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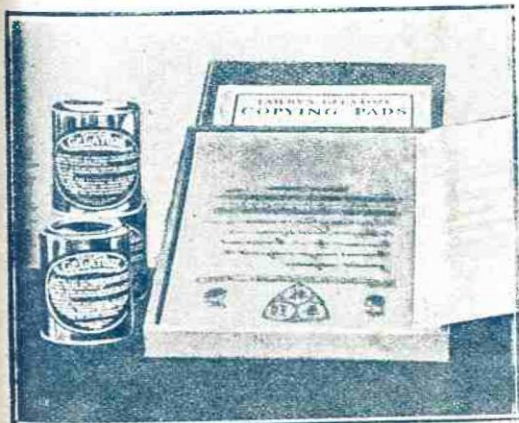
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 Manakau
 *Nau Mai
 TUESDAY, 12th
 Papakura
 Hobson
 Maniapoto
 WEDNESDAY, 13th
 Ara
 *Alpha
 *Oimemuri
 Piako
 Plunket
 THURSDAY, 14th
 Beta-Waikato
 Albion
 Tauranga
 SATURDAY, 16th
 *Otaoawai
 MONDAY, 18th
 Waioira
 Whangarei
 Waipi
 *Te Marama
 TUESDAY, 19th
 St. Andrew
 Sir Walter Scott
 Rotorua
 *Tawhiri
 WEDNESDAY, 20th
 Mangonui
 Taupiri
 THURSDAY, 21st
 Te Aroha
 Maungahao
 Tirau
 FRIDAY, 22nd
 *Hokianga
 Waipa
 TUESDAY, 26th
 Auckland
 WEDNESDAY, 27th
 United Service
- RUAPEHU—Cont.**
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 Waimarino
 Manga-te-weka
 TUESDAY, 19th
 Ngauruhoe
 WEDNESDAY, 20th
 Otuaugaki
 THURSDAY, 21st
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 Ruapehu
 THURSDAY, 28th
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- WELLINGTON.**
 MONDAY, 4th
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 TUESDAY, 5th
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 WEDNESDAY, 6th
 Brooklyn
 Waihenga
 MONDAY, 11th
 Waterloo
 St. John
 TUESDAY, 12th
 St. Mark
 Puketot
 Otari
 WEDNESDAY, 13th
 Masterton
 Waiwhetu
 THURSDAY, 14th
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 FRIDAY, 15th
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 Bketahuna
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 Coronation
 Waiheke
 Kairanga
 WEDNESDAY, 20th
 Ulster
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 *Tatarua
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 MONDAY, 25th
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- MARLBORO' & NELSON.**
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 MONDAY, 11th
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 THURSDAY, 14th
 *Mawhera
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 WEDNESDAY, 20th
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 St. Augustine & Progress
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 TUESDAY, 19th
 Robert Burns
 WEDNESDAY, 20th
 Geraldine
 THURSDAY, 21st
 Mackenzie
 FRIDAY, 22nd
 Mairaki
 TUESDAY, 26th
 *Christchurch
 Koranga
 WEDNESDAY, 27th
 Concord
 SATURDAY, 30th
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- OTAGO.**
 MONDAY, 4th
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 THURSDAY, 7th
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BIOGRAPHICAL

M.W. BRO. ALEXANDER LAWRENCE HERDMAN, G.M., G.L. OF NEW ZEALAND.

The M.W. Brother who is the head of New Zealand Freemasonry to-day was initiated in Lodge Palmerston, No. 26, at the age of 26, on 5th July, 1895; was passed on 4th October, and was raised on 16th October. In consequence of removal from the district he demitted from Lodge Palmerston in December; 1895. Bro. Herdman joined Lodge Mount Ida, No. 97, on 13th October, 1897, and was elected W.M. in 1899 and 1900; demitted from Lodge Mount Ida on removal to Wellington in May, 1902, and joined Lodge Hinemoa, No. 122, on 14th August of the same year. Later he changed his residence from South Wellington to Thorndon, and demitted from Lodge Hinemoa on 14th January, 1915. He joined Lodge N.Z. Pacific, No. 2, on 27th March, 1916.

Bro. Herdman's record in G.L. was as follows : Elected G.S. in 1902, G.Reg. in 1910 and 1911, and elected and installed G.M. in May, 1918.

Owing to his Ministerial duties our M.W. brother has been precluded from taking an active part in Freemasonry for some years past, but, judging from present appearances, he intends to be a real live wire in his present office. It need only be added that his election as G.M. was most popular throughout the Dominion.

THE WAR.

THOUGH upwards of four years of the barbaric slaughter of mankind have dragged their weary length along, there are few hopeful signs of the speedy termination of the war. Though the tide of success has turned, and is unmistakably on the side of the Allies, yet there is little reliable indication of a repentant enemy. Very true, one small country has made unconditional surrender, which was not without its effect on the primary scoundrel ; and two other partners in the great murder conspiracy are angling for terms, which they hope will be something better than unconditional surrender. But it is always questionable whether they can break the partnership bond or unlock the fetters with which they are shackled. We may be reminded that the first heavy villain in the piece has requested an armistice, and with the most supercilious insolence has arrogantly announced that he is prepared to "grant peace" to the Allies, and at the same time, and in proof of his *bona fides*, this blasphemous and barbarous butcher has been super active in supreme frightfulness, and all his efforts have been eminently successful. Large passenger vessels, containing many women and children, and dearly marked "hospital ships," have been specially selected for the gallant achievement of the Kaiser's manly sailors; and, not content with sinking the ship, the boats of the survivors were made targets for the markmanship of these devils in blue—a most chivalrous proceeding, worthy of kultur. No longer satisfied with the looting of houses in all the towns and villages polluted by their devastating presence, and with a skill that is born of long practice, these brigands have exercised their calling, but all the goods and chattels that were too cumbersome for their caravans were put to the flames, and, following closely in the footsteps of an ancient prototype—Nebuchadnezzar, King of Babylon—those of the people who escaped the sword were carried away captives—the men to slave, and the women for more ignoble and baser purposes—while the aged and sick, being too useless to kidnap, were left to starve, their country having been devastated by fire. This was the refinement of aggregated cruelties that animated this self-claimed modern race of supermen, while outwardly professing to have some desire to CONFER peace on the world. Millions of people are wondering why Wilson's fourteen points should have ever been a factor of consideration in dealing with this polluted nation. Unconditional surrender should be the unanimous and only verdict of the united Allied nations, accompanied by a film picture of innumerable gallows trees fitted for active operation. We do not suppose there is any nation in the world that has not been affected to a greater or lesser degree by that conspiracy of barbarous Huns, who laid their plans so carefully to secure the dominion of the world and to

enslave mankind. And in the future when the chronicles shall be fully written, it will be a marvel to civilisation how such a scheme, backed by the greatest and most carefully trained army the world had ever seen and the wonderful store of munitions of war, the grand accumulation of forty-odd years, could have so signally failed in its main object. But for its inhuman practices and ghastly frightfulness, it could at least have secured the credit of being an honourable foe, but such a course was not compatible with the inherent cruelty and bestiality which is characteristic of the military section of this "great nation" (?). What has been Freemasonry's part in the great account? As a part of the large citizen army of this little country, it has given the flower of its manhood to water the inhospitable shores of Gallipoli with their blood. Others have fallen on the hot sands of Palestine, with their faces upturned to the blazing, cloudless sky ; and more still have left all but the memories of their heroic deeds on the hardly contested lines of much-despoiled France in addition to our brothers who are no more, the widows who have been bereaved, and the children who are fatherless. The full credit must be given to the former idol of the German people, who is either a great actor, a blasphemous driveller, or a gibbering idiot. He should be indicted for his crimes and be subject to the same penalty as the lesser villains and accomplices. Freemasonry is a peaceable and a beneficent institution. Its members delight not in war, but in peace ; and as loyal subjects to their King, their country, and its laws, they could not stand idly by when all these principles were being trampled in the dust. As good, loyal, and just citizens, they cry aloud not for vengeance, but for justice.

Since the above was written, bogus rumours of capitulation excited the world, but we still hold to the opinion that, with 4,000,000 fighting men in Europe, the German butcher is not yet prepared to either capitulate or surrender, unless forced from within.

VISITING.

The privilege of Masonic visitation is very largely observed in New Zealand, where the fraternal instinct is very strong; but, like many other privileges, it is quite possible to overdo this one. The constitutional laws of many G.Ls. enjoin the practice of visiting by the Master and Wardens, but in the larger towns of this country many members accompany the principal officers, and there are few nights of ordinary meeting where visits are not paid in force, frequently by several Lodges and many individual visitors, which swells the attendance considerably. To extend a cordial welcome is in all cases an unvarying custom, but in some instances Lodges do not possess a strong finance, and the item for refreshments is found to be abnormally distended at the end of the year. At all festival meetings a large attendance of visitors is anticipated, and suitable preparation is made, which is not always possible at ordinary meetings, when there is no fore-knowledge of the visiting intention. To their credit, be it said, no complaint is voiced by Lodges, but the fact remains. In discussing this question some years ago, by invitation, we then suggested what, in our opinion, is the practical remedy, and we again submit it for general consideration. It is that Lodges should fix, at the beginning of their year, certain nights when they will be "at home" to their brethren of sister Lodges. Due provision would then be made, both with regard to the ceremonies selected and the accommodation provided at the festive board. There are occasions when many Lodges would prefer to be quite free to devote their attention to domestic affairs solely, which is not quite possible when a large number of visitors is in attendance. We would point out that the foregoing remarks are not intended to apply to casual travelling visitors. Their number is invariably small, their visits would always be in order, and their attendance would not interfere with ordinary local administration. The foregoing remarks are made not to discourage legitimate visiting, but rather to place it in due bounds, and to the greater satisfaction of all concerned.

News and Notes.

SOME items of interest to Freemasons are contained in a letter written by a- soldier who is now serving in the N.Z. Wireless Troop attached to the Mesopotamian Expeditionary Force. The writer states :—" For some time past a number of brethren from different units have been endeavouring to obtain a charter for Baghdad, but, for a certain military reason, this cannot at present be granted. However, it has been decided to establish a Masonic Club, and this should be in working order within a short time. A Lodge (E.C., I believe) was established at Basra in February last, and another is being formed at Amara.

THE W.M. of Lodge Tararua, Pahiatua, writes:—" Just before last meeting I received word of how Bro. Lieutenant J. Trevor Thomas, M.C., of our Lodge, was captured. He and five others were patrolling, but

struck sixteen Germans and were surrounded. In the melee which took place, one of our men was killed, one unwounded, and the rest wounded, Bro. Thomas being struck across the face with a stick bomb, which besides opening up his face closed both eyes. He was taken to three camps, and had to walk 28 miles. He was at Karlsruhe Camp, but is now at Grauden, in Western Prussia.

WE thank the Sec. of Avon Lodge for copy of annual report. The exigencies of space prevent its publication in the CRAFTSMAN. From it we learn that the fourteen meetings held during the year were attended by 1,473 brethren, giving an average of 105 per meeting. Twenty-two degrees were conferred, and the number admitted during the year was 18. Reference is made to the death of Bros. Arrow and Thornton, and a Chaplain's chair was presented to the Hall Committee as a memorial to the latter brother.

YESTERDAY (31st October) was fixed for the installation of V.W. Bro. F. C. B. Bishop as Prov.G.M. of the Prov.G.L. of Canterbury. Bro. Bishop has held the office of Prov.G.Sec. since the inception of the Prov.G.L., and is the third in succession to the office of Prov.G.M. The M.W.G.M. had consented to preside on the auspicious occasion.

THE Hawkes Bay Rose Croix Chapter will be consecrated at Wellington on the 15th inst., always provided that this date is a final fixture.

A RECORD has been established by a country R.A. Chapter in the matter of diplomas. In sending its annual returns, 67 diplomas were requisitioned for, The G. Chapter of New Zealand has 36 operative Chapters, but no other has been quite so progressive as the one with the record.

OUR venerable brother, R.W. Bro. T. A. Peterkin, P.D.G.M., conducted the ceremony of installation in Waiwhetu Chapter on 9th October, and acquitted himself admirably, notwithstanding his fourscore years, which sit lightly upon him.

AT a meeting of the United Kingdom Committee, N.Z.E.F. Masonic Association, held in London recently, Bro. Colonel Barclay was appointed chairman, and Bro. Sergt. C. E. Stevens, of the N.Z. Engineer Reserve Depot, Christchurch, was selected as secretary of the committee.

THE question of assistance for New Zealand Freemasons who are prisoners of war was discussed at a meeting of the United Kingdom Committee, and Bros. Major Watson and Major McKibbin were appointed to make inquiries and collect all available information.

A POPULAR toast at the "after-meeting" of Lodge Unanimity, No. 106, last month was the health of the Prov.G.M. (R.W. Bro. C. H. Mills), whose eighth child (and second Lewis) was recently born—or, as the proposer facetiously expressed it, who had just been presented with his eighth "Mills bomb." The genial R.W. brother is doing better than could be expected under the added strain.

LODGE UNANIMITY, No. 106, at Blenheim, is just across the road from the Defence Office, in which a member of the staff reposes (only at night, of course!). This officer recently complained to a member of the Lodge that he thought the brethren overdid the "God Save" business. "You sing the National Anthem about 10 o'clock; that's all right, as I am not generally in bed then. But you sing it again about a couple of hours later, and I have to get out of bed and stand at attention on the cold floor! That's no joke on a winter's night." A sleeping draught was recommended.

W. BRO. D. C. CAMERON, P.G.D., the representative of the N.Z. CRAFTSMAN, is busy just now in North Canterbury. On Thursday, 10th October, he was at Lodge Waihora, No. 141; on Monday, 14th October, at Lodge Ahurewa, No. 181. At both of these meetings our esteemed brother made very nice speeches, to say nothing of the business he is doing for the paper he represents.

THE number of governing symbolic grand bodies in the world is 117.

IT is worth remembering in these days that not one inch of British soil is in the hand of the Huns.

WE have received a copy of the first annual report of the Codford brands of the N.Z.E.F. Masonic Association. The report appears to be fairly comprehensive, but, generally speaking, is only of local interest.

THE annual meeting of the Wellington Rose Croix Chapter was held on 18th October, M.W.S. Bro. A. Veitch being in the chair. There was a very large attendance, although quite a number of brethren were absent through sickness. These include Ill. Bro. M. Niccol, G. Insp.-General; Bro. T. Reid, P.M.W.S.; and Bro. C. J. Griffiths; and Ill. Bro. Williams, owing to the serious illness of his son. Ill. Bro. Surgeon-General Henderson conducted the ceremony of installation, and E. and P. Bro. R. J. Foss was elected to the chair. A very enjoyable meeting was subsequently held in the refectory.

WHEN will Masonic Lodges devote more time to looking after unfortunate members, rather than to continually grinding out new ones?—"The Sun."*

UNHAPPILY, it occasionally happens at Masonic gatherings that some daring entertainers are apt to imagine, because women are not present, their songs or recitations may be of a character which they would not venture to sing or recite in a mixed company. The sooner such "entertainers" are disillusioned the better. Doubtful items are not wanted at any Masonic gathering, where the entertainment should be as clean as the life which the Mason is exhorted to lead.—"Temple Bulletin."

THE Masonic press is the place, and the only place, in which should be printed the proceedings of a Masonic nature.—G.M. of Rhode Island.

A LODGE in one of the Southern States of America, out of the goodness of its heart, refused to expel a brother convicted of a Masonic offence, but suspended him for ninety-nine years.—"The Sun."

IN English Masonry the G.L. officers are called "purple brethren," because of the colour of their decorations. Some worthy and ambitious Masons become "blue brethren" when they are unsuccessful in attaining to the purple.—"The Sun."

THE installation of the Principals of Victory Chapter and investiture of officers was held on the 25th ult. in Nelson, M. W. Bro. Rev. T. Porritt conducting the ceremony. Our venerable brother does not miss many opportunities of participating in Masonic ritual work, whether of the blue or red.

IT will have been with particular gratification that every Mason read the official announcement that the King has been pleased to approve of Rear-Admiral Lionel Halsey, C.B., C.M.G., being appointed a Knight Commander of the Most Distinguished Order of St. Michael and St. George, on his relinquishing the post of Third Sea Lord of the Board of Admiralty. Our most cordial congratulations and those of the whole Craft are given to Bro. Sir Lionel Halsey, P.G.W., and to his distinguished father, Bro. the Right Hon. T. F. Halsey, P.C., Dep.G.M., upon this further honour. Our gallant brother, who, in the very first weeks of the war, won high commendation because of his share in the naval victory in the Heligoland Bight, has recently left the Admiralty to take up, as has been officially announced, an important command at sea, wherein we sincerely wish him every success.

