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AUCKLAND.

TUESDAY, 5th
Ponsonby
Abercorn
WEDNESDAY, 6th
Manukau
New Mai
WEDNESDAY, 13th
Ara
THURSDAY, 14th
Albion
MONDAY, 19th
Warroa
TUESDAY, 19th
St. Andrew
Sir Walter Scott
WEDNESDAY, 20th
Alpha
Obaemuri
Piako
Plunket
THURSDAY, 21st
Iceta-Waikato
Tauranga
Mamrewhao
SATURDAY, 23rd
Obaemuri
MONDAY, 25th
Wangarei
Waihi
Te Marama
TUESDAY, 26th
Papakura
Auckland
Hobson
Rotorna
Maniapoto
WEDNESDAY, 27th
United Service
Mangonui
Tauranga
THURSDAY, 28th
Te Aroha
Pirau
FRIDAY, 1st
Hokiangia
Waipa

HAWKES BAY.

TUESDAY, 5th
Victoria
TUESDAY, 12th
Heretaunga
TUESDAY, 19th
Schnee
THURSDAY, 21st
Rawhiti
FRIDAY, 22nd
Rotanuiwha
MONDAY, 25th
Abercorn
Lion
TUESDAY, 26th
Ruahine
Waikaremoana
WEDNESDAY, 27th
Bedford

TARANAKI.

TUESDAY, 5th
Hawera
FRIDAY, 8th
Moa
WEDNESDAY, 13th
Patea Kil
TUESDAY, 19th
St. John's
WEDNESDAY, 20th
Stratford
TUESDAY, 26th
Ikaroa
WEDNESDAY, 27th
Ngamotu

RUAPEHU.

THURSDAY, 7th
Hui
TUESDAY, 12th
Te Awahou
THURSDAY, 14th
St. Andrew Kil
Manawatu Kil
TUESDAY, 19th
Rangitikei
WEDNESDAY, 20th
Ekonotea
FRIDAY, 22nd
Rangitira

Ruapehu—Cont.

MONDAY, 25th
Feilding
Waimarino
Manga-te-weka
TUESDAY, 26th
Otadage
Neauruhoe
WEDNESDAY, 27th
Olaenuki
THURSDAY, 28th
Kimbolton
Kunepahu
Moutoa

WELLINGTON.

MONDAY, 4th
Leinster
TUESDAY, 5th
Installed Masters
WEDNESDAY, 6th
Waltham
Brooklyn
THURSDAY, 7th
Tutanekahi
FRIDAY, 8th
Greytown
SATURDAY, 9th
Whetu Kairanga
MONDAY, 11th
Waterloo
St. John
TUESDAY, 12th
St. Mark
Otari
WEDNESDAY, 13th
Masterton
Waiwheta
THURSDAY, 14th
Hinemoa
MONDAY, 18th
St. Andrew
WEDNESDAY, 20th
Ulster
FRIDAY, 22nd
Ekethana
SATURDAY, 23rd
Coronation
MONDAY, 25th
N.Z. Pacific
TUESDAY, 26th
Puketot
WEDNESDAY, 27th
Otaki
THURSDAY, 28th
Taranua
Horowhenua

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THURSDAY, 14th
Victory
Unanimity
TUESDAY, 19th
Wairoa
WEDNESDAY, 20th
Forest
SATURDAY, 23rd
Havelock
St. Guthbert's
TUESDAY, 26th
Wairau
WEDNESDAY, 27th
Motueka

WESTLAND.

SATURDAY, 2nd
Mokihini
WEDNESDAY, 6th
Aorangi
MONDAY, 11th
Kawatiri
THURSDAY, 14th
Mawhera
SATURDAY, 15th
Torea
THURSDAY, 21st
Robert Burns
TUESDAY, 26th
Kumara
WEDNESDAY, 27th
Westland Kil
Ronanga
THURSDAY, 28th
Advance

* Installation Meetings.

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CANTERBURY

MONDAY, 4th
Canterbury
TUESDAY, 5th
Unanimity
Lincoln
Laird
THURSDAY, 7th
Avon
Southern Cross
TUESDAY, 12th
St. Augustine &
WEDNESDAY, 13th
St. George
THURSDAY, 14th
Wairora
Ashley
FRIDAY, 15th
Mairaki
MONDAY, 18th
Timaru
TUESDAY, 19th
Robert Burns
WEDNESDAY, 20th
Teremane
Methven
St. Augustine &
Thistle
MONDAY, 25th
Aithea
TUESDAY, 26th
Progress
Christchurch
Koranga
WEDNESDAY, 27th
Concord
THURSDAY, 28th
Mackenzie

OTAGO.

MONDAY, 4th
St. John
THURSDAY, 7th
Diago Kil
TUESDAY, 12th
Clutha
WEDNESDAY, 13th
Diago
MONDAY, 18th
Haerewa
WEDNESDAY, 20th
Waikaiti
Otago
THURSDAY, 21st
Karo
FRIDAY, 22nd
Palmecroft
Manuherikia Kil.
SATURDAY, 23rd
Teviot
MONDAY, 25th
Ngapara
TUESDAY, 26th
Dunedin
WEDNESDAY, 27th
Hercules
Dunedin Kil.
St. Thomas Kil.
Albion Kil.
Cromwell Kil.
THURSDAY, 28th
St. Bathans
Owaka
Clinton

SOUTHLAND.

FRIDAY, 1st
Southern Cross
FRIDAY, 8th
Victoria
WEDNESDAY, 13th
Fortitude
THURSDAY, 14th
Orepuki
FRIDAY, 15th
Wallace
MONDAY, 18th
Waihona
TUESDAY, 19th
Lake of Ophir
THURSDAY, 21st
Mokoreta
MONDAY, 25th
Arrow Kil.
Taringatara
Waikaka
Mataura
TUESDAY, 26th
Aparima
Winton
WEDNESDAY, 27th
Harvey

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28th March—Thursday.	21st September—Saturday.
26th April—Friday.	30th October—Sunday.
26th May—Sunday.	18th November—Monday.
24th June—Monday.	18th December—Wednesday.
24th July—Wednesday.	

FROM THE EDITOR.

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FOREIGN CORRESPONDENCE REPORTS.

IN all Masonic jurisdictions it is customary to print reports of the meetings of the Grand governing bodies, for the information of members. In the majority of cases such meetings are annual, but in Great Britain and some of its dependencies more frequent meetings are held. With many Grand bodies it has long been the custom to add an appendix to such printed proceedings, which is called a report on foreign correspondence, and the especial object is to review and comment on the procedure and government of other Masonic administrations. Theoretically, it would appear that the system is a good one, and might be of a beneficial character, or, at the worst, that the results would only be negative, as, if the compilation did not do much good, no great harm would accrue. We propose to show that these assumptions have not been quite warranted, and shall quote a recent American authority in support. In passing, it may again be pointed out that the British G.Ls, have not at any time adopted the custom. New Zealand some few years ago was seized with the idea, and added a report to its proceedings for some years, at some considerable cost. In 1915, however, "War economy" prevailed, and the report was wisely omitted, and it is "devoutly to be wished" that, if ever reintroduced, it will be in the form adopted by the authority we shall presently quote.

As a first reason for discounting any presumed benefits these reports are alleged to have, we unhesitatingly assert that they are not read; and, speaking for this jurisdiction, we doubt greatly if one per cent. of the membership has even the haziest of ideas as to the subject matter. If this assertion is warranted, it is in itself fatal to any benefits the report may be held to have. We pass over the necessarily belated publication of many of the reports of other jurisdictions; but which renders them comparatively valueless so far as any statistical information is concerned. Then, again, the opinions expressed are individual in character, though they are made under the protective guise of a "committee," which invariably consists of one. In very many instances such opinions are expressed in proper fraternal language, but there are cases where the "committee" desires to show "smart," and if he is not actually rude he is not essentially polite, and this induces replies in kind. Then there are some reviewers who have peculiar idiosyncrasies, which they obtrude on the slightest opportunity, and which, if the reports were generally read, would incite feelings of animosity. On occasions decisions on points of law are given, and, while they may be quite in order with regard to that particular state or country, would be very misleading if applied generally. These are only some of the points, but when the cost of production is added, it may well be questioned if this appendix to the proceedings possesses any compensating value.

We have before us the Proceedings of the G. Chapter of California for the year ended April, 1917, from which we find that the "reviewer" for the past quarter of a century had died, and that Comp. Chas. A. Adams had taken on the duties of chairman of the "committee," and he commences his work by paying a tribute to his predecessor. He says :—

"In the preparation of his reports Comp. Davies apparently "ever kept in mind the purpose for which they were intended. " Such criticism as appeared was dignified and kindly. Of their type no more worthy example can be sought; and the radical departure in the preparation of this report from the form sanctified by usage results only from the desire of his successor to present through the medium of this report the question that has been more than once raised in other jurisdictions as to the worth of correspondence reports; and his conviction that the custom has outlived its usefulness."

"That these reports are not read by those for whom they are intended, and to whom they are addressed, is practically everywhere conceded. For that reason, as well as because of the sentiments of the writer, there is a wide departure from the usual form. It is written in the first person singular not merely because the editorial 'we' does not come handily to me, but as well because of my belief that there should be kept constantly in mind the fact that these correspondence reports are in no sense official, but express only the individual personal views of the writers."

"I cannot escape the conviction that these reports are not worth anything like what they cost either in money or effort."

"Before, however, proceeding to a consideration of the nature of these reports, I want to call your attention to the fact that they cost money. In addition to the cost of the printing, there is an appropriation made to the writer varying in the different jurisdictions from 50 dollars to 300 dollars (and perhaps more). Now, the largest amount paid to any correspondent does not begin to compensate him in money for the time and labour involved in the preparation of his report; and, paradoxical as it may seem, the best report written is not actually worth anything like the smallest amount paid to any correspondent—or, for the matter of that, even the cost of the printing; because, no matter how well written the report, nor how able or industrious the writer, if his report is not read by those for whom it is primarily intended, and to whom it is formally addressed, no benefit is derived by those who 'foot the bill.'"

"It is, of course, not merely a question of the amount of money (although, as will be readily seen, the aggregate of the amounts expended in all the jurisdictions is not an inconsiderable sum), but the deplorable fact is that it is wasted; and it is not merely a waste of money, but what is perhaps of even more importance, a waste of effort; and not only the money, but the ability, industry, and energy of the individuals could be far better and more profitably expended."

"In considering the advisability of their discontinuance, it must be remembered that they are primarily designed for the purpose of advising the companions, and particularly the members of the G. Chapter, of the proceedings of other jurisdictions. Now through a very natural evolution they have become nothing more than a vehicle for the interchange among themselves of the views of the correspondents. It could not be otherwise. That the reviewers should review each other's reports rather than the actual proceedings is not only natural, but inevitable. They themselves find little interest in the purely 'local' inconsequential details of an 'annual meeting,' except in so far as they may furnish a subject for the expression of an opinion by the reviewer."

"There was, perhaps, a time when these reports were almost a necessity. There were no Masonic publications of national circulation, and the only information one jurisdiction would obtain of the proceedings of another was through these reports; but that time has passed. There is now practically nothing that happens in one jurisdiction that is of such moment as to be a subject of interest to Capitular Masonry at large that is not reported by the Masonic publications long before the proceedings of that jurisdiction are reviewed. In these publications the seeker for information will find everything except those inconsequential details of the annual session which are of no more than local interest."

The reviewer then goes on to explain that his review is rather of Capitular Masonry in general than of separate jurisdictions; that, though he examined the proceedings of forty-nine G. Chapters (including New Zealand), he only refers to matters of general importance and interest. He notes the general peace and harmony, the only disturber of which is the G. Chapter of Scotland. Statistics as to numerical increase are given. The largest gain was in the State of Illinois, where 1,997 were exalted. In Rhode Island 52 per cent. of members of the Craft are R.A. Masons. Commenting on the charge not infrequently made, that R.A. Masons are lethargic, he tersely points out that something more than ritualism and symbolism is required. The differences that existed between the G. Chapters of Canada and Alberta are critically analysed, and brief reference is made to "physical fitness" and "ritualistic work." Two cases of the introduction of politics into the Chapter are the subject of practical comment, and, naturally, reference is made to the war.

The admirable capacity which our companion possesses for condensing his matter may be realised from the fact that his entire review, including his personal explanation, only occupies thirteen pages, and every line is readable. In contrast, it may be mentioned that the State of Iowa, which is approximately the Masonic equal of California numerically, has devoted eighty-one larger pages to its foreign correspondence report, which we fear few will read.

The moral of the tale is that, should the G.L. of New Zealand ever decide to add foreign correspondence to its proceedings, a proviso should be insisted upon that the form we have outlined as that of the G. Chapter of California should be that adopted in place of that which has been followed as a custom, and which has so many disadvantages, apart from the excessive cost.

PRACTICAL FREEMASONRY.



In dealing with " Our Brethren an Service " in the November issue of the CRAFTSMAN we foreshadowed a greater depletion of members from our Lodge's, when the Second Division takes the field. But it was also pointed out that it would devolve on those who remain to offer relief and consolation to the families of those who have been called for active service. It was further stated that it would be an opportunity to prove Freemasons by their works. At the annual meeting of Lodge St. Andrew, Wellington, on 1st December, W. Bro. Colonel Esson, in responding to the toast of " Brethren on Service "—so admirably proposed by W. Bro. Ron. A. L. Herdman—put forward the suggestion that a small advisory committee should be established in each Lodge throughout the territory to watch the interests of the wives and families of those who go on active service. W. Bro. Esson rightly urged that nothing would so contribute to the comfort of married soldiers as the knowledge that those they loved were being cared for, and had kind and sympathetic friends to appeal to for advice and assistance in all matters that would ordinarily devolve upon the head of the house. It is not our province to comment on the policy which arbitrarily compels our more matured citizens to assume the duties of soldiers, and for which, from their years, habits and training, we fear they will be entirely unfitted ; but we are assured that those who have to meet the call will experience the greatest possible relief to know that there is a small body of their Masonic colleagues whose especial duty will be to render any assistance or counsel to those they leave behind. It is one thing to talk in general terms of the Freemasons' duty, but it assumes an entirely different complexion when that duty is clearly defined and reduced to concrete form. We feel sure it only needs general notice for each Lodge to accept the suggestion of W. Bro. Esson, recognising its liability in this especial matter, and at once get busy with a small committee set up for the purpose.

BOARDS OF ENQUIRY.



Boards of Enquiry have become permanent institutions in the Masonic life of the Dominion of New Zealand, and very excellent results have accrued from their operations. Though it is quite clearly understood that they have no legal Masonic standing, their moral force is fully recognised and appreciated. Boards of Enquiry are usually formed by a number of Lodges uniting for the purpose, and the object is to investigate the characters of all persons whose names have been submitted to any of the united Lodges as candidates for Freemasonry. It will be quite patent that two essentials are absolutely imperative if the work of the Boards is to have any value : Firstly, that all investigation must be of a most searching character, without any reference to proposer, seconder, or Lodge; secondly, that in the conduct of investigation the utmost secrecy must be observed. With regard to the first point, unless the enquiry is of a most complete character the usefulness of the Boards will be seriously impaired, and Lodges will lose confidence in the system, which will be very difficult to regain; while, on the other hand, if the inquisition is most searching, and the strictest secrecy is NOT observed, it will be apparent that the most serious consequences may follow. It may, unthinkingly, be assumed that in an assemblage of Freemasons secrecy would naturally be inviolable, but such an assumption is not by any means warranted, and reports of leakage have on several occasions been brought under our notice. Quite recently one Board has had some practical experience on this subject, and has deemed it necessary to issue a circular of warning, which sets forth the position so clearly that we think it expedient to publish it for the good of Freemasonry. It is so much to the point that further comment is unnecessary. As no good purpose can be served by publication, we suppress the name of the district issuing this eminently practical document, simply recommending its contents to the consideration of all brethren throughout the jurisdiction.

The Board of Enquiry, having been furnished with conclusive proof that Masonic matters, particularly those relating to proposed members, have been made a subject of public gossip, the Board deems it expedient to notify, and make recommendations on the lamentable fact to all Lodges in the District.

While making no individual or collective charge or charges against a Lodge or Lodges, or a brother or brethren, the Board feels called upon to point out the serious and mischievous consequences of any inadvertent violation of Masonic rule and principle.

The Board earnestly recommends Masters to stress the point to their brethren of exercising the greatest discretion in regard to Masonic affairs in their homes and in their intercourse with the world generally; and never, under any circumstances, to mention the name of a brother or brethren who may have personally, by proxy, or by writing, adversely reported on a candidate for Freemasonry, without the unqualified consent of the brother or brethren so reporting. This is absolutely necessary, not only in the interests of a brother or brethren who may, for expressed and just reasons, be the means of rejecting a candidate for Freemasonry, but for the preservation of the lustre and good repute of our time-honoured institution.

Failure to act on the rules and principles expounded creates distrust, is destructive of searching investigation into the lives of candidates, is injurious to candid and fearless brethren, is a most flagrant violation of the F.P. of F., and is a breach of the sacred duty to our fellows which we are in honour bound to observe.

Trusting that you will bring this matter prominently before your Lodge, and impress upon its' members the sanctity of confidences reposed.

Since writing the foregoing we find that another Board of Enquiry refers to this matter in its annual report.

News and Notes.

A CORRESPONDENT says : " Long evenings are affecting Lodge attendances. Brethren find it somewhat trying to leave the bowling greens, etc." We have long held the opinion that Freemasonry is a valuable adjunct to bowling.

THERE is no suggestion of stagnation in Victory Lodge, Nelson. The business for the January meeting included three raisings, one ballot for a joining member, and two ballots for candidates for initiation. There are five brethren awaiting degrees, and two candidates elected at the December meeting. In addition there were two new proposals at the January meeting.

EXTRACT from circular of Victory Lodge : " The year 1917 was an exceedingly happy and prosperous one, and petitions for membership were numerous. The war has undoubtedly strengthened the mystic tie of brotherhood, and if there was necessity for putting the principles of Masonry into practice it is now. The entrance upon a new year should instil us with a greater reverence for the Most High and an increased affection for man, more particularly our brethren in Freemasonry. Brethren, we must be solid."

THE many Masonic friends of R.W. Bro. W. H. Smith, of Palmerston North will feel the deepest sympathy for him in the loss he has sustained by the death of his son, Lieut. K. G. Smith, who was killed in France on 12th October. His colonel reported that " he met his death while gallantly leading his men, and was game to the last."

THE attention of our literary contributors is called to the fact that February has only twenty-eight days, consequently we must go to press three days earlier than is usually the case.

THE annual convocation of the Sup. G.R.A. Chapter of New Zealand was convened to meet in Nelson yesterday. A report of the proceedings will appear in our next issue.

WHILE on their visit to Kaikoura, Lodge Avon worked a Second Degree at Rotherham for Lodge Amuri, and also at Kaikoura for Lodge Kaikoura, the ceremonial being taken as follows : W. Bro. Scott (Ob., S. and S.), Bro. Gale (Charge after Investiture), Bro. Bassett, S.W. (S.E. Corner), Bro. Dunstan (W.Ts.), W. Bro. Taylor (Charge after Passing).

WE acknowledge with hearty thanks greetings from Bro. Major Geo. Barclay, P.G.W., Bournemouth; Bro. Major W. G. Wray, M.C., P.M., Sling Camp ; and Bro. Corporal G. J. Shepperd, who says, "there are forty-four of us in this camp, and we meet in a hut." We do not know the location and dare not ask.

A BROTHER kindly sends the following appreciation of the N.Z. CRAFTSMAN : " In future forward CRAFTSMAN to undermentioned address, as I am leaving here on transfer, and would not like to lose your valuable paper, which has enlightened my mind so much on Masonic matters." Another brother from Sanson also expresses his appreciation.

THE Benevolent Fund of Lodge St. Andrew now stands at £933 ls. 10d. Many years ago, when the fund was instituted, the strongest opposition was manifested by a small section of the Lodge.

WE deeply regret to record the death of W. Bro. W. H. Clark, the energetic Sec. of the Taringatura Lodge, Lumsden, and the very active agent of the N.Z. CRAFTSMAN in that district. The late brother was one of the most earnest Freemasons it has ever been our good fortune to meet, and his quiet enthusiasm and keen foresight have materially advanced the interests of the Lodge. Our deepest sympathy is extended to his widow in her affliction.

THE contribution of Lodges to the Annuity Fund of the G.L. of New Zealand during the month of December was £209 16s. 6d., and to the Special War Fund £69 13s., which now stands at £10,621. The capital value of the Annuity Fund is £31,056 10s. 5d:

IT is understood that R.E. Comp. J. H. Harkness, D.G.Z., of Westport, will be installed as the 1st G. Prin. of the G.R.A. Chapter of New Zealand for the ensuing year.

AN exchange, in reporting a meeting of Masons held on shipboard at sea, says : "We opened a Lodge in the very heart of the submarine zone, with fifty-six M.Ms., clothed in life-belts and automatic pistols." Presumably the atmosphere must have been very sultry, considering the remarkable nature of the clothing.

THE Silver Baton Committee, with commendable zeal, call attention to the fact that between the States at war and the firing-line there is a constant stream of returning sick and wounded soldiers, for whom adequate provision must be made in their homeland. During the past few weeks the daily press has chronicled the return to this Dominion of more than 2,000 New Zealand soldiers, amongst whom were several members of the Craft. *Verb. sa p.*

THERE are about 15,000 members of the G.L. of New Zealand, and if each one subscribes the modest sum of one shilling in response to the Silver Baton Appeal, the G.L. Special War Benevolent Fund will benefit to the extent of £750. With this sum much can be done in helping the widow or the orphans of some heroic brother who gave his all.

LODGE TUTANEKAI has recently had erected in the Lodgeroom a large electric fan, which was used for the first time last Lodge night. Although the room was crowded to its utmost capacity, not the slightest discomfort was experienced by any of those present. The fan was generously donated to the Lodge by W. Bro. Rod.

The action of the W.M. of Lodge Unanimity, in changing the regular meeting in January to Saturday evening, was endorsed to such an extent that a full Lodge and refectory was the result. Nearly a hundred brethren attended, including the W.M. and brethren of Canterbury Hi. Lodge and W.Ms. and brethren from nearly every Lodge in the city. It is hoped that, as future meetings are to be held on Saturday night until the railway time table is resumed, the fine attendance of January will be kept up. The installation of W. Bre. Collett's successor, Bro. R. J. Connal, is fixed for Saturday, 9th February, visitors to be seated by 7 p.m. It is confidently anticipated that the mantle of W. Bro. Collett's popularity will fall upon Bro. Connal.

SOUTHLAND NOTES.

Long evenings, genial warmth, and outdoor attractions are affecting attendances at Lodge meetings. Brethren find it somewhat trying to leave the bowling greens or their gardens and spend an evening indoors.

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The ceremonial of raising two candidates was very efficiently carried out at Lodge Southern Cross meeting. W. Bro. Copeland and his officers and P.Ms. well deserved the compliments extended to them. The Prov.G.M. was in attendance, and presented to the newly raised brethren the Vs. of S.L. on which they had been obligated.

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At a recent meeting of Lodge Victoria Bro. J. MacEachran was presented with a smoker's outfit on the eve of his proceeding to camp. Bro. MacEachran has been a very useful and active member of the Lodge, both in his office as I.G. and as a contributor to entertainment in the refectory. He carries with him the best wishes of his brethren.

