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PATRIOTISM v. NECESSITY.

"Come ye—whate'er your creed—O, waken all,
Whate'er your temper, at your country's call;
Resolving, this free-born nation can,
To have one soul, and perish to a-mall.
Or save this honoured land from every lord
But British reason and the British sword."

It is scarcely necessary to make any apology for comments on war matters in a Masonic journal, considering that seven of the principal nations of the world are involved, that the undertaking is the most serious the British nation has ever embarked in, that thousands of Freemasons are in the fighting line, that considerable Masonic rebel will be required, and the fact that Freemasonry as a whole would be very seriously affected if certain issues ultimately resulted. The lines heading this article were written by the poet Wordsworth in 1803, on the occasion of the expected invasion of England, and are as applicable today as if they were written for this especial crisis. It is lines such as these that should appeal to the patriotism of every man in the Empire, and stimulate a desire to aid in its defence. And though all cannot take a place in the fighting line, there are many who can who have not been animated by any overwrought patriotic sentiment, and, strange as it may seem, this holding back is manifest in the younger men, who have not the same ties, or families depending upon them for support. In the city of Wellington dozens of young men may be seen at any time during the day, crowding the street corners or leisurely promenading to and fro, which exercise appears to be

their only occupation. Yet per contra there are men enrolled in the National Reserve between seventy and eighty years of age, who regularly attend drill, and whose only regret is that they cannot participate in active service. Indeed, were the age limit entirely removed, we believe that the members of the National Reserve would volunteer for active service almost to a man. And we further believe they are animated by the true spirit of patriotism, in the same degree as the hundreds of thousands who have given their services, and many their lives, for their country. But we learn from the highest authority the position is so serious that further large units will be required if the huge German army is to be defeated. The war is not yet won, and the call is for more, and still more, men. Lord Kitchener has told us that the supreme hour for every Briton is striking. If we would maintain our Empire and all for which it stands in human progress, it is a case of now or never. In Lord Kitchener's own words, we must "shirk nothing, shrink from nothing, but lend our full weight to the impetus that shall carry us to victory." It further appears quite certain that there is not sufficient patriotism to furnish the numbers required, and for the first time in English history conscription is seriously discussed, and the first step towards it has been taken in the compulsory registration enactments. Many leading military men pin their faith to conscription, and divers articles are being written to prove that conscription alone will be the most effective means to end the present gigantic struggle. So soon as it is conclusively proved that patriotism is ebbing, then necessity will become the parent of conscription, and the burden of the fighting will be equally distributed over all those whose right it is not only to protect themselves but also to bear their share in maintaining the honour and integrity of the Empire. We pride ourselves on our present day democracy, but democracy will not conduce to a termination of the Continental sanguinary warfare, unless it is closely allied to a national patriotism. So far as Freemasons are concerned, there has been no hanging back with the younger members, but it is well known that the bulk of our membership have passed the age limit, but of these it would be a fair estimate to say that 75 per cent. are enrolled in the National Reserve. The ultimate result of the war must present most serious thoughts to the reflective mind. When we know that the Great War Lord of England not only looks for a lengthy continuance of the war, but also holds that the outlook is distinctly serious, it should be obvious that optimistic solutions of the ultimate result and at the present time premature. The picture is not infrequently presented as to what would happen should Germany win, and it is ghastly in the extreme to contemplate. Indeed) those who have lived all their lives under a beneficent Government can have little conception of what it would mean to be ground down under the iron heel of a military tyranny. And so far as Freemasonry is concerned, there would be little hope of its survival under German rule. Though there are Lodges and G.Ls. in the German Empire, the membership is quite disproportionate to the whole population, and the present Emperor, if not actually hostile, has no sympathy with the Craft of Freemasonry, and in all probability would not suffer its practice by a conquered people, if only for the reason that it would foster secret meetings, which might be used for political purposes. Far better would it be for every man in the Empire to die facing the foe, than to suffer the evils that would accrue to a down-trodden, conquered, and hated people. It is the young man who has the greatest claim and interest in the future, and if he cannot germinate any seeds of patriotism let him ponder the foregoing picture, and he must recognise the necessity for fighting, not alone for his country or his friends, but for his very existence. To the many thousands who have so nobly given up their homes, and their families, and have sacrificed luxuries, comforts, and position, the following lines may be considered as specially dedicated :—

"What if the best of our wages be
An empty sleeve, a stiff-set knee,
A crutch for the rest of life—who cares,
So long as the one flag floats and dares!"

THE GRAND LODGE OF ENGLAND AND ALIEN BRETHREN.

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At the communication of the G.L. of England, held 2nd June, the B. of G.P. submitted the following resolution :—

" That, in order to prevent the peace and harmony of the Craft being disturbed, it is necessary that all brethren of German, Austrian, Hungarian, or Turkish birth should not during the continuance of the war attend any meeting of G.L., or of a Prov. or Dist. G.L., or of a private Lodge, or any other Masonic meeting,

and that such brethren be and they are hereby required by G.L. to abstain from such attendance, and that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Sec. of every Lodge."

In supporting the resolution the President of the Board said there were three points to be considered : (1) Is it right? (2) Has G.L. the power to take action? (3) Are steps being taken in the right way? and he argued that an affirmative view should be taken. But in the course of the discussion it was questioned whether G.L. had the power to infringe the power of private Lodges and compel them to refuse admission to any of their members. It was pointed out that many brethren of German birth were as much attached to England as were Englishmen; also that many of them had worked hard in national and Masonic efforts to cope with the exceptional difficulties created by the war ; also that a number had sons at the front with the British forces. After several suggestions had been put to modify the resolution, it was submitted from the chair and adopted. Looking at the matter quite dispassionately, we quite fail to see how G.L. could have come to such a conclusion. Every member of a Lodge has certain rights and privileges, one being to participate in its meetings, and there is no power to destroy such privilege, unless Masonic law has been contravened and a charge laid against the offender. It would appear the G.L. of England, in complying with the request of the Board, has created a precedent of a very dangerous character, and its decision would also appear to have been one of presumed expediency rather than Masonic law. A similar request might at some time be preferred on a much more flimsy pretext. It has already been pointed out that any brother of foreign extraction, whose native country is at war with Great Britain, and whose words or actions are prejudicial to the interests of the land of his adoption, is committing a Masonic offence for which he may be arraigned before a properly constituted tribunal, and if the offence is proved he is subject to all the pains and penalties which may be legally enforced. But until such action is taken he cannot be deprived of his just Masonic rights. Whether it is expedient for him to voluntarily abstain from visiting his Lodge is a matter for his own consideration, and would, no doubt, very largely depend as to what extent he enjoyed the confidence and esteem of his brethren. It would appear that the action of the English B. of G.P. was to some extent dictated by the following incident : The Royal Warrant Holders Lodge, No. 2789, had two German members, both naturalised; they were asked to resign; one did so. The other—who by the way, was the first Master of the Lodge—refused. The Lodge excluded him. He appealed to the G.M. The Lodge was ordered to reinstate him. The Lodge— refused. The G.M. ordered the suspension of the Lodge. In our opinion, the Lodge acted quite illegally, and the action of G.L. was fully justified, but was stultified by its later decision. In the unfortunate position which the war of nations has induced it is somewhat easy to lose sight of the precept "to act in charity to all mankind, especially our brethren in Freemasonry. The strongest feelings of humanity may rise in abhorrence at some of the events resulting from the war, but it is scarcely brotherly charity to condemn those who have no voice or participation in the alleged barbarities. Sentiment should not be allowed to usurp strict justice.

THE CARDINAL PRINCIPLE OF FREEMASONRY.

It will come as a shock to a number of our readers to learn from a letter appearing in our correspondence columns that the widow of the late R.W. Bro. Gould is in impoverished circumstances, and especially that she is 73 years of age and has out-lived most of her relatives. We can only assume that our late talented brother, while devoting his life to the service of Freemasonry, did so at the expense of his personal material benefit. Of the many bright Masonic writers not any enjoyed such a world-wide reputation as Bro. Gould, and the number and magnitude of his works must for ever attest his deep interest in the cause of Freemasonry, and we sincerely hope that those who hold his name as a household word so far as Freemasonry is concerned will combine to render the few remaining years of his childless and sorrowing widow as comfortable as possible. And it would be a fitting opportunity, not alone to provide for her wants, but also to found a national Masonic memorial to one who gave his life to the literature of the Graft and impoverished himself in the process, but whose works will live for ever. If the R.W. Bro. in Christchurch to whom the letter was sent would consent to receive subscriptions, no time need be lost by sympathisers in New Zealand in giving tangible proof of their admiration and appreciation of one of our greatest Masonic historians.

A HANDSOME DONATION TO G.L. OF NEW ZEALAND WAR RELIEF FUND.



Lodges in the old Wellington Masonic District, more especially those which contributed to the assessment levy, will be glad to hear that, after all the expenses in connection with G.L. entertainment at the time of the communication in May last had been defrayed, there remained in hand a credit balance of £100 0s. 3d. By unanimous resolution of the Executive Committee the £100 has been banked to G.L. account, specially earmarked for the G.M.'s Special War Fund. A copy of the balance-sheet will be furnished to every Lodge in the old Wellington Masonic District. It should be added that the G.Sec., M.W. Bro. Niccol, has been notified that the donation of £100 is on behalf of all the Lodges in the erstwhile Wellington Masonic District. We have no hesitation in saying that the financial result of the entertainment of the G.L. visitors is most satisfactory, and we anticipate that no contributing Lodge will be found to cavil at the manner in which the credit balance has been disposed of.

News and Notes

THE Saturday compulsory half-holiday has made a change necessary to Lodges holding meetings on Friday, and as a consequence Saturday is likely to become a popular night. Whetu Kairangi will probably revert to Saturday, and it is intended to hold the installation of Hinemoa officers on Saturday, 14th inst., commencing at 5.30 p.m.

RUMOUR has it that with the removal of the troops from Trentham, the Prov.G.M. of Wellington will find his occupation gone. He was to all intents and purposes a member of the camp, save that the "khaki" was barred.

THERE was a very large attendance at the annual meeting of Leinster Lodge, Wellington, last month, and the veteran W. Bro. Silver conducted the installation ceremony, being assisted by the P.Ms. of the Lodge and the Prov.G.M., who gave the concluding charge.

V.W. BRO. J. J. ESSON, the first W.M. of Otari Lodge, who is in Egypt, was greatly missed at the annual meeting on the 9th ult., but a portion of his "log" was read. It was an evil night with regard to weather, trains were delayed, and at one time it looked as if the meeting would be very meagerly attended. But with the advent of late trains the room was completely filled, and then one Lodge only arrived in time to offer H.G.W. Two collections were made, for the Annuity Fund and War Fund respectively. The city brethren had to hurry their leaving, and then had the pleasure of waiting at the ultra miserable station of Ngaio for nearly an hour for a delayed train.

R.W. BRO. D. MCFARLANE, Prov.G.M. of Ruapehu District, has been most enthusiastically greeted by the Lodges he has visited in his new district. As usual the installation meeting of St. Andrew Kil. was a big function, and must have been most gratifying to all concerned.

THE installation ceremony in Lodge Ionic, Green Island, Dunedin, was conducted by the W.M. and officers of the Installed Masters' Lodge, of Dunedin.

THE G.L. of Illinois publishes complete lists of "rejections," "suspensions," "re-instatments"—whatever they may mean—"expulsions," and "definite suspensions." The figures in the list published on 1st May were 339, 37, 31, 4, and 1 respectively.

GREYTOWN LODGE, No. 74, in its last installation programme inserts the word "loyal" before "Greytown." This is surplusage, as all Masonic Lodges must of necessity be loyal.

BRO. P. DEYS has resigned the editorial chair of the "South African Masonic Journal," because his views on the war do not accord with those of a majority of the subscribers. He was an excellent and versatile writer, though perhaps a little caustic at times.

THREE-FOURTHS of the members of both Houses of Congress in the United States are said to be Masons.

R.W. BRO. T. ALLEN, who resigned the office of Sec. of the United Service Lodge, Auckland, after many years' service, to take up the duties of Prov.G.M. some four years ago, has again been elected Sec. of the Lodge.

THE G.L. of Sweden is controlled largely by the Royal Family, and most of its G. officers are noblemen, which makes it rather exclusive.—Exchange.

ACCORDING to Parliamentary law a motion to adjourn is always in order. In Masonic bodies a motion to adjourn is never in order. This is because the Master, in his Lodge, holds absolute power ; all business is entirely within his control.

THE G. Chapter of Ireland has amended its Constitution so that the title of " Most Excellent " shall be applied to elective officers of the G. Chapter, " Very Excellent " to appointive officers, and " Excellent " to the three principal officers of subordinate Chapters.—Exchange.

AT the quarterly meeting of the Wellington Rose Croix Chapter, A. and A. Rite, held last month, Ill. Bro. Rev. T. Porritt, 30 deg., was presented with the insignia of the degree. Bro. H. J. Williams, 30 deg., made the presentation on behalf of the Chapter, and in investing the Ill. Brother with the sash and sword, made some very happy and eulogistic references to the recipient's services to the Chapter. Bro. Porritt suitably acknowledged the honour done him.

THE G.L. of Pennsylvania is considered the wealthiest in the Order, having assets of nearly 20,000,000 dollars.

THE G.L. of Colorado pays its G.Lec. an annual salary of 2,400 dollars, with 800 dollars for necessary travelling expenses.

SOUTHLAND NOTES.

At the annual meeting of the Board of Enquiry it was unanimously resolved to vote the sum of £5 to the War Fund of G.L.

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R.W. Bro. Wm. Smith and W. Bro. John Rennie were again re-elected to the positions of Chairman and Secretary respectively of the Board of Enquiry.

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The following motion was carried by Southern Cross Lodge: " That the members of this Lodge, being anxious to follow the good example set by our King and Patron, resolve that no intoxicating liquor be consumed in the Lodgerooms while under our control during the continuance of the present European war."

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W. Bro. Jos. Critchfield, accompanied by some eighteen P.Ms. and brethren from Invercargill, visited and carried out the installation ceremony of Mataura Lodge. The Prov.G.M. (R.W. Bro. Wm. Timpany) was present and took part in the function. There was a good attendance, and the ceremony was admirably performed. W. Bro. J. J. Griffiths is the Master (for the second time), and under his energetic supervision Lodge Mataura will doubtless prosper and be heard of frequently during the year.

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At the banquet in connection with Mataura Lodge amoral meeting Bro. W. A. Stout (S.W., Southern Cross Lodge) was in excellent form when speaking to the toast, " Our Brethren at the Front." His stirring and cogent remarks will go far to enlist the active sympathy of all present in the fund which has been launched by the M.W.G.M. for the benefit of our soldier brethren.

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Word has been received that Bro. W. P. Quested, Wairaki Lodge, was wounded in the right eye two days after the landing at the Dardanelles. He is progressing favourably in the Cairo Hospital, where the bullet was extracted and handed to him as a memento of the fight. At present Bro. Quested does not know whether he will be allowed to return to the firing line or be invalided home.

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R.W. Bro. Wm. Smith has just learned that his son, who was among the first to volunteer with the Expeditionary Force, and who was wounded when taking part in a bayonet charge at the Dardanelles, is now in hospital in England. Private Smith had the bone of his arm shattered by a bullet. He is making good progress towards complete recovery, and is anxious to regain the firing line.

IS FREEMASONRY A RELIGION?

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[By BRO. DR. ALBERT CHURCHWARD, P.M., F.G.S., Etc.]

There is a great difference of opinion amongst our brethren on this question. We all agree that it is religions—there is no difference on that point. My contention is that Freemasonry is the oldest and truest religion in the world. What proofs have we? If we study the history of all religions and the history of the evolution of the human race (which is the only way to learn the truth) the historical evidence is confined to a very few writings—fragments preserved from dimmed ages of the past, but still sufficient when the ancient signs and symbols (written sign language) are taken in conjunction and correctly deciphered.

We must not overlook the fact that many writings which have hitherto been considered historical, are not so, but traditional—many of which by the light of new knowledge we now know to be false. The Greeks, who have been so eulogised for their great learning, were merely copyists—and bad at that. They perverted and misunderstood that which the ancient Egyptian priests had told them, and possessed very little originality. No doubt the reason why the Greeks were placed on so high a pedestal was because our learned men could read their writings, but could not go beyond to the past ages that the human race had existed before the Greek nation was born. If we go back farther than the Greeks, to the "Ancient Wisdom Religion of India" and Zendavesta, what do we find in our exploration?

Throughout India two definite religious doctrines are found, with various sects of each—and are still there at the present day. The oldest of these prove them to be the remnants of the ancient stellar cult people of Egypt—or, rather, their descendants. The later type have the solar cult of the Egyptians perverted. The Rig Veda and the Zend books are perverted copies of the ritual of ancient Egypt. Many of the chapters or passages in these books, as well as many of the Psalms of the Hebrews in our V.L., are copies of the ritual of Egypt, word for word. Their sacred signs and symbols are identical with the old Egyptian, many of which we use, some have been lost, and some I have restored to the Brotherhood. The original was all Egyptian.

Not only do we find critical evidence of this in India, China, and Japan, but also throughout North, Central, and South America and some of the Pacific islands, proving at one time that the ancient stellar cult of the Egyptians was carried over the greater part of the world, and the evidence found, remains of huge cities and buildings, monolithic stones, with identical iconographic carvings, and glyphs explaining the same, are such undoubted evidence that it cannot be gainsaid, or doubted by those who can read their writings. This stellar cult religion was universal at one time, and existed for hundreds of thousands of years, and our Brotherhood was formed, and brought on, from this original religion of the world. A moiety of the original has always been preserved, and we are uniting and forming a great brotherhood again.

All other religions are the further evolution of this stellar cult, the Christian religion being the final. As the human race advanced up the ladder of evolution, so from this stellar cult evolved the lunar and then the solar cult, and from the solar the Copts first founded the Christian doctrines—as such—which, however, were not new. The doctrines are as old as the stellar cult, as my translations of the tablets found at Abydos (of stellar cult time) have proved.

No one at the present day, I should think, believes in the dates of the V. of our S.L. as being correct. The fact that several skeletons of stellar cult people were found buried in pliocene strata in Italy proves that the present type of human race had existed then, at the time of that formation, 600,000 years ago at least, in my opinion. And the evidence of " the Man God came on earth, was crucified, was buried, and rose again " is as old as the stellar cult (see my translations of tablets and pictographs in "Signs and Symbols of Primordial Man").

These are records which we must take as historical, not traditional, and no one could place this date later than 300,000 years ago, nor could they now deny that the laws of Moses were in existence, as the old laws of Egypt, over 2,000 years before Moses lived, because the Stelæ of Hammurabi proves my statements.

