of prompt payment of dues and for the many little acts of voluntary assistance afforded with the direct object of freeing their Lodge from the ever-present overdraft. The R.W.I.M. was very happy in his conduct of the work, and the efficient manner in which the acting-G. officers carried out their duties left nothing to be desired. This was particularly noticeable in the B, of I.M. The following officers were invested :—W.M., Bro. F. W. Gore; S.W., Bro. W. N. L. Williams; J.W., Bro. D. J. Graham ; Treas., Bro. R. J. Fleming; Sec. W. Bro. W. Elliott, P.M.; Organist, W. Bro. J. Scholes, P.M. ; D. of C., W. Bro. J. Hobson, P.M.; S.D., Bro. A. D. Gibson; J.D., Bro. H. Hobson; I.G., Bro. D. McLeod; S.S., Bro. W. D. Fleming ; J.S., Bro. W.A. Sutherland; Tyler, Bro. E. Fee, In the unavoidable absence of R.W. Bro. F. de Lisle, P.Prov.G.M., Bro. T. Hobson addressed the W.M. and W. Bro. E. Hosking addressed the Wardens, R.W. Bro. Ralston's address to the brethren terminated one of the pleasantest installations seen in Bedford. The W.M. invited all to partake of some refreshment before returning home, and sixty brethren availed themselves of the invitation. The W.M.'s remarks in toasting G.L. were commented upon by several P.Ms. in reply, eliciting a good deal of information regarding the various funds and their administration. The offertory for the W. and O. and A.M. Fund amounted to £4 14s. The brethren were right royally entertained with song and story, principally by the visitor. An exceptionally pleasant evening was brought to a close by the singing of "Auld Lang Syne."— [Lodge Correspondent.]

Abercorn, No. 30.—The regular meeting was held in the Masonic Hall, Waipawa, an Monday, 26th April. W. Bro. Williams, W. M., presided over an excellent attendance of brethren. The ceremonial work was to initiate a candidate. The Obligation was impressively rendered by the W.M., Bro. Hobin entrusting the candidate with the Secrets and the Charge in the N.E. Bro. Bolt explaining the R. for Prep., Bro. Parkin the W.Ts., and Bro. Pasco delivered the Final Charge. M.Ms'. certificates were presented to Bros. Mitchell, Hardy, and Wilson. W. Bros. McKay and Hobin were elected Lodge trustees, Before the Lodge was closed the W.M. made reference to the loss sustained by W. Bro. Watson, I.P.M., in the death of two sons, aged eight and thirteen respectively. A vote of sympathy with W. Bro. Watson and family was carried in the usual Masonic manner.—[Lodge Correspondent.]

Ruahine, No. 80. —The ordinary meeting was held on Tuesday, 27th April. W.M., Bro. A. Stevenson, presided, and there was a good attendance of brethren, One candidate was initiated, the ceremony being conducted by the W.M., who was assisted by W. Bro. F. J. Hutchins, who explained the Ss. ; Bro. J. H. Escott explained the M. of Prep. ; W. Bro. E. H. Leigh gave the N.E. corner ; Bro. G. D. Macfarlane explained the W.Ts. ; and the Final Charge was given by Bro. H. E. Burley. Bro. R. Bly (who has left this district to reside at Hastings) applied for his demit. This was granted, and our brother now intends making application to join the membership of Heretaunga Lodge.

It was decided to forward letters of condolence and sympathy to the relatives of our late brothers, J. T. Appleby and N. Scorgie. It is expected to hold our installation meeting on 22nd June (the night of our regular meeting). Bro. J. H. Escott, S.W., is the only nominee for the Master's chair.—[Lodge Correspondent.]

AUCKLAND,

Tauranga, No. 125.—The Lodge held its usual monthly meeting on 29th April last. The attendance was above the average. The W.M., W. Bro. T. H. Phillips, presided. It was resolved, on the motion of Bro. Sec.,

seconded by Bro. W. H. Poole : That all dues payable to Lodge Tauranga by Bro. Dr. Fraser Hurst be remitted during his absence from New Zealand with the Expeditionary Force. A candidate was in attendance, and was initiated into the mysteries of Freemasonry by the W.M., assisted by I.P.M., W. Bro. Hall, who communicated the Ss.; Bro. Poole delivered the Charge in the N.E.; Bro. B. P. Andrews explained the R. for Prep. ; and Bro. H M. Keir presented the W.Ts. H.G.W. were received from W. Bro. T. Thompson (Lodge Abercorn, No. 20) and Bro. R. B. Scott (Lodge Maungawhau, No. 168). In the refectory good fare was agreeably mingled with good fellowship and social intercourse. In this connection it is understood that the W. M., assisted by a small committee, is making a strong effort to undermine the bashfulness inherent in our untried members. Good prospects have already been struck, and at our next meeting it is expected that rich pay will be located during the celebration of the "Fourth."—[Lodge Correspondent.]

Plunket, No. 163.—The annual meeting of the Lodge for the installation of W.M. and investiture of officers for the ensuing year took place at the Lodgeroom on 23rd April. There was a very large attendance of members and brethren from Taumarunui, Te Awamutu, and other places, the seating accommodation being taxed to its utmost. The ceremony of installing Bro. G. P. Finlay as W.M. was conducted by Bro. O. Nicholson, P.G.M., assisted by G.L. officers, after which the following officers were duly invested by the newly installed W.M. :—S.W., Bro. J. Cochrane; J.W., Bro. P. D. Hargreaves; S.D., Bro. A. F. Howarth ; J.D., Bro. A. Pettigrew ; Sec., Bro. B. Wolff ; Treas., Bro. H. J. Free ; Chaplain, Bro. J. R. Graham; Organist, Bro. H. R. Macdonald ; I.G., Bro. R. Ormsby ; S.S., Bro. C. Boles; J.S., Bro. G. S. James. During the evening's proceedings Bro. H. Hine, the retiring W.M., was presented on behalf of the Lodge with a handsome P.M.'s jewel. After the meeting the members adjourned to the Municipal Hall. After partaking of the grand things provided the usual loyal, Masonic, and patriotic toasts were duly honoured, interspersed with songs, etc., and a very enjoyable evening was brought to a close by singing "Auld Lang Syne " and the National Anthem. A very pleasing feature took place when the toasts of Wardens and officers were proposed, when Bro. B. Wolff, who is entering upon the third year as Sec. of the Lodge, was presented with a Sec.'s jewel as a mark of recognition of his services during the past two years. Bro. H. Hine, in an appropriate speech, made the presentation, and Bro. Wolff returned thanks.

TARANAKI.

Hawera, No. 34.— The regular meeting was held on the 4th, when W. Bro. Bishop, W.M., raised our Bro. Duffill to the Third Degree, being assisted by W. Bro. Keen, who related the T.H., and W. Bro. Burgess, the Continuation, The Secrets were explained by R.W. Bro. Sargent, the W.Ts. by W. Bro. Evans, and the W.M. gave the Final Charge. Nominations for Mastership were invited, Bro. J. W. J. Harding, S.W., being the only proposal. For Treas. W. Bros. Tait and Quin were nominated, and Bro. Cummane for Tyler. The amended by-laws were finally considered, and, after amendments, were adopted as from 1st July next. These by-laws have been fully revised and remodelled, and are in the direction of making more clear the member's duty to his Lodge, especially in the direction of more caution and care in the admission of candidates, ensuring these to be well known and of good repute also some stringency as to admission of visitors. The question of bringing in the G.L. Trustees Act had been carefully considered, but it was thought preferable to continue our present trustees. A valuable addition to the refectory furniture from W. Bro. Quin was appreciated and acknowledged. Two joining members, Bros. Holmes and Murray, were balloted for and accepted. Some recommendations from the Executive Committee were brought down, but the discussion of those was deferred till next regular meeting. They were in the direction of effecting economies in the refectory working and also the Tyler's work during the next year, with a view of devoting such savings to the War Relief Funds. Owing to the pressure of work for a long time past we have what might be termed a regular emergency meeting every month, and this was held on the 18th, when the work was undertaken by the P.Ms., W. Bro. Burgess acting as Master. Six of our E.As. were passed to the Second Degree, namely, Bros. Candy, Roderick and James Craig, Grant, Hooper, and Liddington. They were taken in two sections as far as the investiture, and the whole for the remainder. The extra number for this degree appeared to lend more impressiveness to the work, and, though new to our Lodge, was duly appreciated. We shall have some heavy work this month, as we have notice of a " Lewis " to be proposed, and if agreeable to the Lodge, to be initiated, as he has volunteered and been accepted for active service, also a brother who is off to the front would like his third, whilst two others who have taken up land in the North, and are moving there in a month's time, would also like their degrees completed.