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Query : An E.A. or F.C. enters a Lodge as a visitor, and takes a seat in a place other than the N.E. or S.E. What is the correct procedure ? This question was asked at an instruction meeting, and no satisfactory answer was given. [What is the objection to the observance of the custom ?—ED. C.]

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Bro. A. Derby, S.D., received a well deserved compliment from the Prov.G.M. on the manner in which he carried out the duties of his office at. Lodge Victoria at last meeting. R.W. Bro. Hoyles expressed pleasure at the whole of the working, but specially noted that of the S.D.

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W. Bro. Buchanan continues to keep up the reputation of Lodge Victoria for thoroughness in detail. The ceremony of passing three candidates to the F.C. Degree was well up to the usual high standard set by this Lodge.

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Very enjoyable social entertainment followed the meetings of Southern Cross and Victoria, at each of which the Prov.G.M. was present and delivered an eloquent and impressive Christmas message.

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Congratulations from Invercargill brethren to the Editor of the CRAFTSMAN on the excellence of articles in the Christmas number. The Masonic journal is highly appreciated, and the December issue was specially attractive. [Many thanks.— ED. C.]

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W. Bro. J. J. Griffiths, Lodge Mataura, had the honour of proposing the health of the newly raised brethren at Southern Cross meeting, and contributed an impressive and pleasing speech. He incidentally paid a tribute to the constancy of R.W. Bro. Wm. Smith, who had delivered the Final Charge in the Lodgeroom, reminding Bro. Griffiths of the occasion of his own raising, when the Final Charge was in the same W. brother's care.

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Lodge St. John regretfully announces the death of Captain A. S. (Sid.) Reid, the eldest son of W. Bro. Geo. Reid. The deceased soldier was a man of fine physique, and as a sportsman one of the best. He was educated in Invercargill and at Otago University, and at the time of his enlistment was a master at Wanganui College. To his sorrowing parents heartfelt sympathy is extended.

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Though not favoured with a very large attendance, the meeting at Lodge Waihopai was pleasing and enjoyable. The work of the S.W. and S.D. caused many favourable comments. The Prov.G.M., R.W. Bro. Hoyles, was present, and before retiring mentioned his pleasure at the conduct of the ceremony. To the S.W., Bro. A. Edmonds, great praise was due for his excellent address on the S.T.B.

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The W.M., Bro. F. Bonifant, of Lodge St. John, had a very pleasant trip to the western district on 13th November, the occasion being an official visit to Lodge Orepuki. During the afternoon the visitors were shown over the shale works and W. Bro. McIntyre's timber yard, besides other points of interest, and they are unanimous in telling of the kindness extended to them by their Orepuki brethren.

A usually very retiring member of Lodge St. John, Bro. McLean, came right out of his shell on the trip to and from the western district. He kept the company going in full swing with his quaint Scotch humour. W. Bro. Bonifant has every reason to feel proud of his officers for the manner in which they supported him, and, moreover, readily undertook work that had been assigned to P.Ms. who were not able to make the trip. At the social meeting W. Bro. C. C. Nicholas thanked and complimented his visitors, especially praising Bro. J. Lipscombe, S.W., for the able manner in which he explained the 2nd T.B.

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Bro. Newton Hanan, nephew of the Minister of Education, is a patient in Dunedin Hospital, the result of wounds received at Gallipoli. Members of Lodge St. John will be pleased to know that Bro. Tom. Belworthy is a frequent visitor to Bro. Henan, and Invercargill topics are mutually exchanged.

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W. Bro. A. McNeil was in particularly happy vein at Waihopai on the 17th. In proposing " The Visitors " he apologetically drew attention to the labels on the refreshment containers, and made it quite plain that, lied he succeeded in persuading his brethren, something more invigorating would have been available to stimulate the enjoyment of the December meeting.

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Lodge St. John instruction meetings maintain their attractiveness. At a recent gathering W. Bro. Jas. Walker treated the brethren to some English history, on which he is no mean authority, and a continuance of the subject is hoped for in the near future.

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W. Bro. Scurr, Lodge St. Patrick (Dunedin), was a visitor to Lodge Victoria on 14th ult. His contributions to the "Fourth" were excellent, likewise his introduction of something new in the way of an "Irish fire." Bro. Scurr brought personal fraternal greetings from W. Bro. Vernon Smith. Bro. Smith is missed considerably from Lodge Waihopai. He never lose an opportunity of sending greetings, and in return he must be gratified to know that his Lodge is being well tended by P.Ms. and officers. Bro. Kemp, as Organist, is an acquisition to Waihopai, not only by reason of his musical ability, but as a Freemason generally.

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At the December meetings of each of the town Lodges and at Waihopai R.W. Bro. A. le H. Hoyles has attended in his official capacity as Prov.G.M., and on each occasion has delivered an inspiring Christmas message—a message of charity in its widest meaning—to our brethren at the front and to the sorrowing relatives of those who had fallen; also reminding brethren of the universal anxiety for the men in the fighting line, comparing our own pleasant surroundings with the awful conditions and privations our soldiers and sailors are called upon to endure. In expressing the hope that T.G.A.O.T.U., in his infinite wisdom, may soon cause all wars to cease, and that the Christmas of 1918 might be a time of " peace on earth," Bro. Hoyles said he felt that the Christmas season was a time when we are in an especial manner enjoined to exercise the greatest of all virtues. The words of the Prov.G.M. carry a sincere conviction, and brethren who have been privileged to hear his Christmas message will surely realise their responsibility, and prove in a practical manner that the call has not been in vain. So mote it be.

[We regret that this report came to hand too late for insertion in last issue.—En. C.]

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There is little or nothing to report from Southland for January. Up to time of writing only one Lodge meeting has been held in Invercargill—viz., Lodge Victoria on 11th January. This meeting, though not largely attended, was both interesting and instructive. Many well deserved compliments were paid to W. Bro. Buchanan and his officers on the efficiency of the work.

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Lodge Victoria, No. 147, is paying an official visit to Lodge Fortitude, No. 64, on the second Wednesday in February. Train services being unsuitable, the town brethren will journey to Bluff per motor-car. An enjoyable outing is assured, and it is hoped that W. Bro. Parker will have his Lodgeroom well filled with Invercargill brethren.

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News has just come to hand of the death of Lieut. Magnus Fraser, killed in action. It is only a few months since Bro. Fraser left New Zealand, full of health and physical vigour. Though quite a young Freemason, he gave every indication of becoming a zealous member. The short speech he made at the time of being raised is well impressed on the writer's mind, and showed that he had duly appreciated his Obs., and was prepared to become more proficient in Masonic knowledge. Lodge Victoria mourns the death of this promising brother, and sympathises with the bereaved sister and relatives.

CANTERBURY CHIPS.

R.A. Masonry is very prosperous just now. Each of the Chapters report additions to membership. At the last meeting of St. Augustine Chapter a paper was read by M.E. Comp. S. Clifton Bingham, whilst at the March convocation V.E. Comp. E. Nordon will contribute a paper. In Comp. "Jack" Hurley, Prince of Wales Chapter possesses a S.E. whose zeal is not excelled in any part of the territory. Early and late our respected companion is at work in the interest of his Chapter, and to mark their appreciation the members recently presented him with a P. Scribe's jewel.

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Some discussion took place at the last meeting of the Prov. B. of G.P. on the methods adopted in the past in the case of Canterbury brethren recommended for G.L. office. The Prov. G.Sec. stoutly maintains that it is the prerogative of the Prov. G.M. or his Deputy to make the selection. R.W. Bro. J. J. Dougall maintains that, where a Prov.G.L. exists, the Prov. B. of G.P. should exercise the same functions locally as the B. of G.P. of G.L. for the Dominion. This latter view was adopted by those present, and it was decided to hold a special meeting on the 21st to consider the nominations and make recommendations to the G.B. of G.P. This writer heartily concurs in the decision arrived at, for the reason that our constitution provides for a democratic form of government, as against government by one or two men.

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Canterbury Lodge, No. 1048, E.C., is in a most flourishing condition. The balance-sheet to hand shows nett assets amounting to £1,224 16s. 1d. At the last night of the popular W.M., W. Bro. "Syd" Orchard, a great crowd of brethren attended to do him honour. The Master-elect, Bro. "Jack" Danks gave those present a taste of his powers as a speaker, and it is safe to predict that under his guidance this popular Lodge will lose none of its former lustre.

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The members of Civic Lodge have for many years lunched together on Fridays, and after lunch it is customary for those attending to adjourn to the smoke-room, and there discuss various matters of interest to the Craft in general and the Lodge in particular. This method of bringing the brethren together at short intervals can be confidently recommended to other Lodges, as in the case of Civic it has proved very beneficial.

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W. Bro. Stables, the energetic Master of No. 4, is shortly to retire from the chair, and his work during the year has earned for him the good opinion of all those with whom he has come into contact. Whilst Bro. Stables is thoroughly loyal to his Lodge, he is to the front in all movements for the good of the Craft. He will be followed by an equally worthy brother, but, as the election has not yet taken place, I had better not mention any names.

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The annual meeting of the Christchurch Masonic Hall Company will take place next month, when it is expected that the directors will be able to report very substantial progress.

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Great interest is being taken locally in the proposal to recognise the G.L. of France. The consensus of opinion seems to be that, although England has not accorded recognition, New Zealand need not slavishly follow the Motherland in this instance. The G.L. of France is entirely distinct from the G. Orient of France, and its claim to be in fraternal relationship with the rest of the Masonic world should receive fraternal

consideration at our hands. This writer agrees with the brother who, addressing the last meeting of the G.L. of New York, said : " If Frenchmen are good enough to fight with us and for us, they are good enough to recognise as our brothers in Masonry."

NOTES FROM NAPIER.

Scinde Lodge has important and weighty matters to consider in connection with Lodge property. A committee has been set up consisting of the W.M., Wardens, Treas., and all the P.Ms. ; and as this comprises brethren of keen foresight and sound business talent, backed up by an able exponent of the law, the brethren may rest assured that the best interests of the Lodge will be safeguarded, compatible with the dictates of equity and justice.

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As Freemasons, we are indeed proud of our citizen soldiers, whether members of the Craft or not. By never losing sight of the allegiance due to the sovereign of their native land, in their prompt response to the calls of patriotism and duty, they are obeying one of Freemasonry's most sacred dictates, the value of which was never more amply, or likely to be more amply illustrated, than at the present time. Bro. Louis will be pleased to have brethren call to see him, and he can be visited any day.

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At the meeting of Lodge Scinde, held on the 15th inst., the following brethren—viz., W. Bros. J. P. Thomson, J. W. Ritchie, C. L. Thoman, L. Freedman, and the S.W., Bro. A. E. Currie—were elected trustees for the administration of the Lodge Benevolent Fund.

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Napier brethren will be interested to learn that Bro. Louis Wood, who enlisted for active service some two years ago, has now returned to Napier. They will regret to know that he is now in the Napier Hospital suffering from the effects of a gas attack. We sincerely trust that, with care and attention, he will make a complete and speedy recovery.

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In replying to rm. Bro. Harston's expression of sympathy on the death of the late R.W. Bro. John Thornton, Bro. T. Thornton said he deeply appreciated Bro. Harston's sympathetic utterances, and would never, as long as he lived, forget the kindly sentiment expressed.

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By the death of our widely esteemed and well-beloved brother, the late Bro. George Robson, Lodge Victoria is without a Tyler, and Victoria Chapter without a Janitor. It is rumoured that a prominent P.M. of Lodge Victoria is likely to make an offering on the altar of sacrifice, and tender his services. As the exigencies of the- war are fast depleting Lodges of their " working material," we see in this, should it eventuate, a most laudable example of self-effacement.

"I dare do all that may become a man;
Who dares do more is none."

And we are confident, that such self-sacrifice will have its own reward.

NOTES FROM NAPIER.

The hand that has so ably driven the pen to record interesting items of news from Avon Lodge is now driving a Ford in the Pukekohe district. This is unfortunate, as the trip to Kaikoura by some sixteen brethren of Avon Lodge needs his facile style to do it justice.

Fifteen brethren from that famous Lodge set out on 28th November from Christchurch under the charge of their W.M., W. Bro. W. E. Scott, with high hopes of discovering a real good time. On 3rd December they returned, their hopes so amply realised, their appreciation of the kindness of the Kaikoura brethren so

genuine, and with tales of such adventures in between whiles, that those brethren who did not go were with difficulty restrained from organising another trip at once. Brief mention of some of their doings will probably interest brethren. [Notes on the Lodge working appear elsewhere.]

On the day of leaving, their first stop was Rotherham, where they officered an emergency meeting of Lodge Amuri. W. Bro. Hunter, Amuri Lodge, and W. Bro. Scott are old friends, and with this as a base the two Lodges were soon on the best of terms, and an enjoyable "Fourth" was the happy result. From Rotherham the party motored to Waiau, where they spent the night. Rumour, with slanderous tongue, says that not one of the sixteen slept at all that night, and there are vague whisperings of one who ROSE at 3.30 a.m. to have a shave. No doubt his reasons were excellent.

W. Bros. Allan Howard, W.M., and Hayward, Sec., met the Avon brethren at Kaikoura the next day, and completely took the whole sixteen in charge. A refreshing swim in the sea was enjoyed, and put all in good fettle for the labours of the evening, which being ended, all were invited to the refectory. The supper partaken of had been provided by the ladies of Kaikoura, and was an epicure's feast. To those who did not partake the descriptions sound like a Lord Mayor's banquet. But why sigh, those who did not go? Let us rather decide never to miss again.

W. Bro. Scott, in proposing the toast of the W.M., officers, and brethren of Kaikoura Lodge, remarked that W. Bro. Howard was an indefatigable worker in the interests of his Lodge and for Freemasonry. During his term of office he had visited Avon Lodge thrice, and had each time strengthened and cemented the high opinion and esteem in which he is held by Avon Lodge. During these distressing times the Lodges could not expect record meetings, but they could, and did, expect an accession of brotherhood, and that brotherhood existed in a high degree in Kaikoura Lodge. W. Bro. Taylor proposed the toast of the ladies, and specially thanked them for the supper, which "is an education to members of city Lodges." Pleasures for the following day were promised before breaking up, and these promises were excelled by the fulfilment.

In the morning crayfishing was the sport provided, and something like forty crayfish were landed. SOME fishers, the Avon brethren—flounders at Akaroa, crayfish and barracouta at Kaikoura; and the absence of a whale at Kaikoura was the cause of keen disappointment. Shooting in the afternoon with twelve guns gave Avon much fun, and the Kaikoura rabbits and hares many severe frights. The enemy were so securely dug in that they suffered few casualties. W. Bro. Scott was afraid that the Avon shots might suffer some instead, so he retired—much, I believe, to his own relief, and more so to the relief of the remaining eleven, who then advanced with less trepidation. That evening the musical members of the Lodge assisted at a Red Cross concert, and all afterwards adjourned to the Lodge-room, where the crayfish caught earlier in the day were served up and greatly enjoyed.

Next, day W. Bro. Johnston, of whaling fame, took the brethren out in his whaleboat to capture barracouta and other feathered animals of the deep. Alas! the sea would not keep still, and though many seemed to enjoy its tossing, others, on the other hand, did not. A pathetic incident was when the W.M. of Avon Lodge, had a large barracouta on his line, and had not sufficient energy and strength to pull it in. He avers that it was exactly his own weight, and no man can be expected to pull his own weight in fish. Those who know W. Bro. Scott will realise that the barracouta must have broken all records for size. Though far gone, our W.M. managed to land the fish, and then W. Bro. Johnston landed him on the nearest beach, together with some other weak —— [censored] brethren.

A tour of inspection of the whaling station was of extreme interest, as was the description of how whales are killed and afterwards rendered down. That phrase may not be the correct whaling one; indeed, it smacks of the home kitchen; but, in any case, you all know what it means.

An experience reserved for some of the hardier members of the party was a trip in the fast whaleboat. This boat is capable of some twenty-eight miles an hour, which is some going for New Zealand. Perhaps our Auckland brethren will disagree if I say it is the fastest boat in New Zealand, so I shall leave that unsaid.

After these interesting and enjoyable items, the brethren returned to Kaikoura, and were met by W. Bro. Howard, who had a surprise in the shape of a strawberry supper awaiting them. This was, in-deed, a pleasant surprise, and a splendid evening was spent between strawberries and music. Next day the Avon brethren left Kaikoura, terminating what was undoubtedly an immensely enjoyable holiday.

The time and trouble taken by the Kaikoura brethren to make the holiday a good one is something that Avon will always be grateful for and remember with appreciation. At the last meeting of Avon Lodge W. Bro. Scott made reference to the kindness experienced, and Avon Lodge's appreciation of same was recorded on the minutes.

[The Editor will try and visit Kaikoura in the near future.—ED. C.]

NORTH CANTERBURY UNITED BOARD OF ENQUIRY.

From the annual report of the North Canterbury Board of Enquiry we learn that during the year ending with 31st December 109 names were submitted by 20 Lodges, the maximum being 19, and the minimum one. As a result of the "enquiries," five were withdrawn and one not recommended. The Board draws attention to the necessity for greater secrecy being observed in connection with investigations.

The number of Lodges constituting the Board remains at 23, and the average attendance 20.2.

Reference is made to the recent death of R.W. Bro. J. Thornton, who was one of the most zealous supporters of the Board, and whose membership had extended over a period of eleven years.

As the result of an appeal to Lodges in Canterbury, nearly £1,000 was raised for Red Cross purposes. The sum of £8 13s. was required to make up that amount, and was paid from the Fund of Casual Relief.

R.W. Bro. S. C. Bingham, P.P.G.M., is the President, and W. Bro. R. Baldwin the Secretary to the Board.

OBITUARY.

R.W. BRO. JOHN THORNTON, PROV.G.M.,
CANTERBURY, N.Z.

It is with great regret that we record the passing of "Brother John," one of the most popular members of the Craft in Canterbury. Our brother was initiated in Canterbury Lodge, No. 1048, E.C., and at once threw himself into the work of the Order with that enthusiasm which characterised him to the end. He reached the chair of that Lodge in 1906, and was always proud of the fact that a record was put up for attendance of brethren at his installation, which remained unbroken until the better accommodation and surroundings offered in the new hall resulted in generally larger attendances. He affiliated to the Masters' and P.Ms.' Lodge, No. 130, as soon as qualified, and, after filling various offices, was installed as Master in December, 1909. On the erection of the Civic Lodge, No. 157, in 1908, he became one of the founders, and was Preceptor for some years, until other Masonic duties claimed his whole attention. On his retirement from that position the brethren presented him with a handsome jewel in recognition of his services. He was elected first Prov.G.S.W. in the Prov.G.L. of Canterbury, and in 1914 appointed Dep.Prov.G.M., succeeding the late M. W. Bro. F. C. Binns in the premier position some few months later. Our brother also took great interest in the United Board of Enquiry and the Christchurch Masonic Hall Company, having been President of the former and a director of the latter company. He was advanced to the degree of M.M.M. in the Hiram Mark Lodge, E.C., and filled the chair in due course. Of R.A. Masonry he was an active exponent, having been exalted in the Prince of Wales Chapter (when No. 1916, E.C.), passed through the Principals' chairs, and was Treas. at the time of his death. The honour of Assist. G.S.B. in Sup. G. Chapter was given in 1912, and he was elected Pres. of the B. of B. of G.L. in 1914 and 1915. He was perfected 18 deg. in the Beckett R.C. Chapter in Christchurch.

To his immediate friends it had been noticeable for some time past that he was not in good health, but his indomitable spirit kept him in harness, despite the severe pain he must have been suffering for months. An operation was performed in November, but without the hoped-for result, and he quietly passed away at his home on Sunday, 23rd December. Despite the very short notice it was possible to give, a large number of brethren and friends attended to pay the last sad token of respect to departed merit. The bearers were Messrs. C. J. and T. C. Thornton (sons), Sinclair (son-in-law), and W. Bros. Collins, Kent, and Bro. Hurley (representing the Prov. G.L. of Canterbury and Civic Lodge respectively). The service was conducted by Rev. T. A. Hamilton, assisted by Bro. Rev. Mutter, who also read the Masonic portion at the graveside. The G.L. of New Zealand was represented by R.W. Bros. J. J. Clark, Dep.G.M. ; S. C. Bingham, P.Prov.G.M. ; J. A. Frostick and W. Broad-ley, P.G.Ws. ; W. Bro. G. Yemm, P.G.D. ; A. H. Hobbs, P.G.Supt. of W. ; W. Brown, P.G.T. ; C. Kay, P.G.S.B. ; C. Flavell, P.G. Sept.i of W.; J. Richardson, G.B.B. ; and T. Boyd, McGregor Wright, and E. Haley, P.G.Ss. There were also present R.W. Bro. T. S. Graham; D.G.M., Otago, E.C. ; C. Dillworth Fox, P.D.G.M., E.C. ; with W. Bros. T. D. Condell, R. English, and S. A. Orchard, of Dist.G.L. of Canterbury, E.C. ; W. Bros. F. M. Collins, Prov.G.S.W. ; and F. C. B. Bishop, Prov.G.Sec; and many members of Prov.G.L. of Canterbury ; also representatives from practically every Lodge in Canterbury of N.Z. and E. Constitutions.

A Lodge of Sorrow was held in the Christchurch Masonic Hall on Sunday, 27th January.

W. BRO. A. E. FLEDGES, Sergt., 26TH REINFORCEMENTS.

The sad news has reached us of the death from wounds of W. Bro. Sergt. A. E. Hedges. Our late Bro. Hedges was attached to B. Company, 4th Battalion, Canterbury Infantry Brigade, and went with the 26th Reinforcements. He was formerly a member of Lodge Rangatira, No. 71, Hunterville, and joined Victory Lodge on 8th July, 1907, becoming Master in May, 1915. Wounded in France on 3rd December, he succumbed on 13th December. He was ardently attached to the Lodge, and rendered most faithful service, always working in the best interests of the Craft. We mourn his loss, and tender our heartfelt sympathy to Mrs. Hedges, who is at Taihape. This is the second bereavement in Victoria Lodge, the first being W. Bro. Major Jas. Houlker (Master in 1913). It brings the war very near to us.

I know! I know !
The ceaseless ache, the emptiness, the woe,
The pang of loss—
The strength that sinks beneath so sore a cross—
And heedless and careless, still the world goes on,
And leaves you broken.

Yet think of this—
Yes, rather think of this :
He died as men now get the chance to die,
Fighting to save a world's morality ;
He died the noblest death a man may, die—
Fighting for God and Right and Liberty—
And such a death is immortality.

W. BRO. JAMES BOON, NELSON.

On 2nd January the community was shocked by the news that Bro. James Boon, the well-known chemist, had expired suddenly at St. John's Methodist Sunday School picnic at Mr. Marsden's

grounds, Stoke. Bro. Boon, who was greatly interested in the Sunday school, of which he was treasurer, was taking a very active part in the day's proceedings, and between 2 and 3 o'clock was playing in a game of rounders. He remarked to a friend that he did not feel very well, and immediately afterwards collapsed and quietly passed away. Dr. Washbourn was summoned from town by telephone, and in the meantime measures were taken to restore animation, Mrs. Marsden, who is a qualified nurse, assisting, but the doctor on arrival could only say that Bro. Boon was beyond aid.