We must go back to the ancient Egyptians for the most ancient civilisation, arts, books, and religious doctrines. The oldest book in the world is most undoubtedly the " ritual of ancient Egypt." Here in this book (some parts have been lost or not yet found) there is critical evidence of the origin of our ritual and signs and symbols. Also we now know the true deciphant of the meaning of these, as well as our substitution for the originals.

The reason why we find different races and peoples, with apparently different, religions, is because from old .Egypt many exodes left, at various times of the evolution, and carried with them into far countries the then doctrines, signs, and symbols which at that time were in vogue. If we trace and decipher these we shall find very little difference—practically none at all —except different names on account of different languages, and different iconographic types, on account of the different fauna in various parts of the world where the wanderers established themselves. But the doctrines and beliefs in the one great God were always the same, and we Freemasons have brought on these pure and unsullied.

True it is we have, as the great white race, advanced up to the highest state of evolution of present man—ethnologically as well as anatomically and physiologically. Also, last, but not least, to the highest evolution of the oldest religion—now called the Christian religion. Therefore, we should understand that many brethren "in various climes and creeds," are only in a different stage of evolution from ourselves, both as humans and religiously. There never should be a feeling, or a question, about the brotherhood of all.

It is for these reasons (supra) that the Chinese, Japanese, Hindu, Brahmin, Parsee, and Christian can all stand beside a common altar, as a common and beloved brotherhood, all knowing that the origin of all originated with the old Egyptian mother, making us one common brotherhood. That the forms of the altars differ in shape only proves my contention—as, for instance, amongst the Chinese, round, the earliest stellar cult. In India and some other places we find several forms—triangular, pentagonal, and square, etc. The reasons why and how these were formed I have set forth in my "Arcana." They mark the stage of evolution, both of the human race and their religious beliefs at that time, and express these symbolically. If brothers ask the definition of religion, I will postulate it as :—

- (1) It is the idea or belief in another life;
- (2) It is that this belief in another life is founded on the resurrection of the Spirit, the rising again of the human soul, emerging alive from the body of dead matter;
- (3) A belief in a Being mightier than himself and inaccessible Ui his senses, but not indifferent to his sentiments and actions;
- (4) The practice that springs out of the recognition of the above, including personal life, the doctrines, duties, and the rites founded on it.

My brothers, do we not recognise this " Being mightier than ourselves " under the name of T.G.A.O.T.U.? Why, this is the very foundation-stone of our Brotherhood, without which we could not build our Temples.

Do we not believe in an after-life, our soul and spirit rising I again out of one body when it is dead matter? How could we teach our initiates our belief in a "Grand Lodge Above " if we did not?

Are we not taught in our rites and ceremonies our duty to the world, to our brothers, and to our God? The answers to all these must be obvious to all.

I say again, brothers, that Freemasonry is the highest, purest, truest, and oldest religion in the world. The above is critical evidence, and is unanswerable that it is so.

My firm belief and hope and for this I labour and work—is that at no distant date the world will be united again under one universal brotherhood, which will not interfere in any way with whatever form of creed you may practise outside the Lodge. The reasons set forth in this article must be obvious to all the Brotherhood. But let brothers practise in the actions of their daily lives that which they profess in our Temples if they will for a universal brotherhood.—"The Freemason," London.

MUSIC AND ITS RELATION TO FREEMASONRY.

(Being a Paper delivered at the Masters' Lodge, No. 161, Dunedin, by W. BRO, R. HAWCRIDGE, P.G.O.)

Like most things Masonic, the history of the connection between Freemasonry and music is shrouded in obscurity. We know that music has always played a part in preparing the mental state of initiates for the reception of all the ancient mysteries, be they Egyptian, Phoenician, Assyrian, Chaldaic, Elusiniare Hindu, Thibetan, or even the more elusive fetish magic of the African races. With our modern mania for analysis we have probed into the psychological reasons for this, and are satisfied that the influence of music in this direction is hypnotic. In the present state of our knowledge we are convinced that all our sense perceptions of sound, light, colour, heat, pleasure, and pain are the result of vibrations conveyed to our nervous system either indirectly, through the special organs of the ear, the eye, the touch, the tongue, the glands, etc., or directly through the submission of the nerves themselves to injury or exposure to the direct action of atmospheric influences. The special organs under the excitation of the vibrations which they are specially fitted to perceive convey impressions agreeable or disagreeable. So far as we are able to see the agreeable effect is produced by the regular impulses of these vibrations. The eye and the ear, for instance, are perceptive organs tuned to receive vibratory impulses between certain ranges. Probably the easiest illustration of what is meant may be conveyed by examining a piano string or a violin string. If we stretch a cord between two points and either pull, push, or strike it out of its original position, it returns gradually to that position. A celebrated Italian scientist of the Middle Ages, engrossed in watching the swaying of the hanging lamps in church, noticed that, whether they swung yards or inches from the perpendicular, their return to that point always occupied the same length of time. From this he established the fact that a pendulum of a given length, no matter how great or how small the swing, always occupies the same time in each swing (I am using homely language); and it is for that reason pendulums are used for regulating and controlling clocks. When we apply this common knowledge to the swing which we have imparted to our string by pushing or pulling it from its natural position of rest, we can easily see that although the string gradually comes to rest again, after a number of swings or vibrations, each of these occupies the same time; in other words, the vibrations are regular.

Now, the longer the pendulum the greater the time occupied in swinging, or the slower the vibration (note the metronome). But in a string we have three factors or influences to consider : (1) The length of the string; (2) the weight or thickness of the string; (3) the tightness or tension of the string. You will notice that on a violin or a piano the lower notes are obtained on heavier or thicker strings than the higher notes, that the notes are tuned by stretching or slackening the strings, and that different notes on strings of the same tension and thickness are obtained by varying the length of the string.

Now, what is a note? We have seen that the string when disturbed returns to its original position by regular vibrations. When these vibrations, either through the strength, length, or thickness of the string come within the region of 30 vibrations to a second the ear begins to perceive them by imparting the same number of regular vibrations to the nerves, and thence to the brain. As the number of vibrations to the second increases, the effect becomes more piercing, and we say the note is higher. Every note is then simply a noted or known number of regular vibrations. The only difference between a musical note or agreeable tone and a noise, or disagreeable sound, is that in the musical tone the vibrations are regular, while in the noise they are irregular. I will not weary you by any explanation of how these vibrations of the string cause similar little crowdings or

condensations of the air, followed by little thinnings or rarefactions, and so convey the vibrations to great distances. It is enough for our purpose to realise that the mental sense—times aroused by music—are due to a series of regularly repeated impulses or pressures on our nerves, which in varied arrangement and combination with each other give rise to the most wonderful physical (or bodily) and psychical (or spiritual) exaltation. Our intellects and emotions respond to these vibrations as surely as the sounding board of a piano or the body of a violin respond to the vibrations of the strings stretched over them.

Different organs respond to vibrations between certain limits. For instance, the ear responds to vibrations between the limits of about 16 to 4,000 (middle C about 256), the eye to vibrations of millions almost inconceivable. In light, again, we have the same phenomenon as in sound. When the vibrations are regular and rhythmic we have the sensation of colour, different colours having different vibration rates.

Unfortunately, the vibration rates of light are so high, and comparatively so difficult to control and formulate, that we have not yet any mathematically certain basis upon which to found an exact science of harmony and melody of colour such as we have for the construction of musical composition.

When we realise, then, that all our appreciation of the beautiful and the agreeable depends upon this natural response of our nervous system to what I must define as the repeated regular impulse, we shall begin to understand the importance of music as the most suitable means of submitting a number of individuals to a physical impulse, having a common effect upon their mental condition. To have a homely realisation of the repeated regular impulse, think how soothing a regular stroking or patting is, contrast it with the effect of a smack, and you will understand the difference. Between music and noise—harmonious colour and discordant harsh vulgarities of colour—agreeable warmth and a burn—a fragrant scent and a stink—a pleasant, sweet taste and a sickening, disgusting mouthful—for all our organs of sense are affected by like phenomena along like lines.

This may seem a very roundabout way of approaching the connection between music and Freemasonry, but I think it will enable us to see at least what its connection with the earlier mysteries was. Its use with the ancients was to induce that half-hypnotic condition, in which it was possible to render the minds of a number of individuals susceptible to a common stimulus of a common set of ideas, and so more easily reach that common wave of emotional tension in which men perceived with the soul the hidden truths of the mysteries rather than understood them with the intellect. I hope I am not obscure. Just as the spiritualists of to-day sit in a darkened room with linked hands and prepare each other's mental condition by singing a hymn, and thus leading themselves to expect manifestations, so you will find that in the Eleusinian mysteries, the Egyptian, Pythagorean, and all other systems fasting (to reduce the physical resistance to emotion), darkness (to remove the support to common-sense of the familiar universe), and music (to prepare the nerves and submit them to a common impulse) were the chief aids in bringing about that trance-like condition in which the adept contrived to impart to the initiate those ideas and mysteries which were inexpressible in mere words, and which, being unrecorded for the same reason, we are apt to regard as purely mythical. It is no more capable of logical proof that they had no real existence than it can be shown exactly what they were. A more specific proof of the importance of the regular repetition of the impulse can be found in the use, among less highly developed peoples, of the drum for the same purpose. The frenzy of the African mystic fetish-worshippers, of Voodoos, and so forth, was roused by the long-continued beating of the drum, which many Europeans have said had the effect upon themselves of almost robbing them of self-control and intelligence.

Along lines such as these, then, must we look for the philosophical explanation of the marriage of music to religion. By religion we must understand the subtle ulterior philosophy not properly expressible or communicable in words, which is the mainspring and guide of the lives and actions of men in their relation to each other.

In Freemasonry, which sets out to make men subservient not to a priest but to an ideal—a common sentiment of fraternal equality, confidence, and affection—what more suitable to the bringing about of a harmony of intellectual and emotional condition than music?

There have always been, and no doubt always will be, three distinct types of members of every Order—those to whom music provides a pleasant atmosphere stimulating the intellectual processes; those in whom it hinders mental concentration and is a positive annoyance; and those who are content to let all other intellectual interests remain in abeyance during the sensuous exaltation of the musical stimulus. The short

life of the first musical Lodge, of which we have at present authentic record—the Phila Musicae et Architecturae, flourishing in London between February, 1725, and March, 1727—is an emphatic example of the mutual reaction of these factors. The Duke of Richmond, then in the chair of the G.L. of England, had constituted the Philo Musicae, but, as early as December in the first year of its existence, he himself called its members "to an account for making Masons irregularly." The letter of the G.M. "did lye on the table," and the Lodge continued to initiate during its short life.

Here we have our three types at work. Freed from the restraint of the largest class—who like music as an accompaniment to intellectual exercise—the Musical brethren subordinated the perfect points of the Craft to indulgence in their hobby, with the result that the third type, the intellectual out of sympathy with music, is horrified at their irregularity and condemns it in toto. So that at the very outset we are bound to recognise that, however much the harmony of the Craft may be influenced by "the concord of sweet sounds," music, if not wisely kept in due restraint, may utterly fail in its purpose. To assist in defining the proper place of music in its connection with Freemasonry may not then be an unworthy object.

The purpose of music in our ceremony would appear to have three main aspects. It has the religious aspect in our ritualistic openings and closings of the various degrees in the Lodge. In this aspect it confines itself very largely to the rendering of well-known hymns selected from the great body of ancient and modern religious songs common to the English Churches, and to our dear old "So mote it be." We have no musical literature as yet identified with our Order, although certain verbal alterations have been made in the text to make them conform more closely with the spirit of Freemasonry. The religious aspect is also intermixed with what we may label the mystic aspect of the music of our ceremonial initiations, passings, raisings, and conferring of higher degrees. We have also the pageant aspect of music to consider. But in all these aspects we have not what we may call accepted purely Masonic settings to anything, unless it be the three odes used at the installation of the Master — "Lord God Our Master Bless," " With Wishes True and Hearty," and " Great Architect to Thee we Raise." Even these are not such arrangements as are suited to the unison efforts of a mixed body of untrained singers, but are more suitable for a choir. In consequence we find thoughtful organists beginning to set them to the tunes of well-known standard hymns.

If we are to consider the utility of music from the point of view which I have striven to formulate, a preparation for the mental attitude necessary to the receptive psychic state, there can be little doubt that what is called "congregational singing" is the ideal aim in all hymns and odes. The singing of a small choir, however excellent, is a decorative effect much to be desired in strictly ceremonial functions, but equally to be deplored in the earnest efforts of a Lodge to elevate its members and to lift them on to that great level plane of Fraternity which we profess. Another point for consideration in this religious aspect of our music is the question of "part singing." When it is born in mind that most hymns have been set for soprano, alto, tenor, and bass, it will be seen that to sing the treble an octave lower, while retaining the original pitch of the other three parts, makes a sad hash of the composer's intention, and leads to very doubtful results. Naturally deep bass voices are often unequal to the strain of singing the melody in the original key, while to change it sometimes brings it below the pleasant range of tenor and light baritone voices. The obvious solution in the latter case is to allow two parts, the melody and the bass—the amount of overlapping is not then serious. Yet where possible unison singing is preferable.

If unison singing prevailed, a great opportunity would be afforded to organists to improvise accompaniments in which the colour and sentiment of the different verses might be assisted by the varying of the harmony and the arrangement of the sustaining chords. In any case, greater efforts ought to be made to include a hymn in all opening and closing ceremonies. The effect would be to let the members feel themselves a real part of the Lodge, and not simply an audience of the efforts of the officers. Hymns during lulls and waits in the ceremonial business would be desirable for a similar reason. Where a Lodge has a suitable choir, an occasional anthem or even a solo is acceptable. But the wise Master should beware of soloists. Unless in the opinion of both Master and Organist the soloist is a member whose rendering and choice of solo are alike such as to help to sustain the character of the ceremony being caned out, he should on no account be called upon. In the pageant music, at the entry and retirement of Masters and officers from the Lodge, the Organist has his opportunity for effective, strong music of the march, stately order. Vigorous and even ornate selections are permissible and desirable. It is the Organist's show time.

In the mystic music, however, the Organist needs all the wisdom and taste at his disposal. He is now, quite as much as the Master, P.Ms., or principal officers, responsible for the impressiveness and success of the ceremony. He is the colour, the imagination, the soul of the whole affair. The fact that he may not be noticed, should not be noticed, does not affect this statement. He should strive to let his work affect the imagination, not the ear. Working in light tints, he should throw a mystic glamour over the darkness into which the blindfolded candidate is led. The mysterious gloom should be deepened by the scarcely heard distant, almost formless, minor, plaintive chords which form the atmosphere of doubt and chaos. When the candidate is led round, how often do we find him do so to the vigorous tune of a popular march ! What could be more discordant ? The candidate, in a state of doubt and perturbation, feels that he is being made a fool of. The air of mystery should be kept up. At the moment I can think of no more suitable illustration of the type desirable than "The Pilgrims' Chant," from Wagner's "Tannhauser," or the ghost chant from Sullivan's "Ruddigrove," to explain what should be done. But the less definite the melodic form and the more colorata the mystic suggestion of suspended discords in the harmonic progression the better. If the organ is capable of extreme pianissimo effects, the fewer breaks there are in the continuity of the accompaniment during perambulations and questions from the Wardens the better. When the Master speaks there should be silence. So also during the principal charges. After the investiture of the candidate, the music should considerably brighten, but it should never lose its distinctive sacred character. The same general considerations affect all degrees. No specific rules can be laid down, but it always appeared to me that the main thing was to observe closely the three aspects—religious, pageant, and mystic—varying as much as possible the details of these from meeting to meeting. In this direction the great aim of all the arts, "Variety in unity," appears to lie. It should ever be borne in mind that art is to conceal art, and the most successful music in the Masonic Lodge will always be that which does not call attention to itself but to the inner meaning of our ancient rites and ceremonies.

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THE LATE R.W. BRO. R. F. GOULD.

141 Falkner Street,
Liverpool, 30th May, 1915.

DEAR SIR AND BRO.,—It was Bro. R. F. Gould's wish that on his death his Masonic effects should pass into my charge; hence various communications addressed to him connected with the Prov.G.L. of Canterbury and the Masters' and Past Masters' Lodges lie before me.

My first duty is to acknowledge with fraternal thanks those various interesting missives. I regret that I have another duty —namely, to announce through you to the New Zealand brethren that Bro. Gould's widow has been left financially ill-provided for, and she has asked me to seek the aid of her husband's well-wishers to aid her. She is childless, seventy-three years of age, has outlived most of her relatives, and has been dependent upon her husband's annuity (which ceased with his life). Her husband's investments were small.

I have already written to American brethren, whom I know by correspondence, to constitute themselves into a committee for the purpose of forming a Mrs. Gould Fund, and they have responded very cordially and promptly. I am now laying the facts before over-seas British brethren, and thus address brethren in your land. As to the brethren in the United Kingdom, well-wishers and admirers of Bro. Gould's writings, it is proposed that Lodge Quatuor Coronati, No. 2076, should appeal to them, and the mode and time of that appeal are under consideration.

Bro. W. H. Wells, senior partner in the firm of Messrs. H. H. Wells and Sons, 17 Paternoster Row, London, is co-trustee with myself for the over-seas branch of the Mrs. Gould Fund. This firm is settling Bro. Gould's small estate.

I well know that New Zealand is doing its share in bearing the burden which now presses so hard upon our beloved Empire, and financial claims are, no doubt, many in your land, but Bro. Gould's readers are doubtless many too just there, and I know I do not appeal to them in vain to assist our distinguished brother's widow.

You may make whatever use you like of the present letter—I mean as to communicating its contents to brethren outside the limits of your Lodge. I have not at the moment a calendar showing the officers of your various Lodges, but should like the present letter to be regarded as a circular.

With fraternal salutations to whomsoever the present letter may come,—Sincerely yours,
JAS. M. DOW.

Bro. S. Clifton Bingham,
St. Augustine Hall, Christchurch, N.Z.

Correspondence.

GRAND LODGE SPECIAL WAR FUND.

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TO THE EDITOR.

DEAR SIR AND BRO.,—I have read your interesting article on the war in the July CRAFTSMAN, and am quite at one with your view as to its probable duration. It would be the easiest thing in the world for Britain to make arrangements for a patched-up peace, but that would only postpone the evil day so far as our Empire is concerned, and would mean the early absorption of Holland, Denmark, and Belgium. Germany is out for world-domination, and we, who have so much at stake in almost every part of that same world, must keep her in check, even if we have to fall back on our own unaided efforts. This will entail a sacrifice of men and money that we must make up our minds to give not only ungrudgingly but cheerfully.

This is, however, not the point I am writing on, but rather your concluding words on the disbursement of the M.W.G.M.'s fund now being raised by our Lodges. I am of the opinion that this should be devoted to our brethren who have been wounded or incapacitated through sickness brought on in the performance of their duty, and to the dependents of those brethren who have been killed or who have died through the rigours of the campaign.