THE esteemed W.M. of Lodge Masterton, No. 19 (W. Bro. O. N. C. Pragnell), has been laid up with a severe illness, which for a time caused his relatives and friends very grave concern. It is pleasing to know that he has now taken a turn for the better, and his many friends, Masonic and otherwise, will wish him a speedy return to his usual good health. We commend him to T.G.A.O.T.U., and trust that before long we shall see him again take up the duties which he has so ably carried out.

THE M.W.G.Sec. (Bro. M. Niccol) was a victim to the prevailing influenza last month, and at the time of our going to press he had not quite attained his normal condition of health.

DUNCAN PATERSON PATON, of the N.Z.F.A., son of Bro. Paton, custodian of the Wellington Masonic Hall, was killed in France on the 26th September. Our deepest sympathy is tendered to Bro. and Mrs. Paton.

AT date of going to press, Bro. D. C. Cameron, travelling representative for THE CRAFTSMAN, was laid by the heels with the demon influenza in Christchurch.

WE deeply regret to learn from the report of the St. Augustine Chapter meeting that the son of R.W. Bro. S. C. Bingham, P.P.G.M., of Christchurch, has given his life for his country, having met his death in France. THE CRAFTSMAN offers its deepest sympathy to Bro. and Mrs. Bingham in their bereavement.

THE many Masonic friends of V.W. Bro. Rev. T. Porritt, of Seatoun, Wellington, will deeply regret to learn that Mrs. Porritt is very seriously ill, and her state of health is causing considerable anxiety to her family. We hope she may yet be spared many years to brighten the home she has always so greatly adorned.

NOTES FROM NAPIER.

At the installation meeting of Lodge Ruataniwha at Takapau, R.W. Bro. H. L. Harston, who conducted the ceremony, expressed himself as highly gratified at the excellent attendance of brethren and visitors, there being between thirty and forty P.Ms. present. As Lodge Ruataniwha is the smallest in the Hawkes Bay district, this eloquent testimony as to the enthusiasm of the brethren of Takapau and surrounding districts is pleasing.

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R.W. Bro. W. Broadley, P.S.G.W., of Christchurch, who lately has been in somewhat indifferent health, recently paid a visit to Napier for a week or two, and greatly enjoyed the ideal weather conditions then

prevailing. Napier brethren, who look forward to and enjoy Bro. Broadley's periodical visits, will be pleased to know that he has greatly benefited by the holiday.

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That brevity of speech is a desirable element at installation meetings was clearly demonstrated during the course of the banquet at Lodge Ruataniwha, when some of the speakers drew out their remarks to such length that when R.W. Bro. Harston rose to propose an important toast the majority of the brethren had retired from the function.

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At the August meeting of Lodge Scinde, a resolution, proposed by W. Bro. J. P. Thomson, "That instructions in the method of procuring duplicate certificate, issued by G.L., to brethren leaving with the N.Z. Expeditionary Forces, be printed on the monthly circular," was adopted.

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Amongst the visitors at the September meeting of Lodge Scinde were R.W. Bro. de Castro, P.P.G.M., and V.W. Bro. J. T. King, G.Treas. As Bro. King is here on sick leave, we sincerely hope he will benefit in health by his visit.

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Correspondence.

INITIATION.



TO THE EDITOR.

DEAR SIR AND BRO.,—Having read the article on "Initiation" on page 99 of the October issue of the N.Z. CRAFTSMAN, I am sorry to state that I cannot follow its teaching, and would like to give my views on the matter, in the hope that you will kindly point out where I have failed to grasp the subject. I have spoken to several Freemasons, including P.Ms. and others of higher rank, and not one has been able to give any definite reason why a man cannot be initiated "in the body of a Lodge ether than his own." One brother

probably got, very near the mark when he said a Freemason must have a mother Lodge, but this, to my mind, is more or less simply a saying. Mackey writes that the system of a Lodge taking the title of "mother Lodge" is "altogether irregular, and has no sanction in the present laws of the Fraternity." I admit that this is not what a Freemason means when he talks of his mother Lodge, but it is the only reference I can find to "mother Lodge" in my lexicons or encyclopedia, and I do not think the term "mother Lodge" appears in the B. of C. or any by-laws. Strictly, a Mason is not born, so that he does not need a mother; he is made by a man, and no woman has any say in the matter. It is just as easy to state that one was made in such-and-such a Lodge as to say "my mother Lodge is so-and-so," and appears to me to be more to the point. I have studied Rule 145, B. of C., carefully, and cannot see any wording that indicates "that an initiation must take place in the Lodge wherein the candidate has been elected." This rule simply states that "no candidate shall be initiated until one month after he has been balloted for and elected," and elected as what?—viz., a member of that Lodge. There is no statement whatever that the candidate must be initiated in the Lodge in which he was either balloted for or elected; there is simply a period during which he cannot be initiated. I have also studied Rule 151, and I cannot see that it stipulates that a candidate must be initiated in the Lodge in which he was balloted. It seems to me to be unreasonable to tie a man down by such a restriction. Take the case of a man who goes into a military camp or to a battle field immediately after being balloted for ; perhaps it is quite impossible for him to return to his Lodge. My contention is that a man is a member of a Lodge immediately he is elected, and can at once talk about his Lodge. The W.M. after the ballot confirms this ; he invariably says : "I declare Mr. So-and-so duly elected a member of this Lodge" ; therefore he is a member of that Lodge, quite apart from his initiation in that or any other Lodge. I contend that there is nothing in Rule 151 to prevent a man being initiated in another Lodge, by request, from the Lodge which elected him. He is not, mark you, initiated into such-and-such a Lodge, but into Freemasonry, no matter what Lodge carries out the actual ceremony. The Charge after Initiation congratulates the candidate "on being admitted a member of our ancient and honourable institution," not as a member of "our Lodge" or "this Lodge." If any objection "be made to the Lodge in which the ballot has taken place," there is nothing to prevent that Lodge inquiring into the objections, and then asking the requested Lodge to proceed with or forego the proposed initiation, as the case may be, just as would have to be done in the case of an objection after initiation (see Rule 156, B. of C.) if a brother has to be passed or raised in another Lodge, by request. You state that the "unwritten" law allowing the Second and Third Degree being conferred in other Lodges is a distinct concession for the convenience of travelling members. "Why not also as a convenience for a travelling member wishing to be initiated at the war front or elsewhere? Would not such a convenience be a distinct form of brotherly love and relief, which we profess to admire, as well as being charitable? At one time Apprentices were not even considered as part of the confraternity, so that it almost looks as if it is more important for the passing and raising to take place in one's so-called mother Lodge than for the initiation to take place there. Mackey writes: "Until late in the 17th century Apprentices do not seem to have been considered as forming any part of the confraternity of F. and A.M." The term "Entered Apprentices" comes from the fact that such person is entered in the Lodge books, and this is done immediately he is proposed, long before initiation. The term "initiation" is derived from the word "*initia*," which signifies the first principles of a science—Masonically, a reception into our order, not into any particular Lodge. The candidate, in his proposal form, does not ask to be admitted into any particular Lodge, but offers himself "a candidate for the mysteries of Freemasonry," and, so long as he is admitted and receives the degrees, it appears to me to matter very little to most Freemasons in which Lodge they are initiated. Can you seriously say that a man who receives his initiation in a Lodge other than the one in which he is balloted into is not an E.A., or, in other words, not a Freemason who has received the First Degree? To my mind, he is decidedly so ; he has received all the benefits usually conferred in that degree.—Yours fraternally,

LOOKING FOR KNOWLEDGE.

[Notwithstanding our correspondent's opinion and interpretation of the law, he will find it is the law if he will consult the G.Sec. We know of no jurisdiction that does permit such a practice, and hope they never will, as the portals of Freemasonry are sufficiently wide without enlarging the entrance. There are also other considerations of greater importance than those he has raised. Further, with our restricted space we cannot undertake to publish correspondence so verbose.—ED. C.]

JEWELS.

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TO THE EDITOR.

DEAR SIR AND BRO.,—Could you induce some learned brother to supply a paper on the above? Who are entitled to wear them, and on what occasions they should be worn, are questions that sometimes puzzle the young Mason, even though he may have taken his Ark Mariners or Knights degrees. Can you recommend any literary work that would be useful on the subject?—Yours fraternally, JUDAH.

MASONIC BENEVOLENCE.

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TO THE EDITOR.

DEAR SIR AND BRO.,—Permit me to congratulate you that, by your steadfast devotion to the highest aims of Freemasonry, you have taken a prominent part in making it a power for good in the land, and the N.Z. CRAFTSMAN a real live journal. I think your suggestion that all Masonic buildings should be fireproof is most valuable, for they often protect treasured records intimately connected with the early history of the Dominion. In these days of steel and reinforced concrete a building could be constructed absolutely fireproof but for the internal fittings and glazing (fireproof glass has not been a success). In the long run the cost would be less than that of a wooden structure, and it would be stronger and more durable, being practically monolithic. But every possible cause of danger from fire would have to be carefully considered. Strange to say, in the early fifties I witnessed the total destruction of Collard and Collard's immense pianoforte factory in Camden Town, said to be built on the latest fireproof system. It was a circular building of several stories, with a central stone staircase. It was full of the most expensive woods used—mahogany, walnut, bird's eye maple, etc.—all thoroughly seasoned. By some mischance, or perhaps arson, these caught fire. The staircase acted as a gigantic flue, and the heat was so intense that the iron girders to the floors expanded and pushed out the outside massive brick walls, making a total wreck of the building. It seems that common-sense and watchful vigilance, which together constitute wisdom, are needed in every human enterprise.

Can you inform me if, among the large charities administered by the G.L. of England, almshouses for aged and destitute Freemasons and their wives form a part, and whether anything of the sort exists in New Zealand, or, if not, if the time has arrived for starting something similar? Most Englishmen who have passed any considerable part of their life in the Old Country can remember the picturesque almshouses dotted about the land, which afford a comfortable and secluded home for life to aged couples.

A very praiseworthy example has been set by several New Zealand Lodges in attending divine worship, for we know that, whatever religious tenets we privately hold as Freemasons—members of a universal brotherhood—we go to church to render homage and filial obedience to the mighty and loving Father of us all, T.G.A.O.T.U.—Yours fraternally,

CHAS. MOORE IGGLESDEN, P.M., P.P.Z., No. 2, N.Z.C.

[The G.L. of New Zealand has a number of benevolent funds, which include the W. and O. and A.M. Fund, with a capital value of £31,594, and has 48 annuitants; a liquid "Fund of Benevolence," from which grants were made during the year 1917 amounting to £398; a "Special War Benevolent Fund," now operative, valued at £11,523; a "Masonic Hutment Fund," which has now provided for the maintenance of two hutments at the front; a system of circular appeals, which paid over £632 during the last year; and a "Belgian Appeal Fund," which is just in its infancy.—ED. C.]

"ARRANT NONSENSE."

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TO THE EDITOR.

DEAR SIR AND BRO.,—The writer values highly your most excellent publication, but finds it impossible at times to suppress a smile when he reads some of the remarks on the Craft of the United States. In your September issue we are given a picture of the Lodges in that country as assemblages of rather uncouth personages, who celebrate the ceremonies of the Society in an atmosphere misty with tobacco smoke, while the delivery of the ritual is punctuated by the impact of tobacco-tinctured saliva on the brassy sides of innumerable cuspidors. Truly a right edifying picture, but, unfortunately, not so. Then, too, we have that distinguished brother of your jurisdiction who is perpetually pained and grieved because there exists not in America the universal custom of wearing dress suits in Lodge as a token of respect to T.G.A.O.T.W.!" We have heard of many reasons why these delectable habiliments should be worn on this occasion or that, but the putting on of dress clothes as a token of respect to T.G.A.O.T.U. is a new thought. Are we to believe that it is the habit of the good people of New Zealand to attend morning prayer on the Sabbath clad in these

sombre garments of the dance hall and festive board? Now, as bits of a certain kind of humour, remarks such as the above are very amusing. Published, however, as serious criticism of the Craft in America, they are ridiculous. Do you think that the columns of a journal of such high standing, representing, as it does the splendid Masonry of New Zealand, should be open to such arrant nonsense?

—Yours fraternally, ALFRED C. ROWLAND
(One who knows the American Craft).

Tahiti, 22nd September, 1918.

[One of the first essentials of honest criticism is accuracy of quotation, which has not been observed by our Tahiti correspondent. In our September issue we submitted a statement made by veracious brethren of this country, who also know the American Craft, and are prepared to support such statement, which we prefaced by saying, "If it is true." The other point of the "arrant nonsense" is a very important one in this country, but as our Tahiti correspondent would quite fail to understand or appreciate it, further reference is unnecessary.—ED. C.]

"ROPING THEM IN."

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TO THE EDITOR.

DEAR SIR AND BRO.,—A large number of men who are going, or who have gone, to the front, have, prior to their departure, suddenly made up their mind that they would like to be Freemasons. Why? (1) Because they have heard that Freemasonry carries with it in Britain and France great privileges—privileges which cannot be obtained by joining any other society ; (2) because they know full well that, if any fatality befalls them, the Craft will take care of their wives and families. Are the Lodges of the Dominion alive to the necessity of making sure that every aspirant for the honour of Masonic membership has, if he is a soldier, made proper provision for his dependants in the event of his falling in battle. Our funds will never stand the strain unless this practice of "roping in" every soldier before he leaves for the front is stopped. I think G.L. ought to step in.—Yours fraternally,
VIATOR.

PSYCHOLOGY AND THE RITUAL.

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[A Paper read before the Wellington Installed Masters' Lodge by BRO. B. T. BLAKE.]

Psychology, in its derivative sense, means "the science of the soul," for "Psyche," from which the word is derived, is the name of the Greek goddess of the soul. Its modern scientific connotation, however, embraces no such term as "soul," and the definition most accepted is "the science of the mind." Whether the mind and soul are identical or not are questions I shall leave to the controversialists interested, and confine myself to a short survey of modern and ancient psychology, noting their bearing on our Masonic ritual.

Modern psychology is the youngest of the sciences of the Western world. It is a species of offshoot from the older and more material sciences, and as such bears the marks of its ancestry. The scientific inductive method of investigation, which commenced with Bacon and found its greatest exponents among the physicists, chemists, and naturalists of the past two centuries, admits of little speculative philosophy. It concerns itself mainly with the discovery of causal links, the analysis of compounds, the consequent synthesis of elements, and the thorough classification of the knowledge gained. Its philosophic attitude is in the main materialistic, having little sympathy with the notions of a personal God, or a spiritual world. In addition, it is intensely critical, its attitude being that of the disciple Thomas towards the stories of his Master's resurrection.

The investigators who became interested in the mind as a field of research naturally clung to their scientific training in other fields. This fact adequately explains the peculiar bias of modern psychology, which concerned itself principally with an attempt to find in sensation and feeling the final elements of consciousness. With these are constructed the complexities of perception, emotion, and volition. The phenomena of the five senses have been exhaustively investigated. Further, some very interesting work has been done in the application of the principle of evolution to the growth of consciousness. In fact, man has been looked upon merely as a highly developed animal responding more or less consciously to complex stimuli, but possessing nothing apart from his animal ancestors. Here and there some enthusiast has endeavoured to solve the problems presented by the higher forms of thought and emotion. But this work has

not been general, and such a breakdown has occurred in the attempt to link up a mere sensation psychology with the higher forms of consciousness that some psychologists of note are inclined to admit the theory that man is a dual natured being.