WELLINGTON.

Waterloo, No. 13.—The May meeting was notable by reason of the large number of visitors, which included three P.G.Ms. W. Bro. Moncrieff presided, and after usual routine business, R.W. Bro. T. A. Peterkin was admitted, saluted, and assumed the chair. The G.D. of C., V.W. Bro. E. J. Hunn, then announced M.W. Bros. M. Niccol and H. J. Williams, P.G.M., and officers of G.L., amongst whom were R.W. Bro. H. Seaton, G.J.W., V.W. H. B. Bridge, G.Lec., and others. The M.W. brethren having been saluted, the G.D. of C. announced M.W. Bro. Geo. E. Emery, P.G.M. of Victoria, who was saluted and heartily welcomed by the Prov.G.M. The W.M. then resumed the chair and proceeded with the ceremony of initiation, the candidate being the son of an old and esteemed member of the Lodge. The W.M. was assisted by his officers, and a very excellent rendering was presented. The remaining business was speedily done, and the brethren adjourned to the refectory, where exceedingly happy speeches were given by M.W. Bros. Emery and Niccol in response to toasts. The justly celebrated Masonic quartette party ably rendered a very pretty item, and Bros. Hunn, Carver, and others were in force.

St. Andrew, No. 32.—The monthly meeting of the Lodge, held at the Freemasons' Hall, Boulcott Street, on 17th May, was very largely attended by visitors from different parts of the Dominion, as well as From city and suburban Lodges. The Lodge was tyled at 7 p.m., W.M. Bro. A. W. Rowlands presiding, and after transaction of routine business a ballot for a candidate for admission into the Craft was taken and proved successful. Visitors were admitted, including R.W. Bro. T. A. Peterkin, Prov.G.M., and the W.Ms. of Lodges Ponsonby, Wairaki, Eltham, Thistle, St. John, Pacific, Waterloo, Leinster, Ulster, Brooklyn, Coronation, and Tutaneikai. The Lodge having been opened in the Second Degree and the candidate examined, the Lodge was opened in the Third Degree, and the ceremony of raising performed by the W.M., assisted by W. Bro. J. Rod (Exhort.), Bro. A. Schmidt (15 F.Cs.), R.W. Bro. T. A. Peterkin (Investiture Charge), W. Bro. C. W. Nielsen (T.H.), Bro. J. C. Riddell (W.Ts.), Bro. W. Simpson (Final Charge). An address by W. Bro. A. T. Wells, summarising the duties and lessons taught in the degrees, was well rendered, and served to complete a ceremony that had been performed in a most efficient and precise manner. The V. of the S.L. was presented to the candidate by the Chaplain, W. Bro. G. Russell. Before retiring, R.W. Bro. T. A. Peterkin expressed his appreciation of the faultlessness of the work done, and notified brethren of the receipt of information of the wounding of the G.M.'s son at the front. A motion directing the Sec. to forward a letter to the M.W.G.M. on behalf of the Lodge, expressing the hope that his son may speedily recover, was carried unanimously. H.G.W. having been tendered, the Lodge was closed in due form, and brethren retired to the refectory, where the I.P.M.'s toast of the visitors produced such a variety and wealth of speeches in response that no further items could be taken. A vigorous call by the Prov.G.M. on behalf of the G.M.'s War Benevolent Fund resulted in over £8 being collected in the room,—[Lodge Correspondent.]

Ulster, No. 62.—The regular meeting was held in the Masonic Hall Petone, on 21st April. The Lodge was tyled at 7.30 p.m., and the W.M., Bro. G. D. McEwen, presided over a good attendance of members and visitors. A motion of sympathy was passed to the widow and children of our late Bro. W. J. Crawford, and the W.M. intimated that the Lodge would be in mourning for this meeting. The W.M., officers, and brethren of Lodge Waiwhetu, No. 176, were in attendance to perform the ceremonial work of raising one brother, and they were very cordially received, The W.M., Bro. B. J. Guineas, assumed the chair, and very instructively performed the ceremony of raising, assisted by the following officers, viz. :—The T.H. and Signs were explained by W. Bro. H. Hobbs, Sec. ; the W.Ts. were presented by Bro. W. H. Frethey, Treas. The routine business (including nominations for officers for the year 1915-16) was disposed of by 9.45 p.m., and the brethren then adjourned to the refectory, where the usual Masonic toasts were honoured without music.

The regular meeting was held at the Freemasons' Hall, Petone, on 19th May. There was a very large attendance of members and visitors. The W.M., W. Bro. G. D. McEwen, occupied the chair. The principal business of the evening was the election of officers for the ensuing year, which resulted as follows

W.M., Bro. W. Richards; S.W., Bro. C. A. Strong; J.W., Bro. T. Mather; D. of C., W. Bro. J. G. A. Castle; Chaplain, W. Bro. F. L. Matthews; Sec., Bro. W. C. Burd; Treas., Bro. R. H. Wilson; S.D., Bro. F. J. Steinmuller ; J.D., Bro. F. F. Maynard; I. G. Bro. Y. G. Carver; S.S., Bro. J. Andrews; J.S. Bro. R. Williams ; Auditors, Bros. Richards, Burd, and Wylie. At the conclusion of the meeting the brethren adjourned to the refectory, where a very enjoyable hour was spout. The installation of the incoming W.M. will take place on 16th June.—[Lodge Correspondent.]

Huia, No. 171.—The monthly meeting was held on the 6th May, The work, duly performed, consisted of the initiation of two candidates into the mysteries and privileges of ancient Freemasonry, the work being distributed as follows :—Ob., by the W.M., Bro. C. P. Spooner; I.P.M. Bro. Smith, the S.S., including G. and Tokens; Charity Charge, W. Bro. Hosking, P.M.; Prep. Charge, by the S.W., Bro. Turner ; W.Ts. by W. Bro. Stone, D. of C. The 1st T. B. Lecture was given by the J.W., Bro. Gallichan, Final Charge by W. Bro. A. J. Graham, P.M. One feature of the meetings which have been held recently, and is worthy of notice, has been the improvement in increased strength in numbers in the East, and, by the way, to use an old quotation, "variety is the spice of life." This has direct application to our Lodges. We look forward always to the East for assistance and instruction from those whom the floor members considered to be worthy of such an exalted position, by virtue of tact and wisdom. Ofttimes they are apt to forget, or overlook the fact, that when in office as the W.M. they made a strong point of members attending regularly, even at the risk of great sacrifice. One name was submitted for the ballot, and one brother duly affiliated into the Lodge,—[Lodge Correspondent.]

Waiwhetu, No. 176.—The usual communication of the Lodge was held on Wednesday, 5th May. This was a week earlier than usual, owing to the G.L. communication falling on our proper date, This no doubt accounted for us not having quite such a large attendance as usual, but with what members were present and the few visitors, we had a very pleasant evening. Among the visitors were V.W. Bro. McKenzie Gibson and W. Bro. Allport, both of whom we were very pleased to see with us, and who both were in good form, and made excellent speeches in responding in the refectory. Opportunity was also taken of toasting Bro. Lowry, who is going into camp during the week, having received notice to join the 2nd Base Hospital Corps. Bro. Lowry responded with a fine speech as to what he considered was the bounden duty of every man and Mason to assist in one way or the other the upholding of the British nation, After the usual business was dispensed with the Lodge was opened in the Second and Third Degrees, and two brethren were raised to the Third Degree. W. Bro. Guineass obligated the candidates, and was assisted by W. Bro. Richworth, W. Bro. Anson (Secrets), W. B. Allport (Exhort.), W. Bro. Burns (W.Ts.), and W. Bro. Hobbs (T.H.). V.W. Bro. McKenzie Gibson, on behalf of the W.M., presented to the Lodge the dispensation used at the Trentham meeting, which had been framed to bang in the Lodgeroom as a memento of that meeting. R. W. Pro. Peterkin presented the brethren who had been raised with the V. of S.L. they were obligated on.—[Lodge Correspondent.]