I certainly think the amount given should be in addition to the Government grant or pension and over and above moneys donated from local funds. Any question of relieving the Government of its due share of responsibility would defeat the object the M.W.G.M. has in view in making this appeal. The fund should, I think, be administered by either the Board of Benevolence or the Annuity Board, Prov.G.Ms. to report on whatever cases arise in their districts requiring assistance.—Yours fraternally, THOS ROSS, P.D.G.M.

HOSPITAL SHIP.

TO THE PEOPLE OF NEW ZEALAND.

I desire to express my deep appreciation to all who have so generously responded to my appeal to equip the Hospital Ship "Maheno." I have personally given my undivided attention to see that, while having due regard to economy, she should leave these shores, so far as it is possible, lacking nothing. My only regret is that I have not been able to personally thank each of the many donors, but I hope they will allow me, through the medium of this letter, to say how greatly I have been touched by the way in which they have assisted me. I wish it had been possible for the "Maheno" to visit the various ports of the Dominion, so that everybody might have had an opportunity of seeing her, but I am convinced that all will agree with me that it would have been inadvisable to delay the ship's departure. Under existing arrangements it is anticipated that the "Maheno" will return to New Zealand in about six months' time, bringing as many as she can comfortably accommodate of those whose wounds will prevent their returning to the front, for it is highly essential that these men should make the return journey under the most favourable conditions possible.

LIVERPOOL, Governor.

[We have been asked to give prominence to this letter.— ED. C.]

MASONS ON THE WARPATH.

The following paragraph taken from a recent issue of the "Daily Mail" will no doubt be read with interest :—

The Masonic G.L. of Germany, assembled in meeting at Berlin recently, decided to break off fraternal relations with Italian and French Freemasons. The following declaration has been issued :—" In view of the attitude of Italian Freemasons, who, instigated by their French brethren, have in their entirety interfered in political party controversies leading up to war, and have thereby violated grievously the elementary Masonic law which forbids such conduct, the German G.L. hereby breaks off its former relations with Italian and French Freemasons. With regard to Freemasons in other enemy countries the decisions already taken remain in force, according to which relations of the G.Ls. to one another since the commencement of hostilities have ceased."

OBITUARY.

R.W. BRO. H. C. A. WUNDRAM, P.G.W.

It is with great sorrow that I have to chronicle the death of R. W. Bro. Henry Charles Adolphus Wundram, P.J.G.W., at the advanced age of 77 years, which occurred at Napier on Sunday, 4th

July. On the previous Tuesday our brother had a fall, and after a lapse of two hours concussion supervened, from which he never rallied.



The late Bro. Wundram was born in Hanover, Germany, in 1838, where his father was a builder. Educated at the technical schools of Hanover, he began his career in a lawyer's office, but gave that up for the life of a sailor, spending nine years in that capacity, chiefly coasting out of Hartlepool. In 1862 he went to New South Wales by the ship Royal Bride, leaving that ship without leave or license, the vessel shortly afterwards being wrecked. After spending some fourteen years on the Australian and New Zealand goldfields he came to Napier, where he first started as a signwriter, being in partnership with Bro. T. Bear (for many years Treas. of Scinde Lodge). He next set up as an architect, and soon made a name for himself, many of the shops in Napier being erected from his designs. In 1890 Bro. Wundram was appointed valuer to the Napier Borough Council, and two years later was appointed inspector of buildings to the same body, and at the time of his death was also paymaster. As an illuminator of addresses Bro. Wundram did some excellent work. The late Bro. Wundram has had a splendid Masonic career. He was initiated in Lodge Charleston Kit., No. 487, S.C., on 24th September, 1869, passed 4th October, and raised 4th November. In Napier he joined Victoria Lodge, No. 1577, E.C. (now No. 21, N.Z.C.) on 8th May, 1877, and in December, 1894, was installed as Master, also filling the office of Sec. for ten years. Bro. Wundram was also elected a member of Scinde Lodge on 20th April, 1894. G.L. honours : D.G.S. E.C., 1889; U.S., N.Z.C., 6th July, 1891; G.Supt. of W., 27th April, 1892; J.G.D., 17th June, 1895; on 5th May, 1903, by resolution of G.L., was constituted P.J.G.W. in recognition of eminent services rendered to the Craft. Capitular Freemasonry : The deceased companion was admitted Wellington Union Chapter, E.C., on 2nd January, 1879; was installed as 1st Prin. Z. in Victoria Chapter, No. 4, 1893; elected 2nd G.Soj., 1894; G.S.N., 1896; 3rd G.Prin. J (Honoris Causa), 26th January, 1909; was appointed representative of the G.R.A. Chapter of North Carolina, near the G. Chapter of New Zealand, 9th January, 1904. Although well advanced in years, Bro. Wundram never allowed his interest in Masonry to wane, attending to his duties right up to the very last. He always delighted to give the charge immediately after the raising in the Third, and in this connection gave that particular

charge to the present W.M. of Victoria Lodge and the writer of this notice. Of a generous disposition, he always remembered "the peculiar moment. " At the May meeting of the Lodge the Third was worked by the P.Ms., and on that occasion Bro. Wundram (who was affectionately called "Dad ") took the gavel. It is also a coincidence that the first Lodge meeting in the new year was a Lodge of Sorrow for our departed brother, the ordinary meeting of the Lodge also falling on that day. At the latter only the degree was worked, no "Fourth " taking place, out of respect to the memory of Bro. Wundram.

A Lodge of Sorrow was held in Victoria Lodge on the day of the funeral, there being a large attendance of Victoria and Scinde brethren, as well as R.W. Bro. Harston, P.P.G.M., and R.W. Bro. J. W. McDougall, P.P.G.M. After the Sec. had read the dispensation, the W.M. (W. Bro. W. A. Kirk) said :—" Brethren, the dispensation just read fully explains the reason for our meeting this afternoon. We have come together to pay the last sad rites to departed merit, to one who was in the best sense of the word a true Mason, one who was esteemed and loved throughout the whole district—aye, we might say throughout the Dominion. But, though we sorrow for our beloved brother, we do not sorrow as those without hope, for we know that if we but do our duty we shall surely meet again in that glorious Lodge above, where pain and parting are no more. And, brethren, if asked why we feel so sure that we shall again meet our beloved brother, we have but to turn to the V. of the S.L., where we read that that which is good is of God, that which is not good is not of God. 'By their fruit ye shall know them,' and, brethren, as it is by the fruit that we know the tree, so by our beloved brother's good works and kind actions, we know that if we too are faithful, we shall surely meet him again in the Grand Lodge above, to receive our just reward." R.W. Bro. Harston also spoke on the life of our late brother, concluding by moving a resolution of sympathy with his sister, the brethren standing, after which the "Dead March" was played by the Organist, Bro. Rockell. The funeral service was started in the Lodge by the W.M., W. Bro. Andrew taking the responses, after which the brethren formed in procession, heading the cortege to the cemetery, where the Presbyterian Church service was impressively conducted by Bro. Rev. J. A. Asher, after the Masonic service was continued by W. Bro. Kirk, assisted by W. Bro. Andrew and R.W. Bro. Harston.

The deepest sympathy goes out to the late brother's widowed sister, who was two years his senior, and with whom he had resided for a number of years.—[Lodge Correspondent.]

The making of Masons to-day should be the making of men, manly men, God-fearing men, honourable men, men who will endeavour to practise the tenets and precepts of Masonry as taught within our sacred retreats. The true Mason to-day is he who with faith in God steps forth to fight the battle of the weak, to help the oppressed, to shield the innocent, one whose greatest pleasure consists of the promulgation of the universal brotherhood of man.—"Masonic Voice Review,"

BIOGRAPHICAL.

R.W. BRO. J. H. HARKNESS, DEP.G.M.



R.W. BRO. J.H. HARKNESS, DEPUTY GRAND MASTER.

Our R.W. Bro. first saw light in Freemasonry in Lodge Victory, Nelson, having been initiated in 1895. The following year he affiliated to Robert Burns Lodge, Reefton, and was appointed Sec. on the night of affiliation, a position he held for two years. In 1899 he filled the office of J.W., was elected S.W. in 1900, and W.M. in 1901, in which year he was also elected a G.S. From 1903 to 1905 he again filled the Secretarial chair, and only relinquished the office on his appointment as Prov. G.M. of Westland. This important office was held for ten years, and in May last Bro. Harkness was appointed Dep.G.M. In Capitular Freemasonry our companion holds an excellent record, having been exalted in Inangahua Chapter in 1904 on the occasion of the constitution of the Chapter. After filling the offices of J. and H., he was elected Z. in 1905, which office he held for two years. During the two subsequent years he became S.E., and on his removal to Westport was elected to the same office in Kawatiri Chapter. In 1910 he was elected to the Principal chair, and the following year accepted the office of S.E., an office he still holds. In 1914 he received the rank (honoris causa) of P.D.G.Z. in appreciation of his long and active services. Our

distinguished brother is blessed with a most commanding presence, is an excellent speaker, and is one of the best exponents of ritual working in the Dominion. Though fully occupied with educational work as master of the High School, Westport, he can always find time for any Masonic work that comes along, no matter what or where it may be. He is well known all over the West Coast, and is held in the greatest esteem, especially by his brethren in Freemasonry. His appointment as Dep.G.M. was a most popular appointment, and is amply justified by the excellence and magnificence of his past work.

R.W. BRO. DAVID J. L. McFARLANE, PROV.G.M. OF RUAPEHU DISTRICT.



R.W. BRO. D. McFARLANE, PROV. GRAND MASTER, RUAPEHU DISTRICT.

It falls to the lot of some men to have greatness thrust upon them, and the subject of this sketch comes within this category, inasmuch as, in the excess of his native modesty, he would never acquire it. But when the Ruapehu District was formed it became necessary to select a brother to supervise it who would enjoy the thorough confidence and esteem of the brethren, and R.W. Bro. David McFarlane was the happy choice of the M.W.G.M. He was initiated, passed, and raised in St. Andrew Kil. Lodge, Wanganui, in the year 1896, was elected Sec. in 1897, and held the office for two years, when he was selected for J.W. Succeeded to the

office of S.W. in 1900, and W.M. in 1901. Resumed the office of Sec. in 1913, which he had to relinquish on receiving his present appointment. Bro. McFarlane has held the office of President of the Wanganui United Board of Enquiry for some years. He was M.W.S. of the Lathom Rose Croix Chapter, 1905-06, and Recorder, 1907-13—six years. Was also a foundation member of the Wanganui R.A. Chapter. Our brother is most unostentatious in character, and aims at a useful rather than a brilliant life, and his only desire in his new office is to cement the Lodges in his district in the strongest bonds of fraternal kindness and affection.

R.W. BRO. JOSEPH BARTON, S.G.W.



R.W. BRO. J. BARTON, SENIOR GRAND WARDEN.

R.W. Bro. Joseph Barton was initiated by W. Bro. G. Blackmore into Freemasonry in the Lodge of Otago, No. 844, E.C. (now No. 7), in the year 1888, of which Lodge he has always been a subscribing member. After serving the offices of I.G., Deacon, and Warden, he was elected W.M. and installed in 1892. The Lodge joined the G.L. of New Zealand at its inception, and for some time was the only Lodge which had transferred its allegiance in Otago. It accordingly went through a rather trying period, and all the members naturally took a great interest in G.L. affairs, and were the means of fathering that great work in the South.

G.L. elected R.W. Bro. J. Barton Steward in 1894, Bible Bearer 1899. When leaving Dunedin to reside for a few year in Wellington, and not wishing to lose interest in Freemasonry he affiliated with Lodge Pacific, No. 2, the members of which kindly nominated, and G.L. elected him, to the office of G.Supt. of W. in 1906. Soon after he left Wellington and returned to Dunedin, and was appointed by the M.W.G.M. S.G.W. at the last communication of G.L., held in Wellington May, 1915.

R.W. Bro. J. Barton assisted in forming the Lodge of Otago and R.A. Chapter, No. 7, in the year 1891. After holding several offices he was elected 1st Prin. in 1897, and 2nd G.Soj. in 1898.

He has been a great column of strength to G.L. in Otago District, giving much time and assistance to many Prov.G.Ms. at installations and consecrations, etc.

R.W. BRO. MAURICE JOHN HARRIS, J.G.W.



It is not given to all men to command success, but Bro. Harris has done more in that he has deserved it. In a country district one's opportunities are usually comparatively few, and one's work and reputation are

naturally circumscribed. But R.W. Bro. Harris is one of the exceptions that go to prove the rule, and though a long resident in the Paeroa district, he is well known in Masonic circles throughout the large Auckland Province, and there are few centres in the Dominion where he is not greeted by many friends. Bro. Harris was initiated into Freemasonry in Ohinemuri Lodge, Paeroa, in 1897, and after passing through the intermediary Lodges was elected and installed W.M. in 1902, being the first initiate of Lodge Ohinemuri to occupy the Master's chair. As showing the respect in which he is held, he has been entrusted with the office of Preceptor in the Lodge of Instruction since the year 1908. He was elected S.G.D. in 1906, and was appointed J.G.W. in May last. In the Capitular Craft he has been exceedingly active, having filled most of the Chapter offices, including that of Z. He has also held several offices in G. Chapter, was elected G.J. in 1914, and G.H. in 1915. Of a genial temperament and generous disposition, always ready with a little story appropriate to the occasion, especially if it is against himself, and ready at all times to travel miles in the service of Freemasonry, it is little wonder that he has entwined himself in the hearts of his brethren.

MASONS' MARKS IN INDIA.

By W. BRO. W. H. JONES.

(Read at the Installed Masters' Lodge of Wellington.)

The subject of Masons' marks is a very wide one, and the sources of information at my disposal are so limited that it is with a very considerable amount of diffidence that I venture to attempt a short paper on "Masons' Marks in India."

We are taught that when one of our ancient brethren executed a piece of work—such as preparing a stone for its place in a building—he placed his mark upon it, so that those in authority could tell at a glance which workman had prepared any particular stone in the edifice. This system of marking or signing work must necessarily have conduced to careful and accurate workmanship, for where a man had to sign his work he would be careful to see that it was worthy and not such as might at some future time cast discredit upon him. In fact, we can easily imagine such a workman, when asked for information as to his ability, referring prospective employers, not to previous employers, but to such and such a building where his mark would bear silent testimony to his skill.

Those of us who have been privileged to see any of the cathedrals, abbeys, or other edifices erected in Europe will appreciate the "personal element" attaching to the "mark" system. The usual marks are from 2 to 4 inches in length and breadth, but a few instances are recorded where the marks are as much as 8 inches across.

I was fortunate to obtain the loan of a book written by a brother after he had been for a trip through Northern India in search of masons' marks. The buildings to which he obtained access ranged in date from A.D. 1180 to 1753, and he states that marks were found plentifully on stones in palaces, tombs, fortresses, and even on banks of canals all over Northern India.

As slight evidence of the universality of our science, may call attention to the Indian marks having been made by Mahommedan workmen or by Hindu masons working under Mahommedan rulers, while the masons' marks on stones in Great Britain and in Europe, contemporary as to date, were known to have been made by Christians. Another interesting point is that at various buildings in England erected between the years A.D. 1150 and 1500 I have by comparison of records been able to find no. less than sixteen marks, each different in design, which correspond with marks found in India. I have not been able to find much evidence on this point, but inasmuch as several examples of one "mark" (a Swastica) have been found on Buddhist monuments, I may perhaps be pardoned for suggesting that if it were possible to make careful search in China. and Thibet marks would be found on Buddhist, Mongol, and Manchu buildings as they have been found on Mahommedan and Hindu buildings and monuments.

Operative masons in India are of the "Sudra" or artisan caste, and as this caste includes the aboriginal race who inhabited India before the time when the Brahmins came on the scene, the antiquity of the Indian Masons' Guild is unquestionable.

The marks themselves are in many instances of shapes familiar to us, such as the "Swastica," "Tau," five and six pointed stars, interlaced triangles, crossed squares, pentacles, several varieties of crosses, and even the "broad arrow," which doubtless did not then carry the significance it does now. One mark in particular struck me as being very like the coat of arms of the Fishmongers Company (one of the Guilds of the City of London), and another resembled a screw propeller. These marks are recorded as being repeated four or five, and sometimes more than a dozen, times on different stones in the same building, and comparing the marks on the different buildings we can, I think, fairly assume that the art of masonry was taught systematically, and that marks were handed down from father to son, from master to apprentice, or from one overseer to another. In fact, it is stated that among the many marks on stones in two particular buildings, one building being more than a century older than the other, no less than eleven marks occur in both buildings, and there is no single instance recorded where a stone bears two different marks, although in a few cases a very large stone, such as the capping stone of a doorway, has upon it the same mark repeated sometimes twice, and in one instance three times,

From the above I think we may conclude that there was what we understand as a guild of operative masons, who were employed by, at any rate, the Mogul Emperors. There is not much recorded trace of the work of such a guild either much before or much after the period of the Mogul Dynasty (1180 to 1753). Prior to 1180 the buildings were during a considerable period almost destitute of squared stone, but if we go a great deal further back—to the time of the great temples of Kashmir—we get massive squared stonework again, but of so ancient a date and with the stonework so worn or "weathered" that marks are almost, if not quite, undecipherable; and whether the builders were a guild of operative masons of Mohammedan or of Hindu origin is therefore not clear.

If the system of allotting marks and apportioning work was brought to India by the Mogul Emperors, enquiry would lead back to the Persian Empire.

In some of the buildings in Northern India the marks are accompanied by a sacred word, and in some instances there is an undoubted connection between certain of these masons' marks and some well-known symbols of Hindu mythology, and this mixture of operative masonry and religion would appear, as in the case of the operative and monastic masons of mediæval Europe, to point to the connection between operative and speculative masonry, and thus to furnish another link in the chain of evidence of the "universality of the science," or, in other words, to show that the various Masonic systems had a common origin. For instance, one of the most common marks is the "Jaina Cross," or "Swastica," as we now know it. This is admitted to be one of the most ancient symbols in the world, and used by all civilised nations, including the Chinese, Egyptians, and ancient Mexicans. It is used to-day by Hindus all over India, usually painted in red on shrines, implying the physical attributes of a deity. By superimposing the right-handed and the left-handed "Swastikas" we have what may be called a quadruple "Tam" This corresponds to the "Hammer of Thor," a Scandinavian emblem. Many marks that are familiar to most of us have also a religious meaning to the Hindus, but to go into this aspect of the question would lead us into such a maze of symbolism that I will not venture to touch further upon it.