Bro. Boon was a man who will be greatly missed. He was one of our most respected citizens, a man widely known in the district, and a very useful member of the community. He was born in Christchurch, and came to Nelson as manager of the old-established Hadfield's Pharmacy. Subsequently he commenced business on his own account, and for the past thirty-five years conducted a very successful establishment.

Bro. Boon took a keen interest in civic affairs, and for some time was a member of the City Council, though the nature of his business made it inconvenient for him to occupy the position, but his doing so was from a sense of duty, his election taking place at a time when sound business ability was required. He was also an active member of the Masonic fraternity, being one of the prominent members of Victory Lodge, No. 40, and a P.M. of that Lodge. He was also a director of the Terminating Building Society, a director of Griffin and Sons, Ltd., and was at the time of his death chairman and a past president of the Poultry Association, for which he did good service for many years. The deceased had also been an active member of the Nelson Harmonic Society for many years.

With St. John's Methodist Church Bro. Boon identified himself from his arrival in Nelson. He became a member of the choir, and remained such to the last, being one of the most punctual and regular attendants. He was the senior trustee (having been appointed in 1880), treasurer of the Sunday school, and district secretary for the Synod which takes place in Nelson, West Coast, and Marlborough. He also represented Nelson at several New Zealand conferences, and had been one of the New Zealand representatives at the General Australasian Conference held in Australia.

Mrs. Boon pre-deceased her husband about eighteen months ago, and a family is left, consisting of Mr. Douglas Boon, Wakapuaka; Mr. Keith Boon, Nelson; Mrs. Norman R. Williams, Nelson; and Mrs. C. M. Collins, Nelson.

The funeral of the late Bro. James Boon, which took place on 3rd January, was largely attended. The chief mourners were Messrs. Douglas and Keith Boon (sons) and Messrs. N. R. Williams and C. M. Collins (sons-in-law), and these, with Messrs. A. A. Lucas and F. St. John, were the pall-bearers. Among those who attended were the Mayor and several city councillors, the Hon. A. T. Maginnity, M.L.C., Mr. T. A. H. Field, M.P., officers and members of St. John's Methodist Church, officers and members of both the town Masonic Lodges, representatives of the various other bodies with which Bro. Boon had been connected, and the business community. The burial service was conducted by the Rev. W. Baumber.

BRO. THOMAS GRAHAM, PALMERSTON NORTH.

On New Year's Day another old member of the Craft was called from labour—Bro. Thomas Graham, of Manawatu Kil. Lodge—at the ripe age of 79. Deceased was initiated in a West Coast Lodge in the early days, and on the formation of Lodge Manawatu Kil. in 1883 became one of its Charter members, taking the position of I.G., and subsequently becoming D.M., while the Lodge was under the S.C. He was also a Charter member of Manawatu R.A. Chapter. He was highly esteemed by the brethren for his many good qualities and his earnestness in carrying the teachings of the Craft into his daily life. His death reduces the number of the original Charter members of Manawatu Kil. to two—Bros. J. H. Hankins and W. H. Smith.

His funeral took place on the 3rd ult., the ceremony being conducted by R.W. Bro. W. H. Smith, P.G.J.W., assisted by the W.M., Bro. W. Mundy, and W. Bros. A. J. Graham and A. Hopwood. Deceased having been an old Imperial soldier, there were also present Major Garner and Captain Preece, and the "Last Post " was sounded by a bugler from " J." Battery. Prior to the Masonic service that of the Anglican Church was read by Rev. Canon Coates. The body was taken into the Lodgeroom before proceeding to the cemetery, the usual rites being performed.

PROVINCIAL- GRAND LODGE OF CANTERBURY.

The quarterly communication of the Prov.G.L. of Canterbury was held in the Masonic Hall, Christchurch, on Monday evening, 21st January.

Owing to the death of the R.W. Prov.G.M., the Chair in the East was occupied by W. Bro. K. McKenzie, Dep.Prov.G.M. He was supported by M.W. Bro. J. J. Dougall, P.G.M., and officers of G.L. The Dep. Prov.G.M. referred in feeling terms to the loss which Freemasonry had sustained by the death of R.W. Bro. J. Thornton, and a resolution of sympathy was voted and ordered to be conveyed to the relatives of our late distinguished brother.

The Treasurer's report, showing healthy balances in each of the funds, was adopted, as was the report of the B. of B. Some discussion took place on certain clauses in the report of the B. of G.P., especially that clause which dealt with the selection of brethren for G.L. rank. This question was remitted to the Prov. B. of G.P., with instruction to report to the next meeting of the Prov.G.L.

It was decided to recommend the following brethren for election as G.L. officers : G.D. of C., W. Bro. D. Manson; G. Organist, Bro. Vine; G. Steward, W. Bro. Eastwood ; members of the B. of GP., W. Bros. Rawson and Pearson; members of the B. of B., W. Bro. Talbot and North.

W. Bros. Thomas and Cederman were duly invested and handed their patents of office. A vote of sympathy was passed to the G. Sec. on the loss of his son.

No further business offering, the Prov.G.L. was closed in due form at 9.30 p.m. The communication may be considered as a very interesting one, and there were present about sixty brethren.

REPRESENTATIVES OF N.Z.E.F. MASONIC ASSOCIATION.

The following is a list of the representatives of the various branches of the N.Z.E.F. Masonic Association :-

London : Major J. T. Watson, Headquarters, N.Z.E.F.
Hornchurch Staff Sergt. Gibson, N.Z. Convalescent Hospital.
Brockenhurst : Capt. F. L. Armitage, N.Z. General Hospital.
Boscombe : Sergt. C. Purchas, N.Z.E. Reserve Depot.
Walton-on-Thames : Sergt. A. W. Brockie, Oatlands Park.
Sling : Major W. G. Wray, M.C., N.Z.A.S.C.
Codford : Chaplain W. Winton, N.Z. Command Depot.
Grantham : Lieut. Nutt, N.Z.M.G.C.
Torquay : Chaplain E. Z. Garner, N.Z.D. Depot.
Stevenage : Sapper E. Barry, N.Z.E., N.Z. Reserve Signal Co.
Ewshot Camp, Aldershot : Sergt. C. T. Loader, N.Z.F.A.
Brocton Camp : L. Corpl. E. C. Moss, N.Z. Rifle Brigade.
Rouen : Major E. L. Hindley, N.Z. Records.
Etaples : Pte. F. G. Taylor, N.Z. Base, S.17.
N.Z. Stationary Hospital, France : Chaplain E. E. Malden.

N.Z.R.O. Section, France : Corpl. A. W. Baker, N.Z.E.
N.Z.D. Signal R.E. Base, France : Sapper J. Ross, N.Z.E.
N.Z. Tunnelling Co., France : L. Corpl. E. T. A. Dunklay, N.Z.E. T.C.
Egypt : Capt. G. R. Hutchinson, N.Z.A.S.C.
Palestine : Chaplain J. D. Wilson, N.Z. Mounted Rifles.

Brethren arriving from New Zealand at any New Zealand depot, camp, etc., should apply at the local hut of the Y.M.C.A. (New Zealand Branch), where they can obtain the name and address of the Secretary of the local branch of the Masonic Association. This arrangement has been made to facilitate new arrivals getting in touch with the N.Z.E.F. Masonic Association.

A TRAGIC INCIDENT AT THE ANNUAL MEETING OF IDAHO G. CHAPTER, U.S.A.

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PRESENT TO E.COMP. HENRY C. OLNEY.

"At this time Comp. Johnson arose and stated that he had been asked by the members of the G. Chapter to present to one of them whom they all loved a small token of their friendship and esteem, and he handed to our much-loved and long-to-be-remembered companion a Chapter and Commandery charm.

" Comp. Olney arose to reply, telling us that the doctor cautioned him before leaving Spokane that he should not attempt the trip, that it would be a miracle if he reached Boise and another miracle if he returned. He said the physician, probably to protect his own reputation, told him that he was greatly improved in health, but refused to let him go, but pig-headedness and a desire to have his own way prevailed, and, in spite of the protests of his physician and his daughter, he was carried onto the train to bring him to Boise. 'But,' he said, 'one miracle has already been performed, and,' with a smile of confidence, 'another is about to be performed. I'm here because I'm here—because all the boys petted me, and did a good job of it, too. I may drop off at any moment, but what's the difference? I have lived a virtuous life as a Knight Templar for forty-five years, and tried to uphold the principles of our Order, and will do so in the few years left me.'

" Comp. Olney then attempted to tell us a reminiscence of the old days in Boise, when he was a right-of-way man for the Oregon Short Line Railway, but in the midst of his story he called for a glass of water, grasped the back of his chair ; from this position he slipped into the arms of Comp. Aiken, who laid him gently on the floor. A doctor was immediately summoned, but in a few short short minutes our E.Comp. had gone to present his work to the Master Overseer on High."

Correspondence

MORE ECONOMICAL MASONIC GOVERNMENT.

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TO THE EDITOR.

DEAR SIR AND BRO.,—In the report of G. Committee of Sup. G. Chapter, to be presented at the approaching convocation, paragraph 6 is one that deserves closest attention, and should commend itself to the favourable consideration of the delegates assembled at Nelson. The balance-sheet shows that G. Chapter is yearly increasing its debit balance as regards Representation Fund; therefore it is only fitting that some steps should be taken to overcome this. I am glad to note that G. Committee are in favour of taking steps to do so by suggesting less frequent meetings, or by a modified system of representation. To my mind both these plans might be adopted. These annual meetings of G.L. and G. Chapter ought to be conducted on business lines, and not as partaking partly of the nature of an annual picnic, for they at present savour somewhat of the latter.

The agenda papers at these meetings do not, as a rule, contain matters of great urgency; nor does the business presented in either case warrant the very heavy expenditure incurred in assembling the delegates. When it is considered that these meetings in the case of G.L. last only for two days, and in that of G. Chapter probably one day, one cannot but think that there is an extravagant waste of G.L. and G. Chapter funds in bringing so many representatives together -to do so little business. In cases of urgency, matters might be left to the B. of G.P. in one case, and to G. Committee in the other, to deal with.

One cannot deny that there must be general meetings of both bodies, but the question presents itself—Is it necessary to hold them annually? Also, is it necessary to have such a large numerical representation? If it should be deemed necessary to hold them annually, I think two points ought to be considered : First, a modified system of representation should be thought out; second, is not the present peripatetic plan of holding these meetings a sentimental one rather than a business one? On the ground of expense, the New Zealand Educational Teachers' Institute centralised its meetings at Wellington; and I must confess I see no reason why G.L. and G. Chapter meetings, for the same reason, should not be likewise centralised.

G.L. is always urging increased contributions to benevolent funds, and, though G. Chapter has but a small one—which, in my humble opinion, ought to be greatly increased—the point presents itself, are those bodies faithful stewards ? Our keyword is Charity, and I deem the present practice of throwing money broadcast on costly annual meetings is, in the face of that word, a mockery.

I shall be glad to learn that Sup. G. Chapter can give a lead in this matter of annual meetings and representation. Wishing convocation a successful meeting, etc.—Yours fraternally,

J. MENZIES, P.M. AND P.Z. Waimate, 9th January, 1918.

CHAPLAIN-CAPTAIN GREEN APPOINTED TO 34th REINFORCEMENTS.

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TO THE EDITOR.

DEAR SIR AND BRO.,—I am delighted to inform you that I 'have been accepted for active service abroad, and will be leaving with the 34th Reinforcements at an early date. Through the columns of the CRAFTSMAN I would like to thank all those brethren who have assisted me in my endeavour to brighten the lot of our brethren passing through the camp. The officers and brethren of the different Wairarapa Lodges have been particularly good. I understand that the M.W.G.M., Bro. O. Nicholson, has the matter in hand of the appointing of an official representative in the camp, but until such appointment is made I have asked Bro. Lieut. H. Johnson, N.Z.M.C., to attend to the many matters that the different Lodges throughout the country had entrusted to me. Brethren coming into camp will do well to get in touch with Lieut. Johnson. For the time being the Masonic Club in the camp has suspended its operations, but should commence again as soon as an official representative, in Featherston Camp is appointed. Lieut. Johnson, being the secretary of the club, will be able to advise military brethren on the matter. Thanking you for your many kindnesses, and with fraternal greetings.— Yours fraternally,

SAMUEL S. GREEN,
Chaplain-Captain, No. 50668, 34th Reinforcements, c/o G.P.O., Wellington.

MEMORIAL SERVICES.

There was a large congregation, including many Freemasons, at the Cathedral on 6th January, when a service was held in memory of the late Diocesan Secretary, W. Bro. A. E. Hedges, a sergeant in the Expeditionary Force, who recently died of wounds, and of W. Bro. James Boon, a respected citizen of Nelson, who died suddenly on New Year's Day. Members of Victory Lodge, of which both of the deceased were members, attended in strong force, and there was also a good attendance of members of Southern Star Lodge and of Forest Lodge, Wakefield. The brethren marched to the Cathedral from the Masonic Hall. Included in the congregation were the Mayor of Nelson (Mr. W. W. Snodgrass), the Hon. A. T. Maginnity, M.L.C., Mr. T. A. H. Field, M.P., and Bishop Mules. The prayers were read by Dean Weeks, and the lesson by the Rev. W-

Baumber, of St. John's Methodist, Church (of which Bro. Boon was a member), and the sermon was preached by Bishop Sadlier. The singing was led by a large choir, and Bro. N. R. Williams, a member of Victory Lodge, was at the organ, and in the course of the service played the Dead March. An offertory was taken up on behalf of the children of Freemasons who lose their lives in the war. The Bishop, in the course of an impressive address, made special reference to the sterling character of the late Sergeant Hedges, to his earnestness as a member of the Anglican Church, and to his valuable services as Diocesan Secretary. Referring to the late Bro. Boon, at the request of the Masonic body, of which he was a member, the Bishop mentioned that a memorial service for the deceased was to be held in the Methodist Church. Both Mr. Boon and Sergeant Hedges, he said, had always upheld the principles of the Craft., and they had both been placed in the highest office which their Lodge could confer upon them, which was in itself evidence of the esteem in which they were held by their brethren. The Bishop spoke of Bro. Boon's fidelity to the truths and precepts of the Christian faith. Although his death was sudden, it would be remembered that when it occurred he was doing his best to please and delight the young, in accordance with the desire to help others which was part of his kindly nature.

A memorial service was held in St. John's Church on 13th January for Bro. James Boon, who for upwards of thirty-six years had been one of its most consistent members and trusted officials, and who passed away very suddenly on New Year's Day. Suitable hymns were sung, and the anthem, "Peace, Perfect Peace," was efficiently rendered by a large choir. Mr. N. R. Williams, a son-in-law of the deceased, was at the organ, and played the Dead March at the close of the service. The Rev. W. Baumber took for his text Genesis, v., 24—"He was not; for God took him." After speaking of Enoch, to whom the text referred, and after making mention of Mr. Thos. Field, sen., who had worshipped with them the Sunday evening before, and who had suddenly passed away on the following Tuesday, the preacher spoke of Bro. Boon. Men, he said, sometimes prayed to be delivered from sudden death, and yet how infinitely preferable it was, when life's work was done, to be saved from growing weakness and lingering pain, and to pass, as their brethren had done, in a moment into the presence of Christ.. They had suffered, as a church and as a community, a great loss through the death of Bro. Boon ; but for him it was promotion. Almost every office in connection with the church had been filled by him. A men of proved loyalty and of known integrity, he had been trusted by his brethren, and the interests of the church had always been safe in his hands. His loyalty to his church had sprung from his loyalty to Christ. He was a generous man, and no worthy appeal was made to him in vain. In his business life he won for himself the respect and esteem of his fellow-citizens. He was a man whom - they could trust. If he spoke little about religion, he lived it—it was the real thing in his life. It was sometimes said that a man could not be at one and the same time a truly religious man and a successful business man. If that were true, there must be something radically wrong about present-day business methods. It was no reflection on religion. But that it was not true had been proved in numberless cases, and amongst them was the man of whom he was speaking. Bro. Boon was at the same time a truly religious man and a good business man. Of him they could say : " He was not; for God took him." He had left an example to his sons and daughters, to the church, and to the community. God help them to follow it. Some day death would touch them. It was well so to live that when it came it might be the open door into the larger life, the life eternal, which is life with God.

R.W. BRO. MAJOR GEO. BARCLAY, P.G.W., IN ENGLAND

Since my arrival in England I have been able to attend a number of Lodge meetings, and I have derived considerable pleasure and instruction therefrom. The local Lodges are very hospitable, and have given me a very cordial welcome. There are three Lodges meeting in the Masonic Hall at Bournemouth viz., the Hengist, Horsa, and St. Michael's, while two others (Boscombe and Rowena) meet in Boscombe, which is Bournemouth's most populous suburb. The Hengist Lodge, No. 195, is one with a history. It was founded in 1770, and possesses a centenary warrant. Originally it met in the old town of Christchurch, which adjoins, but as Bournemouth forged ahead of its ancient neighbour, the Lodge was caught in the whirl of progress, and removed to the newer town over sixty years ago. The Lodge takes its name from Hengist, who is said,

upon the occasion of his second invasion of Britain in the fifth century, to have landed at Hengistburg Head, which is little more than a mile from the original meeting-place of the old Lodge. Horsa and Rowena, whose names have been perpetuated by the local brethren, were respectively the brother and daughter of the famous Saxon chief. The various Lodges have different little customs which are interesting to the visitor. Bournemouth also possesses a Mark Hodge, R.A. Chapter, Preceptory of the Temple, and Rose Croix Chapter.

FREEMASONS' WAR HOSPITAL.

The Craft continues to do great work in the Freemasons' War Hospital, which has never been busier with serious cases, and the splendidly equipped institution in the Fulham Road, Chelsea, is kept well filled and fully employed. Its work for the wounded is spreading far and wide the good name of the Craft by its message of practical goodwill, and grateful letters of testimony from discharged patients and their friends are an ample reward for labours willingly given by a devoted staff.

We very much regret to hear that the energetic and kindly matron who presides over the hospital is herself a patient there, an operation having had to be performed, but she is progressing well, and hopes to be restored shortly to her full activities. In her absence from duty Sister Margaret Evans, well known to many visitors to the hospital, is temporarily filling the post of matron.

There is only too much reason to fear, judging from public remarks of Ministers of the Crown, and the recent developments in Russia and Italy, that the war will be prolonged. The Craft will thus have cheerfully to discharge its duties to the hospital and the cause of the wounded for a longer period than was thought probable, especially as the committee were prepared in any case to carry on the beneficent work of the hospital for a period of two years after peace, during which period the hospitals abroad would doubtless be cleared, and civil hospitals at home restored to their ordinary uses, so that the well equipped and admirably adapted premises may easily be required for three or four years longer for military purposes.

Unfortunately, the period of the option over the premises expires shortly, and the committee of the permanent institution, anxious that the work shall not be disturbed, have decided to purchase. This will involve the sum of £10,000, a very low figure for so well designed and well built freehold premises, and the owners have kindly agreed to accept the amount in two instalments, the one payable in June next, the second in July, 1919. The Craft will bear in mind that ultimately the premises will be available for the permanent scheme, which will be of enormous benefit to brethren and their families in times of stress due to sickness.

The purchase price, therefore, should easily be forthcoming, and Lodges which may desire to become "Founding Lodges" under the scheme, and thus identify themselves permanently not only with the establishment, but also with the excellent work for the wounded now being done, have a special opportunity for rendering help in purchasing the building. The control of the permanent institution will pass to those Lodges and brethren subscribing the money.— "London Freemason. "

N.Z.E.F. MASONIC ASSOCIATION.

SLING BRANCH, 16th October, 1917.

At the regular meeting of this branch, held on 16th October, 1917, at which representatives of sixty Lodges in New Zealand were present, the following resolution was carried :-

"That this Branch records its appreciation and gratitude to the various Lodges in New Zealand for the fraternal and kindly interest evinced in the brethren of this Association, and that such interest is heartily appreciated. This Branch also sends hearty good wishes and fraternal greetings to the brethren in New Zealand and best wishes for a happy Christmas and prosperous New Year."

W. G. WRAP, P.M., Chairman,
Lodge Pacific, No. 2, N.Z.C.
Lodge Lazar, No. 1689, E.C.

J. WARREN, Hon. Sec.,
Lodge St. Andrew, No. 8, N.Z.C.

AMERICAN MASONIC PROCEEDINGS.

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Some of the comments of executive officers of American Masonic G. bodies are very quaint and terse. We are afraid that remarks of a similar character, if used in the Antipodes, would be calculated to raise Cain. We quote a sample from the G.Sec.'s report to the G.R.A. Chapter of Washington :— "There is due to the G. Chapter from Sunset Chapter 75 cents for one member, reported 'never paid any dues,' and said Secretary has failed to answer my letters on the matter."

"I have collected six dollars penalty from Dayton Chapter, whose Secretary was busy and forgot. Issaquah Chapter is owing three dollars penalty, and the Secretary forgets to answer my, letters relating to the matter."

Ellensburg Chapter is owing twenty-three dollars, because the Secretary went off on his vacation and forgot, and I finally received the returns and dues from the High Priest, after writing several letters."

SUBSCRIPTIONS ACKNOWLEDGED TO 23rd JANUARY 1918.

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A. S. Tarrant 10/6, O. W. A. Clarke (Wellington), A. L Cook 5/- (Palmerston North), J. Burgess (Dipton), R. W. Rasmussen 17/6 (Gore), B. A. Fraser 10/-, L. B. H. De Latour 10/-, E. Loader 10/-, A. James 10/-, G. Bray 10/-, W. Crawford, G. Parker 17/6, W. Carpenter 17/6, S. G. Bailey 27/6, J. G. Turnball 17/6, P. E. Wakeman 19/2, J. F. Menzies W. McCombie, G. E. Anderson (Tailiape), H. R. Street 10/-, H. S. Mercer 30/-, L. J. Thompson 10/-, C. R. Dean 20/-, J. Chisholm (Huntermville), A. J. Dixon, R. A. Bayliffe 10/-, W. R. Snellgrove, F. O. Hilton, J. Mogridge 17/6, H. Y Cameron 17/6, G. Cuminins 15/-, R. H. Carey 20/-, J. D. Gorrie, E. Lloyd (Marton), A. J. Forsyth 10d., J. E. Hartland 10d (Ohakune), F. C. Black 10d. (Paeroa), E. V. Fitzpatrick (Northcote), T. B. Salmon, M. McKenzie, J. M. Lightfoot (Blenheim. R. Parlour (Morrinsville), R. Prentice 13/8 (Invercargill J. S. Connitt 20/- (New Plymouth), E. Hosking 10/- (Ormond vine), A. H. Stone 20/- (Hawera), W. Pasco (Waipawa), McColl 64/2 (Utiku), A. J. Stapleton (Waikino), A. S. Wilkinson (Masterton), J. A. McDonald 5/10 (Gisborne), J. Anderson (Sanson), W. Widdowson, W. Moorehouse 20/- (Nelson), F. H Davy 10/- (Scargill), Captain Hoffmann 10/- (Tahiti).

(All 7/6 except those noted.)

PROPOSED MASONIC MEETING IN JERUSALEM.