But if it can be said that psychology is the youngest of the modern sciences, it is none the less true that it is the oldest science known. In fact, with the ancients it was the science of sciences, and embraced a morality, a religion, and a philosophy. As such, it was less concerned with the elements and the evolution of consciousness than with the powers that lay in the careful development of the mind. Their psychology was consistent with their philosophy of life. The cultivation of a strong rational will was the function of practical psychology, while the peculiar exalted mental states attained by contemplation and abstraction were important aids to wisdom. Clairvoyance, hypnosis, telepathy, and prophecy were known to and made use of, by the psychologists of the day. Indeed, so far did they delve into these mysteries of the human mind that even to-day, after centuries of decadence, astonishing practices, dependent upon an advanced psychological knowledge, are to be found in India and other parts of the Orient. Though the phenomena mentioned above are to-day moderately common and seem peculiar to a certain mental development in every race, it is with reluctance that the modern psychologist, has taken notice of them. The Charlatanism and fraud that have characterised many of the workers in this field naturally produced an opposition to the subject. But the scientific work of men like Sir Oliver Lodge and of societies like the Psychical Research Society, compelled a recognition of the fact. These have somewhat upset the purely materialistic theories of modern psychologists, and a readjustment is taking place. The ancients simplified the whole matter by assuming that man was a spiritual entity endowed with consciousness and reason, functioning in a physical world through a physical body, and no doubt that is the popular theory to-day. It will be seen, then, that whereas modern psychology is a science unto itself, serving the purpose, philosophically, of destroying most of our pre-conceived ideas of our mental selves, and almost entirely estranged from its mother science of metaphysics, ancient psychology was closely connected with the philosophy and ethics of living. It attempted to discern and to develop the supreme in man, and was less concerned with the why and wherefore of life than with the whence and whither.

Now it is an interesting fact, and in our case worthy of note, that many of the ancient psychologies were intimately associated with societies which kept their knowledge hidden from the masses of the people. No doubt in a superstitious age secrecy was essential to secure protection, though it is not inconsistent with a higher philosophy to suppose there were stronger reasons than this. Whatever may have been the reason, however, these facts remain : (1) That there were secret societies formed for the purpose of practising and promulgating a philosophy of life based on a deep psychology ; (2) that knowledge was imparted by means of symbolic and allegorical teachings ; (3) that initiates were admitted only after thorough examination and trial ; (4) that there were " degrees " conferred on the worthy as their knowledge and proficiency increased ; and (5) that the outer expression and inner teaching were continuously consistent with the great principles which animated the orders.

From what has been said of ancient and modern psychology it will appear that Masonry has a closer connection with the former than with the latter. A study of the ritual of the three blue degrees will strengthen this contention. There we find a belief in the freedom of the will, the existence of a spiritual as apart from a physical man, and the hope of a life hereafter. Further, the history of the ritual, founded upon documentary evidence which dates back to 1717, places Masonry, if it remains true to its foundation principles, outside the possibility of any influence from the atheistic tendencies of modern psychology. But the internal evidence presented by the ceremonies themselves, the peculiar presentation of esoteric teachings by Masonic symbology, lead the student to believe that speculative Masonry is of much greater age than the documentary evidence so far produced can prove. Indeed, our worthy Bro., Dr. Albert Churchward, believes that speculative Masonry antedates the Christian era by thousands of years. He does not say that the order has extended over that time in unbroken, or rather uniform, continuity, but that nevertheless modern Masonry has a deep spiritual connection with secret philosophies of the past.

As it is conclusively evident that the psychology of our ritual is more ancient than modern, and in the light of the incompatibility that exists between the two psychologies, the question is raised as to whether modern psychology can discover anything harmful in our ceremonies. A close examination of the ritual of the three blue degrees (and these are all we are called upon to discuss) reveals little to which exception might be taken. Indeed, in the domain of what we might term "suggestive morality," the ritual is peculiarly sound. Let me explain. Perhaps the most interesting subject to be found in abnormal psychology is hypnotism. It is a peculiar state of sleep, of varying degrees, but all characterised by a more or less dormant will power. In deep hypnosis a state of coma is produced, and the patient may suspend every sign of animation. Now, one

peculiar feature of this state is the willingness of the patient to act on suggestion, even if the suggestion is to be carried out subsequent to the hypnotic phase. The possibilities of such a power are gravely interesting, and all uses of the power for even mere amusement should be strictly forbidden. In addition to the immediate damaging response that may occur to immoral or wrong suggestion (and this is possible, though difficult), there is the final effect of repeated hypnoses—a weakened individual will. There is no doubt that many of the degenerated societies of the days gone by knew of and practised these powers for evil and debased purposes. But even if all the suggestions in this state were good the world could not be regenerated in such a fashion. No aid to virtue can take the place of the rational conscious will.

It is to the eternal credit of our ritual that it reveals no evidence of intention on the part of the authors to make use of any form of suggestion to which, even from a purely psychological point of view, exception might be taken. At no time during the ceremonies is the conscious will of the candidate negated by vain repetitions, unending perambulations, or monotonous incantations. These are common aids in ceremonies of this type. On the contrary, the mind of the candidate is kept alert by novel situations, his reason and emotion appealed to, and his standing as an upright man, generous and true, assented. In that assumption lies the most valuable suggestion possible, for the response to it most spring from within.

I cannot leave this application of "suggestion" to our ritual without noting one other point. It is contained in the explanation by the W.M. of the signs peculiar to the Third Degree. The candidate has been through much that is startling, novel, and impressive. He is led to believe that there is something of award awaiting his perseverance, that the secrets and mysteries of Ancient Free Masonry, mentioned when unclad he stood at the entrance to the Lodgeroom, would be revealed to him in this the sublime degree of a M.M. But the candidate finds that, after all, the mysteries are still mysteries, and the secrets only substituted secrets, the real secrets having apparently been lost with the death of H.A., who is said to have been killed at the building of K.S's Temple. But the earnest candidate will doubt the historic fact in the first place, and be anything but well impressed by the substituted secrets. These bear the appearance of a subterfuge, and anything that raises suspicion or distrust is inimical to the traditions of the Craft. However, I feel that I am on delicate ground, and shall leave the elucidation of the point raised to those whose wisdom and experience mark them for the task.

This brings me to my final word. The psychology of our ritual has been proved more ancient than modern, thus showing the possibility of a connection between Masonry and the distant past. Yet I believe that though we must come to the final conclusion that our Craft is undoubtedly related to the ancient orders that taught the secrets of a "soul" psychology identity is lacking. I believe that behind its Masonic and geometric symbolism lie many esoteric truths. In that respect it is consistent in expression with the wisdom of the ages, "Knock and it shall be opened unto you. Seek and ye shall find." But we take from it just what we bring to it. Its virtues are illimitable ; its vice, their limitation ; and it is presumption to ask : Do its degrees mark progress in the science of life? Do we always award virtue with preferment? What motives each and all of

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us? Brethren, there is a Masonry practised round the tessellated pavement of the Lodgeroom and another moving about the many patterned mosaic of the world without. The one renders in beautiful and inspiring imagery the virtues we should translate to reality in the other. If our ritual is to pulsate with life, if our degrees are to reflect realities, if Masonry is to stand forth before all men as the living embodied belief in brotherhood, neither ceremony, nor sign will suffice. You and I must be brothers, one to another, and each to him at the gate.

A WANGANUI FAREWELL.

St. Andrew Kul., No. 79, held a memorable foregathering on the evening of Friday, 4th October, when the opportunity was taken to wish God-speed to three of our members who have been called up for active service. The brethren in question—namely, W. Bro. N. G. Armstrong and Bros. Trownson and Carrell—are going into camp with the October draft.

The gavel was in the experienced hands of the Dep.G.M., R.W. Bro. J. H. Keesing, and, notwithstanding the fact that the night chosen was unsuitable for many brethren, about seventy were present. The good wishes of the local Lodges were conveyed to the departing brethren in appreciative and interesting speeches made by the Prov.G.M. (R.W. Bro. D. McFarlane) and W. Bro. Green (of Lodge St. Andrew), W. Bros. Murch and Burnett (for Lodge Tongariro), and W. Bro. Symes (for Lodge Moutoa). Particular reference was made by all speakers to the gap that would be caused in Masonic circles in Wanganui by the removal of W. Bro. Armstrong, who, in his capacity as Sec. for the past four years, can most unreservedly be said, in the words of one of our charges, to have strenuously maintained our laws and regulations and (officially) to have judged with candour, admonished with friendship, and reprehended with justice. Suffice it to say that our Sec.'s exceptional talents were used to the utmost for the furtherance of everything connected with the welfare of the Craft in general and our own Lodge in particular. Bro. Trownson is one of our " old guard " and a good Mason. His musical ability has always been available for the use of the Lodge, either in the Lodgeroom or in the "Fourth." Bro. Carrell, shortly after his admission as a member, was transferred from Wanganui, and has been on our country members' list ; but for the short time he was with us he was particularly keen.

The musical programme for the evening was exceptionally fine. A number of visiting brethren, as well as our best local talent, helped us to spend a merry evening. The chairman (R.W. Bro. Keesing) had a night out in the way he controlled his meeting and told funny stories, mostly against himself. The meeting started at 7.45, and it was to be just a short one—everyone home by, say, 9.30—but somehow it was just on midnight when our " deoch and doris " specialist was called upon for his item after which a memorable night was brought to a close by the singing of the National Anthem.

Poetry.

IF.

If men were wise in little things,
 Affecting less in all their dealings
If hearts had fewer rusted strings
 To isolate their kindly feelings;
If men, when wrong beats down the right,
 Would strike together and restore it ;
If right made might
In every fight,
 The world would be the better for it.

THE END OF THE WAY.

Though life is a wearisome journey,
As we sigh with the dust and the heat,
While the rays of the sun beat upon us
And briars are wounding our feet.
Yet the Lodge to which we are going
Will more than our trials repay,
And the toils of the road will seem nothing
When we get to the end of the way.
When the last feeble step has been taken,
And the gates of the Lodge shall appear,
And the beautiful songs of the angels
Float out on the listening ear.
Then all that now seems mysterious
Will be plain and clear as the day,
And the toils of the road will seem nothing
When we get to the end of the way.

THE STEPS IN FREEMASONRY.

[An Address by W. BRO. P. B. MACDONALD, W.M., Lodge Victoria, No. 147.]

When the candidate for Freemasonry has been initiated and comes up prepared to take his Second Degree—that of F.C.—among the questions put to him is this: "What is Freemasonry?" And his answer is: "A system of morality veiled in allegory and illustrated by symbols."

Now, I venture to assert that it is all that and more. I should answer that question now in this way: "It is a system of morality; and a system in which the knowledge of the hidden mysteries of Nature has been preserved, veiled in allegory and illustrated by symbols; also a system which has contained within it the records of events which have happened in ages past, and which will happen again as the great cycles of time repeat themselves."

Let us now look at parts of the ceremonies of our Order. We shall consider the steps in the various degrees. In the First Degree the candidate is instructed how to advance to the East, namely, by three steps. Just here I may add that when I had taken my three degrees, these various steps interested me—First three, then five, and lastly seven; so I set out on a voyage of discovery, and now I am going to tell you what I have discovered, and I hope you will find it of interest. Those three steps go to represent one of the sacred numbers in Freemasonry, and symbolise many things: Firstly, they are emblematic of the three stages of human life—youth, manhood, and old age. Notice that the steps are lengthening as the man is nearing his goal. In youth, the life that is within him cannot express itself as fully as it will do in later years, for at present the man's mind is like the rough ashlar—rough and unpolished as that stone. In manhood the life is expanding, and is expressing more of itself, symbolised by a step a little longer than the first. The mind is being modelled and brought into due form. In old age the life is expressing all it can express in that particular body, symbolised by the longest step of all the mind has become cultivated, the man has reached the goal or end of that particular life.

But this is only one meaning of those three steps. They may refer to the three degrees of Freemasonry, the three principal officers of a Lodge, the three greater and three lesser lights, three movable and three immovable jewels, three principal rounds of Jacob's ladder, three working tools, three principal orders of architecture, and numbers of other things. But above all they refer to the three Persons which go to make up the Trinity of the Godhead, manifesting down here as Will, Wisdom, and Activity. For, as was written above the doors of some of the ancient temples, "As above, so below," so God T.G.A.O.T.U. above being a Trinity, man here below is a trinity. He is made up, we might say, of will, wisdom, and activity—in other words, energy and knowledge brought into action. This reminds us of those words of the W.Ts. of the First Degree:—"Labour is the lot of man; for the heart may conceive and the head devise in vain; if the hand be

not prompt to execute the design." And it seems to me that happiness will only be established in the paths of science when man knows and realises that he is a trinity, even as T.G.A.O.T.U. is a Trinity above him.

Passing to the Second Degree, we find that the candidate is instructed to advance to the pedestal by five steps—the number 5 also being a sacred number in Freemasonry. Its symbolic properties are many and curious. It is formed by a combination of the Duad and the Triad—the first even number 2 and the first odd number 3. Here we have symbolised the duality of Nature, as exemplified by male and female, light and darkness, positive and negative, constituting the law of opposites, and the Trinity of T. G.A.O.T.U.

In the Grecian school of Pythagoras, the number 5 represented light, and from that, the five-pointed star, made up of five straight lines, became the emblem of health. You can see the analogy. The light of the spirit of man radiating through his bodies without obstruction means actually perfect health. In India and Egypt the number 5 was looked upon as sacred, as it represented the five senses, the five natural elements—earth, water, air, fire, and ether, and the five spiritual powers which operated through those elements. Then, of course, when the number 5 is spoken of in Freemasonry we naturally think of the five points of fellowship—H. to H., F. to F., K. to K., B. to B., and H. over B.

In the Third Degree the candidate is instructed to advance to the pedestal by seven steps. This number has been considered a sacred number, not only by Freemasons, but amongst all nations and in every system of antiquity we find frequent references to it. The followers of Pythagoras called it a venerable number, because it referred to creation, and because it was made up of the two perfect figures—the triangle and the square. In Scriptural history, the number 7 is in constant evidence; the complete cycle connected with the world's creation is seven days (of course, the word day used in Genesis does not refer to a day of 24 hours; I believe that if we could get back to the original language in which the Book of Genesis was written, we should find that it referred to a "day of Brahm" or "day of God," and that day was a cycle of time of tremendous length, consisting of 311,040,000,000,000 of our years).

Then, Solomon was seven years building the Temple, which was dedicated in the seventh month, and the festival lasted seven days. The student, who delves into the hidden mysteries of Nature and Science will discover that it is only in the seventh year of a child's life that the spirit wholly resides in the body.

The seven steps in the Third Degree, as you remember, are made up of three over an O.G. and four B. or M. steps. These steps are very significant, and are of deep import. They symbolise the constitution of man, referring to the seven principles that go to make up the temple of man's body. For we must remember that man is not a spirit just set in a physical body. The pure spirit is first enveloped in a fine filmy veil of luminous matter which we could hardly call a body, as it is not yet organised in the average man of the present day. Surrounding and interpenetrating, this is another mass of denser matter not quite so luminous, and still unorganised in the most of us. Those are the sixth and seventh principles. Now we come to the fifth principle or body which is composed of a denser matter still, and it is this body—the mental body—which we are organising at the present time. It is in the matter of this body that our thinking is done—that is, thinking which is clear of all emotions. The fourth principle is the one which lends itself to the play of all emotions; the matter of this body is just of that density which responds to the vibrations of emotion. The first three principles, being mortal, namely, the physical body, the dense etheric body, and the vitality which is associated with physical matter, are symbolised by the three steps taken over the open G. ; for at death these three bodies or principles are thrown off, and the spirit clad in the luminous and glorious ethereal body, composed of the four principles, as symbolised by the B. or M. steps, in time marches up to the very throne of T.G.A.O.T. U. Himself.

OBITUARY.

V.E. COMP. C. W. NICOLL.

It is with sincere regret that we have to report the death on 14th September of V.E. Comp. C. W. Nicoll, 1st Prin. of the Rose and Thistle Chapter, No. 35, Ashburton, after a long illness. Our late companion was an enthusiastic Mason, and took a considerable interest in Chapter work.

W. BRO. THOMAS GILMOUR.

Bro. Thomas Gilmour was originally a member of Lodge Lake of Ophir, No. 85, of which he was subsequently a P.M. He also took a very active part in the re-opening of Lodge Clutha, No. 14, at Balclutha, which had been dormant for many years, and of which also he became a P.M., and for a period of fifteen years thereafter continuously took a keen interest in that Lodge and the establishment of its affairs on a solid basis, and not a little of its present prosperity is due to his efforts. He was well versed in the laws and constitutions, and was at all times ready to assist with his advice those of the brethren who asked the benefit of his experience, while as a ritualist he was ready and willing to undertake any part of the work at a moment's notice.