I do not know that I can stretch the few facts I have out to any greater length without running the risk (if I have not already done so) of boring you, or, at any rate, laying myself open to a charge of prosiness, so I will now conclude by expressing a hope that my first attempt at a Masonic paper will not be considered as having proved my utter incapacity to write a paper worthy of this meeting.

WORSHIPFUL MASTER.



The term "Worshipful Master" grew out of the use of the word "worshipful." Formerly the word meant to reverence or honour, and the Mayors of towns were called, as at present among the English, "his worship," or

worshipful, while those of cities were "Right Worshipful." A Justice of the Peace was called "Worshipful " also. It was a title of honour.

The French call the Master "Venerable," meaning deserving of honour or respect. How absurd, then, for a Master to sign his name as " Worshipful Master " or " W.M." His office is Master, and, while others may apply to him the title of honour, it is not modest for him to refer to himself as "Worshipful Master."—"Masonic Home Journal."

REVIEW.

"THE ARCANA OF FREEMASONRY," by W. Bro. Albert Churchward, M.D., P.M.. P.Z., 30deg.
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Bro, Dr. Churchward is essentially a modern Masonic writer, and occupies a place entirely alone in the originality and daring of his conception. The Arcana consists of a number of lectures that have been delivered by the author in various Lodges of Research, and include the following subjects: " Freemasonry—The Bridge of History—Uniting the Past with the Present," " The Soul of Masonry," " Out of the Silence," " The Divine Name," " The Second Century of Modern Masonry," " Some Subjects suggested for Study," "Origin of Freemasonry," "Freemasonry Past and Present," "The Origin and Explanation of Some Masonic Signs and Symbols," "Egyptology and Masonry," "The Four Cardinal Points," and "Operative Masonry." The author in his introduction states that the lectures are reproduced to "enable every brother who is interested in the past origin of the Craft to gain at least a superficial knowledge of its antiquity, outside the present dogmas." Our learned brother gives Speculative Freemasonry an origin of some 300,000 years, which should satisfy the most rigid stickler for antiquity. But Bro. Churchward absolutely handicaps all criticism. He bases his conclusions on a familiar knowledge of the old Egyptian Stellar Mythos Cult, and the "Ritual," or so-called book of the dead. He suggests that his critics should study geology, anthropology, the hieroglyphics and glyphs, or the "Writing on the Wall." And he further says that brethren who express opinions without the knowledge of the "writings on the wall" must not expect to receive any notice of dogmas that have been proved incorrect. As we cannot pretend to these qualifications we shall abstain from any attempt to refute the antiquity of Speculative Freemasonry. But whether or not we accept the author's deductions, we must admire his erudition, his infinite research, and the ingenuousness of his constructive theories. The book is replete with matter of the greatest interest to all Freemasons, and the following passage is indicative of many others : "One might say that for 5,000 years there was no literature left us that we could read and properly understand. The Greeks, who have been much over-estimated, never understood the eschatology, and, in their ignorance, perverted all that had been told them; and so it was not until a few years ago that the discovery was made which gave us the key to read the writings and to find the true history of the past. The findings of various papyri with sacred writings, which we can now read, proves what all our forms and ceremonies meant and from whence they came. Here, written on papyri, on stone, and even on the Great Pyramid itself, is our ritual, with all passwords, signs, and symbols, and the meaning of the same, and I, having discovered the key to read the Central American glyphs, which I have now given to the rest of the world, found that these writings and their eschatology were copies of the Egyptian originals. Freemasonry, taken as a whole—i.e., in all its degrees from first to thirty-third—is the ritual of ancient Egypt., or their eschatology—i.e., the doctrine of final things performed dramatically and symbolically, the more to impress it upon initiates. There are written records left in this old language, which I have read, proving that this doctrine was extant and perfect at least as long as three hundred thousand years ago. It teaches the life you should lead on earth to gain everlasting happiness. It portrays all the dangers and difficulties the corpus has to pass through in this life, and the manes in the next, to gain that glorious hereafter we are all striving to obtain."

It is almost unnecessary to say that Bro. Dr. Churchward is not in accord with Hughan, Gould, Sadler, Preston, Krause, or indeed with any of the long line of Masonic writers who have passed away. But the very fact of Bro. Churchward holding such heterodox Masonic views should create a keen desire among all reading Masons to peruse the work.

FROM A WELL-KNOWN NEW ZEALAND BROTHER IN THE DARDANELLES.

The following extracts are from a letter from a brother serving with the New Zealand Expeditionary Forces, and is dated from Egypt :—

Am just back from Turkey in connection with some administrative matters concerning my branch, which will occupy some week or two. . . . As you have doubtless gathered from the casualty lists in the papers, we have been having a 'bloody' time, and many dear friends and comrades have answered the last roll call. We were fighting continuously from the moment of landing right up to the moment I left, and every member of the force, from the General down to the batmen, was under heavy shrapnel and rifle fire all through. It is no exaggeration to say that it literally rained nickel and lead. The description of the fighting in Flanders is practically a description of affairs as they exist in our fighting area.

"To give you an idea ; Three men were killed by shrapnel on the beach within a few yards of the boat I was embarking in when I came away the other day.

"The German gunners running the Turkish artillery—which is in abundance— know their job thoroughly, and handle their engines of death like masters, while occasionally their aeroplanes drop nasty things from aloft, which up to the present do no harm beyond making big holes in the ground. We bagged one of their torpedo boats the other morning right outside, and the Navy is on the look out for some submarines. The Turks fight plucky enough, but rely mainly on their rifle and gun fire, as at the supreme moment, when the bayonet only can decide, they falter and won't face the cold steel.

Our Australians and New Zealanders who are associated together are fighting magnificently. They are true sons of the blood and fit to be ranked with the immortals. In New Zealand you have even in the midst of your grief cause to be proud of your representatives. They are cheery and optimistic, and never waver, full of confidence in their superiority, they never question the result, and my admiration of one or two of their bayonet charges finds my command of language insufficient to do the participants justice.

"Like every person connected with the force, have had many close calls, but as they are frequent, in fact, common daily occurrences, one soon ceases to remark them.

"It is strange how soon one gets accustomed to the continuous roar of the guns, the everlasting crack of the rifles, and the peculiar whistle of the pointed bullet, which makes the air quite musical.

"The constant sight of wounded and dead, which during your first experience is quite upsetting, is looked upon as inevitable, and work goes on without interruption. The men who sweat and toil in the rear of the firing line, without a chance of hitting back, are no less heroic than their comrades in the trenches. To convey food and ammunition over difficult country both day and night, to tend the wounded and carry them to safety, exposed to a murderous fire the whole time, calls for a display of the qualities for which our race is famous.

We shall get through to Constantinople, but it will take time.

"Italy's intervention must bring the end nearer; but the struggle is a titanic one, and our foes are well prepared for it.

" I visit the hospitals whenever I can snatch a minute. Our boys are very cosy and well cared for in the many splendid hospitals here. A large percentage will be fighting again ere this reaches you.

" Give my regards to all friends, whom I hope to meet again some time within the next year or two, unless my luck fails me, and, as the boys say, 'I stop one.' However, when I get back, I expect most of my work will be farther away from the firing line instead of in it, as we have been for a month."

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Reports

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CRAFT LODGES.

SOUTHLAND.

Taringatura, No. 100.—The usual monthly meeting on 21st June was but poorly attended, influenza having quite a number of active members in its "grip," no fewer than three P.Ms, forwarding their apologies, while several officers were also "apologised for." The usual half-yearly accounts were passed for payment and a progress report re the W.M.'s War Fund made, showing that contributions were coming in freely. It was decided to accept the invitation of the W.M. of Lodge Winton to visit that Lodge on 20th July and work the Second Degree. The Lodge closed at 9.15, and a Lodge of instruction was held thereafter.

The monthly meeting, held by dispensation on 19th instead of 26th July, was well attended. The W.M. reported that up to date forty-six brethren had contributed to the M.W.G.M's War Fund £42 16s. It was decided that, as a number of brethren had still to send in their contributions, that amount be made up to £50 from the ordinary funds of the Lodge, and the cheque sent on to the G.Sec. It was announced that over a dozen members had signified their intention to accompany the W.M. on his visit to Winton, No. 108, the following evening. H.G.W. were received from visiting brethren, and the Lodge was closed before 9 p.m. After a cup of coffee, both grateful and comforting on a cold night, the officers spent some time in "instruction"—[Lodge Correspondent.]

Winton, No. 108.—The meeting held on 20th July was of a special character. There was a good attendance of members, and after the ordinary business the W.M. and brethren of Lodge Taringatura, paying an official visit, were received. These to the number of about a score were received with customary honours. After a few words of welcome to the visitors, the W.M. (Bro. W. Young) handed the gavel to Bro. Graham, W.M. of Lodge Taringatura, who undertook the passing of two candidates to the F.C. Degree, the ceremony being performed by the officers and P.Ms. of the visiting lodge. After the close of the Lodge a pleasant hour was spent round the supper table, and not a few complimentary speeches made. The principal toasts were The newly passed candidates, the W.M. and brethren of Lodge Taringatura (W. Bro. T. Walker, I.P.M), the visitors (Bro. J. R. Hamilton, S.W.), and the W.M. and brethren of Lodge Winton (W. Bro. W. H. Clark). The proceedings terminated at 11 p.m., and throughout were marked by the utmost cordiality. The best of feeling has always existed between these two Lodges—neighbours, though thirty miles apart, and the gathering just held has cemented these ties still closer. A return official visit will be made by the Winton brethren to Lumsden before the summer is far advanced.—[Lodge Correspondent]

OTAGO.

Otago, No. 7.—The Lodge held its regular monthly meeting in 14th July. Bro, J. R. Rogerson, W.M., presided, and after he ordinary business was transacted two candidates were initiated into membership in the Lodge. The W.M. was assisted by W. Bro. J. L. Miller, who communicated the S. and is.; W. Bro. D. C. Cameron, S.E. Charge; W. Bro. F. W. Clayton, W.Ts.; W. Bro. J. C. Easton, Ex. of Prep. ; and V. Bro. O. H. Pinel, Final Charge. R.W. Bro. J. Barton, S.G.W., at the request of the W.M. and officers, visited the Lodge in his official capacity. The W.M, extended to him a toasty welcome, and conveyed the congratulations of the brethren upon the M.W.G.M. having honoured him with high office in G.L. in recognition of his valuable services to Freemasonry, specially in the early history of G.L. The W.M. also presented Bro. Barton with a beautifully designed S.G.W.'s jewel in token of the esteem and good wishes of the brethren. The W.M. made two other presentations during the evening, one being to W. Bro. J. Williamson, who is about to spend some

eighteen months in America, and the other to Bro. Arthur H. Cameron, who has enrolled and proceeds at an early date to fight for King and Empire. The W.M. stated that Bro. Williamson was one of the best workers and one of our most highly esteemed P.Ms., whilst Bro. Cameron was the third of our Sec.'s sons who had volunteered for active service, two already being in Egypt. R.W. Bro. A. Fieldwick reported that the list of members of No. 7 who have held office in G.L. had been completed, and was now hanging in the Lodgeroom by consent of the hall trustees. It is about 5ft. by 3ft., and shows the name, office, and year in which each member has held G.L. office. It is an artistic piece of work, the lettering being well done, the illumination tasty, and the frame substantial and suitable. We have recently had much pleasure in welcoming back to Dunedin W. Bro. Rev. H. O. Fenton, M.A., P.G. Organist. Bro. Fenton has been in England and the Continent for about fifteen years, and regularly corresponded with the Lodge and kept up his membership during the whole of that time. He has been appointed isolate of All Saints Church, Dunedin, and we are delighted at his return to our city and to active work in the Lodge.—[Lodge Correspondent]

Oceanic, No. 154.—There was considerably over the average attendance at the last monthly meeting, held in the Masonic Hall, St. Kilda, on the 21st ult. In addition to official visits from the W.Ms. of Hiram, No. 46, Otago Nil., No. 143, and Ionic, No. 191, there was an extra large number of both visitors and members. The business was to raise one brother, and the ceremony was performed in a very capable and painstaking manner by the W.M. (Bro. J. A. Couchman) and his officers. The principal work was distributed as follows : Ob., the Wall.; Ex., Bro. H. F. Harris; Emblems of AL, Bro. A. T. Johnson; Secrets, W. Bro. J. A. Black and R.W. Bro. A. Stoneham ; Narrative, Bro. W. H. Mills; W.Ts. Bro. A. McKenzie ; and Final Charge, Bin. A. Cannon. The W.M. and Bro. A. Cannon, S.W., were appointed the Lodge's delegates on the Otago United Board of Enquiry for the ensuing year. Before the Lodge closed the W.M. made a strong appeal on behalf of the M.W.G.M.'s War Fund. A very pleasant hour in the supper-room followed the Lodge meeting.—[Lodge Correspondent.]

Masters' Lodge, No. 161.—The monthly meeting was held in the Moray Place Hall on the 16th ult., when there was a good attendance, a fair proportion of the town and suburban W.Ms. being present in addition to a number of other visitors. The lecturer for the evening was W. Bro. R. Hawcridge, P.G.O., who read a paper, which appears elsewhere in this issue, on "Music in its Relation to Freemasonry." The paper was listened to with enjoyment by all present, and the discussion that followed showed that the brethren present had followed it and its reasoning very closely. A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to W. Bro. Hawcridge. During the course of the evening Bro. Hawcridge intimated that, in conjunction with R.W. Bro. T. Ross, P.D.G.M., he was preparing a paper on King Solomon's Temple, which would be illustrated with slides, and he hoped that the brethren of the Masters' Lodge would have an opportunity of hearing it before long. The W.M. (W. Bro. D. Harris, Hastings) took advantage of the Prov.G.M. to thank him for having asked them to work the installation and investiture of Lodge Ionic, and said the offices of the Masters' Lodge were at his disposal for any future similar ceremony if required. Owing to Friday being the late night now in Dunedin there was a discussion upon changing the night, and it was decided not to hold a meeting in August, and refer the whole question of future dates and meeting-place to the officers of the Lodge. A pleasant hour was afterwards spent at the supper table.—[Lodge Correspondent.]

Clinton, No. 183.—The regular meeting was held on 24th June in the Oddfellows' Hall, Clinton, Bro. A. H. Charlton, M., presiding. There was not such a good attendance as usual, owing to the inclemency of the weather. The routine business and passing of accounts (including G.L. dues) received due attention. Two brethren were passed to the Second Degree by the W.M., assisted by his officers : S.E. Corner, I.P.M., W. Bro. Capamagian ; W.Ts., Bro. R. McIndoe; Ancient Charge, Bro. J. Wright; 2nd T.B., Bro. W. McIndoe. The Lodge having been closed, the usual pleasant hour was spent at the "Fourth." —[Lodge Correspondent.]

Ionic, No. 191.—The annual meeting of this Lodge for the installation of the W.M. and the investiture of officers was held in Kirkland Hall, Green Island, on the 12th ult. There was a very large and representative

attendance, and all the ceremonies in connection with the function were conducted by the W.M. and the officers of the Masters' Lodge, No. 161. In the unavoidable absence of the Prov.G.M. G.L. was represented by R.W. Bro. A. Stoneham, P.P.G.M., who was attended by R.W. Bros. E. W. G. H. Watts, P.P.G.M., G. Barton, S.G.W.; A. Fieldwick, P.G.W., and a fair number of present and past G.L. officers. R.W. Bro, D. Cooks, D.G.M. of New Zealand South S.C., attended by his officers, paid an official visit, and was received with due honours. The Installing Master (W. Bro. D. Harris Hastings, G.S.-Bearer, W.M., Masters' Lodge) having taken the chair, Bro. Sydney F. Bridgman was obligated, a B. of I.M. was formed, and he was installed in the chair for the ensuing year, and invested W. Bro. A. P. Brenner as his I.P.M. The following is the list of the officers who were invested : S.W., Bro. J. Pringle; J.W., Bro. J. C. McClymont; Treas., Bro. W. McDonald; Sec., W. Bro. J. L. Miller; Chaplain, Bro. Rev. G. D. Cox; D. of C., W. Bro. A. Smellie; S.D., Bro. J. McPhee; J.D., Bro. W. T. Smellie; I.G., Bro. R. Benfell; Tyler, Bro. A. Harrison; Ss., Bro. J. Orr, sen., R. Hill, D. Thomson, D. Richardson, and W. Geddes. The above officers were invested by the corresponding officers of the Masters' Lodge where practicable, and the following W. brethren invested the various officers :-W. Bros. J. Dare, T. Gallagher, C. Lischner, C. B. Thomson, E. H. G. Watts, J. J. Dumsday, W. Owen, and A. Watson. R.W. Bro. Stoneham presented the Charter and the B. of C., and addressed. the W.M. ; W. Bro. T. Gallagher, S.G.D., the Wardens; and W. Bro. C. W. L. Lischner, P.G.S. of W., the brethren. R.W. Bro. E. H. G. Watts acted as D. of C., W. Bro. J. Daire being S.W., W. Bro. Gallagher, J.W., W. Bro. C. B. Thomson, Chaplain, and Bro. A. Watson, I.G., during the installation ceremony. On behalf of the members of the Lodge R.W. Bro. A. Stoneham presented the outgoing W.M., W. Bro. Bremner, with a P.M.'s jewel, which he said had been fully earned by that brother. Advantage was taken of the presence of the G.L. officers to invest Bro. T. Gallagher as S.G.D. and Bro. J. L. Miller as G.S. R.W. Bro. Stoneham said it was unfortunate that the Prov.G.M. had been called to Wellington, but before leaving he had asked him to invest these W. brethren, a task which he cheerfully undertook. In so doing he referred to the good work these two W. brethren had done for the Craft in general and in Otago in particular. The usual supper was afterwards held in the Temperance Hall, the customary toasts being duly honoured. Amongst those who contributed to the enjoyment of the brethren special mention must be made of the patriotic recitations of Bro. Mills. The usual collection for the Annuity Fund was taken up in the Lodgeroom. This is the first occasion that the Masters' Lodge have undertaken the whole of the ceremonies in connection with the installation of a W.M. and the investiture of officers, and it was acknowledged that the innovation had been a success and would stand repeating. It should, however, be mentioned that this work was taken at the request and by the express wish of the Prov.G.M.

CANTERBURY.