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In the course of a letter to R.W. Bro. W. H. Smith, of Palmerston North, received by last mail, Brigadier-General Meldrum gives some information of special interest to "brethren of the mystic tie." Bro. Meldrum is a P.M. of Rangitira Lodge, Huntermville, and was also a member of Manawatu R.A. Chapter. His letter is dated "Palestine, 18th October, 1917." He says :— " We have been somewhat inactive on our front here for some time past—artillery strafing, raids, and patrol scrapping representing most of our work—but all the time solid preparations have been going on for a big forward move that will probably begin before you receive this letter. I think we shall make a bit of history this time. Our New Zealand boys are in fine form, and I expect them to do something good. In anticipation of being in Jerusalem before long the Freemasons in the New Zealand Brigade have arrangements made to hold a meeting on the site of King Solomon's Temple—if possible, though a mosque is said to cover it at any rate as near the site of the Temple as we can get. That in years to come will be of interest Masonically, but, of course, it does not obscure the fact to us that we have first to do some hard fighting. I have been in hospital for a month with malaria, but am back in harness again, all the fitter for the change."

CHURCH SERVICE.

A deeply impressive and most unique memorial service for Freemasons who have fallen in the war took place on Sunday afternoon, 28th October, 1917, in the well-known Church of St. Clement Danes, Strand, which was striking in its dignified simplicity and beauty. It was held under the auspices of the St. Clement Danes Lodge, of which the rector, Bro. W. Pennington-Bickford, M.A., is Chaplain. The church was crowded with a representative gathering of members of the Craft, which included many officers of G.L., all of whom attended, by a special dispensation from G.L., in Masonic clothing. The fine old church was exquisitely decorated with large white lilies, and a significant feature was a Masonic emblem carried out in wheat and greenery, tied with long blue and white ribbons. The demand for tickets for Freemasons only was very great, and among the applicants were many brethren in khaki, who came from Australia, New Zealand, Canada, and South Africa, and desired to participate in the service.

At 3 o'clock Bro. Dr. C. H. Lloyd, G. Organist, and organist of the Chapel Royal, St. James, gave a recital, which included works composed exclusively by Freemasons, among them Mozart, and during a march composed by him the imposing procession of G. officers took their places. A second procession followed, headed by four Lewises carrying the V.S.L., and the choir and clergy. The service commenced with the National Anthem, played by the band of the Coldstream Guards, under the direction of Bro. Major Mackenzie Rogan, M.V.O., Mus.Doc., P.G.D. The opening Freemasons' Hymn resounded throughout the building from a thousand men's voices, and was most inspiring. The lessons were read by Bro. Rev. H. W. Turner, M.A., rector of Sutton, Prov.G.M. of Surrey ; and Bro. Lieut.-General Sir Francis Lloyd, K.C.B., C.V.O., J.G.W. Bro. Brigadier-General the Earl of Shaftesbury, Prov.G.M. of Dorset, sang a solo, "Be Thou Faithful unto Death," in his usual accomplished way. The anthem, "Their bodies are buried in peace, but their name liveth evermore," by Handel, was rendered by the choir, under the direction of Bro. Lewis Jones, A.R.C.O., organist and choirmaster of St. Clement Danes.

The special prayers were recited by the rector. A very touching hymn, specially written for Freemasons for this service, the music of which was composed by the rector, was sung immediately before the Patriarchal Benediction given by the G. Chaplain. The "Last Post" was then sounded, followed by a magnificent rendering of the Dead March in "Saul" by the band of the Coldstream Guards, whose mournful grandeur visibly affected many of the brethren present ; then in marvellous and splendid contrast the Hallelujah Chorus followed, with its triumphant note of faith, hope, and victory over death.

The offertory, collected by twenty Stewards, was given to the Freemasons' War Hospital.

An address was delivered by the Bishop of Birmingham, D.D., G. Chaplain.—" The Freemasons' Chronicle."

LODGE MEETINGS IN OLDEN DAYS.

[An Address by BRO. ALBERT F. CALVERT, P.M., at the annual meeting of the Kirby Lodge of Instruction, No. 263, Bro. T. J. Norman, Preceptor, acting as W.M.]

Bro. A. F. Calvert prefaced his discourse on " Lodge Meetings in Olden Days "—which was illustrated with a number of curios and specimens of glass, china, old jewels, etc., from his Masonic collection—with the remark that he felt like a showman, and while he could not be accused, as was that great showman, Laurence Dermott, the G.Sec. of the " Ancients," of singing and lecturing the brethren out of their senses, he admitted that he was rather given to talking on the subject of the storied past of the Society. His excuse, he said, must be that he derived so much pleasure and interest from the historic and biographic annals of Masonry, that he wanted all the brethren to share the enjoyment with him, and he feared that in most Lodges this fascinating study did not obtain the attention it merited.

Bro. Calvert exhibited articles of personal utility or adornment, such as watches, seals, snuff-boxes, and pocket handkerchiefs adorned with Masonic emblems and symbols, and remarked that in an age when a man

proclaimed his membership of the Order every time he took out his chronometer, or proffered the hospitality of his snuff-box, or even blew his nose in public, you knew him for a Mason, and had not the same difficulty as we experience nowadays in determining whether the passing citizen is a brother, a politician, or a Knight of the Garter.

The routine of Masonic procedure and Lodge etiquette was prescribed by explicit by-laws and accepted rulings, and the business of the meetings appears to have been conducted in good order. The brethren met at a certain hour, they repaired for refreshment at a set time, they returned to labour after a specified interval, and at a further agreed hour the Lodge was supposed to be closed. As a matter of fact, the brethren did not always adjourn as per their schedule, but anything after midnight was regarded as late. There were occasions on which we are informed that the W.M. "retired about high-time" — which is vague and suspicious— "and the members not very early next morning." There must, of course, have been exceptions to their good rules, and one of them was evidently witnessed in the case of an anniversary dinner in the year 1812, when the brethren sat at a table about eighteen consecutive hours, and are reported to have "spent the time most harmoniously."

It was only natural, in an age in which drinking was a more strict and ceremonious social observance than it has since become, that the formalities were not only more precise, but the drinking utensils were more precious than is now considered necessary. The glasses they used were richly cut and engraved, the goblets were large and handsome, the punch-bowls and jugs were works of art, and the firing-glasses were elaborately decorated with Masonic designs. Prosperous Lodges provided themselves with handsome and expensive ware, and in old minute books gifts of this description are always carefully recorded. The fashion of using table utensils emblazoned with the symbols of the Craft prompted the glass and china makers to compete for the custom of the brethren, and at one time all the leading potteries in the kingdom made a special feature of their Masonic output, and such ceramic artists as the Spodes of Stoke, Richard Chaffers, Thomas Minton, and the one and only Josiah Wedgwood, employed their talents to the beautifying of the Masonic festive board and the enrichment of Masonic collections of a later generation. Although Lodge laws are so numerous and comprehensive, the fact that the infringement of them is so carefully provided against by fines and penalties led Bro. Calvert to the conclusion that the rules were as often honoured in the breach as in the observance, and as, with one invariable exception, the culprit paid for his offending in wine, which was consumed by the assembled company, the practice did not detract from the harmony of the proceedings. The penalty for the use of an oath was the uniform exception to this rule, and the fine imposed was usually either a shilling or half-a-crown, but for nearly all minor offences, such as unpunctuality, non-attendance, failure to come prepared with a promised lecture, or even the indiscretion of making a second marriage, was condoned upon payment of a bottle of wine. The custom was thought by Bro. Calvert to explain the perfunctory manner in which the Secretaries of the period discharged their duties, for the wine, having been paid for and drunk, the transaction was at an end, and in the same way the proceedings of the previous meeting, having been read and confirmed, the document upon which they were recorded—in many cases on a loose sheet of paper—was of no further interest. The minutes of G.L. for the first six years of its existence have disappeared, and there are no records of any Lodge that go back to the Revival. Moreover, when the practice of writing up and preserving an account of the proceedings became more general, the records are often spoiled by lack of capacity or enthusiasm on the part of the Secretary.

It is from the semi-confidential garrulous minutes of a few of the old Secretaries that we learn that lecturing played a prominent part in the programme of the Lodges of the eighteenth century. The subjects upon which the brethren entertained each other were certainly remarkable on the score of variety. There were many members who had wisdom to ventilate on such general themes as "Friendship," "Cheerfulness," "Truth," "Charity," "Honesty" and the rest of the virtues, while the more practical-minded lecturers contributed papers on "Fomentation," "Optics," "The Action of the Muscles," and "Military Architecture," while others started discussions on such problems as "Whether it is possible that a malefactor who is shot to death may be sensible of ye report of ye piece that occasioned his loss of life?" These papers must have differed in interest and attractiveness, but the minutes inform us that they were all alike received with "regard, attention, pleasure, satisfaction and delight," and the toast of the lecturers was always honoured in "bumpers." It is supposed that the system of imposing a fine of a bottle of wine in the case of brethren who promised lectures and failed to prepare them brought the custom into disfavour, but *autre temps autre mœurs*, and when noble

and knightly initiates found their way into these homely coteries, the members adopted the more aristocratic recreations of their new associates. The shilling cold collations and eighteen-penny hot suppers were superseded by the more sumptuous dinner, and so intellectual a pursuit as lecturing was gradually eliminated from the proceedings of Lodges in which it had become the fashion to feed in style and drink like gentlemen.—"The Freemason," London.

THE GRAND MASTER VISITS THE FREEMASONS' WAR HOSPITAL.

The M.W.G.M., H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught, accompanied by Princess Patricia, paid a visit to the Freemasons' War Hospital on Tuesday. They were received by Bros. Charles E. Keyser, P.G.W. (chairman); Sir Horace Marshall, P.G. Treas. (treasurer); P. Colville Smith, G.Sec.; J. S. Granville Grenfell, G.D. of C.; George F. Marshall, P.G.D.; C. F. Quicke, P.G. Supt. of W.; with Bros. Percy Still, P.G.D., and C. H. Thorpe, S.G.D. (joint hon. secretaries). Bro. Dr. R. M. Chance and Sister Evans (acting in the illness of the matron) were also present. Their Royal Highnesses went through every ward and spoke to every patient, taking special interest in some Canadian soldiers, one of whom was a member of Princess Patricia's own regiment. The visit gave the greatest pleasure and encouragement to patients and staff alike. During the tour of the hospital His Royal Highness noted various improvements and extensions which have been made since his last visit, and was good enough to intimate once more his particular interest in the hospital and his pleasure that Freemasons were maintaining a work of such benefit for our wounded. The Princess also graciously expressed her cordial approval of the equipment and general arrangements of the institution.
—"London Freemason."

THE G.SEC. OF SOUTH AUSTRALIA ELECTED MAYOR OF ADELAIDE.

Mr. Charles Richmond John Glover, who has been, without opposition, elected Mayor of Adelaide, in succession to Mr. I. Isaacs, was born at Richmond, Surrey, England, on 3rd May, 1870, and at the age of two years he came to Adelaide with his parents (the late Mr. and Mrs. C. T. Glover) who, in the sixties, were associated with the old Plough and Harrow Hotel, in Hindley Street. He was educated at Prince Alfred College, and upon the completion of his studies was articled to the profession of a pharmaceutical chemist with Messrs. F. H. Faulding and Co. Subsequently he became associated with the stock and share business in Adelaide, but for the past eight years has held the important and responsible position of G.Sec. of the G.L. of Freemasons in South Australia. For the past twenty years Mr. Glover has been actively associated with Freemasonry in all its branches in South Australia. For some years he has taken an active part in municipal affairs, and after representing Young ward in the Adelaide City Council from 1906 to 1908, he was elected as an alderman, and has retained the position since then. During the past two years he has been chairman of the Finance Committee of the Adelaide City Council, and has been one of its representatives on the Metropolitan County Board for the past seven years. He is also a trustee of the James Brown Memorial Trust, and a member of the committee of management of the South Adelaide Creche. Mr. Glover is married, and resides at "St. Andrew's," Kington Terrace, North Adelaide.
—Exchange.

EVERY YEAR.

Too true, Life's shores are shifting
Every year;
And we are seaward drifting
Every year;
Old places, changing, fret us,
The living more forget us,
There are fewer to forget us,

Every year.

But the truer life draws nigher
Every year ;
And its Morning Star climbs higher
Every year;
Earth's hold on us grows slighter,
And the heavy burden lighter,
And the Dawn Immortal brighter
Every year.

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Reports

[Secretaries and Scribes are requested to forward Reports.]

CRAFT LODGES.

SOUTHLAND.

Southern Cross, No. 9.—There was a very good attendance the regular meeting on 7th December. Two candidates were raised. W. Bro. Copeland, W.M. carried out the major portion of the work—viz., Ob. and Ss.—and was assisted by W. Bros. Filcher and Critchfield. (Ex.); W. Bro. Stout gave the Further Ex of Ss. ; and M. W. Bro. Thompson presented the W.Ts.; the Final Charge being delivered by R.W. Bro. Wm. Smith.

An emergency meeting was held on 17th January, the work being the initiation of three candidates. The Final Charge, by W. Bro. J. Critchfield, was specially pleasing. Considering the season and the unusual meeting night, the attendance of members was very good, and two visitors were also present. The Ob and Ss. were given by the W.M., W. Bro. I. Copeland ; the N.E. Charge, by W. Bro. W. A. Stout; the R. for Prep., by Bro. L. L. Padget, S.D.; W.Ts., by R. W. Bro. J. A. Steens ; and Final Charge as stated above. Bro. W. H. Johnson, J.W., delivered the Lecture on the 1st T.B. At the close of the ceremony R.W. Bro. Wm. Smith announced the sad news of the death of a worthy brother—W. Bro. Wm. H. Clark, Sec. of Lodge Taringatura. In moving a vote of condolence with the widow, R.W. Bro. Smith spoke of the high qualities and sterling worth of the deceased brother. Bro. Smith's acquaintance with Bro. Clark was more than an ordinary one, extending over a period of more than a quarter of a century. The late brother had, long since ceased to be "not understood" by the speaker, and Bro. Smith testified that Bro. Clark had a heart of gold. Other brethren followed with their tributes of respect. W. Bro. Roberts spoke of the work and energy of Bro. Clark as a Lodge Sec. ; W. Bro. Stout eulogised him in his profession as a schoolmaster and as a citizen; W. Bro. Critchfield stated that the late brother was an excellent linguist, a deep student, and the possessor of a very fine Masonic library; he hoped that the wonderful collection of rare and valuable books would remain in New Zealand and become available for the use of brethren. R.W. Bro. Steans also spoke of the personal qualities of the late brother, for whom he had the highest respect. The late Bro. Clark was an old member of Lodge Southern Cross, and occupied the Chair of K.S. in that Lodge in 1894. A further motion was carried conveying sympathy to Lodge Taringatura in the great loss sustained. At the time of writing no particulars as to the circumstances attending the death of our brother are to hand, but it is hoped to send a fuller report for next issue.—[Lodge Correspondent.]

Victoria, No. 147.—Three candidates were passed at the regular meeting on 14th December. The W.M., W. Bro. Buchanan, was assisted in the ceremonial by W. Bro. A. McNeil (S.E. Charge) and W. Bro. S. Craig (Final Charge). The W.Ts. were presented by the W.M. and Wardens. The attendance of Lodge members was good, a fair number of visitors also being present.

Three brethren were raised at the regular meeting on 11th January. The work was well carried out in its entirety—a very pleasing ceremony. The Ob. and Ss. were in the hands of the W.M., W. Bro. J. Buchanan; T.H., W. Bros. G. J. Yule and A. Wilson; . Fifteen F.Cs., W. Bro. J. Petrie; W.Ts., W. Bro. S. Craig, Final Charge, W. Bro. J. Kerse. Amongst the visitors were W. Bro. J. J. Griffiths, Lodge Mataura,, and W. Bro. S. E. Griffiths, Lodge Taringatura, both of whom contributed in great degree to the intellectual and harmonious portion of the after-meeting.—[Lodge Correspondent.]

St. John, No. 94.—The regular meeting was held on 21st December, when three candidates were initiated. W. Bro. Bonifant gave the Ob. and Ss. ; the Charge in the N.B. was delivered by W. Bro. Robt. Smith; the R. for Prep. were explained by Bro. W. Murray ; the W.Ts. by Bro. MacLean; and the Final Charge by W. Bro. J. Aitken. The Prov.G.M. was present, and H.G.W. were received from all the town Lodges, and also from Orepuki, Mataura, Waikaka, and Fortitude. The meeting being the nearest to Christmas and the last of the year in Southland, it was very pleasing to see such a good and representative attendance. R.W. Bro. Hoyles, though present officially, had the pleasing experience of closing the year in his own Lodge. Bro. Moffett, who is engineer on one of the transport, gave some interesting particulars of the work he is engaged in. Reference was made to the sudden illness that had overtaken Bro. Jefcoate, and hopes were expressed for his speedy and complete recovery.—[Lodge Correspondent.]

Orepuki, No. 137.—The monthly meeting was held on 13th November in Masonic Hall, Orepuki, W. Bro. Nicholas in the chair. Brethren attended exceptionally well in honour of the visit of the W.M. and officers of Lodge St. John, No. 94, who journeyed out from Invercargill for the purpose of passing two candidates. W. Bro. Bonifant and his officers performed this duty in a most efficient and confident manner, the W.M. himself delivering the Secrets and Final Charge ; Bro. Hislop, S.D., giving the S.E. Charge ; W.M., S.W., and J.W. presenting the W.Ts., and T.B. Lecture being given by the S.W., Bro. Lipscombe. The W.M., Bro. Nicholas, and his officers were unstinted in their praise and admiration of the way in which St. John's acquitted themselves. It is to be hoped that Lodge Orepuki will feel themselves called on to retaliate at no far-distant period. Visitors were present from Victoria, No. 147; Waihopai, No. 189; Aparima, No. 77 and Celtic, No. 477, S.C. ; and extended H.G.W. One candidate was proposed for membership. The Lodge then closed, and a pleasant hour was spent round the supper table as visitors and members departed for their homes.—[Lodge Correspondent.]

Wairaki, No. 145.—For a number of years past it has been customary for the P.Ms. of the Lodge to work the degree on the last meeting night of the year. On this occasion the ceremonial work consisted in the raising of a brother. W. Bro. J. Gray occupied the chair, and was ably assisted by the following W. brethren : S.W., W. Bro. T. Todd ; J.W., W. Bro. W. Jaggars ; S.D., W. Bro. J. Clapp, jun. ; I.G., W. Bro. J. McKenzie. The candidate was obligated by W. Bro. Gray, who also gave the Charge and the T.H. The Exhort. was given by W. Bro. J. McKenzie; the Ss. by W. Bros. Todd and Jaggars; the W.Ts. by W. Bro. J. Clapp, jun. ; and the Charge after Raising by W. Bro. T. Todd. The visiting brethren present were Bros. W. S. Boyle (Lodge Phoenix, Akaroa) and Clark (Lodge Southern Cross, Invercargill). Bro. Boyle, who is the new police constable, has been in Nightcaps for only a fortnight, but even in that short period he has made a very favourable impression. He is undoubtedly a man who will do his duty without fear or favour, and in the execution of it he can rely on the support of his Masonic brethren. A hearty welcome is extended to him, and it is hoped that in the distant future he may be able to look back with pleasure on those years he spent in Nightcaps. It is pleasing to learn that Harry Gray, elder son of W. Bro. Gray, has been awarded the Military Cross for gallant conduct. He left New Zealand with the Main Body, but about thirteen months ago he was discharged from the N.Z.E.F. in order to take up a commission in the Royal Engineers.—[Lodge Correspondent.]

Waihopai, No. 189.—Members and visitors assembled on 17th December in fair numbers to witness the ceremony of passing. In the absence of W. Bro. Vernob Smith, W.M., the Lodge was controlled by W. Bro.

Gilchrist, I.P.M. The candidate was obligated by the W.M., and entrusted with the P.G. and W. ; W. Bro. Todd explained the Ss. ; the W.M. and Wardens, the W.Ts. ; W. Bro. A. McNeil, the Charge in the S.E. ; and R.W. Bro. Timpany, the Final Charge. The ceremony was thoroughly performed, the Deacons and Wardens showing the result of careful training. A very enjoyable social hour followed in the refectory. G.L. was represented at the meeting, and H.G.W. were received from Southern Cross, Victoria, St. John, and Winton. — [Lodge Correspondent.]

OTAGO.

Oceanic, No. 154.—At the December meeting there was a record attendance for the midsummer meeting. W. Bro. A. Walker presided, and was well supported in the East, both by the visitors and his own P.Ms. A candidate was balloted for and elected. Two brethren were raised to the M.M.'s degree, the work being performed as follows : Ob., the W.M. ; 1st Secrets, W. Bro. J. D. Cameron; Exhort., Bro. A. Runciman; E. of M., W. Bro. A. McKenzie ; Narrative, Bro. W. H. Riddell Final Secrets, R.W. Bro. A. Stoneham ; W.Ts., Bro. H. F. Harris; Final Charge, Bro. W. Mills. W. Bro. H. W. S. Hellyer, D. of C., is to be congratulated upon the manner in which the details of the ceremony were carried out. The nomination of G.L. officers was taken, Y.W. Bee. A. Herdinan, P.C. Reg., being nominated for the position of M.W.G.M. After H.G.W. and fraternal greetings the Lodge was closed at 10.15 p.m. It being the final meeting of the year and just upon Christmas, after the usual toast of "Our Brethren at the Front," the social hour was rather cheerier than usual. V.W. Bro. Hawcridge, P.G.O., in proposing the health of the candidates, gave a scholarly interpretation of his idea of the origin of the M.M. Degree, and epitomised the lessons to be learned from its relation to the present war. Bros. Haggitt, Mills, Johnston, Collie, Currie Hawcridge, and others contributed items, Bro. R. Gadon Titchener, being pianist. The toast of the W.M.'s health and prosperity brought a very pleasant and enjoyable meeting to a close.

The ordinary meeting was held in the St. Kilda Masonic Hall on the 16th ult., when, considering the time of year and the fact that the Dominion Bowling Tournament was in progress, there was a very fair attendance. One candidate was initiated, the W.M. (W. Bro. A. Walker) giving the Ob. ; W. Bro. H. C. Anderson, the Secrets; W. Bro. H. W. S. Hellyer, the N.E. Charge; Bro. M. Pearce, the M. of P. ; Bro. H. F. Harris, the W.Ts. ; and Bro. W. Mills, the Final Charge. Upon the motion of W. Bro. D. Harris Hastings, seconded by W. Bro. Hellyer, the Sec. was instructed to send letters of condolence, to the widow of the late R.W. Bro. J. Thornton and to the Prov.G.L. of Canterbury, regretting the untimely loss of such a good man and Mason as the late distinguished brother. The vote was carried in the usual silent manner. One candidate was proposed.—[Lodge Correspondent.]

CANTERBURY.