He was one of the foundation members of the Iwikatea R. A. Chapter, No. 33, and took, if possible, a keener and more active interest in the Chapter than in the Lodge, filling in succession the chairs of 3rd, 2nd. and 1st Prin., and also holding afterwards the office of S.E. for one or two terms. Only a day or two before his death he promised to attend a meeting, but had to take to bed in what proved to be a brief and final illness. So passed away one of the most enthusiastic members of the Masonic Fraternity in South Otago, where his generous disposition, kindly statute, and wide usefulness will long keep his memory green.

Bro. Gilmour, born in 1851. was a native of County Antrim, and at the age of 17 sailed for Australia in the ship "New Britain," but subsequently came on to New Zealand, where he first entered on farming pursuits. In the early eighties he entered the Government Stock Department, in which he remained for a period of over 35 years, retiring about two years ago on superannuation. Deceased was twice married, and is survived by a widow and family of four, the eldest of whom (a lieutenant in the N.Z.E.F.) has just returned to New Zealand. Another son died a year ago from wounds received at Messines.

BRO. JOHN PEARSON.

We regret again to have to record the passing of another of our brethren on active service (Bro. John Pearson). He joined Lodge Tutaneikai, No. 156, from Lodge Delamore, No. 290, I.C., on March, 1916. Bro. Sergt.-Major John Pearson died of wounds on 4th September, 1918. Prior to coming to New Zealand. Bro. Pearson was a member of the famous Royal Horse Guards, and later of the Royal Irish Constabulary. He came to the Dominion in 1912 as a mounted constable on July of that year. He resigned from the force in April, 1916, and volunteered for active service, and left with the 18th Reinforcements. Our sympathy is extended to his mother, who is a resident of Wellington.

INSTALLATION CEREMONY.

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LODGE OTAGO, No. 7.

The installation of the W.M.-elect (Bro. James E. Atkins) and his officers, which took place at the Masonic Hall, King Street, Dunedin, on Thursday, 10th October, was one of the most brilliant gatherings of the Craft seen in Dunedin for a long time. There were about 270 M.Ms. present, sister Lodges being well represented, and there need be no doubt but that the announcement that the G.M. (M.W. Bro. A. L. Herdman) and G.L. officers would be present was a great attraction to the meeting. The Prov. G.M. (R.W. Bro. R. Hawcridge) and G.L. officers were given a true Masonic reception at the afternoon session, when the Masonic ode, "Hail, Eternal, by Whose Aid," was rendered by a strong choir. Subsequently Bro. Jas. E. Atkins, W.M.-elect, was duly presented, and the R.W. Prov. G.M., after delivering an able address of exhortation, invested W. Bro. John Wood as I.P.M. At the evening session the M.W.G.M. (M.W. Bro. A. L. Herdman) was received with due honours, together with G.L. officers. W. Bros. A. Jordan (W.M., Lodge Maori, No. 105), J. Fredrick (W.M., Lodge Hiram, No. 46), and A. F. Browne (W.M., Lodge Otago Kil., No. 143) presented the W.Ts. The M.W.G.M. presented the Charter, B. of C., and By-laws of the Lodge, and also delivered a most interesting address. His opening remark was an expression of thanks to the brethren for assembling in such numbers to welcome him as the head of the G.L. of New Zealand, and he congratulated the W.M. in attaining the position of head of the Lodge. He said it was very gratifying to him to learn, in coming to his native city, that Freemasonry and the Lodges working under the G.L. of New Zealand were in such a satisfactory position; that members were so enthusiastic and flourishing in this southern part of New Zealand. He thought that there was no time in the history of Freemasonry when it was so obvious that we are to practice brotherly love, relief, truth, and the other virtues which have to be observed by Masons. There were certain people, enemies of our country, who were fighting against the principles advocated in this Lodge and elsewhere, and who were upholding contrary doctrines subversive to the interests of mankind. Masonic Lodges throughout the world, said Bro. Herdman, are bulwarks of loyalty, and, in addition to that, within the walls of a Lodge men are taught that there must be order throughout the world or society cannot exist. Within the walls of a Masonic Lodge, brethren are taught that they must respect the sovereign. It is possible then, he asked, that any Mason can help but receive benefit from being a member of the institution? No man can become a member of a Masonic Lodge without realising that it is impossible for him to live a life of solitary magnificence. He soon learns that he has a duty to himself and his fellow men. So long as these principles are recognised by Masons the Masonic institution must flourish and prevail. Rarely do you find that brethren bring discredit on the institution, The M.W.G. here expressed his strong conviction that no brother should utilise Masonry for the purpose of his own personal gain. He said "Masons belonged to the institution that they may gain moral teaching, that they might join the society of respectable men, that they might learn to be men and conduct themselves as gentlemen in their daily lives; and personal gain should not enter into the consideration of any Mason." In closing his address the M.W.G.M. expressed the hope that the chaos hanging over the world at the present time will have disappeared before the M.-Elect (to whom he wished a successful term of office) resigned his position to a successor, and that a new era of peace will have been established.

R.W. Bro. J. J. Clark. P.D.G.M. here addressed the W.M. A presentation was made to P.W.M. Bro. James Quaile by M.W. Bro. Malcolm Niccol, P.G.M., G.Sec. In making this presentation, Bro. Niccol expressed the regret of the brethren that the recipient felt obliged to take a rest from his labours owing to ill-health, and he spoke in highly complimentary terms of the valuable services rendered by Bro. Quaile not only to Otago Lodge, but also to Lodge Morning Star. Bro. Quaile feelingly responded.

The investiture of the Dep.M. and Wardens by W. Bro. W. G. Hay, G.S.B., here took place as follows:— Dep.M., W. Bro. E. T. Moller; S.W. Bro. H. Ross; J.W. Bro. J. McCormack. The Wardens were addressed by R.W. Bro. A. W. Flett, P.Prov. G.M. R.W. Bro. T. Ross, P.D.G.M., invested the Lodge officers:—Treas., W. Bro. O. H. Pinel; Sec., W. Bro. F. W. Clayton; Chaplain, Bro. W. McCrow; Org., W. Bro. J. C. Easton. R.W. Bro. A. Stoneham, P.Prov.G.M. invested as:— D. of C., R.W. Bro. A. Fieldwick, P.G.W.; S.D, Bro. E. J. Thomson; J.D., Bro. A. Morrison; I.G., Bro. R. H. Bryant; Tyler, Bro. M. Walker; Ss., Bros. J. W. Dove, J. H. E. Wilson, and J. H. Stewart. R.W. Bro. G. Watts, P.Prov.G.M., here addressed the brethren, and a presentation to I.P.M. was made by Bro. A. Fieldwick. P.G.W.

The meeting adjourned to the Albany School Gymnasium for refreshments and entertainment, and the members were again regaled with some excellent addresses, the chief speakers being the M.W.G.M. (Bro. Herdman), M.W. Bro. Malcolm Niccol, and R.W. Bro. Hawcridge, Prov.G.M., and others.

The following are the names of the visiting Lodges:— G.L. of N.Z. ; Dist.G.L. of Otago and Southland, E.C.; Lodges Otago Kilwinning, 143; Oceanic. 154; Haeremai, 155; Ionic, 191; Cargill Kilwinning, Kurow, 164 ; Hiram. 46; Morning Star, 192; Clinton, 183; St. John. 84 (Mosgiel); Maori, 105; Cromwell Kilwinning, 98; Masters' Lodge, 161 ; Manuherikia, 109; Whakatane, 198; Ara, 1; St. John Kilwinning, 662, S.C., Taieri. 620, S.C. ; St. Andrew, 432, S.C. ; Celtic, 477, S.C. ;Lodge Otago, 844, E.C. ; Dunedin, 931, E.C. ; Marine. 942, E.C. ; Lodge Cheshunt (England).

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(All 7/6 except those noted.)

BOWLS.

Lodge Whetu-Kairangi is in possession of four gold ashlar, presented by their Treas. (Bro. H. J. Wyatt) for competition between Lodges in the Wellington District. The conditions are : The holders to retain same until defeated, all games to be played on the nearest green to the Lodge holding same; the challengers to pay to the skip 2s. 6d. each, which sum is to be paid in by the Lodge to the G. M.'s War Fund until twelve months after the war ceases, then to be paid to the G.L. Indigent Masons Fund. Already several challengers are in, and the first match is to be played on Wednesday, 23rd October, on Hataitai Green, the challengers being Pacific Lodge. This should be the means of promoting some good and enjoyable games, and at the same time help to swell a fund that is in much need of assistance.

INQUIRIES ON MATTERS OF MASONIC INTEREST,

- Q.— In the event of two important officers of the Lodge being away on, shall we say, active service (as is the case), has the Sec., who is a worthy Freemason, and has served three years, prior right or equal right to a Warden's chair with a S.D., who is also a worthy Freemason? There are other aspirants to the Warden's chair of lower officers, also some who have hitherto held no office—all good Freemasons.
- A.— No officer has any prior claim to any office. Where officers are elected under the by-laws, the Lodge is the arbiter; where they are appointed, the W.M. has the sole choice. What is known as the "law of succession" is not infrequently strongly deprecated.
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Reports.

[Secretaries and Scribes are requested to forward Reports.]

CRAFT LODGES.

SOUTHLAND.

Taringatura, No. 100.—The monthly meeting was held in the Masonic Hall, Lumsden. on 16th September, W. Bro. S. E. Griffiths presiding. Two candidates were initiated, the W.M. giving the Ob. ; Bro. D. Walker, P.M.. the Secrets ; W. Bro. Roxburgh, N.E. Charge; W. Bro. H. Beer, Prep. ; Bro. D. F. McLeod, S.D., W.Ts. ; and Bro. Geo. Johnson, Ancient Charge. The nomination of W.M. and officers for the ensuing year was then proceeded with, the present W.M. (Bro. S. E. Griffiths) being nominated for a further term. There was only one nomination for each officer. Two candidates were proposed. A vote of sympathy to Bro. Peter McIntosh was passed in the loss of his brother, an old resident of Sydney. Lodge was closed at 10 p.m. The brethren then adjourned to the refectory, where pleasant hour was spent.—[Lodge Correspondent.]

Winton. No. 108. — The installation ceremony took place in the Masonic Hall. Winton, on the evening of 16th October. The boisterous weather of the preceding dry caused many of the brethren to think that very few visitors would come to assist, in making the function a success ; the elements, however, saw fit to change their mood, and, as the afternoon wore on, the climatic conditions were almost all that could be desired, and a large number of visitors arrived to offer fraternal greetings to the incoming W.M. The R.W. Prov.G.M. of Southland, assisted by G.L. officers and W. brethren, carried out in a most efficient manner the ceremony of installing Rev. Bro. C. E. P. Webb into the Chair of K.S. The W.Ts. of the various degrees were presented by visiting W.Ms., and the investiture of the officers of the Lodge was carried out by R.W. and W. brethren, R.W. Bro. W. Smith very ably addressed the brethren, emphasising the necessity of ever living according to the Masonic line and rule. A banquet was afterwards held in the Sunday School hall, where the various toasts were ably and happily proposed and responded to. As it is not long since the newly installed W.M. went through another, possibly more important than the one through which he had just gone, the R.W. Prov.G.M. added one more toast to the list (that of Mrs. Webb), and asked the W.M. to convey to her the hearty good wishes of the brethren present. From start to finish everything went swimmingly, and the brethren of Lodge Winton are to be congratulated on the way the arrangements had been made and carried out.—[Lodge Correspondent.]

Victoria, No. 147.—A very pleasant and instructive evening was spent at the last regular meeting. Though there were no candidates offering, and, in spite of counter attractions, a goodly number of members and visiting brethren turned out to hear the musical programme given by the remnants of the Masonic orchestra, its members having been greatly reduced by the call to arms. The songs by Bro. Wootton and the instrumental solos by Bros. McCrostie and Storrie were greatly appreciated. Bros. Wootton and McCrostie in a duet (mandoline and violin) quite entranced their hearers with "The last rose of summer." Bro. Wootton also pleased the brethren with a mandoline solo; and three items by the orchestra completed the musical programme. As the desire to have some of the allegories of Freemasonry unveiled is growing amongst the brethren, the W.M. was induced to give a short paper, "The Steps in Freemasonry," which was given a very

attentive hearing by the brethren. An hour spent in the social hall brought a very pleasant evening to a close.—[Lodge Correspondent.]

OTAGO.

Haeremai, No. 155.—There was a very large attendance of G. officers, visitors, and members at the regular meeting on 16th September. The business was passing and a presentation of G.L. regalia to R.W. Bro. A. W. Flett, P.P.G.M. of Otago. The formal business having been disposed of, R.W. Bro. R. Hawcridge accepted the gavel from Bro. J. Bissland, W.M., and, addressing the brethren, said that his first duty was to invest his I.Prov.G.M., and he took the opportunity of testifying to the "terrific" amount of work devolving upon a P.G.M., and briefly, but graphically, pointed out that that officer had to look after the twenty-seven Lodges of Otago and visit each one at least once a year, conduct most installations, answer all correspondence with and represent G.L. R.W. Bro. Flett had carried out his onerous duties with the greatest fidelity and integrity. The P.G.M. then called upon R.W. Bro. Flett to accept from him, on behalf of the brethren of the Otago Lodges, a suit of G.L. regalia, and invested him with the collar and jewel of a P.P.G.M. R.W. Bro. Flett very feelingly replied, and expressed his thanks to all the brethren, and said he had done his best to deserve all the good things said about him. Moreover, he had fortunately been sandwiched between two very eminent brethren in the office of P.G.M., and, with their assistance and the hearty co-operation of his officers, had been enabled to carry out the work of his office. In conclusion, he thanked the brethren again for their handsome present, and assured them all that the beautiful regalia would be treasured not only for its intrinsic value, but also for its associations, and it would be handed down in due time to his son as all heirloom in his family. The ceremony of passing was then continued by the W.M.—[Lodge Correspondent.]

CANTERBURY.

St, Augustine, No. 4.—The regular meeting, held in the Christchurch Masonic Hall on 8th October, was somewhat out of the usual. To commemorate the 65th anniversary of the consecration of the Lodge, the W.M. had entrusted the degree work to the P.Ms., who conducted the ceremony of raising in a most creditable manner, evincing lessons well learned, never forgotten. V.W. Bro. F. C. B. Bishop, Prov.G.M.-designate, was given the honour of occupying the chair as some recognition of his extended services to his mother Lodge, and was supported by R.W. Bro. R. C. Bishop P.G.W., as I.P.M.; W. Bro. C. D. Morris as S.W.; R.W. Bro. F. W. Hobbs, P.G.W., as J.W.; W. Bro. H. H. Wauchop, as S.D.; W. Bro. F. A. Grant, as J.D.; W. Bro. G. F. Whiteside, as I.G.; whilst W. Bro. McGregor B. Wright, P.G.B.B., W. Bro. J. Richardson, P.G.B.B., and R.W. Bro. H. F. Arnold, P.G.W., retained their chairs as D. of C., Chaplain, and Tyler respectively. V.W. Bro. T. W. Rowe, P.G. Lect. (Exhort.), W. Bro. J. A. Stables (Secrets), W. Bro. C. C. Lambert (Charge after Investiture), W. Bro. T. H. Ker (Further Exp.), W. Bro. W. IL Cheeseman, P.G.O. (T.B.), and W. Bro. F. A. Grant (W.Ts.) also assisted in the ceremony. W. Bro. D. Redpath, W.M., was, unfortunately, confined to his room, and W. Bro. H. H. Wauchop, in opening the Lodge, expressed the keen disappointment felt by the W.M., and which was shared by the members. The W.M. had presented three gavels, made from wood taken from the St. Augustine Hall, to his Lodge, to mark this occasion; and R.W. Bro. R. C. Bishop, in proposing a vote of thanks to be minuted, spoke of the very kind thought which had inspired the gift. The minutes of the first meeting of Lodge St. Augustine, No. 855, E.C., held in the Magistrate's Room, Christchurch, on 19th October, 1853, were read and listened to with much interest. The visitors included M.W. Bros. Niccol and Dougall, P.G.Ms., R.W. Bro. M. S. Brown, P.Dist.G.M., with a good muster of respective G.L. officers, and also Prov.G.L. officers. News had been received during the day of the death in action of W. Bro. C. W. Bingham, a P.M., and the brethren expressed their sincere sympathy with his father, R.W. Bro. S. C. Bingham, and the members of his family. This sad news and the absence of the W.M. through sickness had its effect on the gathering. The subsequent period in the refectory was much curtailed. The principal toast ("Continued Success to St. Augustine Lodge ") was proposed by W. Bro. T. D. Condell, P.G.D., the venerable and revered Dist.G.Sec. an initiate of forty-six years ago, who claimed some knowledge of every founder whose name had appeared in the minutes read during the evening. R.W. Bro. R. C. Bishop, P.G.W. (P.M., 1878), in acknowledging the toast, gave some reminiscences of the early days of St. Augustine, and also of his own father, W. Bro. C. W. Bishop, P.D.Dist.G.M. (P.M., 1859). The toast, "Our Brethren on Active Service," was feelingly given by Bro. C. E. Page, who had a son recently reported wounded; and the meet was concluded with the appreciative toast, "The Prov.G.M.-designate," acknowledged by V.W. Bro. F. C. B. Bishop in his characteristic happy manner.—[Lodge Correspondent.]