Southern Cross, No. 6.-The usual monthly meeting was held at Kaiapoi on 1st July. W. Bro. Gribble, W.M., presided over a good attendance. Three candidates were initiated. The W.M. obligated and gave the Secrets, assisted by W. Bro. McKeown (W.M. Lodge Ashley) and W. Bro. Dr. Crawshaw (P.M. Lodge Southern Cross). The S.W., Bro. T. Hoskin, invested, the W.M. gave the Charge after I. and the N.E. Address, and Ex. of Prep. Bro. F. J. Garnett, J.D., presented the W.Ts., and Bro. C. Baynon, S.D., gave the Final Charge. The usual monthly collection for the M.W.G.M. Special War Fund was taken up and resulted in a very satisfactory figure. M.W. Bro. Binns was nominated by the Lodge for a further term as Prov. G.M. One candidate for Freemasonry was proposed. H.G.W. having been expressed by visiting brethren, the Lodge was closed, and an adjournment made to the refectory, where a very enjoyable hour was spent, enlivened considerably by the humorous passage of arms between W. Bro. Crawshaw and Bro. Reeves, of Lodge St. John. Very complimentary remarks were made by the various visitors upon the way in which the degree was worked. Special mention might be made of the way the Tyler (Bro. J. Mealings) excels in his efforts to make the brethren comfortable and happy in the "Fourth," of which he has charge. Lodge Southern Cross can very well congratulate itself upon the very successful year it is having, and also upon the class of men who are coming forward to be admitted into its ranks.-[Lodge Correspondent.]

Concord, No. 39. - The regular meeting was held in the Masonic Hall, Papanui, on 23rd June, W. Bro. H. S. Wilson in the chair. W. Bro. A. H. Hobbs gave his account of the proceedings at the late meeting at

Wellington of G.L., and was thanked for his report. Bro. Beanland gave notice of his intention to move at next meeting that our Lodge should dispense with the use of alcoholic liquors at our "Fourths" during the continuance of the war, and that the money so saved be devoted to the Masonic War Fund. A candidate was duly initiated, and the ceremony reflected great credit on the W.M., it being his first night in the chair. A short but pleasant half-hour in the "Fourth" brought the meeting to a close. It is with deep regret that we hear, since our last meeting, of the death of W. Bro. Wrathall, a member of Concord. The Lodge expresses its sincere sympathy with Mrs. Wrathall and family. Our sincere sympathy is also extended to the family of the late Bro. Albert E. Pattrick, whose name has just appeared amongst the killed at the Dardanelles. Bro. Pattrick was initiated in Concord, and was present at a meeting just previous to leaving for Egypt. He was a sturdy specimen of a man, and we feel sure "made good" in any fighting he had with the enemy. A meeting of the Standing Committee took place during the month, at which several important matters were dealt with, which, no doubt, will be brought before the Lodge in due course.-[Lodge Correspondent.]

Christchurch, No. 91-The monthly meeting was held on the 22nd June in the St. Augustine Hall, W. Bro. R. J. Thomas (Master) presiding over a good attendance of members, the ritual work consisting of raising three brethren: The first part of the Exhort. was delivered by W. Bro. G. Ferguson, P.M., the concluding part being given by the W.M. The Secrets were communicated by W. Bro. J. W. Roberts, P.M., the T.H. and T.B. were given by W. Bro. G. Yemm, the W.Ts. by W. Bro. Wilson (Master of Concord Lodge), Apron Charge by the J.W., Bro. J. Mitchell, the Final Charge being, delivered by the S.W., Bro. W. Kiddey. A vote of sympathy was passed with W. Bro. Hopkinson (Sec.), who was seriously ill. Lodge was closed, after which the brethren joined in conviviality in the refectory.-[Lodge Correspondent.]

St. Augustine, No. 99.-The May meeting was held on the 26th. It was a notable one, inasmuch as the P.Ms. of the Lodge carried out the working of the Third Degree, when two brethren were raised. W. Bro. Menzies, acting-Master, handed the gavel to W. Bro. A. Colville, and requested him to carry on the work of the evening. W. Bro. Colville then appointed his officers as under :— S.W., W. Bro. Lee; J.W., W. Bro. Shackleton; S.D., W. Bro. Hoskins; J.D., W. Bro. Menzies; I.G., W. Bro. Wright; I.P.M., W. Bro. Hertslet; Chaplain, W. Bro. Garland; D. of C., W. Bro. Fulton. The following W. brethren assisted : W. Bros. Colville, Ob. ; Garland, Scriptures ; Hertslet, Ex. ; Lee, first part T.H. ; Shackleton, Emblems; Menzies, Secrets; Hoskins, second part T.H. ; Fulton, W.Ts. ; and Coath, Final Charge. The whole ceremony went smoothly, and showed that the Palls. still retain their grip of the working of the degree to its best exposition. In the "Fourth," in proposing the health of the P.Ms., the W.M. congratulated them on the excellence of their work, and expressed the opinion that the Lodge was fortunate in having a body of P.Ms. so capable of working this eminent degree.

The June meeting was an evidence of that fraternal relationship which is becoming more and more common, viz., an interchange between Lodges. On this occasion Lodge Kurow, No. 164, returned the visit paid them some eighteen months ago. Various reasons occurred to delay the return visit, suggested times often being unpropitious to one or the other. However, the fates being kind, W. Bro. A. N. Hayes, I.P.M., brought down what he called a "scratch" team, and all your correspondent can say in the matter is, if Kurow "scratch" teams do such excellent work, the ordinary work of the officers of that Lodge must be par excellent, for such an exhibition of clean and precise working was a revelation to those who witnessed it, and testified to the Masonic ardour, as far as working is concerned, of those who carried it out. W. Bro. Hayes was supported as follows:— S.W., W. Bro. Appleby, P.M.; J.W., W. Bro. R. C. Gillies, P.M. ; S.D., Bro. C. Ayson; J.D., W. Bro. Deal, P.M.; I.G., Bro. G. B. Edwards; Organist, Bro. Winnington. The work was very appropriately distributed :— Ob., V. Bro. Hayes; N.E. Charge, Bro. Ayson; W.Ts., W. Bro. Gillies; Prep. Charge, W. Bro. Deal; and Final Charge, W. Bro. Appleby. An innovation to Lodge St. Augustine was carried out at the pause in the N.E. Charge, viz., a collection in aid of the Annuity Fund, and after all had contributed the salver was placed before the candidate, an action which rendered this appeal all the more forcible. The sum of £1 11s. was collected. At the conclusion of the ceremony, W. Bro. Hayes, in handing the gavel back to W. Bro. Menzies, thanked him on behalf of Lodge Kurow for giving them the pleasure of this visit. W. Bro. Menzies suitably replied. Prior to the admission of Lodge Kurow a vote of sympathy was passed with the family of

the late Bro. Matthew Smith, who had ceased from labour the previous day. The nomination of officers for the incoming year took place, with the result that several offices will be contested, which the writer thinks is a good sign. It is worthy of note that the Kurow brethren, to the number of 17, came down in four cars, the distance of 40 miles being covered in about 2½ hours, and three cars had to return the same night. Another great factor to their ardour was that the day and night were wet and stormy, but nothing daunted, the men of the hills "stayed not for brake and stopped not for stone," but pushed on to their goal. In the refectory a very enjoyable time was spent. In responding to the toast of the Kurow Lodge, W. Bro. Hayes expressed the great pleasure afforded himself and his brethren in returning the visit of Lodge St. Augustine. He further stated that one of his most treasured relics was a jewel presented to his late father by Lodge St. Augustine, of which he had been a member. He hoped that the wish expressed eighteen months ago, that this interchange of visits between the two Lodges should be an annual one, would be carried out. W. Bro. Menzies, in replying to the toast of No. 99, said he had laid his injunction on the brother who would succeed him to carry out this annual visit, and he doubted not it would be done. The health of two brethren who are about to leave Waimate was proposed, viz., Bro. J. Scott, who goes into camp at Trentham next month, and Bro. C. Tauffe, who leaves for the North Island shortly. Bro. Scott in a fine manly way gave his reasons for volunteering for the front, and Bro. Tauffe explained with good reason why he was deterred from volunteering.—[Lodge Correspondent.]

Thistle, No. 113.—The regular meeting was held on 21st July in the Masonic Hall, Ashburton, when a fair attendance of brethren was presided over by W. Bro. S. Crooks. There being no degree work, W. Bro. J. Williams gave the Lecture on the 2nd T.B., after the usual routine business had been conducted. A social hour was afterwards spent in the refectory, when the announced that the following would be a regular toast: "Our Brethren at the Front, and those about to go." This was proposed by W. Bro. J. Williams, and feelingly honoured by the brethren present.—[Lodge Correspondent.]

Tawera, No. 188,—The regular meeting was held in the Masonic Hall, Oxford, on 6th July, when the W.M. (Bro. L. Watson) presided over a good attendance of members. Three candidates were elected. The ceremony was the raising of a brother, which was done with great impressiveness. The W.M. gave the Ob., Exhortation, 15 F.C., and Secrets; Bro. Orton, J.D., Lt. of M.M. ; W. Bro. Jones, the T.D.; Exp. of Ss., W. Bro. Weld, I.P.M.; W.Ts., Bro. R. F. Henderson, S.W. ; and Final Charge, Bro. W. G. Rudd, J.W. A pleasant half hour was spent in the refectory.—[Lodge Correspondent.]

MARLBOROUGH AND NELSON.

Victory, No. 40.—There was a very encouraging attendance at the regular meeting on 8th July, when the new officers essayed the working of the Third Degree for the first time. W. Bro. A. E. Hedges presided. It was a heavy working night, there being no less than three brethren raised, and a similar number will go through the same ceremony in August. The degree work was ably carried out by the W.M. and his officers, assisted by W. Bros. Styles, Rudman, Harris, Moller, and Orman. A telegram was received from Ledge Civic, Christchurch, announcing the death of Bro. A. W. Bain, who was Master of Victory in 1891, and had continued his membership right up to his death. A sympathetic resolution was passed to the relatives. The first instalment of £33 was voted to be sent to the Special War Relief Fund appeal, and a further contribution will be sent at a later date. Two candidates were proposed for initiation and three for affiliation.—[Lodge Correspondent.]

HAWKES BAY.

Bedford, No. 25.—The regular meeting was held on 22nd June and was a fairly representative meeting. The W.M. (Bro. F. W. Gore) initiated two candidates in his usual impressive manner, and was ably supported by the following officers : acting-S.W., W. Bro. Booth, Investiture; S.D., Bro. Gibson, N.E. Address; W. Bro. Milne, R. for Prep.; acting-J.W., W. Bro. Wright, W.Ts. The Final Charge was delivered by acting S.W., W.

Bro. Booth. A ballot was taken for the admission of a candidate, and proved fair. W. Bro. Chambers and Bro. Ashley were elected Auditors. A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to two brethren for furnishings donated for the refectory. Notice of intention to propose another candidate was given. In the refectory a very happy time was spent. An esteemed W. Bro., in the person of David Milne, intimated his intention to proceed to the Old Country to offer his services to the Imperial authorities. This was greeted with enthusiasm, more especially as our brother is making considerable sacrifices to carry out his resolve. Several brethren expressed their appreciation of his purpose, and wished him the best of good fortune and a safe return,—[Lodge Correspondent.]

Abercorn, No. 30.—The regular meeting was held on 26th June. The W.M. presided over a moderate attendance of brethren. Ceremonial work consisted of raising a brother. The candidate was obligated by the W.M. The following brethren assisted in the work: Retro., Bro. Hunt; Exhortation, Secrets, and T.H., W. Bro. Hobin; Charge, Bro. Bott; W.Ts., Bro. Parkin; Final Charge, Bro. Pasco. A matter that has been exercising the minds of the brethren for some time was up for discussion—viz., the purchase of a safe for the Lodge. It has long been felt that this was a necessity, in view of the fact that valuable Lodge records were almost certain to be lost in case of fire. The W.M., having a safe for disposal, offered it to the Lodge at a very moderate figure, and it was unanimously decided to accept the offer. The installation of the safe will meet a long-felt want in Abercorn. H.G.W. were received from W. Bro. Critchley, of Lodge Scinde. A pleasant hour in the refectory brought the evening to a close.—[Lodge Correspondent.]

Ruahine, No. 80.—One of the brightest ceremonies ever conducted in the Ruahine Lodgeroom, Woodville, was that on Tuesday, 22nd June, when a large number of brethren from Hawkes Bay, Wellington, Palmerston, and the Wairarapa assembled to see our popular townsman and member for the district (Bro. J. H. Escott) installed into the Chair of K.S. In the absence of the Prov.G.M., who was unavoidably absent through sickness, R.W. Bro. T. Hobson, P.P.G.M., rose to the occasion at a few hours' notice, and simply excelled himself in the ceremony, which went with a swing throughout. W. Bro. Horne, P.M., officiated in the capacity of D. of C., ably assisting the Installing Master. W. Bro. W. Snell (W.M., Rawhiti), W. Bro. W. Scott (W.M., Tararua), and W. Bro. G. R. Lovelock (W.M., Otangaki) presented the W.Ts. The investiture of the officers was attractively carried out by W. Bro. R. A. Gillespie (Rawhiti); W. Bro. Chadwick (Lion) impressively addressed the W.M.; and W. Bro. J. W. Ritchie earned golden opinions in his address to the Wardens, while R.W. Bro. T. Hobson was never heard to better advantage than in his address to the brethren. The ceremony over, W. Bro. Escott extended a hearty invitation to all to spend a few happy hours in comforting the inner man and in other creature comforts that go hand in hand. The many items rendered smacked much at the patriotic wave, whilst among the toasts honoured none was better received than that of "Our Boys at the Front," ably proposed by W. Bro. Griffiths (Tanana) and effectively replied to by the popular W.M. of Lodge Scinde (W. Bro. J. W. Thompson). Following is a list of officers for the ensuing year: W.M., W. Bro. J. H. Escott; I.P.M., W. Bro. A. Stevenson, S.W., Bro. G. D. Macfarlane; J.W., Bro. J. A. Fraser; Treas., Bro. J. H. Ebbett; Sec., W. Bro. F. J. Hutchins; Chaplain, Bro. Rev. R. Gardner; D. of C., W. Bro. H. P. Horne; S.D., Bro. R. E. Toogood; Bro. W. A. Lyon; I.G., Bro. G. Macfarlane; Organist, W. Bro. H. Toovey; S.S., Bro. W. Galbraith; A.S., Bro. W. H. Wilkinson; Tyler, Bro. T. E. Hutchins. [Lodge Correspondent.]

AUCKLAND.

Te Aroha, No. 52.—There was a big attendance at the regular meeting on 24th June, visitors being present from Lodges Auckland, Tirau, Waihi, and Hiram. The W.M. handed the gavel to W. Bro. G. F. Lovegrove, inviting him to conduct the ceremony of initiating his son a Lewis, aged 18 years. The chairs were filled by P.Ms. of Lodge Te Aroha, and they soon proved to all present that they had nothing to learn from the younger officers, the rust not having affected them during the many years they had been out of office, the following W. brethren acting :— S.W., W. Bro. Cornish; J.W., W. Bro. Hanna; S.D., W. Bro. Barnard; J.D., W. Bro. Bell; Chaplain, W. Bro. Wild; I. G., W. Bro. Dalton. W. Bro. Lovegrove obligated the candidate and

gave the Ss. ; W. Bro. Hanna presented the W.Ts. ; W. Bro. Bygrave, the Charity Charge; W. Bro. Cornish, Charge after Initiation; W. Bro. Barnard, T.B. A sum was voted towards G.L. War Benevolent Fund. After the ceremony was concluded the brethren adjourned to the refectory, where a very pleasant time was spent, and the complimentary remarks which were passed to the officers on their work almost made them blush.—[Lodge Correspondent.]

Alpha, No. 61.—The regular meeting was held on 23rd June, the W.M. (W. Bro. A. Curtain) presiding. The chairs were filled by their respective officers, and there was a good attendance of P.Ms., but the floor was not as well occupied as your correspondent would have wished. This will, no doubt, be remedied with the approach of finer weather. One candidate was passed to the F.C. Degree, in which the W.M. was assisted by W. Bro. W. J. Andrewes, who delivered the address; Bro. Speight, J.W., the W.Ts. ; and Bro. J. C. Sawers, S.W., the Charge. W. Bro. E. J. Wilkinson was admitted to membership by affiliation. The Lodge voted the sum of two guineas to a distressed brother of a sister Constitution, the W.M. and Sec. undertaking to see if anything further could be done.—[Lodge Correspondent.]

Tauranga, No. 125.—The regular monthly meeting was held on 24th June. The ceremony of raising a brother was carried out in a very capable manner by the W.M. (Bro. T. H. Phillips), assisted by W. Bro. Hall, I.P.M., W. Bro. Phillpotts, Bros. Hammond, S.W., Adams, J.W., and C. Lowe. The Scottish ritual and procedure was used, this being the first time a "Scots Third " has been worked in this Lodge.—[Lodge Correspondent.]

Piako, No. 160.—Despite the fact that a fair proportion of our members have answered the call of their King and country, Lodge Piako continues to progress, perhaps not numerically, but in efficiency. Our members have all been active in the various movements for raising funds, and the appeal from the G.M. for his Special War Fund has been met by the members in the right spirit,. Those who can do so have paid up in full that amount, asked for, while the others have allowed themselves to be levied. This levy will not cease when the amount asked for has been reached, but will continue throughout the war. Previous to his installation as W.M. W. Bro. Chas. M. Gummer proposed that the installation banquet expenses be curtailed, the amount saved to be donated to the G.M.'s Special War Fund. The result of this has been an additional sum of £7 being forwarded for this laudable object. At the May meeting a ceremonial Third Degree was worked for the purpose of raising Bro. M. B. Mackenzie. The members sincerely hope that G.D., W. Bro. Major S. S. Allen will be able to attend their next meeting, prior to his departure with his troops for the scenes of action.—[Lodge Correspondent.]