Southern Cross, No. 6.—The regular meeting was held at Kaiapoi on 3rd January. Owing, no doubt, to the holidays, the attendance was not up to the average. The work was passing two brethren. The W.M. gave the Ob. and continued the work up to the W.Ts.; which were explained by W. Bro. Stanton; the S.W. invested the brethren, and also gave the Charge after Passing; and W. Bro. Hoskin gave the Charge after Investiture. The Lodge was closed at an early hour, and owing to the period of mourning a quiet time was spent in the refectory. During the month the W.M., accompanied by a good following of brethren, paid a visit to Lodge Ashley, who were holding an emergency meeting, and in spite of the wet night all enjoyed themselves. On the 9th ult. a visit was paid to Avon Lodge, in Christchurch. This Lodge has its regular meeting on the same date as Southern Cross, so W. Bro. Croft took advantage of Avon Lodge holding an emergency meeting to pay them a visit, and the brethren were pleased with the opportunity of visiting W. Bro. Scott.—[Lodge Correspondent.]

Concord, No. 39.—The regular meeting was held at Papanui on 19th December—one week earlier than usual, owing to Lodge night falling on Boxing night. The W.M., W. Bro. Francis, presided over a fairly good attendance of visitors and brethren. One Third Degree was worked. The W.M., W. Bro. Francis, obligated the candidate and communicated the S., T., and W. "Remember Now " was given by W. Bro.

Baldwin. Bro. Nicholas, S.W., invested the candidate with distinguishing B. of M.M. The Address after Investiture was given by W. Bro. Hoban, Waihi Lodge. The T.H. and Signs were rendered and explained by W. Bro. Baldwin. W. Bro. Buchanan, Avon Lodge, presented and explained the W.Ts., the Final Charge being rendered by Bro. A. J. Nicholas, S.W. The W.M. wished the brethren the compliments of the season, and expressed the hope that 1918 would see an honourable peace.—[Lodge Correspondent.]

Methven, No. 51.—There was a large attendance on 26th December. There was no ritual work, but three friends were proposed for initiation. All were well spoken of, and should prove worthy additions to No. 51. It was decided to appoint the principal officers as Trustees under "The Grand Lodges Trustees Act, 1903." The by-laws were still under consideration, and are expected to be ready for confirmation in the January meeting. Death has been busy in our immediate vicinity. The W.M. proposed a vote of sympathy and condolence in no less than four cases, the brethren standing at Fidelity for a few moments. W. Bro. Godwin's father-in-law and Bro. Stone's sister were amongst the number removed by death. A very hearty vote of thanks was unanimously passed to W. Bro. Goodwin and Bro. T. Mitchell, also Bros. Maginness, Lock, and Smith, for their valuable gift of painting the Lodge buildings. After the Lodge was closed, a pleasant and profitable hour was spent in the "Fourth," at which our brethren at the front were remembered.—[Lodge Correspondent.]

Christchurch, No. 91.—The installation meeting was held in the Masonic Hall on 27th November. The ceremony was performed by the W. Dep. Prov. G.M., W. Bro. K. Mackenzie. The W.M.-elect, Bro. D. Sheffield, was presented to a B. of I.M., and duly installed into the Chair of K.S. The address to the W.M. was delivered by the Installing Master; W. Bro. Gillanders presented the W.Ts. in the Board; M.W. Bro. J. J. Dougall presented the Charter and B. of C. The investiture of the Wardens was performed by W. Bro. M. Evans, W. Bro. F. Collins giving the address to the Wardens. W. Bro. A. H. Hobbs invested the remaining officers. The address to the brethren was delivered by M.W. Bro. J. J. Dougall. The W.Ts. were presented by W. Bros. C. P. Agar (W.M., Lincoln Lodge), P. Orchard (W.M., Canterbury Lodge), and E. Scott (W.M., Avon Lodge). The appeal on behalf of the Annuity Fund was made by W. Bro. Brown, and realised over £10. R.W. Bro. Bingham presented the newly installed W.M. with the V.S.L. on which he had been obligated, and which had been provided for the occasion by the Wardens of the Lodge, remarking that he had no doubt it would be retained as one of the W.M.'s most valued possessions. In presenting the retiring Master with a P.M.'s jewel, M.W. Bro. Dougall spoke in high appreciation of the earnest work for many years past of W. Bro. Mitchell, and hoped the jewel would stimulate that zeal in the future. The Lodge having been closed, the large gathering adjourned to the refectory, where the usual toasts were duly honoured. The Masonic Orchestra, under Bro. Sutton, rendered the ceremonial music, and also several items in the refectory, and Bros. Sutton (piano) and Sandston (violin) contributed a musical duet. The following officers were installed for the ensuing year: W. Bro. D. Sheffield; I.P.M., W. Bro. J. Mitchell; D.M., W. Bro. R. J. Thomas; S.W. Bro. W. T. Doig; J.W., Bro. W. L. N. Newth; Chaplain, W. Bro. F. L. Adams; Treas., W. Bro. G. A. Mazey; Sec., W. Bro. H. Hopkinson; S.D. Bro. T. C. Hill; J.D., Bro. T. H. Dickinson; D. of C., W. Bro. W. E. Kidney; Organist, Bro. R. Lake; I.G., Bro. J. Worthington; S.S., Bro. W. Newell; J.Ss., Bros. F. C. Avis and S. Bettley; Tyler, R.W. Bro. H. F. Arnold.

The monthly meeting was held on 18th December, W. Bro. D. Sheffield, W.M., presiding. The ritual work consisted of the initiation of one candidate. The W.M. obligated and imparted the Secrets of the First Degree; the Charge after Investiture was given by the J.W., Bro. Newth; the Charge in the N.E. was delivered by W. Bro. McFarlane; the W.Ts. were presented by W. Bro. Allan (W.M., Masters' and P.Ms.' Lodge); the Final Charge being delivered by W. Bro. Thomas. After routine business had been transacted, a pleasant hour was spent in the refectory.—[Lodge Correspondent.]

Amuri, No. 184.—The regular meeting was held on 28th December, W. Bro. T. G. Thomson, W.M., presiding. We regret very much the loss the Craft has sustained by the decease of R.W. Bro. J. Thornton, Prov.G.M., who was well known in the territory. Our Lodge has also suffered by the death in action in

Palestine of Bro. L.-Corpl. Frank Penwell, whilst leading his company against the Turks. An appeal from G.L. on behalf of a soldiers' hutment in France was favourably considered. The ceremony was the passing of a brother. W. Bro. Hunter, I.P.M., obligated and communicated the Secrets. The Address in the S.E. was given by W. Bro. T. G. Thomson. The W.Ts. were presented and explained by Bro. H. R. Davison, J.W. The observance and duties of a Craftsman were explained by W. Bro. Hunter. The usual time was spent in the refectory.—[Lodge Correspondent.]

Avon, No. 185.—The regular meeting was held in the Masonic Temple, Gloucester Street, Christchurch, on 6th December, when Lodge Tawera, No. 188, paid an official visit and officered the Lodge as follows : W.M., W. Bro. G. Leech; I.P.M., W. Bro. R. Henderson; Chaplain, W. Bro. L. Watson; S.W., Bro. A. Orton; J.W., Bro. T. Gainsford; S.D., Bro. D. Newman J.D., Bro. G. Smith; D. of C., W. Bro. W. Weld; I.G., Bro. A. Stubbs. The ceremonial consisted of the initiation of two candidates, the W.M. being assisted by W. Bro. Price Jones (Address after Investiture), W. Bro. W. Weld (N.E. Corner); W. Bro. Henderson (R. for Prep.), Bro. Orton (W.Ts.), W. Bro. Watson (Charge after Initiation). W. Bro. Leech thanked W. Bro. Scott for the invitation to work the degree. The brethren of Lodge Avon entertained the visitors in the refectory where a very enjoyable time was spent with music and song the Avon Lodge orchestra contributing very largely (as it always does) to the enjoyment of the evening.

The regular monthly meeting for January was held in the Masonic hall, Christchurch, when a candidate was initiated by the W.M., W. Bro. W. E. Scott. In the refectory afterward Bro. Rev. Percy Knight, in proposing the candidate's health made reference to his own entry into Freemasonry. That happy event had been greatly delayed by criticisms of the Order by dear friend of his, an Anglican Bishop. That the criticism were incorrect and unjust Bro. Knight found after entering. By this he was reminded of a holiday trip he took some time ago to England, when he was told to see the beautiful window of Chester Cathedral. He did see them—from the outside first—and was frankly disappointed; they were old, dirty, encased in mesh, unattractive. Then he went inside, and the glories of the artists were made manifest; the delicacy of shades, the noble inspirations were there to marvel at. He had found Freemasons similar—from the outside, old, cobwebbed, enmeshed in form and laws, unattractive; but on the inside more glorious than anticipations. The newly initiated brother, in replying, made interesting reference to some Alpine-climbing he had done in company with a W.M. of a South Canterbury Lodge.

An emergency meeting was held on 9th January, when the Third Degree was worked in Bro. P. G. Riches, the work being done as follows : Ob., S. and S., W. Bro. W. E. Scott ; Charge after Investiture, W. Bro. N. Wood, P.M. ; T.H., W. Bro. Baldwin, P.Prov.G.W. ; Further Explanation, W. Bro. F. M. Collins, Prov.G.W. ; W.Ts., W. Bro. R. H. Croft (W.M., Southern Cross Lodge); Final Charge, W. Bro. T. Kirker (I.P.M., Robert Burns Lodge). Bro. Riches is leaving to go into camp, he being the 18th from Avon Lodge.—[Lodge Correspondent.]

HAWKES BAY.

Scinde, No. 5.—The regular meeting was held on Tuesday, 15th January, 1918, at Napier, when W. Bro. Jas. Bowes presided over a fair attendance of members and visitors. The R.W. Prov.G.M., Bro. H. L. Harston, accompanied by G.L. officers, was received. R.W. Bro. Harston, having reciprocated the fraternal greetings, proceeded to address the brethren. During the course of his address R.W. Bro. Harston said that one of the objects of his official visit was to pay a last tribute to the memory of two Prov.G.Ms. who had been called to rest—viz., R. W. Bro. Murdock McLean, D.G.M. of Auckland, and R.W. Bro. John Thornton, Prov.G.M. of Canterbury. R.W. Bro. Harston emphasised the great loss the Craft had sustained by their removal, reviewing first the excellent work done in the Auckland district by R.W. Bro. McLean, with whom he was intimately acquainted ; and afterwards to R.W. Bro. Thornton, who some five years ago visited Lodge Scinde, the occasion being an official visit of the Prov.G.L. of Canterbury to conduct an installation ceremony under the guidance of M.W. Bro. C. F. Binns, reminding the brethren that on that occasion, which will live long in the memory of Scinde brethren, R.W. Bro. Thornton invested all the officers, including his own brother, Bro. T. Thornton, who is a member of Lodge Scinde. R.W. Bro. Harston spoke feelingly of the high esteem and deep

love in which these brethren were held throughout the territory, and then moved the following resolution : That this Lodge records with deep regret the loss of two Prov.G.Ms. of the G.L. of New Zealand, that have passed away from us—viz., R.W. Bro. Murdock McLean, P.D.G.M. of Auckland, and the late R.W. Bro. John Thornton, Prov.G.M. of Canterbury; and that letters of sympathy be sent to Mrs. McLean, Mrs. Thornton, and the G.L. of Canterbury." This was carried in silence, the brethren then standing whilst the Organist, Bro. Hobson, very impressively rendered the Dead March in Saul. Two E.As. in attendance were passed to the Second Degree by the W.M., assisted by W. Bro. L. Freedman, P.S.G.D.; W. Bro. R. Bishop, I.P.M. ; W. Bro. C. L. Thomas, D. of C. ; Bro. R. V. C. Harris, J.D. ; and Bro. A. J. Turville, J.W. ; the feature of the evening's work being the presentation of the W.Ts. by Bro. Harris. The Lodge having been closed, the brethren retired to the refectory, where a very pleasant hour was spent, during which the W.M. welcomed back Bro. Holmes, who, we are pleased to say, has returned from active service in Mesopotamia. In replying to the toast of his health, Bro. Holmes gave a most interesting description of field operations in connection with the advance on, and ultimate capture of, Bagdad, emphasising the important part that wireless and the telephone is playing in the prosecution of the war. Bro. Holmes has promised a further "talk" on his experience in Mesopotamia; and, as this is likely to be of the utmost interest to the lay mind, brethren will do well to be on the *qui vive*.—[Lodge Correspondent.]

Bedford, No. 25.—The monthly meeting on 28th November was attended by over forty brethren, and thirteen district Lodges were represented. W. Bro. E. Hosking was nominated for "any office" in G.L. A letter was received from Palestine, from Bro. E. G. Watson, who was initiated, passed, and raised in Bedford Lodge just prior to leaving on active service. He wrote interestingly of the formation of a Masonic Association, and enclosed a printed leaflet from Palestine to the following effect : "That this meeting of Freemasons, held in Palestine on 7th May, 1917, within a short distance of the site of King Solomon's Temple, and composed of brethren serving with the N.Z.E.F., send fraternal greetings and H.G.W. to their brethren in New Zealand.—(Signed) J. D. Wilson, Hon. Sec." The ceremonial work consisted of the initiation of two candidates. The W.M., W. Bro. W. A. Chambers, invited his I.P.M., W. Bro. W. H. L. Williams, to assume the chair and conduct the ceremony of initiating one candidate. The Ob. was administered by W. Bro. Williams; the Secrets were given by W. Bro. Booth ; and the S.W. Bro. Newling, invested him; the N.E. Address was delivered by W. Bro. John Scholes ; the R. for Prep. were explained by W. Bro. F. W. Gore; and the J.W., Bro. H. Hobson, presented the W.Ts. The second candidate was obligated by W. Bro. Chambers; and W. Bro. Booth gave the Secrets; the S.W. invested the candidate; the Charity Charge was delivered by W. Bro. J. W. Elliott; and the R. for Prep. were explained by W. Bro. Gore. The J.W. presented the W.Ts., and W. Bro. Basking gave the Final Charge. Feeling reference was made in the Lodge to the recent death of a very old and esteemed member of Lodge Bedford, in the person of our late Bro. Edward Younge, who entered into his rest at Waipawa, on 9th November, 1917. It was resolved that the Lodge go into mourning for one month as a mark of respect. The Lodge was closed at 10.30 p.m., and the usual loyal toasts were honoured in the refectory.

The regular meeting was held on 19th December, and, in spite of a wet and boisterous night, there was a large attendance of visitors to witness the passing of two candidates. A circular letter from the G.M. in reference to the establishment of the "Masonic Cheer-O Hutments " at the battle front was strongly recommended to the serious consideration of the brethren, and a list was prepared by W. Bro. Sec. Accounts to the amount of £39 19s. 2d. were passed for payment. W. Bro. Gore assumed the chair by invitation of the W.M., W. Bro. W. A. Chambers, and obligated and entrusted one candidate. The S.W. invested him, and W. Bro. J. Scholes gave the S.E. Address ; the J.W. Bro. H. Hobson, presented the W.Ts. W. Bro. Percy F. J. Wall. occupied the chair, and obligated and entrusted the second candidate; the S.W., Bro. Newling, invested him, and W. Bro. J. Scholes gave the S.E. Address ; the W.Ts. were presented by Bro. Basham (of St. John's, No. 95, Eltham); the S.W., Bro. Newling, delivered the Final Charge. It was resolved : "That, with the object of falling into line with other Lodges throughout Hawkes Bay, Bedford's installation meeting be held in future on the first Wednesday in April in each year." The Lodge was closed at 10.30 p.m., and a pleasant social hour was spent in the refectory.—[Lodge Correspondent.]

AUCKLAND.

Maniapoto, No. 206.—The regular meeting was held on 18th December. There was a good attendance of members and visitors. The special business was the initiating of two candidates. The ceremony was most ably performed by the W.M., W. Bro. H. Benner, assisted by Bro. Miller (Invest.), Bro. J. A. Ormsby (N.E. Corner), W. Bro. S. A. Cook (Prep. and Charge after Initiation), while Bro. J. Heerdegen presented the W.Ts. During the course of the evening W. Bro. S. A. Cook was presented with a P.M.'s certificate. The Lodge closed at 10.30 p.m., when the brethren adjourned to the refectory, where a pleasant half-hour was spent. The brethren took advantage of this opportunity to present Bro. H. F. Forster with a case of pipes prior to his departure to Kopanga. The W.M. closed proceedings by wishing the brethren, one and all, prosperity in the coming year. — [Lodge Correspondent.]

TARANAKI.

Hawera, No 34.—The first meeting of the Lodge for the New Year was held at the Temple on 8th January. The Lodge was opened by W. Bro. Alan Thompson, W.M., and after the routine business (including two successful ballots for new members) had been disposed of, W. Bro. Thompson invited the W.M. and officers of Lodge Patea Kil. to take charge and work the degree of initiating two new brethren. Needless to say, the Lodge was crowded with members and visiting brethren, including a big team from Patea, and all present expressed admiration of the excellent working of the Patea Lodge, which was undoubtedly good, and, with the exception of the omission of the T.B. Lecture there was very little room for criticism. After the initiation W. Bro. Thomson and his officers assumed command, and one brother was granted his demit. Nominations were received for G.L. office. Greetings were tendered by visiting brethren, and also from several brethren at the front by letter. The G.L. circular re Masonic Hutment Fund was briefly discussed; but, owing to the lateness of the hour, the matter was deferred till next meeting. After a pleasant hour spent in social harmony the brethren dispersed into a hot, humid, moonless and starless night to wend their way home.—[Lodge Correspondent.]

RUAPEHU.

Huia, No. 171.—The ordinary meeting took place on 3rd January. A great volume of routine business having been disposed of, including a ballot, the ceremonial work was proceeded with. This consisted of raising a brother to the degree of a M.M. One singular feature consisted of the father of the candidate (W. Bro. Cookson, Lodge Lincoln) assisting in the work of conferring the degree upon his son. This fact in itself indicated the keen interest taken by a parent, who had journeyed such a long distance in order to be present at such an important event. The work was carried out as follows : Ob. by W. Bro. Gallichan ; Exhort. by W. Bro. Turner, I.P.M. ; Raising by W. Bro. A. J. Graham, P.M. ; T.H. by W. Bro. Stone; W.Ts. by W. Bro. Cookson; Final Charge by W. Bro. Gallichan, The nomination of officers for the next term then took place. No ballot will be required, the present correspondent being the one to retire, which office was duly filled by all able and estimable brother. A slight repast was partaken of in the supper-room, at which the customary toasts were duly honoured.—[Lodge Correspondent.]

WELLINGTON.

Ulster, No. 62.—The regular meeting was held on 16th January, at which there was a good attendance. One new member was elected as a joining member, and one candidate passed the ballot for initiation. The principal business was the initiation of two candidates. This being the anniversary meeting, in accordance with usual custom, the P.Ms. occupied the officers' chairs and conducted the ceremony. W. Bro. J. C. Davis occupied the chair, and obligated one candidate, and W. Bro. R. Colquitt did the other. The Address in the N.E. was given by W. Bro. J. Macgregor ; the M. of Prep. was explained by W. Bro. W. Cox; the W.Ts. presented by W. Bro. G. D. McEwen; the Final Charge given by W. Bro. M. W. Ross; and the T.B. by W. Bro. W. H. Richards. An invitation from Lodge Waiwhetu to attend the next meeting, on 13th February, and

work the degree, was accepted. At the conclusion of the meeting an adjournment was made to the refectory, where the visitors were entertained and the usual toasts honoured.—[Lodge Correspondent.]

Tararua, No. 67.—The first regular monthly meeting since the installation was held in the Masonic Hall on 27th December, the W.M., W. Bro. Ralph V. King, being in the chair. Lodge was tyled punctually at 7.30 p.m. A larger number of brethren was present than expected, being so near the Christmas holidays. The meeting was rather lengthy, due to G.L. communications and the necessary discussions, besides our own matters, which were more than usual. Bro. W. Ross, Lodge Abercorn, was balloted for and admitted as a joining member, the W.M. remarking that he hoped Bro. Ross would be as happy in his new Lodge, No. 67, as he had been in No. 76. The ceremonial work was the initiating of a candidate, and was worked well up to Tararua's standard, the W.M. obligating and giving the Secrets ; the N.E. Address, by Bro. Vaughan, S.W. ; Ex. of Prep., W. Bro. J. H. Griffiths, D. of C. ; Bro. F. Burrell, J.W. ; Charge after Initiation, W. Bro. T. Riddell, I.P.M. ; T.B., Bro. G. D. H. Smith, S.D. The enlargement or extension of the Lodge is to be discussed shortly, the Standing Committee to report ways and means, etc., within two months. A short, pleasant time in the refectory allowed brethren to get away home at 11 p.m.—[Lodge Correspondent.]

Tutanekai, No. 156.—An emergency meeting was held in the Lodgeroom, Berhampore, on 3rd January, the W.M., W. Bro. Sexton, presiding. The occasion was the passing of a brother who was about to leave the Dominion. The W.M. obligated the candidate; W. Bro. Whitelaw gave the Signs; W. Bro. Harrap, the Apron Charge; Bro. Martin, J.W., the S.E. Corner; the W.M. and Wardens, the W.Ts. ; and Bro. Lenzini, S.W., the Final Charge. The Lodge closed at 9.30, when an adjournment was made to the refectory, where a pleasant hour was spent.

At the regular meeting on 10th January, held in the Masonic Hall, Berhampore, there was a very large attendance of members and visitors, almost every Lodge in the city being represented. The W.M., W. Bro. Sexton, presided. The routine work was the election of officers. [A full list will be given in the installation report.] The ceremonial business was passing, for which degree two brethren presented themselves. The W.M., W. Bro. Sexton, administered the Ob. ; W. Bro. Whitelaw gave the Signs ; W. Bro. Ivory, the Apron Charge ; Bro. Martin, J.W., the Address in the S.E. ; the W.M. and Wardens presented the W.Ts. in concert; and Bro. Lenzini, S.W., gave the Final Charge. After H.G.W. from the visiting brethren, the Lodge closed at 9.15, when an adjournment was made to allow of the supper-table being laid in the Lodgeroom (the refectory proving too small to accommodate the number attending), which was accomplished after a few minutes' delay, the W.M. and brethren taking their seats to the strains of the bagpipes, ably played by Bro. Cunningham, of Lodge Morning Star, No. 192. After the usual loyal and Masonic toasts, Tutanekai's welcome was given to the W.M., officers, and brethren of Lodge Hinemoa, who were meeting on the same night, and had accepted an invitation to join us in the "Fourth." A lengthy programme of music, song, and story was then gone through, and a very pleasant evening was brought to a close shortly after eleven.—[Lodge Correspondent.]

Waiwhetu, No. 176.—The usual monthly meeting was held on 9th January, and, considering it was just after the Christmas holidays and the first meeting for the year, there was a good attendance of brethren. It was decided to fall in with the arrangements made by the committee set up to carry out the G.L. meeting in May. In regard to the Masonic Cheer-O Hutment scheme, it was left to the brethren to subscribe as they thought fit. The books received from the Featherston Camp, to be sold to assist in paying off the monument erected to soldiers who died in camp, resulted in the Sec. selling about twenty books. Christmas greetings were received from brethren in various camps in England and France. The work for the evening was the Third Degree, to raise Bro. Laing. The work was carried out by Bro. Teagle, who obligated and communicated the S., T. and W.; Bro. Harman invested; W. Bro. Ayson, Charge after Investiture; W. Bro. Hobbs, T.H. ; W. Bro. Guinness T.B. ; W. Bro. Burns, Signs; Bro. Carver, W.Ts. ; and R.W. Bro. Peterkin presented the V.S.L. At our next meeting the W.M. and brethren of Lodge Ulster will pay their annual visit and work the Third Degree. The Lodge was then closed at 9.45 p.m.—[Lodge Correspondent.]