Otari, No. 190.—The regular meeting of this Lodge was held on Friday, 14th May, at the Freemasons' Hall, Ngaio, the W.M., W. Bro. S. P. Curtis, presiding. The nominations of officers for the ensuing year were made, Bro. J. H. Jerram being nominated for W.M. and Bro. Nicol for Treas. Routine business was then transacted, and the Lodge closed. A very enjoyable hour was spent in the refectory, several recitations and musical items being contributed by the brethren. A further interesting instalment of W. Bro. J. J. Esson's diary was read, bringing the chronicle of the chief events of our New Zealand troops clown to immediately prior to the departure for the Dardanelles,—[Lodge Correspondent.]

Whetu Kairaugi, No. 201.—The eighth regular monthly meeting was held in the Methodist Churchroom, Worser Bay, on Friday, 14th May, W. Bro. Porritt, P.M., P.G.C., presiding. There was a good attendance of members and visitors, there being eleven P.Ms. present, most of whom were visiting representatives to G.L. The business of the evening was the initiation of a candidate into the mysteries and privileges of ancient Freemasonry. The W.M. obligated, and was duly assisted by his officers, the N.E. Charge being given the candidate by Treas. Bro. Wyatt, the Prep. by Bro. Fraser (acting-J.D.), and the W.Ts. by Bro. Hawthorn. The Final Charge after Initiation was given by S.W. Bro. Boon, after which the Sec., Bro. Aston, explained the 1st T.B. During a " wait " in the ceremony the Deacons handed the W.M. a new white top hat which the brethren had purchased for presentation to R.W. Bro. T. A. Peterkin, Prov.G.M., to replace the well-known white bell-topper recently disposed of in aid of the G.M.'s War Fund. As R.W. Bro. Peterkin was unavoidably absent, it was decided to arrange a formal presentation the next day, which was duly carried into effect. Two candidates were proposed, and the Lodge closed at 9.30 p.m. A very pleasant hour was then spent at Bro. Wyatt's hall (used as a refectory), where the usual Masonic toasts were duly proposed and honoured. A feature of the social gathering was the remarkable unanimity with which the visiting brethren, in responding to the toast of their health, praised Sec. Bro. Aston's rendering of the 1st T.B., it being acknowledged on all sides as being a performance of quite outstanding merit. A very happy evening was brought to a close with the Tyler's toast about 10.30 p.m.—[Lodge Correspondent.]

ROYAL ARCH CHAPTERS:

St. Augustine, No. 1.—The regular meeting was held in St. Augustine Hall on Wednesday, 12th May, V.E. Comp. T. W. Lee presiding. After the ordinary business was disposed of the Chapter was adjourned, and a Lodge of E.Ms. opened by V.E. Comp. T. W. Lee as E.M, E. Comp. H. W. Arrow, S.W.; E. Comp. C. W. Bingham, J.W. ; E. Comp. J. A. Stables, S.D.; E. Comp. G. Yemm, I.G.. Bro. J. S. Chittenden was admitted and acknowledged as an E.M. V.E. Comp. T: W. Lee obligated, V.E. Comp. W. F. McLean delivered the Lecture and the Final Charge. The ceremony was conducted in good form. After H.G.W. Chapter was closed at 9 p.m.— [Chapter Correspondent.]

Waimate, No. 16.—The regular Meeting of this Chapter was held on Wednesday, 19th May, V.E.Z. Fulton in the chair. The work of the evening was the advancement of Bro. W. E. Evans, of Lodge St. Augustine, No. 99. The ceremony was carried out by W.M.M. G. J. Shackleton in a most impressive manner, and he was ably supported by Bro. C. Bateman as S.D., as well as by the other officers of the Lodge. A vote of condolence and sympathy with E. Comp. M. Emmerson on the loss of his wife was passed in the usual manner. A circular from the Sup.G. Chapter re appointing trustees for the Chapter was read, and it was resolved to take action in the matter at the next meeting of the Chapter the necessary notice of motion to that effect being given.—[Chapter Correspondent.]

Rawhiti, No. 30.—The monthly convocation was held on Monday, 3rd May, and may be regarded as Red Letter Day in the history of the Chapter, inasmuch as it marked an epoch in the life of Rawhiti Chapter—the first official visit of a neighbouring Chapter. V.E. Comp. W. Dawick and the officers of Manawatu Chapter, No. 11, according to arrangement performed the ceremony of exaltation. The routine business of the Chapter having been disposed of, V.E. Comp. Dawick was received and warmly welcomed by V.E. Comp. W. Dobson, Z. M.E, Comp. Rev. T. Porritt, G.Supt. of the Wellington District, who was present at some considerable inconvenience to himself, was then admitted and accorded the honours due to his office. The V.E,Z, then formally handed over charge of the Chapter to the G. Supt., and after extending the usual felicitations M.E. Comp. Porritt handed back the Sceptre to V.E. Comp. Dobson, and he thereupon invited V.E. Comp. Dawick to assume the chair of 1st Prin. for the purpose of working the degree of the M.H.R.A. The degree was worked with characteristic thoroughness by V.E. Comp. Dawick and his officers. In returning thanks to the 1st Prin. and officers of the Manawatu Chapter for having paid the visit and worked the degree, V.E. Comp. Dobson said that it was particularly appropriate that this, the first visit of a neighbouring Chapter, should be made by Manawatu Chapter, which might justly be regarded as the mother Chapter of Rawhiti, inasmuch as most of its charter members had been through the various degrees in the Manawatu Chapter. V.E. Comp. Dawick expressed his gratification at the cordiality of the welcome tendered to himself and his Officers, and expressed the hope that the present visit would only be the forerunner of many others of a similar nature. A very enjoyable hour was spent in the refectory, where the customary toasts were duly honoured.—[Chapter Correspondent.]

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Beta-Walkato, No. 12:—Founded 1865, meets in Masonic Hall, Hamilton, Walkato, 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. O. R. Speight; Sec., Bro. J. E. Hammond, Hamilton.

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Coromandel, No. 17:—Founded (456, I.C.), 1872. 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. McKimmings; Sec., W. Bro. A. C. Harrison, Box 10, Auckland.

Albion, No. 45:—Founded 1888, meets in Masonic Hall, Devonport, on second Thursday in each month. Installation June. W.M., Bro. W. Colman; S.W., Bro. W. G. Allen; J.W., Bro. V. E. Anderson; Sec., W. Bro. F. H. Hounsell, 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. E. S. Hanna; S.W., Bro. A. J. Clarke; J.W., Bro. C. H. Richardson; Sec., Bro. G. E. Lovegrove.

Ponsonby, No. 54:—Founded 1890, meets in Masonic Hall, Jervois Road, Ponsonby, first Tuesday in month, 7.30 p.m. Installation May. W.M., Bro. F. A. Kornig; S.W., Bro. T. McNab; J.W., Bro. C. T. Haynes; Sec., Bro. H. R. Arthur, P.M., No. 31, Curran Street, Ponsonby.

Waikato, No. 55:—Meets in Masonic Hall, Ellerslie, Wednesday on or before full moon. Installation Oct. W.M., Bro. J. Woolter, 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.

Franklin, No. 58: Hokitika, No. 69:—Founded 1891, meets at Masonic Hall, Kohukohu, Friday nearest full moon. Installation November. W.M., W. Bro. E. G. Cochran; S.W., Bro. A. C. Wallace; J.W., Bro. A. A. Potter; Sec., W. 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. W. F. J. Anderson; S.W., Bro. Rev. W. Grant; J.W., Bro. A. B. Gilmour; Sec., R.W. Bro. G. T. Bull, P.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. Wilkin; J.W., Bro. A. Warburton; Sec., Bro. N. J. Hay, "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 Terrace, fourth Tuesday each month. Installation May. W.M., Bro. W. J. Arnold; S.W., Bro. J. B. Crawford; J.W., Bro. W. G. Mason; Sec., Bro. W. S. Williams, P.M., Wynyard Road, Mount Eden.

Waikato, No. 94:—Founded 1893. Ohaeawai, No. 101:—Meets in the Masonic Hall at Ohaeawai on the Saturday nearest full moon at 7.30 p.m. Installation in November. W.M., Bro. John Mackerech; S.W., Bro. Walter Mountain; J.W., Bro. Herbert Mountain; Sec., Bro. Thos. Road, Kawakawa.

Whangarei, No. 102:—Meets Freemasons' Hall, John Street, Whangarei, Monday nearest full moon. Installation April. W.M., Bro. R. Worner; S.W., Bro. E. Struggell; J.W., Bro. R. R. McLennan; 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.

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

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 September, 1901, meets in Masonic Hall, Te Awamutu, Friday nearest full moon, 7.30 p.m. Installation October. W.M., Bro. G. Bishop; S.W., Bro. J. Browning; J.W., Bro. A. K. Bushy; Sec., Bro. W. Jeffery.