TARANAKI

Hawera, No. 34.—The event of the Masonic year in each Lodge, the installation of Master and investiture of officers, has come and gone. Our annual meeting was on the 6th July, and despite the strenuous times in which we are at present living, and the inability of several of our old and respected P.Ms. from other parts of our district to attend, the function lost none of its eclat or impressiveness. We were somewhat unfortunate in the fact that some of our W. brethren who had been invited to take part in the ceremonies, and had accepted, were prevented from attending at the last moment—two of them from sudden illness in their families—and they only had time to telephone their regrets the same day. We are pleased, however, to find that, though in both cases the illness was of a very severe nature, all is now going on well with them. Two others had sudden calls from home, and a motor car on the road from Eltham breaking down was responsible for the absence of others. All their places were filled, and the whole ceremony was ably carried through by our Prov.G.M., assisted by our own and visiting P.Ms. The Lodgeroom was fully taxed for accommodation, and the East made a big show in the B. of P.Ms. Our Bro. Harding, erstwhile S.W., was duly installed in the chair of K.S., and promises to make a very efficient Master. He will be well supported by a good staff, in the personnel of W. Bro. W. G. Bishop, I.P.M. ; Bro. H. D. Caplan, S.W.; Bro. J. G. Shepperd, J.W. ; Bro. F. G. Magnussen, Chaplain; W. Bro. J. Quin, Trees. ; W. Bro. T. B. Salmon, Sec. ; Bro. L. S. Tarrant, S.D. ; Bro. E. C. Hayton,

J.D.; W. Bro. Evan Evans, D. of C.; Bro. R. F. Page, Organist; Bro. Colin Brown, I.G. ; Bros. C. R. Taylor and C. S. Davis, Stewards. As our W. Bro. Bishop has since left for the training camp, having offered his services for the front, and as the next junior, W. Bro. Evans, is D. of C, our W. Bro. Kimbell is presumably cast for another active year of service, though he had anticipated a rest after several years of office and consequent hard work. In the installation work our Prov. G.M. acted as Installing Master in his usual impressive manner, with W. Bro. Kimbell as D. of C. and Bro. Webb as Organist, both, needless to say, doing their work as it should be done. Bro. Good made a good Trumpeter in the proclamations, and Bro. Webb rendered the solo of " Charity " very nicely during the collection for the Annuity Fund. This was prefaced by a few short remarks from our W. Bro. Sec., and the amount donated amounted to £8. W. Bro. W. H. H. Young, of Stratford Lodge, was invested by the Prov.G.M. as G.S., and presented with his patent of office. Our outgoing I.P.M., Bro. Evans, was presented with a P.M.'s jewel, and W. Bro. Bishop with a wristlet watch. The presentations were made by R.W. Bro. Sargent. After the close of the Lodge we adjourned to W. Bro. Keen's rooms, where a sumptuous repast was laid out, and which was done full justice to. The usual Masonic and loyal toasts were honoured, including special mention of W. Bro. Bishop, our new I.P.M., on the eve of his leaving for military duty. In a brief but apt reply to his own toast, our W. brother referred to the support accorded him by members and officers, and also to the large amount of ceremonial and other work done during his term of office, one pleasing feature being the number of re-joining brethren during the year. The unavoidable absence of our two P.P.G.Ms. and of Bro. Hamerton was noticeable by many of us, both in the Lodge and refectory. Their presence with us on these occasions has been looked upon almost as one of the ancient landmarks. We regret that our Bros. Bickford and Grant were among the victims to the Trentham sickness, and were invalided home for a time. I am glad, however, to say that they have recovered and returned to duty. Our G.L. War Relief Funds are growing nicely, and our Bro. Sec. tells me that one brother recently presented a substantial cheque, sufficient to cover the whole year's refectory expenses, as an outcome of our discussions on this subject, when we decided to go on with business as usual, but to individually practice economy therein. Our Bro. Sheppard, J.W., has been appointed agent for the CRAFTSMAN, and although he has had a number of subscribers, he has room for many more.

At an emergency meeting on the 20th July, our W.M. made his debut in ceremonial work by initiating three members. The whole of the work was well done by the new officers. In the refectory, among the toasts was one to Bro. Webb, our erstwhile Organist, who is leaving us to take up a position in his profession at Ashburton. We wish him good luck in his new sphere. A toast to our brethren under arms, including those just enlisted, was aptly given by our W. Bro. Sec., and replied to by Bro. J. G. Grant, who is on furlough from the training camp, and who rejoins his company to-morrow morning. We wish him, as well as the whole of our brethren under arms, good luck and God speed.—[Lodge Correspondent.]

Moa, No. 110.—The regular meeting was held in the Freemasons' Hall, Inglewood, on the 25th June, when the W.M., Bro. C. Allemann, presided over a fair attendance of members and visitors, despite the fact that the evening was a typical Taranaki winter one, which means that it was raining some. The ceremony was the balloting for and initiating of a son of our much respected Treas., Bro. G. Kennedy. The candidate has volunteered for the front, and the initiation was carried, out under dispensation from G.L. The work was well done by the W.M., assisted by his P.Ms. and officers. Reference was made to the loss sustained by the Lodge through the death, while on active service at the Dardanelles, of Bro. A. Thomas, and it was resolved that a vote of condolence and sympathy be sent to his relatives on behalf of the Lodge. The "Fourth " was well attended, when the usual toasts were honoured, and a pleasant hour spent in social intercourse.—[Lodge Correspondent.]

RUAPEHU.

St. Andrew Kil., No. 79.—The annual installation meeting was held on 8th July, W.M., Bro. Doig, being in the chair, the Lodgeroom being crowded with a large concourse of our own and visiting brethren. The Lodge was opened at 4 p.m., and the ceremony of installation was then begun and continued during the evening. Bro. Lancelot Craig, S.W., was obligated and regularly installed in the Chair of K.S. in an impressive and dignified manner by the Installing Master, R.W. Bro. Moncrieff, P.D.G.M., assisted by W. Bro. R. Hughes,

G.S.W., and W. Bro. G. Bullock, acting-G.J.W. The W.Ts. of the degrees were presented by W. Bro. J. H. Burnet (I.P.M., Lodge Tongariro, E.C.), W. Bro. J. B. McBeth (W.M., Lodge Moutoa), and W. Bro. A. Doig (I.P.M., St. Andrew Kil.). The Charge to the W.M. was delivered by W. Bro. G. Gordon, that to the Wardens by W. Bro. H. Purser, whilst the Final Charge to the brethren was undertaken by R.W. Bro. D. McFarlane, Prov.G.M., Ruapehu District, The R.W. Installing Master then proceeded with the investiture of officers as follows :—S.W. Bro. A. E. King; J.W., Bro. R. W. Green; D. of C., W. Bro. J. C. Richardson; Chaplain, Bro. Carew Thomas ; Treas., W. Bro. J. L. Stevenson ; Sec., W. Bro. N. G. Armstrong; Organist, Bro. S. Weller; Choirmaster, Bro. T. L. Sperring ; S.D., Bro. J. E. M. Rose ; J.D., Bro. J. McFarlane; I.G., Bro. P. Evans; Tyler, Bro. J. K. Revell; S.S., Bro. I. Stevenson; J.Ss., Bros. F. M. Spurdle, J. D. Anderson, and A. W. Larsen ; Auditors, W. Bros. G. Calman and R. Mathison. The duties of D. of C. were carried out in an efficient manner by W. Bro. J. C. Richardson, assisted by W. Bros. H. Price and R. Mathison. In addition to the two G.L. officers mentioned, we were honoured with a visit from our old and highly esteemed brother, R.W. Bro. T. A. Peterkin, Prov.G.M. of Wellington District, who assisted in the evening's ceremony by placing in the charge and safe keeping of the newly installed W.M. our warrant from G.L., B. of C., and By-laws. On the conclusion of the installation ceremony a pleasant duty was imposed upon W. Bro. N. Meuli, who in a characteristic speech presented W. Bro. Doig, I.P.M., with a P.M.'s jewel as a token of esteem and goodwill from the brethren of St. Andrew Kil. W. Bro. Doig suitably acknowledged the kindly sentiments expressed by W. Bro. Meuli. After H.G.W. from visitors, who, by the way, hailed from all parts of the Dominion, and apologies from brethren unavoidably absent, the Lodge was closed at 9.10 p.m. An adjournment was then made to the assembly hall, where a pleasant hour was spent in social intercourse. An outstanding feature of the evening's gathering was the large attendance of brethren from our sister Lodges, Moutoa and Tongariro, evidencing the happy relationships existing among the local Lodges.—[Lodge Correspondent.]

Otaihape, No. 142.—At our last regular meeting, held on 22nd June, instead of our W.M. occupying the chair, W. Bro. T. A. Garratt, P.M., conducted the meeting. Two brethren were raised to the degree of M.M. W. Bro. Garratt gave both Obs.; W. Bro. Jaggard, W.M., the Secrets to the first candidate and the L. to the second; W. Bro. James, I.P.M., the Ex. to the first and the S. to the second candidate; W. Bro. Dymock the Ex. to the first and the W.F.C. to the second, also the Ex.S. to both; W. Bro. Bray, the W.F.C. to the first and the T.H. to both—so that the work was well distributed. Our W.M. who is occupying the Chair of K.S. for the second time, considers it in the best interest of the Lodge that each P.M., in order of seniority, shall conduct a meeting during the year, and if the first of the P.Ms. have as successful a meeting as we had last evening, under the gavel of our senior P.M. and Sec., W. Bro. Garratt, our W.M. will have every reason to congratulate not only himself but the Lodge. Lodge closed at 10.15 p.m., and a very pleasant hour was spent afterwards in the refectory.—[Lodge Correspondent.]

The monthly meeting was held on 20th July, W. Bro. Bray presiding. This was the second of our P.Ms.' nights, and, like the previous one, appears to be very popular. The degree worked was the Second, one brother being passed. W. Bro. Bray obligated, and was assisted by P.M.:Bro. Garratt and W. Bro. A. Revell, of Waimarino. A number of brethren of Ohakune are desirous of forming a Lodge there, and a petition was presented by W. Bro. Brownlee (Master-elect) and W. Bro. Revell, asking this Lodge to support their application. It was resolved to support the petition, provided Lodge Waimarino does the same. The Lodge closed in L., P., and H. at 9.45 p.m.—[Lodge Correspondent.]

Huia, No. 171.—The monthly meeting was held on the 1st July, when a good attendance was recorded. The work consisted of raising a brother to the degree of M.M., the ceremony being very ably and expeditiously performed by our illustrious visiting brethren, the W.M. and the officers of Lodge Waterloo, the prominent feature being the alacrity which characterised their various portions of the work with becoming dignity and decorum, which gave a distinct impressiveness, to the proceedings. At the conclusion the W.M. of Lodge Waterloo expressed his pleasure on behalf of his Lodge for having had an opportunity to be with us. His felicitations were reciprocated by the officers and members of Lodge Hula. After the formal opening a vote of sympathy was passed to Bro. Synott, who had lost his mother, and to the Chaplain, Bro. Canton, who had

the misfortune to lose his brother, who was killed in action at the Dardanelles. H.G.W. being offered by the visitors, an adjournment was made to the refectory, when a pleasant hour was spent in song and social intercourse, which assisted to cement and strengthen the union which is associated with the mystic tie, and which is our peculiar privilege as Craftsmen.—[Lodge Correspondent.]

WELLINGTON.

St. Andrew, No. 32.—The regular monthly meeting was held at the Freemasons' Hall, Boulcott Street, on 19th July, the Lodge being tyled at 7.30 p.m., and W.M., Bro. Rowlands presiding over a satisfactory attendance despite the very inclement weather. Routine business was transacted, including the balloting for a candidate, which resulted favourably. The financial statement disclosed a satisfactory position. The ceremonial work set apart was to initiate three candidates which was done by the W.M. assisted by Bro. W. Simpson (Investiture), W. Bro. C. W. Nielsen (N.E. Address), Bro. G. Lawrence (M. of P.), W. Bro. O. Nielsen (W.Ts.), and Bro. W. Simpson (F.C.). The ceremony was carefully rendered, and the candidates proved themselves attentive and earnest. At the conclusion visitors tendered greetings, and announcement of proposed visits having been made the Lodge was closed, when brethren retired to the refectory and engaged in social intercourse for a short time. Mention might be made that during the rendering of the N.E. Address in the initiation ceremony a collection in aid of the M.W.G.M.'s War Benevolent Fund was taken up.—[Lodge Correspondent.]

Leinster, No. 44.—The installation of Bro. F. Garnet Cooper as W.M. and investiture of officers was held in the Masonic Hall, Boulcott Street, on 5th July. The W.M., Bro. D. Ritchie, presided over a large attendance of members and visitors, some of whom had come from North of Auckland and as far south as Invercargill. The Lodge was opened at 6.30 p.m., and the ordinary business having been disposed of, visiting Lodges were admitted. The G.D. of C. (W. Bro. W. H. Jones) announced R.W. Bro. T. A. Peterkin, Prov.G.M., and G.L. officers, who were received with the customary honours. The W.M.-elect was presented by W. Bro. E. B. Parsons, D. of C., and the Ancient Charges were read by W. Bro. W. A. Baudinet, Sec., and obligated by the W.M., Bro. D. Ritchie, after which a B. of I.M. was formed, and Bro. F. G. Cooper was installed into the Chair of K.S. in due and ancient form by W. Bro. Fred Silver, P.G.S.B. The W.Ts. were presented by W. Bro. E. Eales, P.M.; W. Bro. W. Wills, P.M., Treas. ; and W. Bro. R. M. Roberts, P.M. W. Bro. W. H. Jones, G.D. of C., invested the officers as follows : S.W., Bro. Alfred Longmore ; J.W., Bro. Archibald McLaren; Treas., W. Bro. Wm. Wills, P.M.; Sec., W. Bro. W. A. Baudinet, P.M.; D. of C., W. Bro. Chas. Haynes, P.M.; S.D., Bro. R. T. Shakes ; J.D. Bro. W. J. Garrett; I.G., Bro. D. Parnell ; Organist, Bro. F. W. Gardiner ; S.S., Bro. E. C. Smyth ; J.S., Bro. F. W. Duncan; Assist.-Ss., Bros. H. W. McCarthy and H. G. Claridge. W. Bro. R. H. Wilson, who had been elected Chaplain, was unable to be present on account of illness. The Address to the W.M. was delivered by W. Bro. J. W. Ellison, P.M., one of the foundation members of the Lodge ; the Address to the Wardens by W. Bro. James Robertson, P.M. ; and R.W. Bro. T. A. Peterkin, Prov. G.M. the Address to the brethren. R.W. Bro. T. A. Peterkin, Prov.G.M., presented W. Bro. W. H. Jones with his G.L. Diploma as G.D. of C., and Bro. J. Adam, of Lodge Oceanic, Dunedin, with his M.M.'s Diploma. The retiring Master, W. Bro. D. Ritchie, was presented with a handsome P.M.'s jewel by R.W. Bro. T. A. Peterkin 'on behalf of the members of the Lodge. The collection in aid of the G.L. W. and O. and A.M. Fund amounted to £5 10s. The usual banquet was held in the supper-room downstairs, and a very pleasant evening was spent. The usual loyal and fraternal toasts were honoured. R.W. Bro. T. A. Peterkin, in responding to the toast of G.L., specially appealed to the brethren to subscribe liberally to the G.M.'s Special War Appeal, and a collection was taken up, which resulted in £7 10s. being added to the fund. We regret the absence of M.W. Bro. H. J. Williams, P.G.M., from this meeting, which was unavoidable owing to being detained in Wanganui on urgent business. The thanks of the members are due to the W.M.'s wife, who, assisted by lady friends, so ably decorated the supper tables.—[Lodge Correspondent.]

Waiwhetu, No. I76.—The monthly meeting was held on 14th July. After the usual business, which included a large amount of correspondence, Bro. Hartley and Bro. Captain Vine, of Lodge Waitaki, were raised to the

degree of M.Ms. W. Bro. Guineass, W.M., obligated the candidate, W. Bro. Hancock raised the brethren, W. Bro. Rishworth communicated the Secrets, W. Bro. Anson gave the Charge after Investiture, Bro. McLachlan invested, and R.W. Bro. Peterkin presented the W.Ts., R.W. Bro. Seaton gave the Exhortation, and W. Bro. Hobb gave the T.H. and explained the Signs. Feeling reference was made to Bro. Treseder, whose son was to arrive among the wounded the following day. This is the second son our brother has fighting, and there is another one ready to go who is now in camp. The thanks of the Lodge were tendered to R.W. Bro. Seaton for his kindness in bringing Captain Vine out in his car, as otherwise he would have found it hard to attend, as the arrival of the wounded had made them so busy at the office. One brother was balloted for and elected, and one proposed for initiation. On behalf of various Lodges applications were received for the passing of five brethren now in camp, and an emergency meeting was arranged for the 21st, but owing to the removal of the camp it was proving a hard job to get into touch with them. Our R.W. Prov.G.M. will be feeling quite lost now there are no brethren at the camp for him to go and visit; it will be their loss too, as his genial face and the old white hat were getting quite a feature at Trentham, but he is living in hopes of the camp soon being shifted back again to Trentham, when he hopes to celebrate the occasion by another camp meeting of the brethren.—[Lodge Correspondent.]

Otari, No. 190.—The installation meeting of Lodge Otari was held on 9th July, when Bro. J. H. Jerram, S.W., was installed as W.M. of the Lodge by the R.W. Prov.G.M., who acted as installing officer, assisted by M.W. Bro. H. J. Williams and other G.L. officers. The following officers were invested by W. Bro. Scrimgeour : D.M., W. Bro. J. G. Harkness, P.S.G.D.; S.W., Bro. D. J. Watson ; S.W., Bro. E. Meek ; Treas., Bro. R. A. Nicol ; Sec., Bro. J. T. Mair ; D. of C., W. Bro. J. R. Scrimgeour, P.M. ; Chaplain, Bro. F. Holdsworth; S.D., Bro. W. A. Tanner; J.D., Bro. A. Ferguson; I.G., Bro. H. E. Anderson ; S.S., Bro. J. Craig; J.S., Bro. A. J. Patrick ; Organist, Bro. W. H. Gledhill ; Acting-Tyler, Bro. R. Aplin ; Assist.-S., Bro. E. N. Sutherland. This is the first occasion that the new Lodgeroom has been used for an installation ceremony, and the hall was fairly well filled, over sixty brethren being present. The Lodgeroom was very comfortably fitted, and looked very cosy. A new pavement, prepared by Bro. E. Meek, and a carpet to match, provided by W. Bro. Curtis, made the Lodgeroom look very neat. After the ceremony an adjournment was made while the brethren of Lodge Otari prepared the refectory. An enjoyable evening was then spent and the usual toasts honoured. In proposing the usual loyal toast, the new W.M. referred feelingly to W. Bro. Esson, now serving with the forces at the front, and to the fact that he felt easy and contented in mind regarding his own wounded brother, knowing quite well that what it was possible to do W. Bro. Eason would do for him. Soon after 10 p.m. the visiting brethren began to take their departure in order to catch the trams, both north and south.—[Lodge Correspondent.]

Whetu Kairangi, No. 201.—The monthly meeting was held in the Methodist Church, Worser Bay, on 9th July, W. Bro. Porritt, P.M., P.G.C., presiding over a good attendance of brethren and visitors. A notice of motion was tabled by Bro. Boon to the effect that the regular monthly meeting night of the Lodge be altered from the second Friday to the second Saturday in the month. The general feeling in the Lodge appears to be that the alteration in the weekly half-holiday, with the consequent late night on Friday, militates against a good attendance on Friday evening, and Saturday evening appears to meet with favour from practically all the members. Will members of sister Lodges please note the alteration. [The alteration is not adopted yet. — ED. C.] The ceremony of raising two candidates was most impressively performed by the W.M., who had the assistance of W. Bro. Davies (15 F.Cs.), W. Bro. Worboys (T.H.), Bro. T. Fox, acting-S.D. (W.Ts.), and W. Bro. Diment (Final Charge). At the conclusion of the ceremony the W.M., in a few kindly and most appropriate words, presented the candidates with the V.S.L. on which they had been obligated. H.G.W. having been offered, the Lodge closed, and the brethren retired to spend a social hour in the refectory, where the usual toasts were honoured. A pleasing feature of the evening was the presence of personal friends of the candidates from sister Lodges, one of whom (W. Bro. J. H. Worboys) took part in the ceremonial work by giving an impressive rendering of the T.H.—[Lodge Correspondent.]