Whetu-Kairangi, No. 201.—The regular meeting was held at Seatoun on 12th January, when the W.M., W. Bro. T. O. Fox, presided over a fair attendance of members and visitors. The ceremonial work was the initiation of two candidates. The W.M. gave the Ob. and Ss. ; W. Bro. A. Graham, P.M., Charge after Investiture; Bro. J. A. Fraser, J.W., N.E. Address; Bro. T. S. Robertson, R. for Prep. ; W. Bro. T. W. Boon, P.M., W.Ts. ; Bro. C. E Bennett, Final Charge. During the N.E. Address a collection, with the object of further impressing the candidate and augmenting the Benevolent Fund, was taken up, and amounted to 12s. 11d. Since the inauguration of this collection at our November meeting this fund has benefited to the amount of £2 0s. 3d. Another matter on which the Lodge can congratulate itself was the adoption in February, 1917, of a refreshment and entertainment fund. This fund during the year has cleared all expenses, including the installation and ladies' evening, and still leaves a balance in hand. Among the correspondence was a very welcome letter from Bro. Captain E. Nicholas, donating a further £10 towards the Lodge Building Fund, which was read and thankfully received. This makes a total of £67 donated out of the original £149 loaned by twenty members of the Lodge, free of interest, for the purchase of the building site. After three new proposals for initiation, and H.G.W. from visiting brethren, the Lodge closed at 9.30 p.m.

A pleasant hour spent in the refectory brought the evening to a close.—[Lodge Correspondent.]

Otari, No. 190.—The regular meeting on 10th December was a most successful function. There was a record attendance of members and visitors, including the W.M. and officers of Lodge St. Andrew, No. 32. The ceremony of raising was conducted by the P.Ms. of the Lodge. W. Bro. Scrimgeour acted as W.M., and had the assistance of the following P.Ms. : As S.W., W. Bro. J. G. Harkness, P.S.G.D. ; J.W., W. Bro. J. J. Esson, P.S.G.D. ; D. of C. W. Bro. J. H. Richardson; Chaplain, W. Bro. S. P. Curtis ; S.D., W. Bro. J. H. Jerram ; J.D., W. Bro. R. A. Nicol; I.G., W. Bro. E. Meek. The degree was conferred with a solemnity and dignity which will long be remembered by those who were present. W. Bro. Riddell (W.M., Lodge St. Andrew) presented the W.Ts., whilst Rev. Bro. the Chaplain of Lodge Coronation, in presenting the candidate with the V.S.L., delivered a very eloquent and impressive address. The following nominations for G.L. offices were decided upon : G.M., V.W. Bro. A. L. Herdman, P.G. Reg. ; Pres., B. of G.P., W. Bro. Colonel J. J. Esson, C.M.G., P.S.G.D. ; any office, or as member of the various Boards, W. Bros. J. O. Harkness, P.S.G.D. ; J.R. Scrimgeour, P.G.S. ; J. H. Jerram, and S. P. Curtis. Hearty votes of thanks were accorded to W. Bro. Scrimgeour, Sec., and to Bro. A. Ferguson, S.W., for their present to the Lodge of a handsome pair of Warden's columns, also to Bro. Taylor, a visitor, for a donation to the Lodge Building Fund. The appointment of a committee to afford assistance and advice to the wives and dependents of our soldier brethren was decided upon. A most instructive and enjoyable half-hour was spent in the refectory, where the floral decorations and table furnishings, for which Bros. Chamberlain and Hutchings were responsible, evoked the admiration and grateful appreciation of the W.M. and his guests.

The regular meeting was held on 8th January at Ngaio. There was a fair attendance of members. W. Bro. E. A. Meek, I.P.M., presided, in the absence of the W.M., W. Bro. R. A. Nicol, who was absent in the South Island. A resident of Khandallah, well known in business circles in Wellington, was duly initiated into the mysteries of Freemasonry. W. Bro. Colonel Esson, P.M., conducted the ceremony, and was assisted by W. Bros. Harkness, Meek, and Curtis, P.Ms., also by Bros. Craig, Patrick, Tanner, and Gledhill. The Lodge recorded a vote of sympathy with Bro. Captain McArthur and his good wife in the great loss they have recently sustained by the death of their son, who had made the great sacrifice at the call of Empire. The Lodge closed at 9.35 p.m., when an instructive and pleasant half-hour was spent in the refectory.—[Lodge Correspondent.]

A. AND A. RITE.

Wellington, No. 91.—The quarterly meeting was held in the Freemasons' Hall, Wellington, on 18th January, M.W.S. Bro. A. Veitch presiding. The attendance was unusually good, and the ritual ceremonial comprised the perfection of three candidates, which ceremony was conducted by the M.W.S., assisted by Ill. Bro. Henderson, 31 deg., and Ill. Bros. Rev. T. Porritt and H. J. Williams, and the officers. A vote of condolence

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PROVINCE OF AUCKLAND, 48 LODGES.

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

Ara, No. 1:—Founded 1842, meets Freemasons' Hall, Princes St., Auckland, second Wednesday in month (except January), 7.30 p.m. Installation June. W.M., Bro. A. G. Graham; S.W., Bro. W. A. Fairclough; J.W., Bro. C. M. Luke; Sec., W. Bro. A. I. Farmer, P.M., P.O. Box 151.

St. Andrew, No. 8:—Founded 1861, meets Freemasons' Hall, Auckland, third Tuesday in month, 7.45 p.m. Installation July. W.M., Bro. G. A. Coppins; S.W., Bro. W. Perry; J.W., Bro. J. J. Knight; Sec., Bro. J. P. McPhail, 43 Phoenix Chambers, Queen St., Auckland.

United Service, No. 10:—Founded 1864, meets in Freemasons' Hall, Princes St., Auckland, last Wednesday in month, 7.30 p.m. Installation June. W.M., W. Bro. J. W. Swales, P.G.D.; S.W., W. Bro. A. W. Morris, P.M.; J.W., Bro. M. Berry; Sec., W. Bro. William Talbot, P.M., 62 Wellesley St. W., Auckland.

Beta-Waikato, No. 12:—Founded 1865, meets Masonic Hall, Hamilton, Waikato, Thursday on or before full moon, 7.30 p.m. Installation Thursday on or after 24th June. W.M., Bro. C. L. MacDiarmid; S.W., Bro. H. N. Forsythe; J.W., Bro. R. English; Sec., W. Bro. W. Dey, Nixon St., Hamilton E.

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

Coromandel, No. 17:—Founded (458, I.C.) 1872, Manukau, No. 24:—Founded 1876, meets in Masonic Hall, Princes St., Onchunga, first Wednesday in month. Installation March. W.M., Bro. C. Simpson; S.W., Bro. J. E. Cowell; J.W., Bro. R. H. Gibbons; Sec., W. Bro. C. M. Page, Quay St., Auckland.

Albion, No. 45:—Founded 1883, meets in Masonic Hall, Devonport, second Thursday in month. Installation June. W.M., Bro. M. G. King; S.W., Bro. P. W. McCallum; J.W., Bro. J. E. Hammond; Sec., W. Bro. F. H. Hounsell, P.M., 68 Calliope Rd., Devonport.

Te Aroha, No. 52:—Meets in Masonic Hall, Te Aroha, Thursday nearest full moon, 7.30 p.m. Installation March. W.M., Bro. K. H. Hawken; S.W., Bro. W. Greening; J.W., Bro. G. T. Simpson; Sec., W. Bro. R. S. Hanna.

Ponsonby, No. 54:—Founded 1890, meets Masonic Hall, Jervois Rd., Ponsonby, first Tuesday in month, 7.30 p.m. Installation first Tuesday in July. W.M., Bro. C. T. Haynes; S.W., Bro. C. E. Dutton; J.W., Bro. W. J. Standcombe; Sec., W. Bro. F. A. Koenig, Masonic Hall, Princes St., Auckland.

Waikoro, No. 55:—Meets in Lodgeroom, Arthur St., Ellerslie, third Monday in month. Installation April. W.M., Bro. A. J. S. D'Ewes; S.W., Bro. E. R. Pilkington; J.W., Bro. G. V. Westbrooke; Sec., W. Bro. H. Nutt, Jubilee Rd., Ellerslie.

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

Franklin, No. 58. Hokiang, No. 60:—Founded 1891, meets Masonic Hall, Kohukohu, first Friday on or after full moon. Installation November. W.M., W. Bro. G. Downs; S.W., Bro. S. H. Airey; J.W., Bro. W. H. Kirkpatrick; Sec., W. Bro. H. A. Williams, P.G.S., P.O. Box 18, Kohukohu.

Abercorn, No. 76:—Founded 1886, meets Abercorn Hall, Ormond Rd., Gisborne, first Tuesday in month. Installation September. W.M., W. Bro. C. Blackburn; S.W., Bro. C. Matthews; J.W., Bro. G. R. Grant; Sec., R.W. Bro. G. T. Bull, P.G.W., P.O. Box 208, Gisborne.

Mangonui, No. 78:—Founded 1892, meets in Masonic Hall, Kaitia, Wednesday nearest full moon. Installation February. W.M., W. Bro. Sefton; S.W., Bro. H. A. Munn; J.W., Bro. A. Logan; Sec., Bro. L. J. Matthews, P.M., Lake Ohia, Mangonui.

Alpha, No. 81:—Founded 1881, meets at Masonic Hall, Cambridge, Wednesday on or before full moon. Installation March. W.M., Bro. H. H. Speight; S.W., Bro. H. Lewis; J.W., Bro. J. T. Douce; Sec., W. Bro. A. Curtin, Cambridge.

Auckland, No. 87:—Founded 1893, meets Masonic Hall, Eden Ter., fourth Tuesday in month. Installation May. W.M., Bro. P. Mason; S.W., Bro. E. H. Taylor; J.W., Bro. A. N. McKelvey; Sec., W. Bro. W. S. Williams, 12 Wynyard Rd., Mount Eden.

Waiuku, No. 90:—Founded 1893.

Ohauwai, No. 101:—Meets Masonic Hall, Ohauwai, Saturday nearest full moon, 7.30 p.m. Installation November. W.M., Bro. J. Mackereth; S.W., Bro. R. Cleave; J.W., Bro. J. Cook; Sec., W. Bro. H. Cheeseman, Keri Keri, Bay of Islands.

Whangarei, No. 102:—Meets in Freemasons' Hall, John St., Whangarei, Monday nearest full moon in month. Installation April. W.M., Bro. R. R. McLennan; S.W., Bro. E. H. Allen; J.W., Bro. W. H. Gillespie; Sec., Bro. A. D. Lambly, Kensington Rd., Whangarei.

Ohiemuri, No. 107:—Founded 1890, meets Masonic Hall, Paeroa, Wednesday on or before full moon. Installation November. W.M., Bro. G. E. Allen; S.W., Bro. J. G. McDougall; J.W., Bro. B. Gwilliam; Sec., Bro. C. B. Gentil, P.M., Paeroa.

Waihi, No. 112:—Founded 1898, meets in Masonic Hall, Waihi, Monday nearest full moon in month. Installation April. W.M., Bro. H. de Berdt Fleming; S.W., Bro. J. Jay; J.W., Bro. D. Smeaton; Sec., W. Bro. A. T. Ellis, P.O. Box 31, Waihi.

Taupiri, No. 118:—Founded 1900, meets in Masonic Hall, Huntly, Wednesday nearest full moon every month. Installation October. W.M., W. Bro. Thos. McMillan (Huntly); S.W., Bro. Alex. Shand; J.W., Bro. Fred Harris; Sec., W. Bro. W. A. Joli, Taupiri.

Waipa, No. 119:—Founded 25th Sept., 1901, meets Masonic Hall, Te Awamutu, every Friday of full moon (or nearest Friday after), 7.30 p.m. Installation October. W.M., Bro. W. Jeffery; S.W., Bro. J. Morgan; J.W., Bro. A. Young; Sec., Bro. L. G. Armstrong, P.O., Te Awamutu.

Hobson, No. 120:—Founded 1901, meets Masonic Hall, Aratapu, Tuesday on or before full moon. Installation 29th January. W.M., W. Bro. D. Savidant; S.W., Bro. S. L. Spahnake; 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 before full moon, 7.30 p.m. prompt. Installation August. W.M., Bro. W. L. Foxcroft; S.W., Bro. W. E. Crump; J.W., Bro. B. P. Andrews; Sec., Bro. W. H. Gifford, Tauranga.

Hikurangi, No. 140.

Rotorua, No. 153:—Founded 1907, meets Masonic Hall, Fenton St., Rotorua, Tuesday nearest full moon, 7.30 p.m. Installation August. W.M., Bro. J. W. Webber; S.W., Bro. S. J. Hale, P.M.; J.W., Bro. W. T. Pakes; Sec., Bro. D. Gardner, P.M., "Rotorua Chronicle," Rotorua.

Piako, No. 160:—Founded 1908, meets in Masonic Hall, Morrinsville, Wednesday on or before full moon every month, 7.30 p.m. Installation March. W.M., Bro. R. Parlor; S.W., Bro. N. D. Clifford; J.W., Bro. F. Pickett; Sec., Bro. C. M. Gummer, P.M., Box 1, Morrinsville.

Plunket, No. 163:—Founded 1910, meets in Masonic Hall, Te Kuiti, Wednesday on or before full moon, 7.30 p.m. Installation April. W.M., Bro. P. D. Hargreaves; S.W., Bro. A. F. Howarth; J.W., Bro. A. Pettigrew; Sec., Bro. H. L. Tempest, P.O. Box 109, Te Kuiti.

Karori, No. 165 (Razlan).

Tawhiri, No. 166:—Founded November, 1909, meets at Frankton Tuesday after full moon, 7.30 p.m. Installation November. W.M., Bro. A. G. Sandford; S.W., Bro. W. Hyde; J.W., Bro. P. Truman; Sec., Bro. C. N. Plyger, P.M., Box 6, Mail Room, Frankton Junction.

United Masters' No. 167 (Auckland).

Maungahao, No. 168:—Founded 1909, meets Lodgeroom, Woodside Rd., Mt. Eden, third Thursday in month. Installation November. W.M., W. Bro. N. T. Williams; S.W., Bro. D. Smith; J.W., Bro. F. R. Trevithick; Sec., W. Bro. C. Hudson, Safe Deposit Buildings, High St., Auckland.

Nau Mai, No. 177:—Founded 1910, meets Lodgeroom, Hakiha St., Tauramunui, first Wednesday in month. Installation November. W.M., Bro. J. P. Strang; S.W., Bro. J. I. Monfries; J.W., Bro. R. Beeche; Sec., Bro. C. L. Pettit, Tauramunui.

Maraden, No. 169 (Maungaturoto).

Waitakerel, No. 170 (Henderson).

Waipu, No. 179.

Onewa, No. 182 (Northcote).

Te Marara, No. 186:—Founded 1911, meets Masonic Temple, Ngauruhia, Monday nearest full moon. Installation October. W.M., W. Bro. H. J. Simpson; S.W., Bro. P. C. Gould; J.W., Bro. H. M. Thorpe; Sec., Bro. E. H. Todd, Ngauruhia.

Tirau, No. 193:—Founded 20th March, 1913, meets in Masonic Hall, Tirau, Thursday nearest full moon. Installation March. W.M., Bro. W. King; S.W., Bro. E. O. Moore; J.W., Bro. A. K. Weeks; Sec., Bro. W. F. Bell, Tirau.

Whakatane, No. 196.

Takapuna, No. 202.

Pono, No. 203 (Dargaville).

Titirangi, No. 204 (Avondale).

Maniapoto, No. 206:—Founded 1916, meets Lodgeroom, Otorohanga, Tuesday nearest full moon, 8 p.m. Installation October. W.M., W. Bro. H. Benner; S.W., Bro. C. J. M. Miller; J.W., Bro. J. Heerdegen; Sec., Bro. T. G. Hosking, Solicitor, Otorohanga.

Raumai, No. 207 (Raumai).

Irish Constitution.

Ara, No. 348, I.C.:—Founded 6th September, 1842, meets Freemasons' Hall, Princes St., Auckland, first Monday in month (January excepted), 7.30 p.m. Installation 24th June (St. John's Day), high noon. W.M., Bro. W. Wilson; S.W., Bro. A. J. Vercoe; J.W., Bro. W. G. Fletcher; 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.)

Scinde, No. 5:—Founded 1858, meets Masonic Hall, Tennyson St., Napier, third Tuesday in month. Installation Wednesday following third Tuesday in June. W.M., Bro. J. Bowes; S.W., Bro. A. E. Currie; J.W., Bro. A. J. Turville; Sec., W. Bro. L. Freedman, P.G.D., P.O. Box 109, Napier.

Victoria, No. 21:—Founded 1871, meets in Masonic Hall, Munroe St., Napier, first Tuesday in month (except January), 7.30 p.m. Installation first Wednesday in June. W.M., Bro. W. A. Wilkie; S.W., Bro. W. G. Jarvis; J.W., Bro. H. Bate; Sec., W. Bro. Jaa. Redshaw, P.G.S., P.O. Box 196, Napier.

Bedford, No. 25:—Founded 1878, meets Masonic Hall, Waipukurau, Wednesday nearest full moon, 7.30 p.m. Installation first Wednesday in April. W.M., Bro. W. A. Chambers; S.W., Bro. H. J. Newling; J.W., Bro. H. Hobson; Sec., W. Bro. J. W. Elliott, P.M., Waipukurau.

Abercorn, No. 30:—Founded 1878, meets at Masonic Hall, Waipawa, Monday on or nearest full moon each month, 7.30 p.m. Installation second Monday in March. W.M., Bro. A. Parkin; S.W., Bro. S. Williams; J.W., Bro. J. Milburn; Sec., W. Bro. J. N. Watson, Johnson St., Waipawa.

Rawhiti, No. 66:—Founded 1890, meets Freemasons' Hall, High St., Dannevirke, third Thursday in month, 7.30 p.m. Installation May. W.M., Bro. C. R. James; S.W., Bro. C. L. Thomson; J.W., Bro. D. N. Wilson; Sec., Bro. C. T. Brown, P.O. Box 77, Dannevirke.

Heretaunga, No. 73:—Founded 1878, meets in Masonic Hall, Hastings second Tuesday in month, 7.30 p.m. Installation June. W.M., Bro. L. T. Cooper; S.W., Bro. R. W. Jones; J.W., Bro. J. E. Jones; Sec., Bro. T. Morgan, P.M., P.O. Box 5, Hastings.

Rumhine, No. 80:—Founded 1886, meets Masonic Hall, Woodville, Tuesday on or before full moon, 7.30 p.m. Installation June. W.M., Bro. J. A. Fraser; S.W., Bro. E. E. Toogood; J.W., Bro. J. Elder; Sec., W. Bro. A. Stevenson, School, Woodville.

Lion, No. 114:—Founded 1899, meets in Masonic Hall, Ormondville, Monday on or nearest full moon, 7.30 p.m. Installation Wednesday nearest to April full moon. W.M., W. Bro. J. Snaddon; S.W., Bro. H. N. Benson; J.W., Bro. L. Meeking; Sec., W. Bro. D. Wilson, Box 12, Ormondville.

Waikaremoana, No. 158:—Founded 1909, meets Masonic Hall, Waikare, H.B., Tuesday nearest full moon, 7.30 p.m. Installation March. W.M., Bro. J. W. B. Macdonald; S.W., Bro. W. Taylor; J.W., Bro. J. P. Moore; Sec., Bro. E. L. Thomson, P.O. Box 1, Waikare.

Runtaniwha, No. 172:—Founded 1910, meets Masonic Hall, Takapau, Friday on or before full moon, 7 p.m. Installation August. W.M., W. Bro. A. Chisholm; S.W., Bro. J. W. Watkins; J.W., Bro. W. Hobson; Sec., Bro. E. Johnson, P.M., Takapau.

PROVINCE OF TARANAKI: 7 LODGES.

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

Patea Kil., No. 18:—Founded 1873, meets second Wednesday in month. Installation March. W.M., Bro. A. E. Christensen; S.W., Bro. E. C. Wood; J.W., Bro. J. R. Patterson; Sec., Bro. E. K. Jones.

Hawera, No. 54:—Founded 1880, meets in Temple, Union St., Hawera, first Tuesday in month, 7.30 p.m. Installation July. W.M., W. Bro. A. R. Thompson; S.W., Bro. E. C. Hayton; J.W., Bro. C. Brown; Sec., W. Bro. J. W. J. Harding, P.M., P.O. Box 111, Hawera.

Ngamotu, No. 48:—Founded 1883, meets in Masonic Hall, Robe St., New Plymouth, fourth Wednesday in month (except December, second Thursday), 7.30 p.m. Installation September. W.M., Bro. A. Forbes; S.W., Bro. W. S. Gilbert; J.W., Bro. A. H. Goss; Sec., Bro. W. H. Haddrell, P.M., Westown, New Plymouth.

Stratford, No. 75:—Founded 1892, meets in Masonic Hall, Stratford, third Wednesday in month. Installation March. W.M., Bro. W. H. Besley; S.W., Bro. J. H. Ashton; J.W., Bro. A. M. Spilman; Sec., Bro. T. Richardson.

St. John's, No. 95:—Founded 1892, meets in Masonic Hall, Eitham, third Tuesday in month, 7.30 p.m. Installation February. W.M., Bro. A. N. Rogers (Mangotaki); S.W., Bro. G. H. Buckridge; J.W., Bro. J. W. Harrison; Sec., Bro. R. C. D. Lighthorne, P.M.

Moa, No. 110:—Founded 1896, meets in Freemasons' Hall, Inglewood, second Friday each month, 7.30 p.m. Installation March. W.M., Bro. J. Roberts; S.W., Bro. G. H. Taylor; J.W., Bro. J. Johnston; Sec., W. Bro. R. Branch, P.M., P.O. Box 34, Inglewood.

Ikarua, No. 115:—Founded 1896, meets in Lodge-room, Opunake, Tuesday nearest full moon, 7.30 p.m. Installation November. W.M., Bro. O. A. Mullen; S.W., Bro. G. Hammond; J.W., Bro. D. Penny; Sec., Bro. G. W. Rogers, P.M., P.O. Box 19.

RUAPEHU DISTRICT: 10 LODGES.

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

Rangitikei, No. 38:—Founded 1880, meets in Masonic Hall, Bulls, Tuesday before full moon. Installation October. W.M., Bro. H. A. Fagan; S.W., Bro. L. R. McKelvie; J.W., Bro. A. K. Drew; Sec., Bro. T. King, P.M., P.O. Box 5, Bulls.

Felding, No. 41:—Founded 1881, meets in Masonic Temple, Felding, Monday nearest full moon. Installation July. W.M., Bro. E. H. Fisher; S.W., Bro. D. S. Thomson; J.W., Bro. W. A. Bell; Sec., Bro. A. H. Maguire, P.M.

Mannawatu K.H., No. 47:—Founded 1883, meets in Masonic Hall, Church St., Palmerston N., second Thursday in month. Installation April. W.M., Bro. A. Hopwood; S.W., Bro. W. Mundy; J.W., Bro. D. Dustin; Sec., Bro. O. S. Rush, P.O. Box 7, Palmerston N.