Hobson, No. 120:—Founded 1901, meets in Masonic Hall, Arapaho, Tuesday on or before full moon. Installation 26th January. W.M., W. Bro. D. Savident; S.W., Bro. S. L. Spahrake; J.W., Bro. J. H. Bergman; Sec., W. Bro. C. E. Smith, Te Kopuru.

Tauranga, No. 125:—Founded 1902, meets at Lodgroom, First Avenue, Tauranga, Thursday on or next before full moon, 7.30 p.m. prompt. Installation August. W.M., Bro. T. H. Phillips; S.W., Bro. E. E. Hammond; J.W., Bro. C. H. Adams; 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. H. A. Goudie; S.W., Bro. Geo. Urquhart; J.W., Bro. J. W. Davine; Sec., W. Bro. W. Hill, P.M., P.O. Box 27, Rotorua.

Piako, No. 180:—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. C. M. Gummer; S.W., Bro. A. H. Aitkin; J.W., Bro. A. H. Humphreys; Sec., W. Bro. J. S. Reid, Morrinsville.

Plunket, No. 183:—Founded 1910, meets in Masonic Hall, Te Kuiti, on Wednesday on or nearest full moon, 7.30 p.m. Installation April. W.M., Bro. G. P. Finlay; S.W., Bro. J. Cochran; J.W., Bro. P. D. Hargreaves; Sec., Bro. B. Wolff, Te Kuiti.

Karioi, No. 165 (Raglan).

Tawhiti, No. 180:—Founded November, 1909, meets at Frankton on Tuesday after full moon, at 7.30 p.m. Installation November. W.M., Bro. T. Cameron; S.W., Bro. J. B. Herbert; J.W., Bro. G. H. Fletcher; Sec., Bro. C. N. Fyger, P.M., Frankton Junction.

United Masters', No. 107 (Auckland).

Maungawhau, No. 168:—Founded 1909, meets in the Lodgroom, Woodside Road, Mt. Eden, on the third Thursday in each month. Installation November. W.M., W. Bro. O. Hudson; S.W., Bro. H. T. Surman; J.W., Bro. N. T. Williams; Sec., Bro. F. H. Mueller, P.G.R., P.O. Box 766, Auckland.

Marsden, No. 169 (Maungaturoto).

Waitakeri, No. 170 (Henderson).
Nau Mai, No. 177:—Founded 1910, meets in Lodgroom, Haklaha Street, Taumarunui, first Wednesday every month. Installation November. W.M., W. Bro. N. A. Winter; S.W., Bro. K. T. Hughes; J.W., Bro. P. Fanthorpe; Sec., Bro. A. S. Laird, P.M.

Waipn, No. 179.
Onewa, No. 182 (Northcote).
Te Marama, No. 186:—Founded 1911, meets at Ngauruahia, first Monday after full moon. Installation Oct. W.M., Bro. B. A. Smith; S.W., Bro. J. Coutts; J.W., Bro. E. L. Thomas; Sec., Bro. T. Parker.

Thrau, No. 193:—Founded 20th March, 1913, meets in Masonic Hall, Thrau, on the Thursday nearest full moon. Installation March. W.M., Bro. W. H. Allen; S.W., Bro. W. King; J.W., Bro. A. J. Tong; Sec., Bro. N. D. Clifford, Box 1, Thrau (Rotorua Line).

Whakatane, No. 198:—Founded 4th June, 1914. Sec., W. Bro. Ingram, Whakatane, Bay of Plenty, Auckland.
Takapuna, No. 202.

Irish Constitution.

Ara, No. 243, I.C.:—Founded 6th September, 1842, meets in Freemasons' Hall, Princes St., Auckland, first Monday each month (January excepted), at 7.30 p.m. Installation 24th June (St. John's Day), high noon. W.M., V.W. Bro. O. J. Schnauer; S.W., Bro. S. I. Crookes; J.W., Bro. R. J. Lusher; Treas., V.W. Bro. K. R. Piggett, P.M.; Sec., W. Bro. W. H. Patterson, P.M., c/o P.O. Box 340.

PROVINCE OF HAWKES BAY: 10 LODGES.

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

Seinde, No. 5:—Founded 1858, meets in Masonic Hall, Tennyson-st., Napier, third Tuesday each month. Installation Wednesday following the third Tuesday in June. W.M., Bro. C. H. Critchley, P.M.; S.W., Bro. J. P. Thomson; J.W., Bro. R. Bishop; Sec., Bro. L. Freedman, P.M., Emerson Street, Napier.

Victoria, No. 21:—Founded 1871, meets in Masonic Hall, Munroe Street, Napier, first Tuesday every month (except December and January), 7.45 p.m. Installation first Wednesday in June. W.M., Bro. H. W. Whitton; S.W., Bro. A. W. Kirk; J.W., Bro. H. Hill; 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. F. W. Gore; S.W., Bro. W. H. L. Williams; J.W., Bro. D. J. Graham; 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. Williams; S.W., Bro. W. Pasco; J.W., Bro. A. Parkin; Sec., Bro. Geo. H. Hunt, 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. M. A. E. Harrison; S.W., Bro. W. Snell; J.W., Bro. J. C. Davidson; 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. P. W. Tombs; S.W., Bro. J. A. Miller; J.W., Bro. C. H. Martin; Sec., Bro. T. Morgan, P.M., Box 3, P.O., Hastings.

Ruahine, No. 80:—Founded 1880, meets in Masonic Hall, Woodville, Tuesday before full moon every month, 7.30 p.m. Installation June. W.M., Bro. A. Stevenson; S.W., Bro. J. H. Escoff; J.W., Bro. G. D. Macfarlane; Sec., Bro. F. J. Hutchins, Box 40, Woodville.

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, Makotuku.

Waikaremoana, No. 158:—Founded 1909, meets in Masonic Hall, Waikare, 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. G. Burridge, P.M.

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

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(M.W. Bro. Oliver Nicholson, Prov.G.M.).

Ara, No. 1:—Founded 1842, meets in Freemasons' Hall, Princes-st., Auckland, second Wednesday each month, 7.30 p.m. Installation June. W.M., W. Bro. W. P. Deane; S.W., Bro. E. Gardner; J.W., Bro. A. G. Graham; Sec., Bro. A. W. Robertson, P.M., 180, Queen-street.

St. Andrew, No. 8:—Founded 1861, meets in Freemasons' Hall, Auckland, on third Tuesday in every month, at 7.45 p.m. Installation July. W.M., Bro. Wm. Bridgman; S.W., Bro. A. E. Bagnall; J.W., Bro. C. A. Coppins; Sec., Bro. J. P. McPhail, 48 Phoenix Chambers, Queen Street, Auckland.

United Service, No. 10:—Founded 1864, meets in Freemasons' Hall, Princes Street, Auckland, last Wednesday every month, 7.30 p.m. Installation June. W.M., Bro. A. E. Edwards; S.W., Bro. Bro. H. G. Grimlin; J.W., Bro. H. E. Harris; Acting-Sec., R.W. Bro. A. W. Morris, King Edward Street, Mount Eden.

Beta-Walkato, No. 12:—Founded 1865, meets in Masonic Hall, Hamilton, Walkato, 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. O. 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. L. McIlvride; S.W., Bro. A. L. Read; J.W., Bro. W. E. Hale; Sec., Bro. A. Burns, P.M.

Coromandel, No. 17:—Founded (456, I.C.), 1872. 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. McKimmin; Sec., W. Bro. A. C. Harrison, Box 10, Auckland.

Albion, No. 45:—Founded 1888, meets in Masonic Hall, Devonport, on second Thursday in each month. Installation June. W.M., Bro. W. Colman; S.W., Bro. W. G. Allen; J.W., Bro. V. E. Anderson; Sec., W. Bro. F. H. Hounsell, 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. E. S. Hanna; S.W., Bro. A. J. Clarke; J.W., Bro. C. H. Richardson; Sec., Bro. G. E. Lovegrove.

Ponsonby, No. 54:—Founded 1890, meets in Masonic Hall, Jervois Road, Ponsonby, first Tuesday in month, 7.30 p.m. Installation May. W.M., Bro. F. A. Kornig; S.W., Bro. T. McNab; J.W., Bro. C. T. Haynes; Sec., Bro. H. R. Arthur, P.M., No. 31, Curran Street, Ponsonby.

Waikato, No. 55:—Meets in Masonic Hall, Ellerslie, Wednesday on or before full moon. Installation Oct. W.M., Bro. J. Woolter, 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.