Methven, No. 51.—There was a fair attendance on 18th September, when the W.M. (W. Bro. J. F. Stone) presided. After the usual business was gone through, a candidate was brought from darkness to light in ancient Masonic form. The brethren taking part were: W.M. (Ob.) ; Bro. Maginiss, S.W. (Ss. and Investment); Bro. Campbell, I.G. (N.E. Charge) ; Bro. Carleton, J.W. (Ex. of Prep.); Bro. Lock, J.D. (W.Ts.); Bro. Todd (Charge after Investiture). The degree work was excellent, and proved that Lodge of Instruction is making progress. The candidate all through appeared to be most fully impressed. The Lodge closed at 9.45. A short time was most pleasantly spent in the refectory. The chief item was farewelling our much-esteemed J.W. Bro. Carleton, W.M., is sailing shortly. The brethren presented our J.W. with a set of brushes, and wished him good work and a safe return. Bro. G. H. Patton, who has just returned to New Zealand, was enthusiastically and most heartily welcomed home.

The Lodge had a specially good attendance at tire regular meeting on 16th October. The passing of a donation to a circular appeal was heartily approved of. The adoption of the G.L. Trustees' account was confirmed, and the Master and Wardens appointed were also confirmed by vote. Next came the passing of Bro. A. J. Wilson to the F.C. Degree. The W.M. (W. Bro. Stone) presiding, invited assistance as under in the ritual work : I.P.M., W. Bro. Porsen (the Prayers); W. Bro. Goodwin (Ss.); Bro. Buchan (S.E.); Bro. D. McDonald (Charge after Prep.); Bro. Adams (W.Ts.); while the T.B. was explained by W. Bro. Todd. Bros. Adams and D. McDonald were S.W. and J.W. (acting) respectively. A very pleasant and profitable hour was spent at refreshments.— [Lodge Correspondent.]

Christchurch, No. 91.—The monthly meeting was held in the Masonic Hall on 24th September, W. Bro. D. Sheffield, W.M., presiding. Nominations for Prov.G.L. officers were made, after which a brother of Lodge Taupiri, who was on furlough from Samoa; was passed to the Second Degree, by request from his Lodge. The candidate was obligated by the W.M., receiving from him the S., T., and W. ; the Charge after Investiture was delivered by the J.W. (Bro. Newth); the Charge in the S.E. by V.W. Bro. H. Hopkinson, P.M.; the W.Ts. were explained by W. Bro. Yemm, P.M.; the Final Charge being delivered by the S.W. (Bro. Doig), The work of the Second Degree being completed, the Lodge was opened in the Third Degree, when W. Bro. Agar (W.M., Lodge Lincoln) was invited to take charge of the proceedings, and, with his officers, confer the M.M. Degree on two candidates. W. Bro. Agar was assisted by the following officers : S.W., Bro. W. L. Morgan ; J.W., Bro. G. Forbes; I.P.M., W. Bro. Kime; S.D., Bro. T. Vogan; J.D., Bro. B. Diggan ; I.G., Bro. J. Hutchinson. The candidates were obligated by the W.M. ; W. Bro. McKenzie, P.M., communicated the Secrets; the T.H. was resumed by W. Bro. C. Morland ; the W.Ts. were explained by W. Bro. Kime, P.M. the Final Charge being delivered by the S.W. (Bro. Morgan). The Lodge having been closed, an adjournment was made to the refectory, where a pleasant hour was enjoyed of toasts, music, and fraternal greetings. In proposing the health of the visiting W.M. and his officers, the W.M. complimented them on the very fine rendering given of the Third Degree, under unfamiliar surroundings, thus showing the zeal of the officers for their work.—[Lodge Correspondent]

Robert Burns, No. 139.—The regular meeting was held in the Masonic Temple on 15th October. The W.M. (W. Bro. Allen Hunter) presided over a fair attendance of members. One candidate was elected and one proposed. The special work was the initiation of a candidate, which was conducted by the officers, the W.M. being assisted by W. Bro. J. C. Watson, who gave the Address after Investiture ; W. Bro. T. W. N. Wilson, the C. in the N.E.: W. Bro. K. Bassett (W.M., Avon Lodge), the W.Ts.; and W. Bro. W. Cuming the Final Charge.[Lodge Correspondent.]

Ahurewa, No. 181.—The installation meeting was held on 14th October, when there was a very large attendance. V.W. Bro. F. C. B. Bishop, P.G.D. of C., was the installing officer, and he was supported by a large following of the Prov.G.L. A B. of I.M. was opened by the Installing Master, when Bro. F. Smith was installed into the Chair of K.S. according to ancient custom. The W.Ts. were presented by W. Bros. W. J. Lemon (Lodge Waihora), W. L. Morgan (Lodge Lincoln), and J. H. McMillan (Lodge of Progress). The V.W. Installing Master addressed the W.M. ; W. Bro. D. C. Cameron, P.G.D., presenting the Charter, Constitution, and By-laws. W. Bro. F. Lill, P.Prov. G.W., invested the Wardens, and V.W. Bro. J. N. Du Feu, P.P.G.W., gave the address, while the latter invested the officers, and R.W. Bro. R. B. B. Willis, P.G.W., addressed the brethren. The following are the officers for the ensuing year: W.M., W. Bro. F. Smith; I.P.M., W. Bro. J. D. Cameron; S.W., Bro. C. H. Chapman; J.W., Bro. F. E. Owens ; Treas., W. Bro. D. T. Wraight ; Sec., W. Bro. F. Lill, P.Prov.G.W.; S.D., Bro. J. H. Williams; J.D., Bro. F. T. Claydon (returned

from active service); I.G., Bro. W. Robertson ; Tyler, Bro. D. P. Cameron. At the close of the ceremony a very pleasant hour was spent in the Public Library at supper, and some fine speeches were much appreciated. As the Lodge is still in mourning for the late R.W. Bro. Dr. Withers, P.D.G.M., and Bro. A. J. McLaughlin, P.S.W. (killed in action), there were no songs or fires.—[Lodge Correspondent.]

MARLBOROUGH AND NELSON.

Unanimity, No. 106.—There was a large attendance at the monthly meeting on 10th October, when two candidates were initiated, the W.M. (W. Bro. H. R. Bagge) being assisted by R.W. Bro. C. H. Mills, Prov.G.M., W. Bros. J. M. Lightfoot, R. P. Furness, W. J. Girling, and Bros. W. M. Lambie, S.W., ; and A. L. B. Ross, J.W. The collection for the W. and O. and A.M. Fund realised £2 5s. 6d. The balance-sheet for the past financial year was adopted. It showed that the Lodge is in it very healthy position. The number of members now exceeds 100. The sum of £1 ls. was voted to a circular appeal. It was decided to purchase a new organ, the Lodge supplementing a subscription-list, which had been liberally responded to. As the result of a statement made by R.W. Bro. Mills in the refectory regarding the Masonic " Cheer-O" Hutment Fund, more liberal support, will probably be forthcoming for this worthy object,—[Lodge Correspondent.]

HAWKES BAY.

Scinde, No. 5.—The regular meeting was held on 20th August, the W.M. (W. Bro. A. E. Currie) presiding over an excellent attendance of visitors. A ballot was taken for a member for initiation, and was found clear. The W.M., officers, and brethren of Lodge Victoria were then admitted on an official visit. There being no ceremonial work, the collection on behalf of the Lodge Benevolent Fund was taken up, and, H.G.W. having been tendered, the Lodge was closed and an adjournment made to the refectory, where a pleasant social hour was spent, during which Bros. C. D. Wilson and L. Player were farewelled prior to going into camp. [This report arrived too late for the October issue. — ED. C.]

The regular meeting was held on 17th September, the W.M. (W. Bro. A. E. Currie) presiding. Two ballots were taken, one for initiation and one for affiliation, both being successful. The W.M. then proceeded with the ceremony of initiation, and was assisted in the work as follows : W. Bro. A. E. Currie (Ob. and Secrets), W. Bro. J. W. Ritchie (N.E. Corner), W. Bro. Bowes (R. for Prep.), Bro. J. Morling, S.D. (W.Ts.), Bro. A. J. Turville, S.W. (Investiture and Final Charge). There were two proposals for candidates for initiation and one as a joining member, after which H.G.W. were tendered. The brethren adjourned to the refectory to spend a social hour, during which R.W. Bro. H. L. Huston, P.G.M., expressed his appreciation of the manlier in which W. Bro. Currie and his officers had carried out the work, it being the first ceremonial work the W.M. had conducted.—[Lodge Correspondent.]

Victoria, No. 21.—The regular meeting was held at Napier on 1st October, W. Bro. W. G. Jarvis presiding over a large attendance of brethren and visitors. The business included four ballots, two initiations, and two passings. Among the correspondence was an important decision received through the Prov. G.M., dealing with initiation and removal of Lodge Warrants. A circular appeal issued by G.L. received substantial recognition. In the ceremonial work the W.M. was assisted by W. Bros. H. Hill, J. B. Andrew, H. W. Whitton, A. W. Kirk, and the junior officers, who show a marked improvement in the rendition of the ritual. The W.M. (W. Bro. A. E. Currie), officers, and brethren of Lodge Scinde paid an official visit. The Prov.G.M. (R.W. Bro. H. L. Harston) paid an official visit, and was supported by a number of present and past G.L. officers. One other incident of note is that a father and son were recently initiated together, and, on consultation with the ancient brethren, it was agreed to be the first case in the history of the Lodge. H.G.W. were tendered, and the Lodge was closed at 10.15 p.m. The brethren adjourned to the refectory, where the usual toasts, recitations, and orchestral items were interspersed, which brought a very enjoyable evening to a close shortly after 11 p.m.—[Lodge Correspondent.]

Rawhiti, No. 66.—The monthly meeting was held on 19th September, the W.M. (Bro. C. L. Thomsen) presiding. The ceremonial business consisted of initiation, which was carried out by P.Ms., the three principal offices being filled by P.Ms. who had not passed through the chair of K.S. in Lodge Rawhiti. W. Bro. H. G. Smith officiated as W.M. ; W. Bro. R. S. Chadwick, as S.W. ; W. Bro. Bagley, as J.W. ; W. Bro. J. C. Davidson, as S.D. : W. Bro. R. A. Gillespie, as J.D. ; W. Bro. J. Craven, as I.G., W. Bro. F. A. Harrison, as Chaplain; and W. Bro. J. Brown, as Tyler, The Address in the N.E. was delivered by W. Bro. Soundy, the

Ex. of Prep. by W. Bro. F. Craven, the W.Ts. were explained by W. Bro. R. N. Blakiston, and the Final Charge by W. Bro. Snell. In returning the gavel to the W.M., W. Bro. Smith thanked W. Bro. Thomsen. on behalf of himself and fellow P.Ms., for the opportunity of working the degree. Bro. W. Dobson. J.W., expressed his appreciation of the sympathy and attention extended to him by the brethren of his Lodge during his recent sojourn in hospital. At the subsequent gathering Bro. P. Hoy, who recently returned from France, was suitably welcomed ; and Bro. F. M. Poynter, who goes into camp very shortly, was farewelled. The monthly meeting was held on 17th October. The ceremonial business consisted of passing two brethren — one at the request, of Lodge Victoria, No. 21, Napier. The W.M. (W. Bro. Thomsen) obligated the first candidate, and W. Bro. W. Snell the other. The Address in the S.E. was given by W. Bro. J. Craven; the W.Ts. were explained by W. Bro. Davidson; and the Final Charge delivered by W. Bro. F. Craven. A feature of the evening was the fact that no less than four propositions came up for discussion in the form of notices of motion given at the previous monthly meeting. Three of them were carried, and the fourth, which had for its object an alteration of the existing by-law and providing that, in the case of an application for a joining member, three negatives should exclude, was substantially defeated. At next monthly meeting Lodge Manawatu, No. 47, is paying a visit to Dannevirke and working the Third Degree, and a good reception is awaiting our Palmerston brethren. —[Lodge Correspondent.]

AUCKLAND.

United Service, No. 10.—The Lodge had a busy time at their last meeting, held in Auckland on 18th September. The W.M. was again able to attend to his duties, and his re-appearance was greeted with pleasure by the members. One candidate was initiated, and three brethren were passed. The W.M. was ably assisted by several visiting brethren. After the work was finished, an enjoyable time was spent in the refectory, when W. Bro. Baldwin gave a most interesting chat on the Cook Islands, pointing out that, although they have only been under the Union Jack for fifteen years, the natives have done wonders both in recruiting and giving. A piano solo by Bro. Ball, a flute item by Bro. Garrott, songs by Bros. Lewis and King, several toasts, and a collection for the Hutment Fund completed an enjoyable evening.—[Lodge Correspondent.]

Maniapoto, No. 206.—An emergency meeting was held in the Lodgeroom on 30th September, the ceremonial work consisting of raising two brethren. The work was performed by the W.M. (W. Bro. H. Benner), assisted by W. Bro. Cook (Ob.), Bro. Heerdegen (Exhort. and Charge), W. Bro. Black (Investiture), W. Bro. Cook, assisted by Bro. J. A. Ormsby (Substituted Secrets), Bro. Lord, assisted by Bro. Willis (Further Secrets); Bro. J. A. Ruddy (W.Ts.), and Bro. Stuart (Final Charge). It is interesting to note that, of the newly raised brethren, one is a returned soldier and the other has just joined the colours.

The regular meeting was held in the Lodgeroom on 15th October, when three ballots for initiation were successful. In response to G.L.'s circular appeal a donation was voted to the Penman Fund. Lodge closed at 9.15 p.m.

The annual installation meeting took place in the Lodgeroom, Otorohanga, on the 17th October, when Bro. C. J. N. Miller was installed in the Chair of K.S. by M.W. Bro. Oliver Nicholson, P.G.M., Prov.G.M., assisted by V.W. Bro. W. R. T. Leighton, P.G.D. of C., and V.W. Bro. George Powley and W. Bro. O. J. Cochrane. G.Supts. of Works. A large number of visitors was present, the various Lodges in the vicinity being well represented. The ceremony was carried out with much skill and ability, and the following officers were installed :— D.M., W. Bro. Henry Benner ; S.W., Bro. J. Heerdegen; J.W., Bro. T. G. Hosking; Chap., Bro. A. Kerr ; Treas., Bro. Wm. Vicary ; Sec., Bro. C. H. Lord ; D. of C., Bro. John Ormsby; S.D., Bro. J. E. Stuart; J.D., Bro. R. Bell; I.G., Bro. J. A. Ruddy; S.S., Bro. W. H. Clarke; J.S., Bro. R. T. Rhodes ; Tyler, Tyler, Bro. John Ruddy. After the investiture of the officers, W. Bro. Henry Benner was presented with a Founder's Jewel in recognition of his services during the past two years. In making the presentation, M.W. Bro. Oliver Nicholson, P.G.M. Prov.G.M., dwelt upon the able and capable manner in which W. Bro. Benner had discharged his duties, and at the same time congratulated him on his successful years of office. After W. Bro. Benner had suitably responded, and H.G.W. had been rendered by the visitors and brethren, Lodge was closed at 10.15 p.m. An adjournment was then made to the Town Hall, which was beautifully decorated with flowers and other plant. The proceedings were opened with the toast of "The King and the Craft," after which a number of musical items were given, the principal performers being W. Bro. Cook and W. Bro. Dawson. Other toasts were honoured, and the proceedings were brought to a close about midnight.—[Lodge Correspondent.]

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M.W. BRO. ALEXANDER LAWRENCE HERDMAN, GRAND MASTER, GRAND LODGE OF NEW ZEALAND

TARANAKI.