Otagaki, No. 70:—Founded 1891, meets in Masonic Hall, Ashhurst, Wednesday nearest full moon, 7.30 p.m. Installation August. W.M., Bro. J. T. Robinson; S.W., Bro. S. H. Snell; J.W., Bro. A. O. F. Maul; Sec., Bro. H. C. Simms, P.M.

Rangitira, No. 71:—Founded 1891, meets in Masonic Hall, Hunterville, Rangitikei, Friday on or before full moon. Installation March. W.M., Bro. F. C. Berry; S.W., Bro. F. H. Powell; J.W., Bro. R. Dukeson; Sec., Bro. R. A. Campbell, P.M.

St. Andrew K.H., No. 79:—Founded 1868, meets in Freemasons' Hall, Wanganui, second Thursday in month (excepting December, first Thursday). Installation second Thursday in July. W.M., Bro. R. W. Green; S.W., Bro. J. E. M. Rose; J.W., Bro. J. McFarlane; Sec., Bro. N. G. Armstrong, P.O. Box 236, Wanganui.

Kimbolton, No. 123:—Founded 1892, meets in Masonic Hall, Kimbolton, Thursday nearest full moon. Installation February. W.M., Bro. W. McKay; S.W., Bro. C. G. Hansen; J.W., Bro. L. J. Verry; Sec., Bro. N. S. Davies, P.O. Box 3, Kimbolton.

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

Te Awahou, No. 133:—Founded 1906, meets in Masonic Hall, Little St., Foxton, second Tuesday in month. Installation May. W.M., Bro. J. J. W. Stevenson; S.W., Bro. J. G. Spiers; J.W., Bro. E. Cowley; Sec., Bro. A. E. Wainwright, Box 34, Foxton.

Otaihape, No. 142:—Founded 13th December, 1906, meets in Masonic Hotel, Taihape, Tuesday on or before full moon, 7.45 p.m. Installation May. W.M., Bro. F. W. Somerville; S.W., Bro. F. Varnam; J.W., Bro. N. E. Drayton; Sec., Bro. A. James, P.M., Box 5, Taihape.

Rongotea, No. 146:—Founded 1906, meets in Masonic Hall, Rongotea, Wednesday before full moon. Installation April. W.M., Bro. R. M. Matheson; S.W., Bro. J. S. West; J.W., Bro. W. Amon; Sec., Bro. E. A. Campbell.

Hula, No. 171:—Founded 1910, meets in Masonic Hall, Church St. E., Palmerston N., first Thursday in month. Installation March. W.M., Bro. A. W. Galichan; S.W., Bro. J. F. Manning; J.W., —; Sec., Bro. H. C. Le Grange, Box 214, P.O., Palmerston N.

Waimarino, No. 175:—Founded 1910, meets in Masonic Hall, Ward St., Inelville, Monday nearest full moon, 7.30 p.m. Installation October. W.M., Bro. A. Mabbott; S.W., Bro. J. C. Goodger; J.W., Bro. A. O. Drury; Sec., Bro. A. W. Ashwell, P.O. Box 32, Raetihi.

Manga-te-Weka, No. 178:—Founded 1910, meets in Masonic Hall, Mangaweka, Monday on or before full moon, 8 p.m. Installation June. W.M., Bro. G. Kreger; S.W., Bro. J. D. Munro; J.W., Bro. J. W. Tompkins; Sec., Bro. D. Galloway, P.M., Mangaweka.

Moutoa, No. 195:—Constituted 24th April, 1913, meets in Masonic Hall, Gonville, fourth Thursday in month (excepting December, third Thursday). Installation fourth Thursday in April. W.M., Bro. G. L. McLean; S.W., Bro. P. Symes; J.W., Bro. F. Bourne; Sec., W. Bro. Neil P. Svenson, P.M., 139 Victoria Avenue, Wanganui.

Ngauruhoe, No. 205:—Constituted 26th May, 1915, meets in Masonic Hall, Mire St., Ohakune, Tuesday nearest full moon, 7.30 p.m. Installation May. W.M., Bro. T. P. Firman; S.W., Bro. A. C. Yelland; J.W., Bro. M. Vance; Sec., —, Ohakune Junction.

PROVINCE OF WELLINGTON: 23 LODGES.

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

N.Z. Pacific, No. 2:—Founded 1862, meets in Masonic Hall, Wellington, fourth Monday every month, 7.30 p.m. No meeting December. Installation March. W.M., Bro. J. Tamblin; S.W., Bro. R. H. Webb; J.W., Bro. J. H. Hutchings; Sec., W. Bro. J. H. Worboys, P.M., Kilbirnie.

Waterloo, No. 13:—Founded 1866, meets in Masonic Hall, Wellington, second Monday in month, 7.30 p.m. Installation September. W.M., Bro. J. Gordon; S.W., Bro. W. A. Parton; J.W., Bro. P. B. Godber; Sec., Bro. G. E. Smith, P.M., P.O. Box 911, Wellington.

Maasterton, No. 19:—Founded 1873, meets in Masonic Hall, Bannister St., Masterton, second Wednesday in month, 8 p.m. Installation May. W.M., Bro. T. A. H. Dixon; S.W., Bro. O. N. C. Pragnell; J.W., Bro. W. E. Chunn; Sec., Bro. R. J. Young, P.M., Masterton.

St. Andrew, No. 32:—Founded 1879, meets in Masonic Hall, Wellington, third Monday in month, 7.30 p.m. Installation St. Andrew's Day. W.M., Bro. J. C. Riddell; S.W., Bro. R. Hutchison; J.W., Bro. G. Greening; Sec., W. Bro. A. T. Wells, P.M., P.O. Box 661, Wellington.

St. John, No. 37:—Founded 1880, meets in Masonic Hall, Wakefield St., Featherston, second Monday in month, 7.30 p.m. Installation October. W.M., W. Bro. M. H. Kendall; S.W., Bro. G. Campbell; J.W., Bro. E. A. Merlet; Sec., W. Bro. F. C. Everton, P.M.

Leinster, No. 41:—Founded 1882, meets in Masonic Hall, Wellington, first Monday in month, 7.30 p.m. Installation July. W.M., Bro. A. McLaren; S.W., Bro. E. J. Shakes; J.W., Bro. W. J. Garrett; Sec., W. Bro. W. A. Bandmet, P.M., P.O. Box 228, "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 in month, 8 p.m. Installation April (St. Mark's Day). W.M., Bro. R. Stout; S.W., Bro. J. Rayne; J.W., Bro. Knox Smith; Sec., Bro. A. Phillipotts, P.M.

Ulster, No. 62:—Founded 1888, meets in Masonic Hall, Petone, third Wednesday in month. Installation June. W.M., Bro. T. Mather; S.W., Bro. A. G. Steffensen; J.W., Bro. Y. G. Carver; Sec., W. Bro. R. Wylie, 49 Victoria St., Petone.

Tararua, No. 67:—Founded 1890, meets in Masonic Hall, Pahiatua, Thursday nearest full moon. Installation November. W.M., Bro. R. V. King; S.W., Bro. A. A. Vaughan; J.W., Bro. F. Burrell; Sec., Bro. G. Moore, P.M.

Otaki, No. 72:—Founded 1891, meets in Masonic Hall, Otaki, Wednesday nearest full moon, 8 p.m. (September meeting Tuesday). Installation November. W.M., Bro. W. Quayle; S.W., Bro. Windley; J.W., Bro. A. G. Williams; Sec., Bro. C. N. Swaby, P.M., Otaki Railway.

Greytown, No. 74:—Founded 1877, meets in Masonic Hall, Greytown, second Friday in month, 8 p.m. Installation St. John's Day (June). W.M., Bro. J. B. Bricknell; S.W., Bro. D. P. Loasby; J.W., Bro. W. A. Hutton; Sec., Bro. E. Larkin, P.M., Box 32, Greytown.

Eketahuna, No. 92:—Founded 1893, meets in Masonic Hall, Bengston St., Eketahuna, Friday nearest full moon in month (except May, Installation, Thursday nearest full moon), 7.30 p.m. W.M., Bro. T. Knight; S.W., Bro. J. Kerr; J.W., Bro. W. Duff; Sec., Bro. K. Dickson.

Hinemoa, No. 122:—Founded 1901, meets in Masonic Hall, Wellington St., second Thursday, 7.30 p.m. Installation August. W.M., Bro. Rev. G. Knowles Smith; S.W., Bro. S. L. Shannon; J.W., Bro. G. Jones; Sec., W. Bro. S. Martin, 11 Millward St., Newtown.

Coronation, No. 127:—Founded 1902, meets in Masonic Hall, Johnsonville, Saturday on or before full moon, 7.30 p.m. Installation July. W.M., Bro. A. H. Mildenhall; S.W., Bro. K. M. Carter; J.W., Bro. W. S. Radcliffe; Sec., Bro. A. W. Robertson, P.O. Box 4, Johnsonville.

Brooklyn, No. 132:—Founded October, 1903, meets in Masonic Hall, Brooklyn, first Wednesday in month. Installation October. W.M., Bro. H. Parkin; S.W., —; J.W., Bro. H. J. Furness; Sec., Bro. M. W. Thew, P.M., 12 Washington Avenue, Brooklyn.

Horowhenua, No. 135:—Founded 1906, meets in Droids' Hall, Levin, Thursday nearest full moon, 8 p.m. Installation Wednesday nearest in September. W.M., Bro. J. W. Middlemiss; S.W., Bro. A. J. Harding; J.W., Bro. R. Wall; Sec., W. Bro. J. McIntyre, D.H. School, Levin.

Puketoi, No. 140:—Founded 1907, meets in Masonic Hall, Pongaroa, Tuesday nearest full moon, 7.30 p.m. Installation February. W.M., Bro. S. Gibson; S.W., Bro. J. H. Thomas; J.W., Bro. W. G. Neville; Sec., W. Bro. W. Souassa, P.M., Pongaroa.

Waihenga, No. 150:—Founded October, 1907, meets in Masonic Hall, Martinborough, first Wednesday in month, 7.30 p.m. Installation October. W.M., Bro. W. F. Gaudrie; S.W., Bro. J. G. Chapman; J.W., Bro. J. T. Tilson; Sec., Bro. A. Macgregor, P.M.

Tutanekai, No. 156:—Founded 1908, meets in Masonic Hall, Adelaide Rd., Berhampore, first Thursday each month (except January, when Lodge meets second Thursday), 7.30 p.m. Installation February. W.M., Bro. J. W. Sexton; S.W., Bro. G. F. Lenzini; J.W., Bro. C. W. Martin; Sec., Bro. H. Ivory, Box 328, G.P.O., Wellington.

Waiwhetu, No. 176:—Founded 1910, meets in Masonic Hall, Huia St., Lower Hutt, second Wednesday in month, 7.30 p.m. Installation October. W.M., Bro. H. G. Teagle; S.W., Bro. H. J. Harman; J.W., Bro. A. Carver; Sec., W. Bro. H. Hobbs, Hantana Square, Lower Hutt.

Otari, No. 190:—Founded 1912, meets in Freemasons' Hall, Ngalo, second Tuesday in month, 7.30 p.m. Installation July. W.M., Bro. R. A. Nicol; S.W., Bro. A. Ferguson; J.W., Bro. W. A. Tanner; Sec., W. Bro. J. R. Scrimgeour, P.M., Main Rd., Ngalo.

Installed Masters' Lodge, No. 194:—Founded 5th October, 1912, meets in Freemasons' Hall first Tuesday in November, February, April, June, August, October. Installation October. W.M., Bro. J. J. Esso; S.W., Bro. W. H. Jones; J.W., Bro. H. H. Seaton; Sec., Bro. —, Wellington. (*Open to visiting M.M.s.)

Whetu Kairangi, No. 201:—Founded 1914, meets at Masonic Hall, Seatoun, second Saturday each month, 7.30 p.m. Installation October. W.M., Bro. T. O. Fox; S.W., Bro. E. Morris, jun.; J.W., Bro. J. A. Fraser; Sec., Bro. T. S. Robertson.

SOUTH ISLAND.

MARLBOROUGH AND NELSON: 8 LODGES.

(R.W. Bro. C. H. Mills, Prov.G.M.)

Victory, No. 40:—Founded 1881, meets in Freemasons' Hall, Collingwood St., Nelson, second Thursday in month (except May, fourth Thursday), 7.30 p.m. Installation May. W.M., Bro. H. P. Stephenson; S.W., Bro. W. Widdowson; J.W., Bro. C. M. Whelan; Sec., W. Bro. R. W. Siles, P.O. Box 106, Nelson.

Wairau, No. 42:—Founded 1881 (formerly 668, S.C.; joined N.Z.C. 1890), meets in Masonic Hall, Andrew St., Blenheim, last Tuesday in month, 7.30 p.m. Installation June. W.M., Bro. A. Gibson; S.W., Bro. W. W. Taylor; J.W., Bro. T. E. Cleator; Sec., W. Bro. W. C. Lucas, Redwood St., Blenheim.

Havelock, No. 104:—Founded 1896, meets Masonic Hall, Havelock, Saturday before full moon, 7.15 p.m. Installation March. W.M., Bro. W. A. Russell, P.M.; S.W., Bro. A. B. Beade; J.W., Bro. W. H. Marriott; Sec., Bro. A. N. Barrowclough.

Marlborough Unanimity, No. 106:—Founded 1890 (formerly 1236, E.C.), joined N.Z.C. 1896, meets Masonic Hall, Charles St., Blenheim, second Thursday in month, 7.30 p.m. Installation August. W.M., Bro. T. F. Bull; S.W., Bro. H. R. Bagge; J.W., Bro. W. M. Lambie; Sec., Bro. F. W. Smith, Blenheim.

Waitohi, No. 111:—Meets in Masonic Hall, Picton, third Tuesday in month, 7.30 p.m. Installation third Tuesday in April. W.M., Bro. H. Aubrey; S.W., Bro. E. R. Lane; J.W., Bro. T. Allport; Sec., Bro. T. W. Bragg, P.M.

Forrest, No. 116:—Meets in Lodgeroom, Wakefield, third Wednesday in month. Installation November. W.M., Bro. J. R. Gauckroder; S.W., Bro. L. O. Balgait; J.W., Bro. V. N. Granville; Sec., Bro. H. Franklyn, P.M.

Motueka, No. 117:—Founded 1900, meets Lodgeroom, Motueka, Wednesday nearest full moon. Installation October. W.M., Bro. F. Pidgeon; S.W., Bro. G. Heath; J.W., Bro. W. Nicholson; Sec., Bro. W. McInnes, P.M., Box 6, Motueka.

St. Cuthbert's, No. 144:—Founded 1905, meets Masonic Hall, Collingwood, Saturday nearest full moon, 7.30 p.m. Installation October. W.M., Bro. E. Daniel; S.W., Bro. J. W. McKenna; J.W., Bro. R. J. Walker; Sec., Bro. R. H. Lash, P.M., Rockville, Collingwood.

PROVINCE OF WESTLAND: 12 LODGES.

(R.W. Bro. R. H. Richmond, Prov.G.M.)

Robert Burns, No. 50:—Founded 1883, meets in Burns' Masonic Hall, Kelly St., Reefton, third Thursday each month, 7.30 p.m. Installation 25th January. W.M., Bro. F. W. Robinson; S.W., Bro. W. H. Thompson; J.W., Bro. J. B. Auld; Sec., Bro. R. A. Stewart, P.M., Reefton.

Advance, No. 61:—Founded 1871, meets in Masonic Hall, Taylorville, Brunner, Thursday nearest full moon, 7.30 p.m. Installation last Thursday in January. W.M., Bro. D. S. Swallow; S.W., Bro. C. Angel; J.W., Bro. A. Dalzell; Sec., Bro. J. Watson.

Kumara, No. 65:—Meets in Freemasons' Hall, Seddon St., Kumara, Tuesday nearest full moon, 8 p.m. Installation February. W.M., Bro. A. B. Glen; S.W., Bro. J. E. Wade; J.W., Bro. R. J. Burrell; Sec., Bro. W. H. Evenden, P.M.

Westland Kiln, No. 88:—Founded 1867, meets in Freemasons' Hall, Hokitika, Wednesday nearest full moon, 7.30 p.m. Installation St. Andrew's Day. W.M., Bro. J. Cameron; S.W., Bro. R. M. King; J.W., Bro. G. H. Chapman; Sec., Bro. H. M. Coulson, P.M.

Aorangi, No. 89:—Founded 1893, meets in Masonic Hall, Denniston, first Wednesday in month. Installation April. W.M., Bro. M. S. Montford; S.W., Bro. W. Smart; J.W., Bro. J. T. Murphy; Sec., Bro. T. Peacock, P.M.

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

Torea, No. 121:—Founded 1900, meets in Masonic Hall, Granby, third Saturday in month, 7.30 p.m. Installation December. W.M., Bro. W. S. McKean; S.W., Bro. T. Worthington; J.W., Bro. J. Kerr; Sec., Bro. W. H. Turner.

Mawhera, No. 136:—Founded 1894, meets in Masonic Hall, Tainui St., Greymouth, second Thursday in month. Installation November. W.M., Bro. H. G. F. Clear; S.W., Bro. G. G. A. Heiriz; J.W., Bro. W. J. T. Watson; Sec., Bro. J. McIndoe, P.O. Box 29, Greymouth.

Kawatiri-Westport, No. 152:—Founded 1907, meets in Masonic Hall, Russell St., Westport, second Monday in month, 8 p.m. Installation May. W.M., Bro. D. T. Gibbard; S.W., Bro. H. Greenwood; J.W., Bro. E. L. S. Skelton; Sec., Bro. G. W. Jones, P.M., 137 Queen St., Westport.

Rananga, No. 159:—Founded 1908, meets in Masonic Hall, Seddon St., Rananga, Wednesday nearest full moon, 7.30 p.m. Installation October. W.M., Bro. A. A. Shannon; S.W., Bro. I. Powell; J.W., Bro. W. Curran; Sec., Bro. J. Rawse, P.M., Walker St., Rananga.

Waro, No. 173 (Blackball).

Connaught, No. 187 (Karamea).

PROVINCE OF CANTERBURY: 33 LODGES.

(R.W. Bro. —, Prov.G.M.)

Unanimity, No. 3:—Founded October, 1851, meets in Masonic Hall, Sumner Rd., Lyttelton, first Tuesday in month, 7.30 p.m. Installation Feb. W.M., Bro. D. E. L. Collett; S.W., Bro. R. J. Connal; J.W., Bro. C. H. Smith; Sec., W. Bro. T. C. Hutton, P.M., Box 34, Lyttelton.

St. Augustine, No. 4:—Founded 1852, meets in St. Augustine Masonic Hall, Christchurch, second Tuesday in month, 7.30 p.m. Installation March. W.M., Bro. J. A. Stables; S.W., Bro. D. Redpath; J.W., Bro. C. H. Duff; Sec., W. Bro. F. C. B. Bishop, Box 372, Christchurch.

Southern Cross, No. 6:—Founded 1858, meets in Masonic Hall, Kalapoi, first Thursday in month, 7.30 p.m. Installation December. W.M., Bro. R. H. Croft; S.W., Bro. F. J. Gurnett; J.W., Bro. J. E. Monk; Sec., Bro. P. G. Hunt, Kalapoi.

Caledonian, No. 16:—Founded 1871, meets in Caledonian Masonic Hall, Sophia St., Timaru, first Monday in month, 7.30 p.m. Installation June. W.M., Bro. W. Cranston; S.W., Bro. G. Glue; J.W., Bro. J. T. Collins; Sec., Bro. J. Simpson, 136 North St., Timaru.

Progress, No. 22:—Founded 1876, meets at Masonic Hall, Southbridge, Tuesday on or before full moon each month, 8 p.m. Installation regular night in December. W.M., Bro. C. H. Piper; S.W., Bro. J. H. McMillan; J.W., Bro. J. S. McClelland; Sec., W. Bro. J. W. A. Walker, District High School, Southbridge.

Canterbury Kiln, No. 28.
Geraldine, No. 27:—Founded 1890, meets in Masonic Hall, Geraldine, third Wednesday in month. Installation March. W.M., Bro. F. R. Flatman; S.W., Bro. J. M. Sutherland; J.W., Bro. A. A. Readdie; Sec., Bro. W. A. Sherratt, Geraldine.

Ashley, No. 28:—Founded 1878, meets in Masonic Hall, Rangiora, second Thursday in month, 7.30 p.m. Installation March. W.M., Bro. J. T. Withers; S.W., Bro. G. Harlow; J.W., Bro. J. Angus; Sec., Bro. T. Hills, P.O. Box 12, Rangiora.

St. George, No. 29:—Meets in Masonic Hall, Wilkin St., Temuka, second Wednesday in month. Installation December. W.M., Bro. M. Cameron; S.W., Bro. H. J. Smith; J.W., Bro. W. J. Keys; Sec., Bro. A. Calder.

South Rakaiia, No. 31:—Founded 1879.
Lincoln, No. 33:—Founded 1880, meets in Masonic Hall, Lincoln, first Tuesday in month. No meeting in January. Installation October. W.M., Bro. C. P. Agar; S.W., Bro. W. L. Morgan; J.W., Bro. J. G. Scott; Sec., Bro. A. Cookson, P.M., Box 24, Lincoln.

Concord, No. 39:—Founded 1881, meets in Masonic Hall, Papanui, fourth Wednesday in month. Installation May. W.M., Bro. J. W. H. Francis; S.W., Bro. A. J. Nicholas; J.W., Bro. J. W. Beanland; Sec., Bro. R. Baldwin, P.M., 72 Altman's Rd., Christchurch.

Phoenix, No. 43 (Akaroa).
Methven, No. 51:—Meets in Masonic Hall, Methven, Wednesday on or before full moon. Installation May. W.M., Bro. H. H. Pawson; S.W., Bro. T. H. Hitchcock; J.W., Bro. J. F. Stone; Sec., Bro. S. Smith, P.O. Box 27, Methven.

Kalkoura, No. 60.
Christchurch, No. 91:—Founded 1893, meets in St. Augustine's Hall, Christchurch, fourth Tuesday in month, 7.30 p.m. Installation November. W.M., Bro. D. Sheffield; S.W., Bro. W. T. Dalg; J.W., Bro. W. L. N. Newth; Sec., Bro. H. Hopkinson, P.M., 33 Clifton St., Addington, Christchurch.

Mackenzie, No. 93:—Founded 1894, meets in Masonic Hall, Fairlie, Thursday nearest full moon, 8 p.m. Installation third Thursday in October. W.M., Bro. W. J. Smith; S.W., Bro. S. Harper; J.W., Bro. A. Cooper; Sec., Bro. J. H. Southwick, Fairlie.

St. Augustine, No. 99:—Established 1875, meets in Lodgeroom, Leonard St., Waimate, Wednesday on or before full moon. Installation August. W.M., Bro. C. R. Bateman; S.W., Bro. E. R. Beckett; J.W., Bro. C. Manchester; Sec., Bro. A. J. Hoskins, P.M.

Thistle, No. 112:—Meets in Masonic Hall, Havelock St. W., Ashburton, third Wednesday in month, 7.30 p.m. Installation 30th November. W.M., Bro. T. J. Kennedy; S.W., Bro. J. Smith, junr; J.W., Bro. W. R. Hetrick; Sec., W. Bro. C. Campbell, P.M., P.O. Box 6, Ashburton.