Franklin, No. 58: Hokitika, No. 69:—Founded 1891, meets at Masonic Hall, Kohukohu, Friday nearest full moon. Installation November. W.M., W. Bro. E. G. Cochran; S.W., Bro. A. C. Wallace; J.W., Bro. A. A. Potter; Sec., W. 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. W. F. J. Anderson; S.W., Bro. Rev. W. Grant; J.W., Bro. A. B. Gilmour; Sec., R.W. Bro. G. T. Bull, P.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. Wilkin; J.W., Bro. A. Warburton; Sec., Bro. N. J. Hay, "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 Terrace, fourth Tuesday each month. Installation May. W.M., Bro. W. J. Arnold; S.W., Bro. J. B. Crawford; J.W., Bro. G. Mason; Sec., Bro. W. S. Williams, P.M., Wynyard Road, Mount Eden.

Waikato, No. 94:—Founded 1893. Ohaeawai, No. 101:—Meets in the Masonic Hall at Ohaeawai on the Saturday nearest full moon at 7.30 p.m. Installation in November. W.M., Bro. John Mackerech; S.W., Bro. Walter Mountain; J.W., Bro. Herbert Mountain; Sec., Bro. Thos. Road, Kawakawa.

Whangarei, No. 102:—Meets Freemasons' Hall, John Street, Whangarei, Monday nearest full moon. Installation April. W.M., Bro. R. Worner; S.W., Bro. E. Struggell; J.W., Bro. R. R. McLennan; 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.

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

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 September, 1901, meets in Masonic Hall, Te Awamutu, Friday nearest full moon, 7.30 p.m. Installation October. W.M., Bro. G. Bishop; S.W., Bro. J. Browning; J.W., Bro. A. K. Bushy; Sec., Bro. W. Jeffery.

Hobson, No. 120:—Founded 1901, meets in Masonic Hall, Arapaho, Tuesday on or before full moon. Installation 26th January. W.M., W. Bro. D. Savident; S.W., Bro. S. L. Spahrake; J.W., Bro. J. H. Bergman; Sec., W. Bro. C. E. Smith, Te Kopuru.

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

Hikurangi, No. 140.

Rotorua, No. 133:—Founded 1907, meets in Masonic Hall, Fenton Street, Rotorua, Tuesday nearest full moon, 7.30 p.m. Installation August. W.M., Bro. H. A. Goudie; S.W., Bro. Geo. Urquhart; J.W., Bro. J. W. Davine; Sec., W. Bro. W. Hill, P.M., P.O. Box 27, Rotorua.

Piako, No. 180:—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. C. M. Gummer; S.W., Bro. A. H. Aitkin; J.W., Bro. A. H. Humphreys; Sec., W. Bro. J. S. Reid, 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. G. P. Finlay; S.W., Bro. J. Cochran; J.W., Bro. P. D. Hargreaves; Sec., Bro. B. Wolff, Te Kuiti.

Karioi, No. 165 (Raglan).

Tawhiri, No. 180:—Founded November, 1909, meets at Frankton on Tuesday after full moon, at 7.30 p.m. Installation November. W.M., Bro. T. Cameron; S.W., Bro. J. B. Herbert; J.W., Bro. G. H. Fletcher; Sec., Bro. C. N. Fyger, P.M., Frankton Junction.

United Masters', No. 107 (Auckland).

Maungawhau, No. 168:—Founded 1909, meets in the Lodgroom, Woodside Road, Mt. Eden, on the third Thursday in each month. Installation November. W.M., W. Bro. O. Hudson; S.W., Bro. H. T. Surman; J.W., Bro. N. T. Williams; Sec., Bro. F. H. Mueller, P.G.R., P.O. Box 766, Auckland.

Marsden, No. 169 (Maungaturoto).

Waitakeri, No. 170 (Henderson).
Nau Mai, No. 177:—Founded 1910, meets in Lodgroom, Haklaha Street, Taumarunui, first Wednesday every month. Installation November. W.M., W. Bro. N. A. Winter; S.W., Bro. K. T. Hughes; J.W., Bro. P. Fanthorpe; Sec., Bro. A. S. Laird, P.M.

Waipn, No. 179.

Onewa, No. 182 (Northcote).

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

Thrau, No. 193:—Founded 20th March, 1913, meets in Masonic Hall, Hunt, on the Thursday nearest full moon. Installation March. W.M., Bro. W. H. Allen; S.W., Bro. W. King; J.W., Bro. A. J. Tong; Sec., Bro. N. D. Clifford, Box 1, Thrau (Rotorua Line).

Whakatane, No. 198:—Founded 4th June, 1914. Sec., W. Bro. Ingram, Whakatane, Bay of Plenty, Auckland.
Takapuna, No. 202.

Irish Constitution.

Ara, No. 243, I.C.:—Founded 6th September, 1842, meets in Freemasons' Hall, Princes St., Auckland, first Monday each month (January excepted), at 7.30 p.m. Installation 24th June (St. John's Day), high noon. W.M., V.W. Bro. O. J. Schnauer; S.W., Bro. S. I. Crookes; J.W., Bro. R. J. Lusher; Treas., V.W. Bro. K. R. Piggett, P.M.; Sec., W. Bro. W. H. Patterson, P.M., c/o P.O. Box 340.

PROVINCE OF HAWKES BAY: 10 LODGES.

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

Seinde, No. 5:—Founded 1858, meets in Masonic Hall, Tennyson-st., Napier, third Tuesday each month. Installation Wednesday following the third Tuesday in June. W.M., Bro. C. H. Critchley, P.M.; S.W., Bro. J. P. Thomson; J.W., Bro. R. Bishop; Sec., Bro. L. Freedman, P.M., Emerson Street, Napier.

Victoria, No. 21:—Founded 1871, meets in Masonic Hall, Munroe Street, Napier, first Tuesday every month (except December and January), 7.45 p.m. Installation first Wednesday in June. W.M., Bro. H. W. Whitton; S.W., Bro. A. W. Kirk; J.W., Bro. H. Hill; 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. F. W. Gore; S.W., Bro. W. H. L. Williams; J.W., Bro. D. J. Graham; 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. Williams; S.W., Bro. W. Pasco; J.W., Bro. A. Parkin; Sec., Bro. Geo. H. Hunt, 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. M. A. E. Harrison; S.W., Bro. W. Snell; J.W., Bro. J. C. Davidson; 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. P. W. Tombs; S.W., Bro. J. A. Miller; J.W., Bro. C. H. Martin; Sec., Bro. T. Morgan, P.M., Box 3, P.O., Hastings.

Ruahine, No. 80:—Founded 1880, meets in Masonic Hall, Woodville, Tuesday before full moon every month, 7.30 p.m. Installation June. W.M., Bro. A. Stevenson; S.W., Bro. J. H. Escoff; J.W., Bro. G. D. Macfarlane; Sec., Bro. F. J. Hutchins, Box 40, Woodville.

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, Makotuku.

Waikaremoana, No. 158:—Founded 1909, meets in Masonic Hall, Waikare, 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. G. Burridge, P.M.

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

Wairau, No. 42:—Founded 1881 (formerly 603, S.C.; joined N.Z.C. 1899); meets Masonic Hall, Andrew Street, Blenheim, Tuesday before full moon each month, 7.30 p.m. Installation June. W.M., Bro. N. Paton; S.W., Bro. J. McKinley; J.W., Bro. J. Reid; Sec., Bro. W. C. Lucas, P.M., Redwood Street.

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

Marlborough Unanimity, No. 106:—Founded 1869 (formerly 1230, E.C.), joined N.Z.C. 1896; meets Masonic Hall, Charles Street, Blenheim, Thursday nearest full moon each month, 7.30 p.m. Installation August. W.M., Bro. C. H. Mills; S.W., Bro. C. A. Eckford; J.W., Bro. A. Weaver; Sec., Bro. S. A. Edinger, Blenheim.

Waiohiti, No. 111:—Meets Masonic Hall, Pictou, last Friday each month, 7.30 p.m. Installation last Friday in April. W.M., Bro. J. W. Burgess; S.W., Bro. H. A. S. Martin; J.W., Bro. J. E. Atkins; Sec., Bro. R. C. Branch, P.M.

Forest, No. 116:—Meets at Wakefield on second Monday in month. Installation November. W.M., Bro. W. Fawcett; S.W., Bro. H. Franklin; J.W., Bro. A. D. Syder; Sec., W. Bro. F. B. Peart.