Moa, No. 110.—Our Lodge is justly proud of its reputation as one of excellent and dignified working and of extraordinary keenness among its members. There were several visitors at the regular meeting in October, when the business was the raising of a Lewis, and the candidate's father must have felt gratified at having seen his son initiated, passed, and raised. The W.M. (Bro. George Taylor) occupied the chair and obligated the candidate ; the Exhort. was given by W. Bro. Branch, whom we were pleased to see in the Lodge once again after his trying illness; the 15 F.Cs. were given by W. Bro. Roberts, I.P.M. ; the Address after Raising by W. Bro. Hamerton, D. of C.; the Signs and Secrets by W. Bro. Young, who also gave the T.H. and the T.B. ; W. Bro. Alleman presented the W.Ts. ; and the W.M. gave the Final Charge after Raising. W. Bro. Ewing, of Lodge Ngamotu, delivered a very fine charge to the candidate at the end, and presented him with the V.S.L. on which the latter had been obligated. It is always a great privilege to have W. Bro. Ewing to give his charge, which is most impressive and is always delivered with feeling and expression. Two brethren were elected as joining members. We are glad to learn that we are still to have our W.M. with us for a month or two longer before he goes into camp. It is hoped that ho will be able to see his year of office out, and that when the time comes for him to prepare for departure he will not be needed. If it is permissible for a correspondent to air his views, he would like to remark that there is one thing which some members of the Lodge need to improve (and it applies to most Lodges, I think), and that is the matter of the salute. Careless, slovenly salutes are not impressive, and indicate lack of dignity and want of care. Studied care in, and attention to, little things are as important as pains taken over big things, and a visitor is impressed favourably or otherwise by the manner in which the members carry out their Masonic obligations. Anyhow, with regard to Lodge Moa, "*verb. sap.*" —[Lodge Correspondent.]

RUAPEHU.

Manawatu Kil., No. 47.—At the regular meeting on 12th September the business consisted of raising two candidates. The I.P.M. (Bro. W. Mundy) presided, in the absence of the W.M. (Bro. Dustin), and those assisting were R.W. Bros. J. A. Nash, P.G.S.W., W. H. Smith, P.G.J.W., and W. Bros. Hopwood, Clark, Torstonson; also W. Bros. T. A. Moodie, W.M., and J. Morgan, I.P.M., of United Manawatu, No. 1721, E.G. There was a very large attendance of visitors, and the proceedings in the refectory did not terminate till about midnight.—[Lodge Correspondent.]

St. Andrew Kil., No. 79.—At the monthly meeting, held on 10th October, the business was raising one brother. The W.M. was assisted by R.W. Bro. Keesing, Dep.G.M., and W. Bros. Treadwell, Price, Doig, Green, and Bullock. The sincere sympathy of the Lodge was extended to our I.P.M. (W. Bro. R. W. Green) on the severe loss he had sustained by the death of his son, Private V. L. Green, killed in action in France on 6th September. In the refectory, in proposing the honoured toast, of "Our Brethren at the Front," W. Bro. Treadwell treated us to a very interesting digression on the subject of the German colonies. The letter received by the G.Sec. from the Y.M.C.A. authorities in reference to the Masonic "Cheer-O" hutment in France and its unfortunate destruction was read. The Dep.G.M. (R.W. Bro. Keesing) exactly expressed the feelings and sentiments of the brethren present when he stated that, while we regretted the loss, it was only what we had to be prepared to expect, but when the call comes for the wherewithal to completely equip another, and yet another, hutment, it would, without doubt, be cheerfully and readily produced.—(Lodge Correspondent.)

Huia, No. 171.—An emergency meeting was held on 25th September, when three candidates were passed to the F.C. Degree.

The ordinary monthly meeting took place on 3rd October. A considerable amount of routine business was disposed of, including three successful ballots. The W.M., officers, and brethren of Manawatu Kil. and Rongotea Lodges made official visits; also W. Bro. Budden, E.O. The ceremonial work consisted of raising a brother, the W.M. being assisted by the (W. Bro. Gallichan) and W. Bros. Spooner, Graham, and Stone. One candidate for initiation was proposed. The choirmaster (Bro. Lect), in conjunction with W. Bro. A. J. Graham, are making a special effort to arrange the musical portion of the Lodge. The latent talent would, if worked up, be a great acquisition to the meetings in the form of harmony. The usual toasts were honoured in the refectory, terminating a most successful and pleasant evening.—[Lodge Correspondent.]

Te Awahou, No. 133.—Our regular meeting was held on 8th October. Our Lodge was specially favoured by the presence of two very distinguished brethren of G.L. in the persons of R.W. Bro. Keesing, D.G.M., and R.W. Bro. D. McFarlane, P.G.M., both of whom delivered very inspiring addresses on "Freemasonry in Everyday Life." The addresses were much appreciated. Lodge Ruapehu paid a fraternal visit. This visit has been looked forward to by the brethren of Lodge Te Awahou, as we had a communication from Ruapehu's worthy Secretary advising us that twenty-five members of their Lodge purposed paying us a visit. We were all delighted to see such a grand muster. I think it constitutes a record for any one Lodge. Their visit in such strong numbers greatly impressed the brethren of Lodge Te Awahou, and further was a main factor in making the meeting such a success. Visitors were present from the following Lodges : Rangitikei, Horowhenua, Greymouth, and Ohinemuri. The visiting brethren were entertained at W. Bro. Perreau's Room to supper. The usual toasts were honoured, and a most successful meeting was brought to a close.—[Lodge Correspondent.]

Moutoa, No. 195.—The regular monthly meeting was held at Conville on 24th August. W. Bro. F. Symes, W.M., presided. There was a good attendance of members, and also several visiting brethren, the attendance barometer reading thus : 41 brethren, including six P.Ms. The ceremony of raising two brethren was well conducted, and that it was impressive was quite evident from the remarks made by the brethren in the "Fourth." The brethren will regret to hear that W. Bro. D. Munro is now suffering from a second attack of malaria, but a recent cable announced that he was making good progress toward recovery. W. Bro. Munro has done much good our Lodge, and, though afar off, he has not lost interest in us. Recently he presented to the Lodge a gavel purchased in Jerusalem. This gavel, which is well finished, is made of olive wood from the Valley of the Jordan, the handle being of cedar from the Forest of Lebanon. [Too late for October issue.—ED. C.]

The regular meeting was held on 26th September. There was a good attendance of members and visitors. The Third Degree was worked, W. Bro. F. Symes, W.M., being assisted by R.W. Bro. D. McFarlane, P.G.M., W. Bros. N. P. Svenson and J. Fowler and Bro. F. Bourne, S.W. The W.M. announced that W. Bro. R. W. Green had received the sad news that his son, Vernon had been killed in action, a motion of sympathy being carried in silence. The members were disappointed that R.W. Bro. J. H. Keesing, D.G.M., was prevented from paying an official visit through indisposition. The Lodge being closed in P., L., and H., an adjournment was then made to the refectory, where a pleasant hour was spent, the usual toasts were honoured, and also one to W. Bro. O. Armstrong (who leaves for camp on the 11th October). A good muster of brethren attended divine service at St. Andrew's Church on the evening of the 29th September, in response to a request by the W.M. Prov.G.L. was represented by R.W. Bro. D. McFarlane, P.G.M., Lodge Tongariro by W. Bro. O. Murch, W.M., and St. Andrew's Kilwinning by Bro. J. McFarlane, S.W. Bro. D. Campbell, Chaplain, gave a most interesting address, his text being "In the beginning God." During the service solos were sung by Bros. J. T. Sperring and N. B. Allan.—[Lodge Correspondent.]

WELLINGTON.

Masterton, No. 19.—The regular meeting, held on 11th September, was unique, and one that will be remembered for a long time by those brethren and visitors whose privilege it was to be present. The W.M. (W. Bro. O. N. C. Pragnell) with kindly thoughts of our country brethren in his mind, had arranged for a "country members' and visitors' evening," and that his happy idea was duly appreciated was evidenced by the large gathering present. Our soldier brethren from the camp and district were also present in good numbers. The chief item of interest was an address by W. Bro. Foss, P.M. (formerly of No. 19, and now of Lodge Eketahuna), entitled "Freemasonry and the times." W. Bro. Foss was in his element, and gave a most interesting address, which was listened to with keen attention. Space forbids more than saying that it was worth going a long way to hear, but we hope to see it published ere long in the columns of the N.Z. CRAFTSMAN. Musical items were rendered, and the evening was voted "one of the best." W. Bro. Foss was the recipient of very complimentary remarks, both inside and outside the Lodge.

The regular meeting was held on 9th October, when two candidates were initiated. Owing to the serious illness of the W.M. (W. Bro. Pragnell), and the I.P.M. (W. Bro. Dixon) having met with a painful accident to his hand, the chair was ably filled by W. Bro. J. B. Henry, P.M. The ceremony was initiation. The following officers assisted in the working of the degree : Ob., W. Bro. J. B. Henry, P.M. ; Secrets, W. Bros. Hughes and Bacon, P.Ms. ; Prep., W. Bro. Wingenberg, P.M. ; Address in N.E. Corner, W. Bro. Chapman, P.M. ;

W.Ts. Bro. S. D. Pearce, J.W. ; Charge, Bro. C. W. Perrin, S.W. A short time was spent in the refectory at the close of the meeting.—[Lodge Correspondent.]

St. Andrew, No 32.—The regular meeting was held on 21st October, W. Bro. J. C. Riddell in the chair. Notwithstanding the cyclonic force of the elements which occasionally seized the building with firm grip, the attendance was good, and was increased later by the arrival of the W.Ms. of Pacific and Hinemoa Lodges, the latter W.M. being particularly well supported by fellow members. A circular appeal from G.L. was supported by a vote of £5 5s. Three ballots taken proved clear, and two of the candidates signed the declaration of allegiance. A committee was set up to open and promote a subscription list of members in furtherance of the Hutment Fund, the call for an effort in that direction being emphasised. The ceremonial, that of raising two candidates was entrusted to the P.Ms., the gavel for the occasion being handed to V.W. Bro. C. W. Neilsen, who was supported by W. Bro. J. Rod (S.W.), V.W. Bro. G. Russell (J.W.), W. Bro. O. Neilsen (Chap.), W. Bro. A. Schmidt (D. of C.), W. Bro. A. W. Rowlands (S.D.), W. Bro. F. C. Broomhall (J.D.), and W. Bro. T. Jaffray (I.G.). The various addresses and charges were delivered by these W. brethren, the T.H. being left in the hands of V.W. Bro. J. J. Essen. W. Bro. O. Neilsen, as Chaplain, finally presented the candidates with copies of the V.S.L., and did not let the opportunity pass of affording them wise admonition and instruction.

The members were gratified to notice that W. Bro. T. Jaffray was equal to the several calls that were made upon him during the ceremony, and it is probably a goodly number of years since he delivered the Final Charge ; he made good, without doubt. Resuming in the E. A. Degree, V.W. Bro. Neilsen returned the gavel, with brief remarks on behalf of the P.Ms., and the W.M. proceeded with the election of officers for the 1918-1919 term, Bro. R. Hutchison, of G.L. staff, being elected W.M. Lodge was closed, and an adjournment made to the refectory, where, in the course of speeches, the orators were, to the relief of the P. Ms. , mercifully charitable towards them.—[Lodge Correspondent.]

Tararua, No. 67.—The regular meeting was held on 22nd August. Being still not quite recovered from his recent attack of influenza, W. Bro. Riddell occupied the chair. The degree work consisted of an initiation, the charges being given as follows : W.M., the Ob. and Ss. ; Bro. Vaughan, S.W., the N.E. Charge ; Bro. Burrell, J.W., Prep. ; W. Bro. Barrell, W.Ts. ; Bro. Chatwin, J.D., F.C. ; Bro. Smith, S.D., T.B. A ballot was also taken, proving successful. W. Bro. Britland presented W. Bro. White Scott with a Sec.'s jewel, very much to the latter's surprise. W. Bro. Scott read a paper which had been prepared by our W.M. A vote of sympathy was passed to W. Bro. Griffith, his son having been killed in action. On the W.M. stating that it had been definitely ascertained that Bro. J. Trevor-Thomas was a prisoner of war, a sum was voted to send to the High Commissioner to forward him special comforts and necessaries.

An emergency meeting was held on 5th September to pass two brethren, the W.M. obligating and giving the Ss.; W. Bro. A. Ross, the S.E. ; W. Bro. Riddell, I.P.M., the W.Ts. ; and Bro. Smith, S.D., the Final Charge. A pleasant hour was afterwards spent in the refectory.

The regular meeting was held on 19th September—another bitterly cold and boisterous night. Degree work was the passing of two brethren, one at the request of Lodge St. John, E.C., Timaru. The W.M. gave the Ob. and Ss. and T.B. ; S.E. Charge, Bro. Vaughan, S.W.; W.Ts., Bro. Burrell, J.W. ; F. C., Bro. Chatwin, J.D. Votes of sympathy were passed to Bro. Palmer on the loss of his second brother, killed in action; also to Bro. F. G. Thompson, whose sister recently died after a short illness. The standing committee was authorised to report on the advisability of installing electric light. The W.M. read another interesting and instructive paper. Nomination of officers for the year and a short period in the refectory concluded the evening. [too late for October issue.—ED. C.]

An emergency meeting was held on 3rd October to raise a candidate, the ceremony being worked by the W.M., assisted by the P.Ms., W. Bro. T. Riddell, I.P.M., giving the T.H., W. Bro. A. Barrell, D.M., the Charge and W.Ts., whilst the W.M. gave the rest, and the regular Final Charge he added to with an old rendering which the brethren much appreciated.

The regular monthly 'sleeting was held on 17th October, the vilest weather for the year being very much in evidence; in fact, the meetings this year have been remarkable in having struck either big counter-attractions or execrable weather. The order paper was large, but business went through swimmingly, so that this year no brother has been unduly late in getting home. The election for officers for the year was taken, and every officer was elected unanimously, being the only nominees for the various offices. The ceremonial was initiation, the W.M. being in very good form. W. Bro. J. H. Griffith, D. of C., gave the N.E. ; W. Bro. A.

Barrell, D.M., Prep. and W.Ts. ; W.M., Ob., S. and Ss. and Final Charge. Two brethren were presented by W. Bro. T. Riddll, I.P.M., with their certificates. W. Bro. A. Barrel, D.M., was placed before the dais and presented by the W.M., on behalf of himself and the officers, with a Jewel as a mark of esteem and appreciation for his very great support and attendance at all practice and regular meetings, being ever ready to give a Charge at a moment's notice when called on due to absence of W. brethren or officers to whom work had been assigned. We received a fraternal visit from a W. brother and brother of No. 32. and we hope to be able to reciprocate at end of next month. A short harmonious time was spent in the refectory, where the W.M. gave another of his short interesting papers before closing.—[Lodge Correspondent.]

Brooklyn, No. 132.—The annual meeting was duly consummated on 2nd October. Bro. H. Parkin presiding. Included in the visitors' list were M.W. Bros. Malcolm Niccol and H. J. Williams, P.G.Ms. ; R.W. Bros. J. W. Ellison, Prov.G.,M., and H. H. Seaton, P.G.W. ; V.W. Bros. C. W. Neilsen, G.Reg., and H. B. Bridge, P.G.Lect., and others. V.W. Bro. George Russell, G.D. of C., ably fulfilled the duties of his office, while the evergreen Bro. McCornish again acted as O. Herald. Bro. Rev. G. W. Dent rendered efficient service as Organist. R.W. Bro. Ellison conducted the ceremony of installation, installing Bro. J. Barras into the chair. W. Bros. Carter (Lodge Coronation), Shannon (Lodge Hinemoa), and Parton (Lodge Waterloo) presented the W.Ts., and R.W. Bro. Seaton presented the Charter, B. of C., and By-laws. V.W. Bro. C. W. Neilsen invested the following officers:— W.M., Bro. J. Darras; S.W., Bro. W. S. Faulkner ; J.W., Bro. W. Parkin; Sec., W. Bro. M. W. Thew, P.M. ; Treas., Bro. W. Copeland; S.D., Bro. H. Hanson ; J.D., Bro. W. Lange; Chaplain, W. Bro. W. J. Westwood, P.M. ; D. of C., W. Bro. J. B. Hopkirk, P.M. ; Organist, Rev. Bro. G. W. Dent ; I.G., Bro. C. Eggie; S.S., Bro. W. Cayless ; J.S., Bro. J. I. Goldsmith ; Tyler, Bro. J. W. Richardson. M.W. Bro. M. Niccol addressed the W.M., W. Bro. J. J. Esson charged the Wardens, and M.W. Bro. H. J. Williams gave the concluding address to the brethren. The same brother, at the request of the Lodge, presented the retiring W.M. with a P.M.'s jewel, and wished him a safe and speedy return from the front. W. Bro. Parkin fittingly acknowledged the gift. Light refreshments were next in order, and a very happy two hours was spent.—[Lodge Correspondent.]