Cheviot, No. 124.
M. and P.M., No. 130 (Christchurch).
Mairaki, No. 131:—Founded 1903, meets in Masonic Hall, Cust, third Friday in month. Installation April. W.M., Bro. F. H. Early; S.W., Bro. D. Arnott; J.W., Bro. H. Garrett; Sec., Bro. K. W. Cooper, P.M.

Pareora, No. 184 (St. Andrew's).

Crows, No. 138 (Christchurch).

Robert Burns, No. 139:—Meets in St. Augustine's Hall, Christchurch, third Tuesday in month, 7.30 p.m. Installation August. W.M., Bro. T. W. N. Wilson; S.W., Bro. A. Hunter; J.W., Bro. G. A. Blackmore; Sec., Bro. T. Newburgh.

Waihora, No. 141:—Founded 1905, meets in Oddfellows' Hall, Leeston, second Thursday in month, 7.30 p.m. Installation April. W.M., Bro. G. W. R. Osborne; S.W., Bro. W. J. Lemon; J.W., Bro. E. H. Jecks; Sec., Bro. J. E. Carter, P.M.

Civic, No. 157:—Meets in Masonic Hall, Gloucester St. W., Christchurch, first Tuesday in month, 7.30 p.m. Installation August. W.M., Bro. I. D. S. Maffey; S.W., Bro. J. Hurley; J.W., Bro. R. J. Thompson; Sec., Bro. W. Sherris, P.O. Box 957, Christchurch.

St. Martin, No. 162 (Pleasant Point).
Aburewa, No. 181:—Founded 1911, meets in Schoolroom, Dunsandel, Monday on or before full moon. Installation October. W.M., Bro. J. D. Cameron; S.W., Bro. F. Smith; J.W., Bro. C. H. Chapman; Sec., W. Bro. F. Lill, P.M., P.O. Box 1, Dunsandel.

Amuri, No. 184 (Culverden).
Avon, No. 185:—Meets in Masonic Hall, Christchurch, first Thursday in month. Installation September. W.M., Bro. W. R. Scott; S.W., Bro. S. K. Bassett; J.W., Bro. B. Falk; Sec., O. W. B. Anderson, Manchester Street, Christchurch.

Tawera, No. 188 (Oxford).
Timaru, No. 196:—Founded 1918, meets in Caledonian Masonic Hall, Sophia St., Timaru, third Monday in month (except December and January). Installation April. W.M., Bro. W. A. Johnston; S.W., Bro. T. Emmerson; J.W., Bro. G. McKitterick; Sec., Bro. L. B. Pearson, P.O. Box 137, Timaru.

Koranga, No. 187:—Founded 1913, meets in Caledonian Masonic Hall, Sophia St., Timaru, fourth Tuesday in month, 7.30 p.m. Installation August. W.M., Bro. A. McKenzie; S.W., Bro. R. Hyman; J.W., Bro. J. Moyes; Sec., Bro. G. J. Wallace, P.O. Box 83, Timaru.
Erewhon, No. 200:—Opened 20th August, 1914, Mount Somers.

PROVINCE OF OTAGO: 27 LODGES.

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

Otago, No. 7:—Founded 1860, meets in Freemasons' Hall, King St. (opp. Museum), Dunedin, second Wednesday in month, 8 p.m. Installation October. W.M., Bro. J. Wood, P.M.; S.W., Bro. J. E. Atkin; J.W., Bro. H. Ross; Sec., Bro. F. W. C. Clayton, 598 George St., Dunedin.

Waitaki, No. 11:—Founded 1860, meets in Masonic Hall, Wainack St., Oamaru, Wednesday on or before full moon, 7.30 p.m. Installation May. W.M., Bro. A. W. Woodward; S.W., Bro. A. N. Glass; J.W., Bro. J. G. Wallace; Sec., Bro. C. A. La Roche.

Cutha, No. 14:—Founded 1866, meets in Masonic Hall, Douglas St., Balclutha, second Tuesday in month, 8 p.m. Installation September. W.M., Bro. A. Stenhouse; S.W., Bro. G. S. Dent; J.W., Bro. G. Henderson; Sec., W. Bro. W. G. Finn, P.M., Renfrew St., Balclutha.

Palmerston, No. 25:—Founded 1876, meets in Masonic Hall, Palmerston S., Friday on or before full moon, 8 p.m. Installation August. W.M., Bro. W. McGregor; S.W., Bro. D. Munro; J.W., Bro. R. W. Wheeler; Bro. G. B. Smith, junr, P.O. Box 24, Palmerston, Otago.

Heracles, No. 30:—Founded 1880, meets in Masonic Hall, Tapanui, Wednesday nearest full moon, 7.30 p.m. Installation April. W.M., Bro. W. Nicholson; S.W., Bro. H. S. Jackways; J.W., Bro. W. C. Dale; Sec., Bro. A. H. Hawkins, Tapanui.

Hiram, No. 46:—Founded 1883.
Ngapara, No. 68:—Founded 1891, meets in Masonic Hall, Ngapara, Oamaru, Monday on or preceding full moon, 7.30 p.m. Installation October. W.M., Bro. A. Robble; S.W., Bro. S. Wilson; J.W., Bro. W. Simpson; Sec., Bro. R. McGillivray, P.M.

Oamaru Kiln, No. 82:—Founded 1872, meets in Masonic Hall, Oamaru, first Wednesday after full moon each month. Installation October. W.M., Bro. J. Crombie; S.W., Bro. D. A. Bee; J.W., Bro. W. Brown; Sec., Bro. J. M. Brown, P.M., Thames Street, Oamaru.

St. Thomas Kiln, No. 83 (originally No. 659 S.C.):—Meets in Masonic Hall, Kaitangata every fourth Wednesday. Installation February. W.M., Bro. T. Sharp; S.W., Bro. A. Ferguson; J.W., Bro. W. D. Wilson; Sec., Bro. W. D. Paterson, P.M.

St. John, No. 84 (Mosgiel).

Mount Ida, No. 97:—Founded 1868 (originally No. 1262, E.C.), meets in Masonic Hall, Naseby, Wednesday nearest full moon each month. Installation Feb. W.M., Bro. G. W. Bell; S.W., Bro. A. E. Brown; J.W., Bro. Alex. Brown; Acting-Sec., Bro. A. E. Brown.

Cromwell Kil., No. 98 (originally No. 535, S.C.):—Meets Lodgeroom, Melmore Ter., Cromwell, Wednesday nearest full moon, 7.30 p.m. Installation February. W.M., Bro. D. S. Middleton; S.W., Bro. J. P. Parcell; J.W., Bro. J. J. Halliday; Sec., W. Bro. W. Campbell, P.O. Box 27, Cromwell.

Dunstan, No. 103 (originally No. 497, S.C.):—Founded 1869, joined N.Z.C. 1895; meets in Town Hall, Clyde, Tuesday on or nearest full moon in month, 7.30 p.m. Installation November. W.M., Bro. R. Holden; S.W., Bro. J. L. Davidson; J.W., Bro. K. Brinkman; Sec., Bro. H. E. Stevens.

Maori, No. 105:—Meets Masonic Hall, Ravensbourne, Dunedin, first Monday in month, 7.30 p.m. Installation March. W.M., Bro. J. R. Dreaver; S.W., Bro. A. Jordan; J.W., Bro. T. Harridge; Sec., W. Bro. K. Tomkinson, P.M., Harbour Board, Dunedin.

Manukerika Kil., No. 109:—Founded 1896, meets Masonic Hall, Alexandra, 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. Nathan's, No. 126:—Founded 11th November, 1892, meets in Masonic Hall, Becks, Thursday nearest full moon in month, 8 p.m. Installation February. W.M., Bro. R. L. Smith; S.W., Bro. Rev. A. V. G. Chandler; J.W., Bro. O. Moen; Sec., W. Bro. J. Sheppard, Becks.

Otago Kil., No. 143:—Meets in Masonic Hall, Moray Place, Dunedin, first Thursday in month, 7.30 p.m. Installation December. W.M., Bro. J. Sinton; S.W., Bro. A. F. Browne; J.W., Bro. A. McLachlan; Sec., Bro. E. W. G. H. Watts, P.M., 53 Clyde St., Dunedin.

Teviot, No. 148:—Founded 1907, meets in Masonic Hall, Roxburgh, Saturday on or nearest full moon, 7.30 p.m. Installation March. W.M., Bro. A. F. Kidd; S.W., Bro. E. F. Allen; J.W., Bro. J. George; Sec., W. Bro. Dr. J. R. Gilmore, 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. A. Walker; S.W., Bro. W. Mills; J.W., Bro. H. P. Harris; Sec., Bro. W. Jacobsen, P.M., Musselburgh.

Haeremai, No. 155:—Founded 1907, meets in Masonic Hall, Great King St. (opp. Museum), Dunedin, third Monday in month, 7.45 p.m. Installation April. W.M., Bro. J. M. Rodger; S.W., Bro. R. Bennett; J.W., Bro. J. Bissland; Sec., W. Bro. A. Allan, P.M., 825 King St., Dunedin.

Masters, No. 161.

Kuraw, No. 164:—Founded 13th May, 1909; meets in Masonic Hall, Kuraw, Thursday on or before full moon, 7.30 p.m. Installation September. W.M., Bro. R. H. Appleby; S.W., Bro. J. Pringle; J.W., Bro. W. H. Smart; Sec., Bro. W. W. Mercer.

Owaka, No. 180:—Founded 1911, meets in Masonic Hall, Owaka, Thursday nearest full moon every month, 7.30 p.m. Installation March. W.M., Bro. A. T. Heydon; S.W., Bro. J. Logan; J.W., Bro. R. Laverty; Sec., Bro. G. W. Geddes, Owaka.

Clinton, No. 183:—Founded 1911, meets Odd-fellows' Hall, Clinton, Thursday nearest full moon, 7.30 p.m. Installation March. W.M., Bro. W. McIndoe; S.W., Bro. J. Stevens; J.W., Bro. W. Brown; Sec., Bro. J. C. Borthwick, P.O. Box 26, Clinton.

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. A. Le H. Hoyle, Prov.G.M.)

Southern Cross, No. 9:—Founded 1894, meets in Masonic Hall, Forth St., Invercargill, first Friday in month, 7.45 p.m. Installation June. W.M., Bro. I. Copeland; S.W., Bro. W. F. Irvine; J.W., Bro. W. H. Johnson; Sec., Bro. C. H. Roberts, P.O. Box 214, Invercargill.

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., W. Bro. D. D. Stoddman; S.W., W. Bro. A. G. Clarke; J.W., Bro. T. J. Sherborn, jun.; Sec., Bro. D. Gee, P.M.

Mokoreta, No. 63:—Founded 1888, meets in Masonic Temple, Wyndham, third Thursday every month, 8 p.m. Installation fourth Wednesday in September. W.M., Bro. R. Winning; S.W., Bro. H. N. Parker; J.W., Bro. Jas. Duncan; Act.-Sec., Bro. A. Crisbie, Box 28, Wyndham.

Fortitude, No. 64:—Founded 1888, meets in Masonic Hall, Bluff, second Wednesday in month, 7.30 p.m. Installation June. W.M., Bro. E. Parker; S.W., W. Bro. J. Walker; J.W., Bro. R. C. Skipage; Sec., W. Bro. J. C. Imray, Bluff.

Aparima, No. 77:—Founded 1876, meets Masonic Hall, Riverton, Tuesday nearest full moon, 7.30 p.m. Installation August. W.M., Bro. W. J. Robinson; S.W., Bro. T. J. Price; J.W., Bro. S. L. McNeil; Sec., Bro. E. B. Gee, jun., Riverton.

Lake Lodge of Ophir, No. 85:—Founded 1864, meets in Masonic Hall, Queenstown, third Tuesday in month. Installation February. 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 Monday on or before full moon at Masonic Hall, Arrowtown. Installation February. W.M., Bro. F. Dunlop; S.W., Bro. T. Pope; J.W., —; Sec., Bro. J. S. Jenkins, P.M., Box 16, Arrowtown.

St. John, No. 94:—Meets at Masonic Hall, Invercargill, third Friday in month. Installation May. W.M., Bro. F. Bonfant; S.W., Bro. J. S. Lipcombe; J.W., Bro. J. Manson; Sec., Bro. E. Lyon, Box 233.

Taringatura, No. 100:—Founded 1887, meets Masonic Hall, Lumsden, Monday on or before full moon. Installation third Wednesday in November. W.M., Bro. S. E. Griffiths; S.W., Bro. W. Roxburgh; J.W., Bro. G. Findlay; Sec., W. Bro. —.

Winton, No. 108:—Founded 1896, meets Masonic Hall, Park St., Winton, Tuesday on or before full moon. Installation October. W.M., Bro. J. A. Broom; S.W., Bro. C. E. P. Webb; J.W., Bro. H. Liddell; Sec., Bro. T. Walker, P.M., Chemist, Winton.

Wallace, No. 129:—Founded 1904, meets Masonic Hall, Otautau, third Friday in month, 7.30 p.m. Instruction meetings every Friday. Installation October. W.M., Bro. C. H. Tomkinson; S.W., Bro. J. Thomson; J.W., Bro. H. MacChesney; Sec., Bro. E. Matheson, P.O. Box 10, Otautau.

Orepuki, No. 137:—Founded 1906, meets Masonic Hall, Orepuki, second Thursday in month, 7.30 p.m. Installation third Wednesday in April. W.M., Bro. C. C. Nicholas; S.W., Bro. W. Clark; J.W., Bro. F. A. Kemp; Sec., W. Bro. L. F. Clapp, P.M., P.O. Box 7, Orepuki.

Wairaki, No. 145 (Nightcaps).

Victoria, No. 147:—Founded 1883, meets in Masonic Hall, Forth St., Invercargill, second Friday in month. Installation June. W.M., Bro. J. Buchanan; S.W., Bro. P. B. Macdonald; J.W., Bro. A. Greig; Sec., W. Bro. N. J. Brokenshire.

Waikaka, No. 151:—Founded 1907, meets in Lodgeroom, Waikaka, Monday nearest full moon. Installation June. W.M., Bro. T. Kenting; S.W., Bro. D. Cameron; J.W., Bro. A. P. Burton; Sec., Bro. A. G. Thomson, P.M.

Mataura, No. 174:—Founded 1910, meets Masonic Hall, Short St., Mataura, Monday nearest full moon, 7.30 p.m. Installation second Wednesday in July. W.M., W. Bro. A. N. MacGibbon; S.W., Bro. J. N. West; J.W., Bro. F. W. Brown; Sec., W. Bro. J. J. Griffiths, P.M., Dover St., Mataura.

Waihopal, No. 189:—Founded 1912, meets in Masonic Hall, Grey St., Gladstone, Invercargill, third Monday in month, 7.30 p.m. Installation May. W.M., Bro. V. C. Smith; S.W., Bro. A. B. Edmonds; J.W., Bro. T. Bird; Sec., Bro. G. Gilchrist.

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Victoria, No. 4:—Founded 1879, meets Masonic Hall, Munro St., Napier, last Thursday in the months of October, November, January, February, March, April, May, July, August, and September. Installation September. Z., Comp. R. Bishop; H., Comp. J. Bowes; J., Comp. A. J. Turville; S.E., Comp. J. Redshaw, P.Z., P.O. Box 196, Napier.

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

Otago, No. 7:—Meets Oceanic Masonic Hall, St. Kilda, Dunedin, first Saturday in month, except December and January. Installation meeting last Saturday in month. Installation November. Z., Comp. A. Stoneham; H., Comp. A. McKenzie; J., Comp. J. Pringle; S.E., Comp. M. J. Pierce, 233 King Edward St., Dunedin.

Waitaki Kil., No. 8 (being Otago Chapter, No. 8, and Waitaki Chapter, No. 15, which were amalgamated 9th October, 1901):—Meets Masonic Hall, Wansbeck St., Oamaru, second Wednesday after full moon. Installation September. Z., Comp. G. M. Whale; H., Comp. C. A. La Roche; J., Comp. J. Crombie; S.E., M.E. Comp. J. M. Brown, P.G.Z.

Auckland Prov., No. 9:—Founded 1892, meets third Wednesday in month, except December and January. Installation September. Z., Comp. J. Coe; H., Comp. M. Cleveland; J., Comp. A. E. Bagnall; S.E., Comp. W. Probert, corner Park and Carlton Gore Roads.

Wairarapa, No. 10:—Founded 1892, meets Masonic Hall, Masterton, third Friday in January, March, May, July, September, November. Installation 23rd September. Z., V.E. Comp. C. W. Perrin; H., E. Comp. C. D. King; J., E. Comp. F. J. Huan; S.E., E. Comp. C. W. Perrin.

Manawatu, No. 11:—Founded 1892, meets Masonic Hall, Palmerston N., third Thursday in month. Z., Comp. J. Stone; H., Comp. A. W. Galliehan; J., Comp. J. W. Sinclair; S.E., Comp.

Victory, No. 12:—Founded 1892, meets Masonic Hall, Nelson, fourth Tuesday in month as required (except in December and January). Installation October. Z., Comp. A. M. Oxley; H., Comp. S. F. Bolton; J., Comp. L. Reynolds; S.E., Comp. E. W. Stiles.

Marlborough, No. 14:—Founded 1892, meets in Masonic Hall, Charles St., Blenheim, Thursday nearest new moon in October, December, February, April, June, and August. Installation 23rd September. Z., Comp. C. H. Mills; H., Comp. J. McKimley; J., Comp. A. Weaver; S.E., Comp. F. W. Smith, Box 161, P.O., Blenheim.

Timaru, No. 15. Waimate, No. 16:—Founded 1891, meets St. Augustine Masonic Hall, Waimate, first Wednesday after full moon in months of September (Installation), November, January, March, May, and July. Z., Comp. J. Manchester; H., Comp. C. R. Bateman; J., Comp. — Beckett; S.E., Comp. J. W. Manchester.

Ohinemuri, No. 17:—Founded 1901, meets Masonic Hall, Paeroia, first Wednesday after full moon in September, October, December, February, April, June, August. Installation September. Z., V.E. Comp. C. B. Gentil, P.Z.; H., E. Comp. R. Hanna; J., E. Comp. A. J. Stapleton; S.E., E. Comp. G. E. Allen, Paeroia.

Inangahua, No. 18:—Founded 1892, meets in Burns' Masonic Hall, Kelly St., Reefton, second Tuesday each month. Installation September. Z., Comp. M. N. Rivers; H., Comp. R. Tudehope; J., Comp. W. H. Nicholas; S.E., Comp. W. H. Thompson.

Cromwell Coronation, No. 20: Founded 30th November, 1903; meets Masonic Hall, Alexandra South, third Thursday in January, March, May, July, September, November. Installation September. Z., Comp. J. D. Thomson; H., Comp. W. J. Alexander; J., Comp. J. McKnight; S.E., Comp. D. McDonald.

Kawatiri, No. 21:—Founded 1904, meets Masonic Hall, Westport, third Wednesday in month. Installation September. Z., Comp. R. Colligan; H., Comp. S. Paul; J., Comp. G. A. Simpson; S.E., Comp. J. H. Harkness, P.D.G.Z.

Waikato, No. 22:—Founded 30th January, 1905; meets Masonic Hall, Hamilton, Tuesday on or before full moon in September, October, December, February, April, June, August. Installation September. Z., Comp. C. M. Gurner; H., Comp. W. J. Andrews; J., Comp. S. B. Sims; S.E., Comp. J. W. Hold, c/o Rasmah's, Hamilton.

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Hinemoa, No. 25:—Founded 1906, meets Masonic Hall, Daniel St., third Thursday in month. Installation September. Z., Comp. S. Martin; H., Comp. Roy. Knowles Smith; J., Comp. H. Ivory, P.Z.; S.E., Comp. J. McVillie.

Whangarei, No. 27:—Founded September, 1907, meets Masonic Hall, John St., Whangarei, fourth Thursday in February, March, April, May, June, July, August, September, October, and November. Installation September. Z., Comp. D. W. Jack; H., Comp. E. Meyer; J., Comp. A. McPhee; S.E., Comp. W. A. Parker.

Maori, No. 28:—Founded 1907, meets Masonic Hall, Ravensbourne, fourth Wednesday in month. Installation November. Z., Comp. E. Haweridge; H., Comp. C. F. I. Bell; J., Comp. A. T. Watson; S.E., Comp. T. Ross, P.Z., Ravensbourne.

Westland Kil., No. 29 (Hokitika).

Rawhiti, No. 30:—Founded 1908, meets Masonic Hall, Dannevirke, first Monday in month, 7.30 p.m. Installation September. Z., Comp. D. J. Gardner; H., Comp. C. L. Thomsen; J., Comp. J. C. Davidson; S.E., Comp. W. Dobson, P.Z.

Prince of Wales, No. 31 (Christchurch).

Takaboa, No. 32:—Founded 1912, meets third Thursday in month (December and January excepted) at Patea, Eltham, and Hawera alternately. Installation September. Z., Comp. A. B. Christensen; H., Comp. J. L. Weir; J., Comp. R. W. Sargent; S.E., Comp. H. Priestley, P.Z., P.O. Box 9, Kaponga.

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Wallace, No. 34 (Otautau).

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Gishorne, No. 36:—Meets in Abercorn Hall fourth Tuesday in the months of February, April, June, August, September, October, and December. Installation September. Z., V.E. Comp. D. S. Jamison; H., E. Comp. D. G. Robertson; J., E. Comp. A. T. Hooker; S.E., Comp. G. T. Bull, P.Z.

Egmont, No. 37:—Founded 25th March, 1915, meets in Masonic Hall at Stratford and Inglewood alternately, 7.30 p.m., second Monday in month, except December and January. Z., Comp. J. McAllister; H., Comp. P. Copestake; J., Comp. W. H. Besley; S.E., Comp. G. H. Hatton, P.O. Box 3, Inglewood.

Heretaunga, No. 38:—Founded May, 1915, meets in Masonic Hall, Hastings, first Wednesday in month, 8 p.m. Installation April. Z., Comp. J. A. Miller; H., Comp. T. Ritchie; J., Comp. S. B. Dodge; S.E., Comp. E. Murray, Queen St., Hastings.

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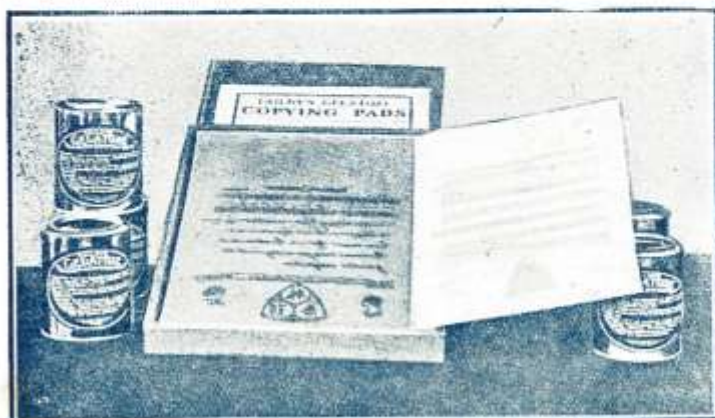
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