Motueka, No. 117:—Founded 1900, meets in Lodgeroom, Motueka, on Wednesday nearest full moon in each month. Installation October. 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. Lash, P.M., Rockville, Collingwood.

PROVINCE OF WESTLAND: 12 LODGES.

(K.W. Bro. J. H. Harkness, Prov.G.M.)

Robert Burns, No. 50:—Founded 1883, 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. Tudehope; 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 January. W.M., Bro. John Cook; S.W., Bro. W. Dando; J.W., Bro. A. C. Angel; 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. W. H. Shannon; S.W., Bro. H. A. Thompson; J.W., Bro. J. Cameron; 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. W. Thawley; S.W., Bro. W. Henderson; J.W., Bro. W. Cooper; Sec., Bro. T. Pencock, P.M.

Mokihinui, No. 96:—Founded 1896, meets in Masonic Hall, Seddonville, first Saturday every month, 7.30 p.m. Installation December. W.M., Bro. Chas. A. Boyd; S.W., Bro. W. J. Mumm; J.W., Bro. William McIndoe; Sec., Bro. Chas. M. Johnston, P.M.

Torea, No. 121:—Founded 1900, meets at Masonic Hall, Granity, third Saturday each month, 7.30 p.m. Installation December. W.M., Bro. A. B. Franklin; S.W., Bro. H. G. Webster; J.W., Bro. J. Taggart; Sec., Bro. W. S. McEwan.

Mawhera, No. 136:—Founded 1904, meets in Masonic Hall, Tainui Street, Greymouth, second Thursday each month. Installation November. W.M., Bro. J. Hales; S.W., Bro. E. F. Guinness; J.W., Bro. E. F. Peters; Sec., Bro. J. C. Duncan.

Kawaiti-Westport, No. 152:—Founded 1907, meets Masonic Hall, Russell Street, Westport, second Monday in each month, at 8 p.m. Installation May. W.M., Bro. F. Hobbs; S.W., Bro. W. Panckhurst; J.W., Bro. S. Paul; Sec., Bro. A. Gifford, P.M.

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

Waro, No. 173 (Blackball).

Connaught, No. 187 (Karama).

PROVINCE OF CANTERBURY: 35 LODGES.

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

Unanimity, No. 3:—Founded October, 1851, meets at Masonic Hall, Sumner Road, Lyttelton, first Tuesday each month, 7.30 p.m. Installation February. W.M., Bro. J. A. Northwick; S.W., Bro. A. R. W. Prestney; J.W., Bro. D. E. L. Collett; Sec., Bro. W. H. Brown, Box 34, Lyttelton.

St. Augustine, No. 4:—Founded 1852, meets in St. Augustine Masonic Hall, Christchurch, second Tuesday every month, at 7.30 p.m. Installation March. W.M., W. Bro. T. H. Ker, jun.; S.W., Bro. H. H. Wauchop; J.W., Bro. J. A. Stables; Sec., W. Bro. F. C. B. Bishop, Box 572, Christchurch.

Southern Cross, No. 6:—Founded 1858, meets in Masonic Hall, Kaiapoi, on first Thursday in each month, at 7.30 p.m. Installation December. W.M., Bro. W. A. Gribble; S.W., Bro. T. Hoskin; J.W., Bro. W. C. McPherson; Sec., Bro. R. H. Croft, Box 13, Kaiapoi.

Caledonian, No. 16:—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. McAnerny; J.W., Bro. A. Kennedy; Sec., Bro. James Simpson, 186 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., R.W. Bro. R. B. Willis, P.G.D.; S.W., Bro. R. J. Hannah; J.W., W. Bro. J. S. Inwood; Sec., W. Bro. J. W. A. Walker, District High School, Southbridge.

Canterbury Kil., No. 23.

Geraldine, No. 27:—Founded 1890, meets in Masonic Hall, Geraldine, third Wednesday each month. Installation March. W.M., Bro. C. T. Borrell; S.W., Bro. A. Wilkinson; J.W., Bro. A. A. Readdle; Sec., Bro. B. R. 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. B. A. McKeown; S.W., Bro. T. J. Withers; J.W., Bro. N. W. Pavitt; Sec., Bro. Thos. Hills, P.O. Box 12, Rangiora.

St. George, No. 29:—Meets in Masonic Hall, Wilkin Street, Temuka, on second Wednesday in each month. Installation December. W.M., Bro. A. E. Smith; S.W., Bro. Wm. Triggance; J.W., Bro. Geo. Tate; Sec., Bro. F. A. Joynt.

South Rakala, No. 31:

Lincoln, No. 33:—Founded 1880, meets in Masonic Hall, Lincoln, Tuesday on or before full moon in each month. Installation October. W.M., Bro. J. W. Kime; S.W., Bro. C. J. Morland; J.W., Bro. W. T. Street; 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. R. Laurie; S.W., Bro. H. S. Wilson; J.W., Bro. T. H. North; Sec., Bro. R. Baldwin, 72 Aikman's Road, Christchurch.

Phoenix, No. 43 (Akaroa):

Methven, No. 51:

Kaikoura, No. 60:

Christchurch, No. 81:—Founded 1893, 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. McLennan; S.W., Bro. J. Thomas; J.W., Bro. W. Kilday; Sec., Bro. H. Hopkinson, P.M., 33 Clifton Street, Addington, Christchurch.

MacKenzie, No. 93:—Founded 1894, meets in Masonic Hall, Fairlie, on Thursday nearest full moon, at 8 p.m. Installation third Thursday in October. W.M., Bro. E. Saunders; S.W., Bro. C. Askey; J.W., Bro. W. J. Smith; Sec., Bro. J. H. Southwick, Fairlie.

St. Augustine, No. 99:—Established 1875. Meets Lodgeroom, Leonard Street, Waimate, Wednesday on or before full moon. Installation August. Acting-W.M., W. Bro. J. Menzies; S.W., Bro. W. Manchester; J.W., Bro. Jas. Manchester; Sec., Bro. A. J. Hoskins, P.M.

Thistle, No. 113:—Meets in Masonic Hall, Havelock Street West, Ashburton, on third Wednesday in each month, at 7.30 p.m. Installation 30th November. W.M., W. Bro. Saml. Crooke; S.W., Bro. A. L. Moore; J.W., Bro. T. J. Kennedy; 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. H. J. Howell; S.W., Bro. F. H. Early; J.W., Bro. R. Yates; Sec., Bro. J. Forbes, P.M.

Pareora, 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. W. S. Eastwood; S.W., Bro. R. H. Taylor; J.W., Bro. T. W. N. Wilson; Sec., W. Bro. H. Wyatt, 93 Worcester Street, Christchurch.

Waihora, No. 141:—Founded 1905, meets Oddfellows' Hall, Leeston, second Thursday in each month, at 8 p.m. Installation April. W.M., Bro. B. C. Jacobs; S.W., Bro. W. J. Lemon; J.W., Bro. F. J. Lemon; Sec., Bro. J. E. Carter, P.M.

Civic, No. 157:—Meets at St. Augustine Hall, Christchurch, first Friday each month, 7.30 p.m. Installation August. W.M., Bro. F. Steans; S.W., Bro. W. J. Hunter; J.W., Bro. W. Bottrill; Sec., Bro. T. H. Williams.

St. Martin, No. 162 (Pleasant Point):

Ahurewa, No. 181:—Founded 1911, meets in Schoolroom, Dunsandel, Monday on or before full moon. Installation Oct. W.M., Bro. F. Lill; S.W., Bro. T. Wright; J.W., Bro. J. Macpherson; Sec., Bro. G. Stapleton.

Amuri, No. 184:—Founded October, 1911; meets Masonic Hall, Rotherham, Friday nearest full moon, 7.30 p.m. Installation October. W.M., Bro. C. Thomson; S.W., Bro. J. J. Goulding; J.W., Bro. D. W. Hunter; Sec., Bro. Fred. H. France, Culverden.

Avon, No. 185 (Christchurch):

Tawera, No. 188 (Oxford):

Timaru, No. 190 (Timaru):

Koranga, No. 197 (Timaru):

Erehwon, No. 200:—Opened 20th August, 1914, Mount Somers.

PROVINCE OF OTAGO: 27 LODGES.

(R.W. Bro. J. J. Clark, Prov.G.M.)