ROYAL ARCH CHAPTERS.

Manawatu, No. 11.—The regular meeting was held on 15th July, V.E. Comp. Dawick presiding. A good attendance was duly recorded. We were delighted to receive a visit from V.E.P.Z., Comp. the Rev. Smythe Anglican Minister stationed in this town. His presence and his valuable assistance gave an impetus and a distinct tone to the proceedings. We sincerely hope that his sojourn may be a lengthy one. The work consisted of conferring the E. Degree upon two brethren. The work was allotted to V.E. Comp. Dawick, E. Comps. Smith, Grove, and McIndoe, and V.E. Comp. Rev. Smythe. A vote of sympathy was extended to two companions who had sustained a bereavement—namely, Comps. Hoskings. At the conclusion of work, after closing the Chapter, an enjoyable hour was spent in the refreshment room, when our visiting brother, the Rev. Smythe, proved to be a host in himself and a born entertainer, which imparted a feeling of warmth and freedom into the social gathering. One and all voted that it was good to have been there. [Chapter Correspondent.]

Victory, No. 12.—The regular convocation was held on 15th July, when V.E. Comp. J. Bartlett presided. One candidate was advanced, and this was followed by the "acknowledgment" of three brethren. V.E. Comp. Wm. Mayes was Mark Master, and V.E. Comp. B. H. Moller, E.M. One companion was proposed for affiliation. A notice of motion was tabled to adopt the G. Registrar's recommendation re the appointment of permanent Trustees, and also one providing for the nominating of officers at the August meeting, election in September, and installation in October. At present the election and installation take place on the same evening, and this has proved unsatisfactory.—[Chapter Correspondent.]

Rawhiti, No. 30.—The monthly convocation was held on 5th July, when there was a large attendance of members. The ceremonial portion of the business consisted of the exaltation of three brethren. The ceremony was performed by V.E. Comp. W. Dobson, Z., assisted by V.E. Comp. R. A. Gillespie (Lecture), V.E. Comp. I. Brown (Secrets), and E. Comp. J. Craven, H. (W.Ts.). E. Comp. Carl L. Thomsen, 1st Soj., performed the duties annexed to the position with credit to himself and satisfaction to the Chapter. Reference was made by the V.E.Z. to the death of the late R.E. Comp. Wundrum, of Napier, who was a Charter member of Rawhiti Chapter, and who has been such a sturdy pillar in Capitular Freemasonry in Hawkes Bay over so long a period of years. It was unanimously resolved to place on record the Chapter's high appreciation of the late companion's great service to the Craft. One candidate for advancement successfully passed the ballot. Officers for the ensuing year were duly nominated, and in no instance will there be a contest. A very pleasant hour was spent in the refectory, where the customary toasts were duly honoured.—[Chapter Correspondent.]

A. AND A. RITE.

Wellington, No. 91.—The quarterly conclave was held in the Chapter-room on 16th July, E. and P. Bro. W. H. Jones, M.W.S., presiding over a good attendance of members. The correspondence included two letters of importance from Sup. Council. A sum of £5 was voted to the Girls' Masonic Institution of England, and £5 was voted towards the renovation of the Masonic Hall. Three brethren were perfected in the Rite by the M.W.S., assisted by Ill. Bros. Williams and Porritt, E. and P. Bro. Moncrieff, and the officers of the Chapter. E. and P. Bro. James Reid was elected M.W.S. for the ensuing year, and E. and P. Bro. G. Russell was re-elected Treas. The Chapter closed at 10.15, and a brief period was spent in the refectory.

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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. Barnall; J.W., Bro. C. A. Coppins; Sec., Bro. J. P. McPhail, 49 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. Grinlinton; J.W., Bro. H. R. Harris; Acting Sec., R.W. Bro. A. W. Morris, King Edward Street, Mount Eden.

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

Sir Walter Scott, No. 15:—Founded 1876, meets in Freemasons' Hall, Thames, third Tuesday every month, 7.30 p.m. Installation March. W.M., Bro. L. McIlveride; S.W., Bro. A. L. Read; J.W., Bro. W. K. Hale; Sec., Bro. A. Burns, P.M.

Coromandel, No. 17:—Founded (456, L.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. McKinnon; Sec., W. Bro. A. C. Harrison, Box 10, Auckland.

Abdion, No. 46:—Founded 1883, meets in Masonic Hall, Devonport, on second Thursday in each month. Installation June. W.M., Bro. W. Allen; S.W., Bro. V. R. Anderson; J.W., Bro. M. G. King; Sec., W. Bro. E. H. Hounsell, P.M., 68 Calliope Road, Devonport.

Te Aroha, No. 52:—Meets in Masonic Hall, Te Aroha, Tuesday nearest full moon, 3.30 p.m. Installation March. W.M., Bro. R. S. Hanna; S.W., Bro. A. J. Clarke; J.W., Bro. G. 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, Corran Street, Ponsonby.

Wairua, No. 55:—Meets in Masonic Hall, Ellerslie, Wednesday on or before full moon. Installation Oct. W.M., Bro. J. Woolley, P.M.; S.W., Bro. A. Clark; J.W., Bro. A. Hewson; Sec., Bro. R. W. Mearns, 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. R. Willie, P.M.

Franklin, No. 58: Hokiana, No. 60:—Founded 1891, meets at Masonic Hall, Kohukohu, Friday nearest full moon. Installation November. W.M., Bro. R. 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. P. 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. Wilkinson; J.W., Bro. A. Warburton; Sec., Bro. N. J. Ray, "Age" Office, Mangonui.

Alpha, No. 81:—Founded 1881, meets at Masonic Hall, Cambridge, Wednesday nearest full moon. Installation March. W.M., Bro. E. B. Roberts; S.W., Bro. A. C. Curtain; J.W., Bro. J. G. Sawers; 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., Wyndham Road, Mount Eden.

Waikato, No. 90:—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 Blackereth; S.W., Bro. Walter Mountain; J.W., Bro. Herbert Mountain; Sec., Bro. Thos. Read, Kawakawa.

Whangarei, No. 102:—Meets Freemasons' Hall, John Street, Whangarei, Monday nearest full moon in each month. Installation April. W.M., Bro. F. Strugnell; S.W., Bro. R. K. McLennan; J.W., Bro. A. M. McLeod, P.M.; Sec., Bro. A. D. Lambly, Kensington Road, 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.

Waikato, No. 112:—Founded 1898, meets in the Masonic Hall, Waikato, Monday nearest full moon every month. Installation April. W.M., W. Bro. W. Geo. Wohlmann; S.W., Bro. R. Hay; J.W., Bro. A. J. Stapleton; Sec., W. Bro. A. T. Ellis, P.M., Waikato.

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. Arey 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, Aratapu, Tuesday on or before full moon. Installation 29th January. W.M., W. Bro. D. Savident; S.W., Bro. S. L. Spanhake; J.W., Bro. J. H. Bergman; Sec., W. Bro. C. E. Smith, Te Kopuru.

Tauranga, No. 125:—Founded 1902, meets at Lodgeroom, First Avenue, Tauranga, Thursday on or next before full moon, 7.30 p.m. prompt. Installation 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. 158:—Founded 1907, meets in Masonic Hall, Penton Street, Rotorua, Tuesday nearest full moon, 7.30 p.m. Installation August. W.M., Bro. H. A. Goodie; S.W., Bro. Geo. Urquhart; J.W., Bro. J. W. Devine; Sec., W. Bro. W. Hill, P.M., P.O. Box 27, Rotorua.

Piko, No. 160:—Founded 1908, meets in Masonic Hall, Morrinsville, on Wednesday on or before full moon every month, 7.30 p.m. Installation March. W.M., Bro. C. M. Gummer; S.W., Bro. A. H. Aitkin; J.W., Bro. A. H. Humphreys; Sec., Bro. J. S. Reid, Morrinsville.

Puketapu, 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.

Karioti, No. 165 (Haglan).

Tawhiri, No. 156:—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. E. Herbert; J.W., Bro. G. H. Fletcher; Sec., Bro. C. N. Flyger, P.M., Frankton Junction.

United Masters', No. 167 (Auckland). Maungahao, No. 168:—Founded 1909, meets in the Lodgeroom, Woodside Road, Mt. Eden, on the third Thursday in each month. Installation November. W.M., W. Bro. C. Hudson; S.W., Bro. H. T. Surman; J.W., Bro. N. T. Williams; Sec., Bro. P. H. Mueller, P.G.R., P.O. Box 798, Auckland.

Maraden, No. 169 (Maungaturoto).

Waitakeri, No. 170 (Henderson). Nau Mui, No. 177:—Founded 1910, meets in Lodgeroom, Hakikahi Street, Taumarunui, first Wednesday every month. Installation November. W.M., W. Bro. N. A. Winter; S.W., Bro. E. T. Hughes; J.W., Bro. P. Panthorpe; Sec., Bro. A. S. Laird, P.M.

Waipua, No. 179.

Oneawa, No. 182 (Northcote).

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

Tirau, No. 193:—Founded 20th March, 1913, meets in Masonic Hall, Tirau, on the Thursday 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, Tirau (Rotorua Line).

Whakatane, No. 195:—Founded 4th June, 1914, Sec., W. Bro. Ingram, Whakatane, Bay of Plenty, Auckland.

Takapuna, No. 202.

Irish Constitution.

Ara, No. 248, 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. C. J. Schnauer; S.W., Bro. S. I. Crookes; J.W., Bro. R. J. Lusher; Treas., V.W. Bro. E. K. Piggott, 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.)

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

Victoria, No. 21:—Founded 1871, meets in Masonic Hall, Munro Street, Napier, first Tuesday every month (except December and January), 7.45 p.m. Installation first Wednesday in June. W.M., Bro. W. A. Kirk; S.W., Bro. H. Hill; J.W., Bro. W. A. Wilkie, P.M.; Sec., Bro. Jas. Redshaw, P.M., P.O. Box 190, Napier.

Bedford, No. 25:—Founded 1878, meets at Masonic Hall, Waipukurau, Wednesday nearest 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 Street, Dannevirke, third Thursday each month, 7.30 p.m. Installation May. W.M., Bro. W. Snell; S.W., Bro. J. C. Davidson; J.W., Bro. C. R. James; 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. J. L. Colebourne; S.W., Bro. C. H. Martin; J.W., Bro. L. T. Cooper; Sec., Bro. T. Morgan, P.M., Box 3, P.O. Hastings.

Ruahine, No. 80:—Founded 1886, meets in Masonic Hall, Woodville, Tuesday before full moon every month, 7.30 p.m. Installation June. W.M., Bro. J. H. Escott; S.W., Bro. G. D. Macfarlane; J.W., Bro. J. A. Fraser; 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.

Wahareroana, No. 158:—Founded 1909, meets in Masonic Hall, Wairoa, H.B., Tuesday nearest full moon every month, 7.30 p.m. Installation March. W.M., Bro. E. J. Green; S.W., Bro. J. A. Nilsson; J.W., Bro. J. O. Scott; Sec., Bro. C. 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. Steffenon; S.W., Bro. R. A. Fraser; J.W., Bro. E. F. Stubbs; Sec., Bro. W. Hobson, Takapau.

PROVINCE OF TARANAKI: 7 LODGES.

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

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

Hawera, No. 24:—Founded 1880, meets in the Temple, Union Street, Hawera, on first Tuesday in every month at 7.30 p.m. Installation July. W.M., W. Bro. J. W. J. Harding; S.W., Bro. H. D. Caplen; J.W., Bro. G. J. Sheppard; Sec., Bro. T. B. Salmon, Princes Street, Hawera.

Ngamotu, No. 48:—Founded 1883, meets in Masonic Hall, Robe Street, New Plymouth, on fourth Wednesday in each month (except December, second Thursday) at 7.30 p.m. Installation September. W.M., Bro. F. S. Johns; S.W., Bro. E. W. Garner; J.W., Bro. W. P. Nicoll; Sec., Bro. W. H. Haddrell, P.M., Westown, New Plymouth.

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

St. John's No. 95:—Founded 1892, meets in Masonic Hall, Eltham, Tuesday nearest full moon, 7.30 p.m. Installation February. W.M., Bro. J. H. Bleakley; S.W., Bro. J. L. Weir; J.W., Bro. A. N. Rogers; Sec., Bro. A. A. Stewart.

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

Ikarua, No. 115:—Founded 1896, meets at Lodgeroom, Opunake, Tuesday nearest full moon, 7.30 p.m. Installation November. W.M., Bro. A. Clarke; S.W., Bro. K. Cannell; J.W., Bro. W. J. Todd; Sec., Bro. G. W. Rogers, P.M.

RUAPEHU DISTRICT: 15 LODGES.

(R.W. Bro. D. McFarlane, Prov.G.M.)

Rangitikei, No. 38:—Founded 1880, meets at Masonic Hall, Bulls, Tuesday before full moon. Installation October. W.M., Bro. K. W. Deighton; S.W., Bro. G. Williams; J.W., Bro. R. Chisholm; Sec., Bro. Thomas King, P.O. Box 5, Bulls.

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

Manawatu Kil., No. 47:—Founded 1883, meets Masonic Hall, Church Street, Palmerston N., second Thursday in each month. Installation April. W.M., Bro. C. S. Rush; S.W., Bro. H. Hopwood; J.W., Bro. W. Mundy; Sec., Bro. W. H. Collingwood, P.M.

Otagaki, No. 70:—Founded 1891, meets in Masonic Hall, Ashhurst, on Thursday before full moon in each month, at 7.30 p.m. Installation August. W.M., Bro. G. R. Lovelock; S.W., Bro. H. Smart; J.W., Bro. C. Simms; Sec., Bro. J. T. Robson, Ashhurst.

Rangitikei, No. 71:—Founded 1891, meets in Masonic Hall, Huntville, Rangitikei, Friday on or before full moon. Installation March. W.M., Bro. W. Haydon Maclean; S.W., Bro. A. S. Jonson; J.W., Bro. F. C. Berry; Sec., Bro. R. A. Campbell, P.M.

St. Andrew Kil., No. 79:—Founded 1868, meets Freemasons' Hall, Wanganui, second Thursday each month (excepting December, first Thursday). Installation second Thursday in July. W.M., Bro. L. Craig; S.W., Bro. A. E. King; J.W., Bro. R. W. Green; Sec., Bro. N. G. Armstrong, P.O. Box 298, Wanganui.

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

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

Te Awahou, No. 138:—Founded 1906, meets in Masonic Hall, Liddle Street, Foxton, Tuesday nearest full moon. Installation May. W.M., Bro. G. O. Barber; S.W., Bro. H. J. Berry; J.W., Bro. J. W. Stevenson; Sec., Bro. J. W. Hodgson.

Otaihape, No. 142:—Founded 18th December, 1905, meets in the Masonic Hall, Taihape, on Tuesday on or before full moon, at 7.45 p.m. Installation May. W.M., Bro. H. J. T. Jagard; S.W., Bro. G. Wrightson; J.W., Bro. F. W. Somerville; Sec., Bro. T. A. Garratt, P.M.

Rongotea, No. 146:—Founded 1906, meets in Masonic Hall, Rongotea, Wednesday after full moon. Installation April. W.M., Bro. J. McMinn; S.W., Bro. E. T. Glover; J.W., Bro. R. M. Matheson; Sec., Bro. T. McGee.

Huia, No. 171:—Founded 1910, meets at Masonic Hall, Church Street E., Palmerston N., on first Thursday each month. Installation March. W.M., Bro. C. F. Spooner; S.W., Bro. W. C. Turner; J.W., Bro. A. W. Galliehan; Sec., Bro. C. J. Hewlett, Courthouse, Palmerston N.

Waimarino, No. 175:—Founded 1910, meets in Masonic Hall, Ward Street, Raetihi, on Monday nearest full moon. Installation Oct. W.M., Bro. E. Musgrave; S.W., Bro. D. H. Grant; J.W., Bro. W. H. Tustin; Sec., Bro. A. Mabbott, Raetihi.

Munga-te-Weka, No. 178:—Founded 1910, meets in Masonic Hall, Mangaweka, on Monday on or before full moon in each month at 8 p.m. Installation February. W.M., Bro. R. H. Turnbull; S.W., Bro. G. Kreger; J.W., Bro. J. D. Munro; Sec., Bro. D. Galloway, P.M., Mangaweka.

Monton, No. 195:—Constituted 24th April, 1913, meets Masonic Hall, Gonville, fourth Thursday in each month (excepting December, third Thursday). Installation fourth Thursday in April. W.M., Bro. J. D. W. McBeth; S.W., Bro. J. Fowler; J.W., Bro. G. L. McLean; Sec., Bro. F. Symes, The Avenue, Wanganui.

PROVINCE OF WELLINGTON: 23 LODGES.

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

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

Waterloo, No. 13:—Founded 1896, meets in Masonic Hall, Wellington, on second Monday every month, 7.30 p.m. Installation September. W.M., Bro. S. J. Moncrieff; S.W., Bro. A. McL. Wilson; J.W., Bro. W. C. Robinson; Sec., Bro. G. E. Smith, P.M., Box 511, G.P.O.

Masterton, No. 19:—Founded 1873, meets in Masonic Hall, Bannister Street, Masterton, second Wednesday every month, 8 p.m. Installation May. W.M., Bro. R. J. Young; S.W., Bro. J. L. Hughes; J.W., Bro. H. Dixon; Sec., Bro. F. J. Hunt, Box 51, Masterton.

St. Andrew, No. 32:—Founded 1879, meets in the Masonic Hall, Wellington, on the third Monday in every month, at 7.30 p.m. Installation St. Andrew's Day. W.M., Bro. A. W. Rowlands; S.W., Bro. W. Simpson; J.W., Bro. A. Schmidt; Sec., Bro. J. B. Lea, P.O. Box 295, Wellington.

St. John, No. 37:—Founded 1880, meets in Masonic Hall, Wakefield Street, Featherston, on second Monday in each month, at 7.30 p.m. Installation October. W.M., Bro. F. Henry; S.W., Bro. G. T. Baker; J.W., Bro. W. Tinney; Sec., Bro. F. E. Merlet, Featherston.

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

St. Mark, No. 53:—Founded 1884, meets in Freemasons' Hall, Carterton, second Tuesday every month, 8 p.m. Installation April (St. Mark's Day). W.M., Bro. D. G. Sustens; S.W., Bro. R. Stout; J.W., Bro. G. S. Phillips.