Tutanekai, No. 156.—An emergency meeting was held in the Freemasons' Hall, Berhampore, on 26th September, for the purpose of raising two brethren. W. Bro. P. C. Watt presided and administered the Ob. He was assisted by the following P.Ms. ; W. Bros. Shand (Ex. and Apron Charge), Anderson (F.F. Investiture, and Final Charge), Alexander (S., T., and W.), Lenzini (T.H.), and Whitelaw (W.Ts.). W. Bro. Watt also raised one of the brethren, and presented each with a copy of the V.S.L. The Lodge closed at 9.30, when the brethren adjourned to the refectory, where the usual toasts were duly honoured.

The regular meeting was held on 3rd October, the W.M. (W. Bro. C. F. L. Lenzini) presiding over a large attendance of members and visitors. An exceptionally large amount of routine business was transacted, including two ballots for affiliation and four ballots for membership. At the request of the W.M., Bro. Sec. announced that the campaign instituted to acquire the outstanding shares of the Masonic Hall Company had resulted in absolute success, and Lodge Tutanekai was now the owner of the property. A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to all those who had assisted to bring about the desired result. The ceremonial business was the initiation of three candidates (all Lewises). The W.M. administered the Ob. ; W. Bro. Shand gave the S., T., and W.; the S.W. invested; the Apron Charge was given by Bro. Donald, I.G. ; the N.E. Address by Bro. Martin, S.W. ; the R. for Prep. were explained by Bro. Morton, J.D. ; the W.Ts. were presented by Bro. Howell, Sec.; the Final Charge was given by Bro. Key, J.W. ; and the Lecture on the T.B. was given by W. Bro. Anderson. The Lodge closed at 9.45, when the usual adjournment was made.

An emergency meeting was held on 16th October, for the purpose of passing four brethren. There was a very fair attendance of brethren and visitors. The W.M. (Bro. G. F. L. Lenzini) presided and obligated the candidates. W. Bro. Anderson explained the S., T., and W. ; the S.W. (Bro. C. Martin) invested; W. Bro. Shand gave the Apron Charge; the J.W. (Bro. Key) the S.E. Address; the W.Ts. were presented by the S.D., J.D., and Sec. ; whilst the Final Charge was given by the S.W. The W.M. gave the Lecture on the T.B. The Lodge closed at 9.30, and afterwards spent an interesting hour in the refectory.—[Lodge Correspondent.]

Waiwhetu, No. 176.—The annual meeting took place in the Masonic Hall, Lower Hutt, on 9th October, and was one of the most successful held since the inception of the Lodge. There was a large attendance of visitors and brethren. The Lodge was tyled at 5.30, and, after the ordinary business, G.L. entered at 6.15 p.m., and was represented by MW. Bro. Williams, P.G.M.; R.W. Bro. Ellison, Prov.G.M.; R.W. Bro. Seaton,

P.G.W. ; W. Bro. Esson, Pres. B. of G.P. ; V.W. Bro. Russell, G.D. of C. and V.W. Bro. Rev. Bowden Harris, P.G.C. Before the installation ceremony was proceeded with, W. Bro. Teagle asked M.W. Bro. Williams to unveil a splendid Roll of Honours board, which had been presented to the Lodge by W. Bro. Guinness. M.W. Bro. Williams explained the reasons leading up to the presentation, which were that W. Bro. Guinness's brother, who was an enthusiastic Mason, had expressed a wish to present something to this brother's Lodge, and, as he had laid down his life for his King and country in the present war, W. Bro. Guinness thought an Honours Board would be a fitting memorial to his memory. The board, together with the two handsome pillars presented by the W.M. at the previous meeting, make a splendid addition to the Lodgeroom, and many thanks are due to W. Bros. Teagle and Guinness for their fine gifts. W. Bro. Teagle and R.W. Bro. Peterkin acted as Installing Masters, W. Bro. Teagle doing the first part and R.W. Bro. Peterkin working the T.B. and installing the new W.M. W. Bros. Riddell, Steffensen, and Shakes (W.Ms. of St. Andrew, Ulster, and Leinster Lodges) presented the W.Ts. ; R.W. Bro. Ellison, Prov.G.M., presented the Charter, By-laws, and Constitution; W. Bro. H. Hobbs invested the officers; R.W. Bro. Seaton, P.G.W., gave the address to the W.M. ; R.W. Bro. Esson, Pres. B. of G.P., address to the Wardens; and M.W. Bro. Williams, P.G.M., the address to the brethren. The W.M. thanked those present for their attendance, and a collection in aid of the W. and O. and A.M. Fund realised £6 6s. 9d. R.W. Bro. Ellison presented W. Bro. Teagle with a P.M.'s jewel, and at the same time congratulated him on the excellent way the ceremony was carried out. An adjournment was then made to the Lyceum, and a pleasant hour was filled up with toasts, songs, and stories, and was brought to a close at 11 p.m., after a most successful and pleasant evening.— [Lodge Correspondent.]

Installed Masters of Wellington, No. 194.—The annual meeting recurred on 1st October, and the atrocious weather was ample excuse for a small attendance. W. Bro. Colonel J. J. Esson presided, and R.W. Bro. J. W. Ellison, Prov.G.M., was numbered with the visitors. W. Bro. W. H. Jones was presented by W. Bros. G. Russell, G.D. of C., and A. Erskine, and was fittingly installed by his predecessor. The G.D. of C. made the usual proclamations, and W. Bro. P. Levi handed over the Warrant, Constitution, and By-laws. After a solo, impressively sung by Bro. T. Queree, the W.M. appointed and invested the following officers :—W.M., V.W. Bro. W. H. Jones; S.W. R.W. Bro. H. H. Seaton; J.W., W. Bro. C. W. Nielsen; Sec., W. Bro. A. Schmidt; Treas., W. Bro. J. Rod; Chaplain, V.W. Bro. H. B. Bridge; S.D., W. Bro. A. Scott ; J.D., W. Bro. J. Gordon; D. of C., W. Bro. A. Erskine; I.G., W. Bro. J. Tamblyn; S.S., W. Bro. R. H. Webb. The ordinary ritual addresses not being appropriate to this Lodge, original addresses were delivered : To the W.M. by M.W. Bro. H. J. Williams, to the Wardens by R.W. Bro. J. W. Ellison, and to the brethren by W. Bro. P. Levi. In the refectory very modest refreshments were served, and the meeting was responsible for the proper loyal and Masonic toasts, and was characterised by a "feast of reason and the flow of soul."—[Lodge Correspondent.]

Whetu Kairangi, No. 201.—The installation meeting was held on Saturday, 12th October, in the Lodgeroom, Seatoun. Although it had been found necessary, owing to limited seating accommodation, to confine the invitations to visitors to officers of G.L. and the Masters and Wardens of city and suburban Lodges, yet the Lodgeroom was well filled by a representative gathering of brethren. The retiring W.M. (W. Bro. T. O. Fox) most ably installed his successor (Bro. E. Morris, S.W.), and was assisted by P.Ms. of the Lodge. V.W. Bro. T. Porritt, P.G.C., gave the Address to the W.M. ; W. Bro. T. W. Boon addressed the Wardens ; the W.Ts. were presented by P.Ms. of Lodge Leinster, the mother Lodge of the W.M. ; and the Charge to the brethren was delivered by W. Bro. A. A. George, P.M. R.W. Bro. J. W. Ellison presented the Warrant, Constitution, and By-laws; and the officers were invested by the W.M., assisted by W. Bro. H. W. Preston, P.M., P.G.B.B., and W. Bro. S. Martin. After H.G.W. a pleasant hour was spent at the festive board, where an excellent supper had been prepared under the guidance of an experienced craftsman in such matters, Bro. H. K. Robertshaw. The following are the officers for the ensuing year : D.M., V.W. Bro. T. Porritt ; S.W., Bro. T. S. Robertson; J.W., Bro. G. F. Browne; Chaplain, Bro. H. K. Robertshaw ; Treas., Bro. H. J. Wyatt ; Sec., W. Bro. T. O. Fox, I.P.M. ; D. of C. W. Bro. T. W. Boon ; S.D., Bro. C. E. Bennett; J.D., Bro. J. Kircher ; I.G., Bro. F. Mildenhall; Tyler, Bro. A. G. Claridge; Organist, Bro. W. M. Beck ; S.S., Bro. R. Powell; J.Ss., Bros. R. G. Huggins and S.M. Stone.—[Lodge Correspondent.]

ROYAL ARCH CHAPTERS.

St. Augustine, No. 1.—The annual convocation was held in the Chapter-room of the Christchurch Masonic Hall on 9th October. Before proceeding with the business V.E. Comp. J. A. Stables made feeling reference to the death in action of E. Comp. Clifton W. Bingham (son of M.E. Comp. S. C. Bingham, P.G.Z.), who, had he not obeyed the Empire's call, would that night have been vacating the 1st Prin.'s chair ; also to the sudden death of V.E. Comp. C. W. Nicol, 1st Prin. of Rose and Thistle Chapter. The installation ceremony was impressively conducted by R.E. Comp. F. C. B. Bishop, G.Supt. of Canterbury, who was ably assisted by V.E. Comp. G. B. Perkins as G.D. of C. ; M.E. Comp. A. C. Andrews, P.G.Z. ; R.E. Comp. C. Flavell, G.J. ; E. Comp. E. Nordon, P.Assist.-G.R. ; and V.E. Comp. W. A. Davis, P.Z., Northern Crown (China), No. 2931, E.C., who is sojourning in this city on holiday. V.E. Comp. J. A. Stables was re-enthroned as Z., and E. Comps. H. Hopkinson and G. Yemm were installed as H. and J. respectively. The following officers were invested by V.E. Comp. E. Nordon : S.E., E. Comp. J. W. Piper ; S.N., E. Comp. J. Richardson ; Treas., E. Comp. J. Brown ; 1st Soj., E. Comp. J. Gillanders ; 2nd Soj., E. Comp. C. S. Johnston ; 3rd Soj., E. Comp. J. E. Cooper ; D. of C., V.E. Comp. J. Robertson ; Organist, V.E. Comp. F. C. B. Bishop ; Janitor, V.E. Comp. H. F. Arnold ; J.D., M.E. Comp. G. Judd ; I.G., M.E. Comp. J. L. Grant. Numerous apologies were received, owing chiefly to the prevailing influenza epidemic. On account of the sad news announced during the evening, the formal refectory proceedings were suspended.—[Chapter Correspondent.]

Victoria, No. 4.—The annual convocation was held on 26th September, there being a very large attendance of companions, including visitors from each Chapter in the district, V.E. Comp. R. Bishop presiding after the routine business. R.E. Comp. R. A. Gillespie, G.Supt., and acting-G.C. officers were announced and received with honours. E. Comp. Jas. Bowes was installed as 1st Prin., and E. Comp. A. J. Turville as 2nd Prin. The following office-bearers were then invested :—S.E., V.E. Comp. Jas. Redshaw ; S.N., E. Comp. H. Bate ; Treas. V.E. Comp. R. Bishop ; 1st Soj., E. Comp. A. E. Currie ; 2nd Treas., E. Comp. A. S. Erskine ; 3rd Soj., E. Comp. W. A. Wilkie ; Org., E. Comp. Jas. Rockell. The G.Supt. was assisted in the ceremonial by the following P.Zs. :—V.E. Comp. J. Redshaw as G.H., V.E. Comp. J. A. Miller as G.J. R.E. Comp. Thos. Hobson, G.H., gave the address to the 1st Prin. and companions, V.E. Comp. R. Bishop invested the office-bearers, and R.E. Comp. L. Freedman, P.D.G.Z., gave the address. Through the unavoidable absence of V.E. Comp. C. H. Critchley, on account of illness, V.E. Comp. W. Dobson, P.G. Chanc., stepped into the breach, which was very much appreciated on such short notice. V.E. Comp. H. L. Harston acted as G.Org. After the Chapter was closed, the companions adjourned to the refectory. The usual loyal toasts, songs, and one or two fine selections were given by the Chapter orchestra, which brought one of the most pleasant gatherings to a close shortly before midnight.—[Chapter Correspondent.]

Manawatu, No. 11.—At the meeting on 19th September R.E. Comp. G. S. Gordon installed the following:—Comp. A. W. Gallichan, Z. ; Comp. J. W. Sinclair, H. Comp. C. F. Spooner, J. ; Comp. A. J. Graham, P.Z., S.E. ; Comp. S. Abraham, Treas. ; Comp. J. G. Oliver 1st Soj. ; Comp. A. Wright, 2nd Soj. ; Comp. J. W. Oliver, 3rd Soj. Comp. Canton, S.N., was unavoidably absent. The following assisted in the work :—Comps. G. Palmer, P.G.Supt., W. H. Smith, P.G.J., and A. J. Graham, P.G. 3rd Soj. A number of candidates were proposed. The balance-sheet was most satisfactory, showing that there are no liabilities, but a substantial balance in bank, besides an investment in the War Loan, and, owing to the energy of R.E. Comp. Graham, S.E., there are only £3 10s. of dues outstanding. The outgoing Z., E. Comp. J. Stone, was warmly congratulated on the successful position, and the highly satisfactory manner in which he had managed affairs and conducted the working.—[Chapter Correspondent.]

Ruapehu, No. 19.—This Chapter, which has been dormant for some time, is now working again, and this is due to the untiring efforts of E. Comp. W. R. Snellgrove, S.E. in getting the Charter returned, which was effected (through the G. Supt., R.E. Comp. G. S. Gordon, and the G.S.E., M.E. Comp. H. J. Williams, both being present) on 19th February, 1918; and the companions should congratulate themselves on again being able to resume work, and there is every prospect of the Chapter having a prosperous career. After a lapse of nearly five years the installation and investiture of officers took place at the Freemasons' Hall, Marton, on 24th September, 1918, presided over by R.E. Comp. G. S. Gordon' G. Supt. of Ruapehu District, assisted by the Prins. and P. Prins. of the Wanganui and Ruapehu Chapters. Following are the officers for the ensuing year : 1st Prin. Z., V.E. Comp. E. Lloyd ; 2nd Prin. H., E. Comp. W. R. Snellgrove ; 3rd Prin. J., E. Comp.

H. Y. Cameron ; S.E., V.E. Comp. E. Dommett; S.N., Comp. W. W. Thomas; Treas., V.E. Comp. F. G. Hilton, P.Z. ; 1st. Soj., V.E. Comp. N. A. Nielsen, P.Z. ; 2nd Soj., V.E. Comp. A. J. Gould, P.Z. ; 3rd Soj., Comp. A. J. Dixon ; Janitor, Comp. H. J. Fagan. After the ceremony a very enjoyable hour was spent in the refectory, where the visitors and usual toasts were honoured.—[Chapter Correspondent.]

Waikato, No. 22.—The annual installation was held in the Lodgeroom of Beta Waikato on 25th September, when M.E. Comp. M. J. Harris conducted the installation. The officers-elect were invested by M.E. Comp. O. Nicholson, P.G.Z., and addressed by R.E. Comp. F. Kearsley, P.G.Z., and the companions were addressed by R.E. Comp. G. H. Powley, P.G.Z., and E. Comp. Leighton, G.D.S. The presenting officers were V.E. Comp. J. W. Warren, G.P.S., and V.E. Comp. Speight, P.Z. There was a record attendance, forty-five signing the book. On the afternoon prior to the installation M.E. Comp. O. Nicholson conferred the side degrees on twenty-five companions, assisted by M.E. Comp. M. J. Harris, R.E. Comps. F. Kearsley and G. H. Powley, and V.E. Comps. Catchpole and Leighton. It was a red-letter day in Hamilton for R.A. Freemasonry, the companions having come from as far as Rotorua, Te Kuiti, Cambridge, Morrinville, Ngaruawahia, and Mercer. No doubt, the fact of conferring the side degrees had a big attraction. At the same time great interest is being taken in R.A. Freemasonry in this district, and the officers are very enthusiastic, and the working of the Chapter is well above the average. If officers wish to advance they have to attend regular Chapter instruction, which has been the success of the Waikato Chapter. We expect at an early date to confer a degree in the Auckland Chapter, and Auckland will do likewise in Hamilton.