Otago, No. 7:—Founded 1860, meets at the Freemasons' Hall, King Street (opp. Museum), Dunedin, on second Wednesday in each month, at 8 p.m. Installation October. W.M., Bro. J. R. Rogerson; S.W., Bro. E. T. Moller; J.W., Bro. J. W. Hardie; Sec., Bro. D. C. Cameron, P.M., 27 Manor Place, Dunedin.

Witaki, 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. J. M. Forrester; S.W., Bro. H. M. Roxby; J.W., Bro. F. W. Kibblewhite; 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. A. H. Lattimore; S.W., Bro. A. McDonald; J.W., Bro. J. H. Guest; Sec., Bro. B. Whiting, P.M., Box 15, P.O., Balclutha.

Palmerston, No. 26:—Founded 1876, meets Masonic Hall, Palmerston South, Friday on or before full moon every month, 8 p.m. Installation August. W.M., Bro. Geo. B. Smith; S.W., Bro. R. M. Peattie; J.W., Bro. T. Harrison; Sec., Bro. W. Diack.

Hercules, 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. Clegborn; Sec., Bro. R. G. Foster, Kelson.

Hiram, No. 46:—Founded 1888, meets in Masonic Hall, Cargill Road, South Dunedin, on fourth Tuesday in month. Installation October. W.M., Bro. R. V. Parker; S.W., Bro. George R. West; J.W., Bro. G. T. Lumsden; Sec., Bro. J. A. P. Frederic, 10 Leckhampton Court, Caversham Rise, 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. Albert Robble; S.W., Bro. Saml. Wilson; J.W., Bro. Wm. Simpson; 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 October. W.M., Bro. J. Swindley; S.W., D. Heron; J.W., Bro. J. C. Dickson; Sec., Bro. J. M. Brown, P.M., Thames Street, Oamaru.

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

St. John, No. 84, Atglen.

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 February. W.M., Bro. D. Rankin; S.W., Bro. Geo. W. Bell; J.W., Bro. A. E. Brown; Treas., Bro. F. P. Christopher; Sec., Bro. A. E. Brown.

Cromwell Kil, No. 98 (originally No. 535, S.C.):—Meets in Lodge room, McIntyre Terrace, Cromwell, on Wednesday nearest full moon, at 7.30 p.m. Installation February. W.M., Bro. K. M. Hay; S.W., Bro. W. Campbell; J.W., Bro. D. S. Middleton; Sec., W. Bro. W. J. Ritchie, Box 27, Cromwell.

Dunstan, No. 103 (originally No. 407, S.C.):—Founded 1899, joined N.Z.C. 1896; meets in Town Hall, Clyde, on Tuesday on or nearest full moon in every month, at 7.30 p.m. Installation November. W.M., Bro. W. H. McKean; S.W., Bro. J. E. Menzies; J.W., Bro. K. Holden; 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. S. C. Hanlon; S.W., Bro. A. H. Crawley; J.W., Bro. Robt. Page; Sec., Bro. E. Tomkinson, Harbour Board, Dunedin.

Manuhirika Kil, No. 109:—Founded 1896, meets in the Masonic Hall, Alexandra South, on Friday on or nearest full moon. Installation February. W.M., Bro. R. D. Cox; S.W., Bro. G. Asquith; J.W., Bro. G. Smith; Sec., Bro. J. B. Arnold.

St. Bathans, No. 120:—Founded 11th Nov., 1902, meets Masonic Hall, Becke, 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. K. Wilson, P.M., Becke.

Otago Kil, No. 143:—Meets in Masonic Hall, Moray Place, Dunedin, on first Thursday each month at 7.30 p.m. Installation December. W.M., Bro. W. G. Hay; S.W., Bro. G. G. Adess; J.W., Bro. J. Sinton; Sec., Bro. G. G. Watts, P.M., 55 Clyde Street, Dunedin.

Teviot, No. 148:—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., 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 October. W.M., Bro. J. Couchman; S.W., Bro. A. Cannon; J.W., Bro. A. McKenzie; Sec., Bro. D. H. Hastings, P.M., 33 Moreau Street, St. Kilda.

Hazramat, No. 155:—Founded 1907, meets in Masonic Hall, Great King St. (opp. Museum), Dunedin, second Friday each month, 7.45 p.m. Installation April. W.M., Bro. J. W. Ruffin; S.W., Bro. C. F. J. Bell; J.W., Bro. D. R. Booty; Sec., Bro. A. W. Fietz, 149 Queen St., Dunedin.

Masters, No. 151:

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. A. H. Charlton; S.W., Bro. J. Wright; J.W., Bro. W. McIndoe; Sec., Bro. J. C. Borthwick.

Ionic, No. 191 (Green Island).

Morning Star, No. 192 (Mornington).

Strath-Talier, No. 199:—Middlemarch, Otago Central.

PROVINCE OF SOUTHLAND: 17 LODGES.

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

Southern Cross, No. 9:—Founded 1864, meets in Masonic Hall, North Street, Invercargill, first Friday each month, 7.45 p.m. Installation June. W.M., Bro. J. Critchfield; S.W., Bro. Geo. Kelly; J.W., Bro. W. A. Stout; Sec., Bro. S. Clark, Box 62.

Harvey, No. 49:—Founded 1883, meets in Masonic Hall, Gore, Wednesday nearest full moon, 7.30 p.m. Installation second Wednesday in April. W.M., Bro. L. Fretwell; S.W., Bro. B. Paterson; J.W., Bro. E. C. Smith; Sec., Bro. Walter Gee, Box 35, Gore.

Mokorela, No. 68:—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. W. C. Hislop; S.W., Bro. S. Rice; J.W., Bro. J. T. Kirker; Sec., Bro. W. D. Palmer, Wyndham.

Fortitude, No. 64:—Founded 1888, meets in Masonic Hall, Bluff, second Wednesday each month, 7.30 p.m. Installation June. W.M., Bro. W. R. Ruden; S.W., Bro. E. Johnson; J.W., Bro. C. W. Bradshaw; Sec., Bro. E. Parker, P.M., Hazelwood, Bluff.

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. K. Ward; Sec., Bro. J. C. Robins (acting).

Lake Lodge of Ophi, No. 85:—Founded 1864, meets in 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 February, same day as No. 85. W.M., Bro. John Duncan; S.W., Bro. E. H. Graham; J.W., Bro. A. J. Campbell; Sec., Bro. John Jenkins, P.M.

St. John, No. 94:—Meets at Masonic Hall, Invercargill, third Friday every month. Installation May. W.M., Bro. A. S. Cookson; S.W., Bro. R. Smith; J.W., Bro. Wm. Robison; Sec., Bro. C. H. Poole, 189 Teviot Street, Invercargill.

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

Winton, No. 108:—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. Installation October. W.M., Bro. A. Anderson Stewart, M.D.; S.W., Bro. James Thomson; J.W., Bro. William Bird; Sec., Bro. E. Matheson, Box 10, Otautau.

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

Wairaki, No. 145 (Nightcaps):
Victoria, No. 147:—Founded 1883, meets in Masonic Hall, North Street, Invercargill, second Friday every month. Installation June. W.M., Bro. G. J. Yule; S.W., Bro. G. O. Joyce; J.W., Bro. John Kerse; Sec., Bro. N. J. Brokenshire, Box 95.

Waikaka, No. 151:—Founded 1907, meets in Lodge room, Waikaka, Monday nearest full moon. Installation June. W.M., Bro. Jas. Brown; S.W., Bro. T. Keating; J.W., Bro. W. Excell; Sec., Bro. A. G. Thomson, P.M.

Mataura, No. 174:

Waihopa, No. 180 (Invercargill):

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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. Perens; S.W., Bro. H. Smith; J.W., Bro. R. Burley; Sec., Bro. Nicholas Lawn, Waikaka Street, Reefton.

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

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L'Océan Francaise, No. 386:—Meets in the Masonic Hall, Mission-street, Papete, on first Tuesday of each month at 7.30 p.m. Installation December. W.M., Bro. H. Langomano; S.W., Bro. Allain; J.W., Bro. G. Verhaeghe; Sec., Bro. M. Sue.

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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 October. Z., Comp. W. Broadley; H., Comp. R. McFarlane; Z., Comp. C. W. Bingham; 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 September. Z., Comp. G. Russell; H., Comp. J. Rod; J., Comp. C. B. Harton; S.E., Comp. G. Menzies, 90 Abel Smith Street.

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

Victoria, No. 4:—Founded 1879, meets in Masonic Hall, Munroe Street, Napier, last Thursday each month, except December. Installation September. Z., Comp. A. J. McGlashan; H., Comp. H. L. Harston; J., Comp. G. F. Roach; S.E., Comp. J. Redshaw, P.Z., Box 196.