Ulster, No. 62:—Founded 1885, meets in the Masonic Hall, Petone, third Wednesday every month. Installation June. W.M., Bro. W. H. Richards; S.W., Bro. T. A. Strong; J.W., Bro. T. Mather; Sec., Bro. W. C. Bird.

Taranui, No. 63:—Founded 1890, meets at Masonic Hall, Pahiatua, Thursday nearest full moon. Installation November. W.M., Bro. W. Scott; S.W., Bro. T. Bacon; J.W., Bro. T. Kiddle; Sec., Bro. G. Moore, P.M.

Otaki, No. 72:—Founded 1891, meets in Masonic Hall, Otaki, on Tuesday nearest full moon, at 8 p.m. Installation November. W.M., Bro. A. Thorne; S.W., Bro. D. J. Howell; J.W., Bro. E. Allen; Sec., W. Bro. Swabey, P.M.

Greytown, No. 74:—Founded 1877, meets at the Masonic Hall, Greytown, on second Friday in each month, at 8 p.m. Installation St. John's Day (June). W.M., Bro. S. Polson; S.W., Bro. J. B. Brickell; J.W., Bro. H. Morison; Sec., Bro. Edgar Larkin, P.M., Box 22, Greytown.

Eketahuna, No. 82:—Founded 1895, meets in Masonic Hall, Bengtson-st., Eketahuna, Friday nearest full moon each month (except May, installation, on Thursday nearest full moon), at 7.30 p.m. W.M., Bro. W. M. Wilson; S.W., Bro. A. Rowden; J.W., Bro. J. Renmet; Sec., Bro. T. M. Page.

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

Coronation, No. 127:—Founded 1902, meets at Masonic Hall, Johnsonville, Saturday on or before full moon, 7.30 p.m. Installation July. W.M., Bro. O. Jerusalem; S.W., Bro. E. Barap; J.W., Bro. K. Turner; Sec., Bro. W. S. Radcliffe, Ngauio.

Brooklyn, No. 132:—Founded October, 1903, meets in Masonic Hall, Brooklyn, on first Wednesday in each month. Installation October. W.M., Bro. S. M. Arzus; S.W., Bro. H. V. Fatter; J.W., Bro. W. J. Westwood; Sec., Bro. W. P. Carter, 8 Crosby Terrace, Wellington.

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

Puketot, No. 140:—Founded 1907, meets Masonic Hall, Pongaroa, Tuesday nearest full moon, 7.30 p.m. Installation February. W.M., Bro. C. Liverton; S.W., Bro. T. A. Yeoman; J.W., Bro. S. Gibson; Sec., W. Bro. W. Soules, P.M.

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

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

Waikwhetu, No. 176:—Founded 1910, meets in Masonic Hall, Huia Street, Lower Hutt, on second Wednesday in every month, at 7.30 p.m. Installation October. W.M., Bro. E. J. Guinness; S.W., Bro. J. McLachlan; J.W., Bro. H. E. Leighton; Sec., Bro. H. Hobbs, Hantana Square, Lower Hutt.

Otagi, No. 190:—Founded 1912, meets in the Freemasons' Hall, Ngalo, second Friday each month, 7.30 p.m. Installation July. W.M., W. Bro. J. H. Jerram; S.W., Bro. D. J. Watson; J.W., Bro. E. Meek; Sec., Bro. J. T. Mair, Ahandulahi.

Installed Masters Lodge, No. 194:—Founded 5th October, 1912. Meets in Freemasons' Hall on fourth Friday in November, "February," April, June, August, October. Installation in October. W.M., Bro. H. B. Bridge; S.W., Bro. P. Levi; J.W., Bro. A. Erskine; Sec., Bro. G. Menzies, 90 Abel Smith Street, Wellington. ("Open to visiting M.M.s.")

Whetu Kairangi, No. 201:—Founded 1914, meets at Methodist Church, Worsley Bay, on second Friday in each month, at 7.30 p.m. Installation October. W.M., W. Bro. Rev. T. Porritt, D.G.C.; S.W., Bro. Thos. Boon; J.W., Bro. C. Silvester; Sec., Bro. F. Antton, Karuka Bay.

SOUTH ISLAND.

MARLBOROUGH AND NELSON: 8 LODGES.

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

Victory, No. 40:—Founded 1881, meets in Freemasons' Hall, Collingwood-st., Nelson, second Thursday every month (except May—fourth Thursday), 7.30 p.m. Installation May. W.M., Bro. E. W. Rudman; S.W., Bro. A. E. Hedges; J.W., Bro. J. L. Ching; Sec., W. Bro. R. W. Stiles, Box 105, Nelson.

Wairau, No. 42:—Founded 1881 (formerly 663, S.C.; joined N.Z.C. 1890); 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. McKimley; J.W., Bro. J. Reid; Sec., Bro. W. C. Lucas, P.M., Redwood Street.

Havelock, No. 194:—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. 105:—Founded 1869 (formerly 1230, E.C.), joined N.Z.C. 1890, 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.

Waitohi, No. 111:—Meets Masonic Hall, Picton, 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. Pearl.

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. Cathbert's, No. 144:—Founded 1906, meets in Masonic Hall, Collingwood, on Saturday nearest full moon, at 7.30 p.m. Installation October. W.M., Bro. W. J. Shaw; S.W., Bro. J. Phillips; J.W., Bro. R. C. Cartner; Sec., Bro. R. H. Lash, P.M., Rockville, Collingwood.

PROVINCE OF WESTLAND: 12 LODGES.

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

Robert Burns, No. 50:—Founded 1888, meets in Burns' Masonic Hall, Kelly-st., Reefton, third Thursday each month, at 7.30 p.m. Installation 25th Jan. W.M., Bro. W. H. Nicholas; S.W., Bro. R. Tudhope; J.W., Bro. F. S. Willis; Sec., Bro. Roy Liddell.

Advance, No. 61:—Founded 1871, meets in Masonic Hall, Brunton, 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 Street, Kumara, Tuesday nearest full moon, 8 p.m. Installation February. W.M., Bro. S. T. Peters; S.W., Bro. J. Steel; J.W., Bro. A. B. Glen; Sec., Bro. W. H. Evenden, P.M.

Westland K.H., 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. Peacock, P.M.

Mokihini, 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. Munn; J.W., Bro. William McIndoe; Sec., Bro. Chas. M. Johnston, P.M.

Torea, No. 121:—Founded 1900, meets at Masonic Hall, Granville, 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.

Mahera, No. 135:—Founded 1904, meets in Masonic Hall, Tainui Street, Greytown, second Thursday each month. Installation November. W.M., Bro. J. Hales; S.W., Bro. R. F. Guinness; J.W., Bro. R. P. Peters; Sec., Bro. J. C. Duncan.

Kawitiri-Westport, No. 132:—Founded 1907, meets Masonic Hall, Russell Street, Westport, second Monday in each month, at 8 p.m. Installation May. W.M., Bro. W. Puckhurst; S.W., Bro. S. Paul; J.W., Bro. D. T. Gibbard; 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, Summer Road, Lyttelton, first Tuesday each month, 7.30 p.m. Installation February. W.M., Bro. J. A. Borthwick; 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 1882, 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 374, 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. 10:—Founded 1871, meets in Caledonian Masonic Hall, Sophia Street, Timaru, first Monday every month, 7.30 p.m. Installation June. W.M., Bro. R. McAnerny; S.W., Bro. A. Kennedy; J.W., Bro. W. Cranston; Sec., Bro. James Simpson, 130 North Street, 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. 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 K.H., 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. Reade; Sec., Bro. B. K. 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. H. A. McKeown; S.W., Bro. T. J. Withers; J.W., Bro. N. W. Pavitt; Sec., Bro. Thos. Hillis, 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. W. Trigano; S.W., Bro. F. A. Joynt; J.W., Bro. Geo. Tate; Sec., Bro. A. Calder.

South Rakiaia, No. 31.

Lincoln, No. 35:—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. 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. H. S. Wilson; S.W., Bro. L. H. North; J.W., Bro. H. M. Gilkes; Sec., Bro. R. Baldwin, P.M., 72 Ackman's Road, Christchurch.

Phoenix, No. 43 (Akaroa):

Methven, No. 51:

Kaikoura, No. 60:

Christchurch, No. 91:—Founded 1895, meets in St. Augustine's Hall, Christchurch, on fourth Tuesday in each month, at 7.30 p.m. Installation Nov. W.M., Bro. G. H. McLean; S.W., Bro. J. Thomas; J.W., Bro. W. Kidley; Sec., Bro. H. Hopkinson, P.M., 23 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. B. Southwick, Fairlie.

St. Augustine, No. 99:—Established 1875, meets Lodgeroom, Leonard Street, Waimate, Wednesday on or before full moon. Installation August. 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. Upoke; 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. 126 (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. P. H. Early; J.W., Bro. B. 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, 69 Worcester Street, Christchurch.

Waihora, No. 141:—Founded 1905, meets Oddfellow's Hall, Leeston, second Thursday in each month, at 8 p.m. Installation April. W.M., Bro. B. C. Jacobs; S.W., Bro. F. J. Lemson; J.W., Bro. G. W. R. Osborne; 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. Steens; S.W., Bro. W. J. Hunter; J.W., Bro. W. Bottrell; Sec., Bro. T. H. Williams.

St. Martin, No. 163 (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. R. France, Culverden.

Avon, No. 185 (Christchurch).

Tawera, No. 188 (Oxford).

Timaru, No. 196 (Timaru).

Koranga, No. 197 (Timaru).

Erewhon, 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 1800, 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. R. T. Moller; J.W., Bro. J. W. Hurdie; Sec., Bro. D. C. Cameron, P.M., 27 Manor Place, Dunedin.

Waitaki, No. 11:—Founded 1869, meets in Masonic Hall, Wansbeck Street, Oamaru, Wednesday on or before full moon, 7.30 p.m. Installation May. W.M., Bro. H. M. Roxby; S.W., Bro. F. W. Kibbleshite; J.W., Bro. A. W. Woodward; Sec., Bro. J. A. Peckles, 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. E. Latimore; S.W., Bro. A. McDonald; J.W., Bro. J. H. Guest; Sec., Bro. B. Whiting, P.M., Box 18, P.O., Balclutha.

Palmerston, No. 25:—Founded 1876, meets in 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. 26:—Founded 1880, meets in Masonic Hall, Tapanui, Wednesday nearest full moon every month, 7.30 p.m. Installation April. W.M., Bro. D. D. Cleghorn; S.W., Bro. J. A. Gillies; S.W., Bro. J. W. Nicholson; Sec., Bro. A. H. Hawkins, Tapanui.

Hiram, No. 46:—Founded 1883, 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 H. West; J.W., Bro. G. T. Lumsden; Sec., Bro. J. A. P. Frederic, 19 Leckhampton Court, Caversham Hill, Dunedin.

Napara, No. 63:—Founded 1891, meets in the Masonic Hall, Napara, Oamaru, on Monday on or preceding full moon in every month, at 7.30 p.m. Installation October. W.M., Bro. Albert Robbie; S.W., Bro. Saml. Wilson; J.W., Bro. Wm. Simpson; Sec., Bro. R. McGilivray, 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. Herron; J.W., Bro. J. C. Duncan; Sec., Bro. J. M. Brown, P.M., Thomas Street, Oamaru.

St. Thomas Kil., No. 83 (Kaitangata).
St. John, No. 84, Mosgiel.

Mount Ida, No. 87.—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. Hannan; 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. 825, S.C.).—Meets in Lodgeroom, Melbourne Terrace, Cromwell, on Wednesday nearest full moon, at 7.30 p.m. Installation February. W.M., Bro. R. 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. 497, E.C.).—Founded 1869, 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. B. 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. Hanson; 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. Arnott.

St. Bathans, No. 120.—Founded 18th Nov., 1902, meets in Masonic Hall, Becks, on Thursday nearest full moon every month, at 7.30 p.m. Installation Nov. W.M., Bro. T. H. Mee; S.W., Bro. C. Alexander; J.W., Bro. T. Sheppard; Sec., Bro. R. Wilson, P.M., Becks.

Otago Kil., No. 143.—Meets in Masonic Hall, Moray Place, Dunedin, on first Thursday each month at 7.30 p.m. Installation December. W.M., Bro. W. G. Hay; S.W., Bro. G. G. Adams; J.W., Bro. J. Sinton; Sec., Bro. G. Watts, P.M., 53 Clyde Street, Dunedin.

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

Haereuni, 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. C. E. J. Bell; S.W., Bro. D. E. Booth; J.W., Bro. J. M. Rodgers; Sec., Bro. A. W. Fleet, 149 Queen Street, Dunedin.

Masters, No. 161.

Kurou, No. 164.—Founded May 13, 1909, meets in Masonic Hall, Kurou, 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., Kurou.

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. B. 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, P.O. Box 26.

Ionic, No. 191 (Green Island).

Morning Star, No. 192 (Mornington).

Strath-Tairi, 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. Geo. Kelly; S.W., Bro. W. A. Stout; J.W., Bro. I. Copeland; 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 Oes, Box 35, Gore.

Mokoreta, No. 63.—Founded 1888, meets in Masonic Temple, Wyndham, on third Thursday in every month, at 8 p.m. Installation third Wednesday in September. W.M., Bro. 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. E. Johnson; S.W., Bro. C. W. Bradshaw; J.W., Bro. G. Hast; 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. Ashurst; S.W., Bro. T. B. McIntyre; J.W., Bro. A. E. Ward; Sec., Bro. J. C. Robins (acting).

Lake Lodge of Ophir, 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. Robert Smith; S.W., Bro. Wm. Robison; J.W., Bro. Frank Bouffant; Sec., Bro. Chas. H. Poole, 160 Teviot Street.

Taringatura, No. 100.—Founded 1887, meets at Masonic Hall, Lumadun, 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. Deer; 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. H. Hamilton; Sec., Bro. J. A. Brown, 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, Forth Street, Invercargill, second Friday every month. Installation June. W.M., Bro. G. J. Yule; S.W., Bro. G. O. Joyce; J.W., Bro. John Keras; Sec., Bro. N. J. Brokenshire, Box 95.

Waikaka, No. 151.—Founded 1907, meets in Lodgeroom, Waikaka, Monday nearest full moon. Installation June. W.M., Bro. Jas. Broonan; S.W., Bro. T. Keating; J.W., Bro. W. Excel; Sec., Bro. A. G. Thomson, P.M.

Matatua, No. 174.

Waipapa, No. 180.—Founded , meets in the Masonic Hall, Gladstone, on the third Monday in each month. Installation in May. W.M., Bro. N. Todd; S.W., Bro. C. W. Tomkinson; J.W., Bro. G. Gilchrist; Sec., Bro. A. E. Edmonds.

ENGLISH CRAFT LODGES.

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

Wellington, No. 1521.—Founded 1874, meets at the Masonic Hall, Wellington, on third Wednesday in each month except in January, February, and March. Installation June. W.M., Bro. F. J. Courtney; S.W., Bro. S. E. Andrew; J.W., Bro. T. Spratt; Sec., Bro. E. E. Coghlan, Box 519, Wellington.

ANCIENT AND ACCEPTED SCOTTISH RITE.

GRAND LODGE OF FRANCE.

Veritas, No. 341.—Founded 1907, meets at the Freemasons' Hall, Mission-street, Paapea, on fourth Saturday in each month, at 7.30 p.m. Installation December. W.M., Bro. J. Randall; S.W., Bro. G. Lamprocht; J.W., Bro. C. Brown; Sec., Bro. G. Largarde. (This Lodge, working in English, cordially invites brethren from New Zealand.)

L'Oceanic Française, No. 400.—Meets in the Masonic Hall, Mission-street, Paapea, on first Tuesday of each month at 7.30 p.m. Installation December. W.M., Bro. H. Langomazino; S.W., Bro. Allain; J.W., Bro. G. Verhaeghe; Sec., Bro. M. Sue.

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

(With jurisdiction over 34 active R.A. Chapters and 1 Mark Lodge.)

Annual convocation January or February. I.P.G.Z., M.E. Comp. J. J. Eason (No. 2); G.L., R.E. Comp. A. C. Andrews (No. 1); D.U.Z., R.E. Comp. T. Ross (No. 7); G.H., R.E. Comp. M. J. Harris (No. 9); G.J., R.E. Comp. E. Daere Dunn (No. 18); G.S.N., M.E. Comp. H. J. Williams (No. 2); G.S.N., Comp. W. M. Hindmarsh (No. 15); G. Treas., V.E. Comp. H. H. Sealton (No. 2); 1st G.S.O., Comp. T. Hobson (No. 4); 2nd G.S.O., Comp. W. G. Alexander (No. 7); 3rd G.S.O., V.E. Comp. G. S. Gordon (No. 23); G.E.G., V.E. Comp. C. W. Nelson (No. 2); G.Chanc., Comp. M. Blair (No. 9); G.Supt. of W., Comp. S. J. Brokenshire (No. 3); G.P. of G., Comp. G. J. A. Shaktleton (No. 16); G.S.D.B., Comp. W. H. Jones (No. 24); G.S.D.B., Comp. T. Gilmour (No. 28); G.Organist, Comp. A. W. V. Vine (No. 15); Asst.-G.D. of C., Comp. D. M. Jack (No. 17); Asst.-G.S.D.B., Comp. W. T. Simmonds (No. 32); Asst.-G.S.D.B., Comp. C. H. Dement (No. 21).

Supreme G. Committee.

Chairman, M.E. Comp. R. Fletcher; V.E. Comp. A. Veitch, W. H. Jones, C. Dement, O. Nelson; the G.Prins., P.G.Zs., G.Supts., G.Treas., and G. Recorder (ex officio).

G. Superintendents.

Auckland—R.E. Comp. Kearsley.
Wellington—M.E. Comp. T. Porritt.
West Coast—R.E. Comp. G. W. Palmer.
Canterbury—R.E. Comp. V. Flavell.
Otago—R.E. Comp. E. Lane.
Southland—V.E. Comp. J. J. Hiskins.
Westland—R.E. Comp. Dr. E. D. Dunn.

NEW ZEALAND CHAPTERS.

St. Augustine, No. 1.—Founded November, 1899; 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; J. 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. Harton; 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. Elliot 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. Lundsen; S.E. E. Comp. M. J. Pierce, 39 Dowling Street, Dunedin.

Waikaki Kil., No. 8 (being Otago Chapter, No. 8, and Waikaki Chapter, No. 12, which were amalgamated 9th October, 1901).—Meets in Masonic Hall, Wansbeck Street, Oamaru, every second Wednesday after full moon. Installation September. Z. Comp. W. J. Hill; H. Comp. J. A. Peebles; J. Comp. D. Miller; S.E., M.E. Comp. J. M. Brown, P.G.Z.