Albert Edward, No. 6 (Lyttelton):—Meets third Monday in September, November, January, March, May, and July. Installation September. Z., Comp. T. C. Hutton; H., Comp. G. Hill; J., Comp. A. H. Thorpe, P.Z.; S.E., Comp. E. Eliot Chambers.

Otago, No. 7:—Meets in Oceanic Masonic Hall, St. Kilda, Dunedin, first Wednesday every month except December and January. Installation meeting Friday before each meeting. Installation November. Z., V.E. Comp. H. C. Anderson; H., E. Comp. R. V. Parker; J., E. Comp. G. T. Lumsden; S.E., E. Comp. M. J. Pierce, 39 Dowling Street, Dunedin.

Waitaki Kil, No. 8 (being Otago Chapter, No. 8, and Waitaki Chapter, No. 13, which were amalgamated 9th October, 1901):—Meets in Masonic Hall, Wainbeck Street, Oamaru, every second Wednesday after full moon. Installation September. Z., Comp. W. J. Hill; H., Comp. J. A. Peablies; J., Comp. D. Miller; S.E., M.E. Comp. J. M. Brown, P.G.Z.

Auckland Prov. No. 9.—Founded 1892, meets third Wednesday every month, except December and January. Installation September 2. Comp. A. H. Walker, H. Comp. R. White, T. Comp. A. J. Farmer, S.E. Comp. A. J. Baghill.

Wairarapa, No. 10.—Founded 1892, meets in the Masonic Hall, Carterton, on third Friday in January, March, May, July, September, and November. Installation 23rd September. Z. Comp. R. J. Ross, H. Comp. W. N. Dempsey, P.Z. J. Comp. C. W. Perrin, S.E. Comp. J. D. Baird.

Manawatu, No. 11.—Founded 1892, meets in Masonic Hall, Palmerston North, third Thursday each month. Z. Comp. W. Davick, H. Comp. W. E. Smith, J. Comp. J. Stone, S.E. Comp. W. E. Durward, Palmerston North.

Victoria, No. 12.—Founded 1892, meets in Masonic Hall, Nelson, on third Thursday in month, as well as in December and January. Installation October 2. Z. Comp. J. Bartlett, H. Comp. J. J. Ohing, J. Comp. Jas. Houlika, S.E. Comp. R. W. Stiles, Nelson.

Marlborough, No. 14.—Founded 1892, meets in Masonic Hall, Charles Street, Blenheim, on Thursday nearest new moon in October, December, February, April, June, and August. Installation 23rd September. Z. Comp. D. J. Logan, H. Comp. M. McKinnell, J. Comp. C. A. McKinnell, S.E. Comp. W. N. Worthy, P.Z.

Thames, No. 15.—Founded 1892, meets in St. Augustine Masonic Hall, Waimate, on first Wednesday after full moon in the months of September, November, January, March, May, and July. Z. Comp. D. A. Fulton, Acting H. V. E. Comp. J. Menzies, J. Comp. T. W. Manchester, S.E. Comp. J. W. Manchester.

Otago, No. 17.—Founded 1901, meets in Masonic Hall, Paeroa, first Wednesday after full moon in September, October, December, February, April, June, and August. Installation September 2. Z. Comp. S. S. Allen, H. Comp. S. H. O. Kears, J. Comp. W. G. Wohlmann, S.E. Comp. V. E. Allen.

Canterbury, No. 18.—Founded 1892, meets in North Masonic Hall, Kelly Street, Christchurch, on second Tuesday in each month. Installation September 2. Z. V.E. Comp. J. Banks, P.Z. H. V.E. Comp. R. A. Stewart, J. Comp. B. Tudhope, S.E. Comp. W. H. Thompson.

Tuapaea, No. 19 (dormant).

Cromwell Coronation, No. 20.—Founded 20th November 1908, meets Masonic Hall, Alexandra South, third Thursday in January, March, May, July, September, November. Installation September 2. Comp. J. J. H. Dunsday, H. Comp. J. D. Thomson, J. Comp. A. E. Spooner, S.E. Comp. T. Adams.

Ratcliffe, No. 21 (Westport).—Founded 1904, meets in Masonic Hall, Westport, on the third Wednesday in each month. Installation September 2. Z. Comp. Geo. H. Gothard, H. Comp. D. Darrach, J. Comp. A. T. Peterkin, S.E. Comp. J. H. Harkness, P.D. G. Z.

Waikato, No. 22.—Founded 20th January 1905, meets Masonic Hall, Hamilton, Tuesday on or before full moon in September, October, December, February, April, June, and August. Installation September 2. Comp. J. O. Williams, H. Comp. H. E. Tatham, J. Comp. C. Speight, S.E. Comp. J. E. Herbert.

Wanganui, No. 23.—Founded 1906, meets in Masonic Hall, Wanganui, first Thursday in November, February, April, June, and August. Installation fourth Thursday in September. Z. Comp. N. Robinson, H. Comp. G. G. Bullock, J. Comp. P. Runnerstrum, S.E. Comp. E. Stevens, Wanganui.

Brooklyn, No. 24.—Founded 1906, meets in Brooklyn Hall, Brooklyn, on second Wednesday in July, September, November, January, March, and May. Installation September 2. Comp. D. Luke, H. Comp. J. B. Hopkirk, J. Comp. T. E. K. Burgess, S.E. Comp. S. M. Arden.

Hinemaru, No. 25.—Founded 1906, meets in Masonic Hall, Daniel Street, third Thursday every month. Installation September 2. Comp. H. B. Bridger, H. Comp. J. Reid, J. Comp. E. G. Robertson, S.E. Comp. H. Ivory.

Whangarei, No. 27.—Founded September 1907, meets in Masonic Hall, John Street, Whangarei, fourth Thursday in February, March, April, May, June, July, August, September, October, and November. Installation September 2. Comp. A. M. McLeod, H. Comp. R. Worner, J. Comp. J. Keeles, P.Z. S.E. Comp. C. McKinnell, Box 17, P.O. Whangarei.

Maori, No. 28.—Founded 1907, meets in Masonic Hall, Ravensbourne, on fourth Friday in every month. Installation Sept. 2. Comp. W. Crawley, H. Comp. S. Hanlon, J. Comp. J. W. Rangle, S.E. Comp. T. Ross, P.Z. Ravensbourne.

Westland Hills, No. 29 (Hokitika).—Founded 1908, meets in Masonic Hall, Dannevirke, on first Monday each month at 7.30 p.m. Installation September 2. Comp. W. Dobson, H. Comp. J. Craven, J. Comp. C. A. Mears, S.E. Comp. D. J. Gardner.

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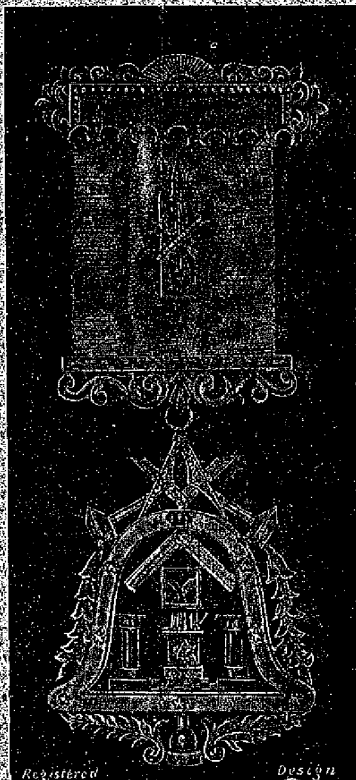
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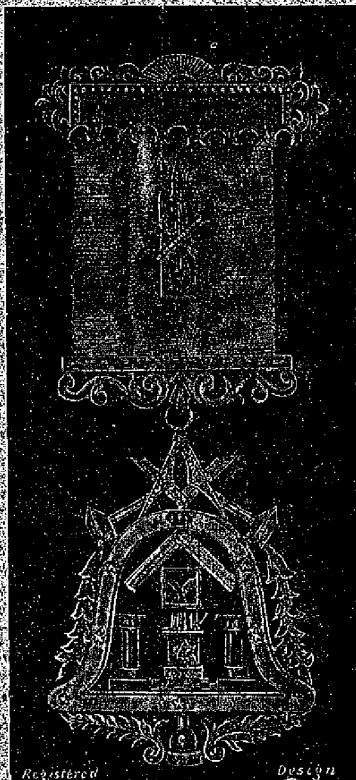
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