At a meeting held on 16th October two brethren were advanced to the W.M.M. E. Comp. English conducted the ceremony, assisted by V.E. Comp. Blair, a visitor from Auckland, giving the W.Ts. ; V.E. Comp. J. C. Williams, the Lecture; And V.E. Comp. Speight, the Final Charge. This being the meeting with the new officers since the installation, E. Comp. the W.M.M., is to be congratulated on the working the enthusiasm he has shown by the number of instruction tings he held.—[Chapter Correspondent.]

Wanganui, No. 23.—The monthly convocation was held on October (the first meeting for the new officers), there being good attendance. V.E. Comp. F. Symes presided. The following is the list of officers for the current year, which was indvertently omitted from the installation report :— 2nd Prin., E. Comp. P. Higginbottom ; 3rd Prin., E. Comp. J. R. Foster ; Treas., Comp. H. T. G. Harle ; S.E., 'Comp. T. A. Foweraker ; S.N., N. Comp. F. Stevens ; 1st Soj., Comp. W. E. Longshaw ; 2nd Soj., Comp. J. H. Passmore ; 3rd Soj., Comp. F. Flavell ; Steward, Comp. W. Rees-Jones ; Janitor, Comp. J. K. Revell. The work was the advancement of two brethren. The W.M.M. (Bro. F. Symes) was assisted by Bros. Higginbottom (Signs), Runnerstrum (W.Ts. and Charter), Roulston and Moutray (Lecture), and G. G. Bullock, P.W.M.M. (Final Charge).—[Chapter Correspondent.]

Rawhiti, No. 30.—The annual convocation was held on 16th September, when there was a good attendance of members and visiting companions. R.E. Comp. R. A. Gillespie, G. Supt., presided, and associated with him were V.E. Comp. Redshaw as G.H. and V.E. Comp. J. A. Miller as G.J. The duties of D. of C. were ably performed by V.E. Comp. Critchley. The following office-bearers were installed and invested : Z. E. Comp. Edwin Adams ; H., E. Comp. C. L. Thomsen ; J., E. Comp. J. C. Davidson ; S.E., V.E. Comp. F. Craven ; S.N., E. Comp. B. Bagley ; Treas., V.E. Comp. J. Brown ; 1st Soj. E. Comp. J. J. K. Gilmour ; 2nd Soj., E. Comp. G. Harris ; 3rd Soj., E. Comp. R. S. Chadwick ; Janitor, E. Comp. A. B. Mollgaard. The Address to the 1st Prin. was delivered by R.E. Comp. T. Hobson, G.H. ; to the 2nd Prin. by V.E. Comp. Redshaw ; and to the 3rd Prin. by V.E. Comp. Miller. The office-bearers were vested by V.E. Comp. W. Dobson, P.G. Chanc. ; and the address to the office-bearers was delivered by R.E. Comp. Gillespie. A vote of condolence with R.E. Comp. T. Hobson, G.H., in the recent loss he sustained by the death of his mother was unanimously carried. At the conclusion of the proceedings occasion was taken to bid farewell to Comp. F. M. Poynter, who leaves shortly to go into camp, and wishes were expressed for his safe return to a reunion with the companions in Dannevirke. —[Chapter Correspondent.]

Bedford, No. 39.—The annual convocation was held on 25th ptember. There was a good attendance of members and visiting companions. Victoria Chapter (Napier), Heretaunga Chapter (Hastings), and Rawhiti Chapter (Dannevirke) were represented. The duties of installing officer were very ably carried out by R. E. Comp. R. A. Gillespie, G.Supt., who was assisted by V.E. Comp. Redshaw as G.H. and V.E. Comp. J. Miller as G.J. At the eleventh hour V.E. Comp. Critchley, A.G.D. of C., was unable to take part in the ceremony,

owing to illness, and the duties of D. of C. were performed by V.E. Comp. W. Dobson, P.G.Chanc. E. Comp. John Scholes was installed in the chair of 1st Prin. Z. This very worthy companion is well and favourably known through the province as an enthusiastic Freemason, and in undertaking the duties of 1st Prin. of Bedford Chapter, when past the allotted span of three-score years and ten, received many tributes to his past services in the Craft, and wishes for the year to come. E. Comps. John Hobson and David Milne were installed in the chairs of H. and J. respectively. V.E. Comp. Bishop (Victoria, No. 4) invested the following office-bearers. Treas., E. Comp. Fleming ; S.E., Comp. P. J. Ryan ; Comp. E. E. Bott ; 2nd Soj., Comp. W. Hobson ; 3rd Soj., Comp. H. Hobin ; Janitor, V.E. Comp. W. Chambers. The 1st Soj.-elect (Comp. F. W. Gore) was absent owing to illness. The Address to the 1st Prin. was delivered by R.E. Comp. T. Hobson, G.H. ; V.E. Comp. J. Redshaw addressed the 2nd Prin. ; and E. Comp. J. Miller addressed the 3rd Prin. V.E. Comp. W. Dobson delivered the address to the office-bearers, and R.E. Comp. T. Hobson addressed the companions. At the subsequent function V.E. Comp. Hosking proposed the health of the newly installed Z. (V.E. Comp. Scholes), and gave a *resumé* of his connection with the Craft in Hawkes Bay. V.E. Comp. Scholes, in the course of his reply, indicated that he was getting into harness early, as he announced his intention of journeying to Hastings to work the R.A. Degree the following week.—[Chapter Correspondent.]

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

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

Bedford, No. 25:—Founded 1878, meets Masonic Hall, Waipukurau, first Wednesday in month, 7.30 p.m. Installation April. W.M., Bro. H. T. Newling; S.W., Bro. H. Hobson; J.W., Bro. G. F. W. Gay; Sec., W. Bro. J. W. Elliott, P.M., P.O. Box 5, Waipukurau.

Abercorn, No. 30:—Founded 1878, meets Masonic Hall, Waipawa, third Monday in month, 7.30 p.m. Installation third Wednesday in March. W.M., Bro. G. H. Hunt; S.W., Bro. J. Milburn; J.W., Bro. E. B. Bott; Sec., Bro. S. W. Strang, P.O. Box 38, Waipawa.

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

Heretaunga, No. 73:—Founded 1878, meets Masonic Hall, Hastings, second Tuesday in month, 7.30 p.m. Installation second Wednesday in July. W.M., Bro. C. H. Martin; S.W., Bro. J. E. Jones; J.W., Bro. W. R. Wright; Sec., Bro. T. Morgan, P.M., P.O. Box 3, Hastings.

Ruahine, No. 80:—Founded 1886, meets Masonic Hall, Woodville, Tuesday on or before full moon, 7.30 p.m. Installation fourth Wednesday in June. W.M., Bro. R. E. Toogood; S.W., Bro. John Elder; J.W., Bro. R. A. Offwood; 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 third Wednesday in April. W.M., W. Bro. H. N. Benson; S.W., W. Bro. T. Fothergill; J.W., Bro. W. Chadwick; Sec., W. Bro. D. Wilson, Box 12, Ormondville.

Waikaremoana, No. 158:—Founded 1909, meets Masonic Hall, Wairoa, H.B., Tuesday nearest full moon, 7.30 p.m. Installation first Tuesday in December. 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, Wairoa.

Ruataniwha, No. 172:—Founded 1910, meets Masonic Hall, Takapau, Friday on or before full moon, 7 p.m. Installation third Wednesday in August. W.M., Bro. J. W. Watkins; S.W., Bro. W. Hobson; J.W., Bro. R. B. May; 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 1878, meets second Wednesday in month. Installation March. W.M., Bro. E. C. Wood; S.W., Bro. J. R. Paterson; J.W., Bro. F. G. Davies; Sec., W. Bro. J. J. Hoitham, P.M.

Hawera, No. 34.—Founded 1880, meets in Temple, Union Street, Hawera, first Tuesday in month, 7.30 p.m. Installation July. W.M., W. Bro. E. C. Hayton; S.W., Bro. Colin Brown; J.W., Bro. J. L. Martin; Sec., W. Bro. Alan R. Thompson, P.M., Morrissey Street, Hawera.

Ngamotu, No. 48.—Founded 1883, meets Masonic Hall, Robe Street, New Plymouth, fourth Wednesday in month (except December, second Thursday), 7.30 p.m. Installation September. W.M., W. Bro. W. S. Gilbert; S.W., Bro. E. Bary; J.W., Bro. R. I. Pentecost; Sec., Bro. W. H. Haddrell, P.M., Westown, New Plymouth.

Stratford, No. 75.—Founded 1892, meets Masonic Hall, Stratford, third Wednesday in month. Installation March. W.M., Bro. J. H. Ashton; S.W., Bro. R. M. Peattie; J.W., Bro. E. A. Drake; Sec., Bro. J. McAllister, P.M., P.O. Box 103, Stratford.

St. John's, No. 95.—Founded 1892, meets Masonic Hall, Eltham, third Tuesday in month, 7.30 p.m. Installation February. W.M., Bro. G. H. Buckridge; S.W., Bro. J. W. Harrison; J.W., Bro. C. B. Martin; Sec., W. Bro. J. L. Weir, Eltham.

Moa, No. 110.—Founded 1896, meets in Freemasons' Hall, Inglewood, second Friday each month, 7.30 p.m. Installation March. W.M., Bro. G. H. Taylor; S.W., Bro. J. Johnston; J.W., Bro. G. W. Hutton; Sec., W. Bro. A. E. Surrey, P.M., Inglewood.

Ikaroa, No. 115.—Founded 1896, meets 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.

Kaponga, No. —

RUAPEHU DISTRICT: 16 LODGES.

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

Rangitikei, No. 38.—Founded 1880, meets 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 Masonic Temple, Felding, second Monday in month. Installation July. W.M., W. Bro. W. A. Bell; S.W., Bro. W. W. Andrews; J.W., Bro. A. J. Geary; Sec., Bro. D. S. Thomson, P.O. Box 77, Felding.

Manawatu Kil., No. 47.—Founded 1883, meets Masonic Hall, Church St., Palmerston N., second Thursday in month. Installation second Wednesday in April. W.M., Bro. W. Mundy; S.W., Bro. D. E. Lustin; J.W., —; Sec., Bro. C. S. Rush, P.M., P.O. Box 92, Palmerston N.

Otagaki, No. 70.—Founded 1891, meets Masonic Hall, Ashhurst, Wednesday nearest full moon, 7.30 p.m. Installation August. W.M., Bro. J. T. Robson; 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 Masonic Hall, Hunterville, Rangitikei, Friday on or before full moon. Installation March. W.M., Bro. F. H. Powell; S.W., Bro. R. Dukeson; J.W., Bro. C. R. Dean; Sec., Bro. R. A. Campbell, P.M.

St. Andrew Kil., No. 79.—Founded 1866, meets Freemasons' Hall, Wanganui, second Thursday in month (excepting December, first Thursday). Installation second Thursday in July. W.M., Bro. J. E. M. Rose; S.W., Bro. John McFarlane; J.W., Bro. Percy Evans; Sec., Bro. N. G. Armstrong, P.O. Box 236, Wanganui.

Kimbolton, No. 123.—Founded 1902, meets Masonic Hall, Kimbolton, Thursday nearest full moon. Installation February. W.M., Bro. C. G. Hansen; S.W., Bro. L. J. Verry; J.W., Bro. F. S. Savage; Sec. (acting), Bro. E. S. Davies, P.O. Box 3, Kimbolton.

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

Te Awahou, No. 133.—Founded 1906, meets Masonic Hall, Little St., Foxton, second Tuesday in month. Installation May. W.M., Bro. J. J. W. Stevenson; S.W., Bro. S. E. Cowley; J.W., Bro. W. Renton; Sec., Bro. A. E. Wainwright, Box 7, Foxton.

Otaihape, No. 142.—Founded 13th December, 1905, meets in Masonic Hotel, Taihape, Tuesday on or before full moon, 7.45 p.m. Installation May. W.M., Bro. F. Varnam; S.W., Bro. B. A. Fraser; J.W., Bro. L. B. H. de Lautour; Sec., Bro. H. Mercer.

Rongotea, No. 146.—Founded 1906, meets Masonic Hall, Rongotea, Wednesday before full moon. Installation April. W.M., Bro. W. Amou; S.W., Bro. W. G. Baylis; J.W., Bro. H. B. Thompson; Sec., Bro. H. Illingworth.

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

Waimarino, No. 175.—Founded 1910, meets Masonic Hall, Ward St., Raetihi, 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. C. Drury; Sec., Bro. A. W. Ashwell, P.O. Box 32, Raetihi.

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

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

Ngauruhoe, No. 205.—Constituted 26th May, 1916, meets Masonic Hall, Mire Street, Ohakune, Tuesday nearest full moon, 7.30 p.m. Installation May. W.M., Bro. A. C. Yelland; S.W., Bro. M. Vance; J.W., Bro. Dr. W. J. Feltham; Sec., Bro. Rev. W. J. Weller, Miro Street, Ohakune.

PROVINCE OF WELLINGTON: 23 LODGES.

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

N.Z. Pacific, No. 2.—Founded 1842, meets Masonic Hall, Wellington, fourth Monday in month, 7.30 p.m. No meeting December. Installation March. W.M., Bro. R. H. Webb; S.W., Bro. J. H. Hutchins; J.W., Bro. G. W. A. Clark; Sec., W. Bro. J. H. Worboys, P.M., Kilbirnie.

Waterloo, No. 13.—Founded 1866, meets Masonic Hall, Wellington, second Monday in month, 7.30 p.m. Installation September. W.M., Bro. W. A. Parton; S.W., Bro. F. H. Mather; J.W., Bro. W. Berry; Sec., Bro. G. E. Smith, P.M., P.O. Box 811, Wellington.

Masterton, No. 19.—Founded 1873, meets Masonic Hall, Bannister Street, Masterton, second Wednesday in month, 8 p.m. Installation May. W.M., Bro. O. N. C. Pragnell; S.W., Bro. G. W. Perrin; J.W., Bro. S. D. Pearce; Sec., W. Bro. R. J. Young, P.M., Masterton.

St. Andrew, No. 32.—Founded 1879, meets 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. H. Hutcheson; J.W., Bro. Greening; Sec., W. Bro. A. T. Wells, P.M., P.O. Box 661, Wellington.

St. John, No. 37.—Founded 1880, meets 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. Evertson, P.M.

Leinster, No. 44.—Founded 1882, meets Masonic Hall, Wellington, first Monday in month, 7.30 p.m. Installation July. W.M., Bro. R. J. Shakes; S.W., Bro. W. J. Garrett; J.W., Bro. D. Parnell; Sec., W. Bro. W. A. Baudinet, P.M., P.O. Box 228. "Copper" collection each meeting for W. and O. and A.M. Fund.

St. Mark, No. 53.—Founded 1854, meets in Freemasons' Hall, Carterton, second Tuesday in month, 8 p.m. Installation April (St. Mark's Day). W.M., Bro. J. A. Rayne; S.W., Bro. J. J. Knox-Smith; J.W., Bro. A. J. Lindop; acting-Sec., W. Bro. A. Phillipotts, Box 7, Carterton.

Ulster, No. 62.—Founded 1888, meets Masonic Hall, Petone, third Wednesday in month. Installation June. W.M., Bro. A. G. Steffenson; S.W., Bro. Y. G. Carver; J.W., Bro. P. McBride; Sec., W. Bro. R. Wylie, 49 Victoria Street, Petone.

Tararua, No. 67.—Founded 1890, meets 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 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. Swabey, 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 Street, Eketahuna, second Friday in each month (except May, Installation second Thursday), 7.30 p.m. W.M., Bro. J. Kerr; S.W., Bro. W. Duff; J.W., Bro. W. C. Crocker; Sec., Bro. A. Rowden, P.M.

Hinemoa, No. 122.—Founded 1901, meets Masonic Hall, Wellington S., second Thursday, 7.30 p.m. Installation August. W.M., Bro. S. R. Shannon; S.W., Bro. G. Jones; J.W., Bro. S. L. Russell; Sec., Bro. W. L. Edman-son, 156, Lambton Quay.

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

Brooklyn, No. 132.—Founded October, 1903, meets Masonic Hall, Brooklyn, first Wednesday in month. Installation October. W.M., Bro. J. Barras; S.W., Bro. W. G. Faulkner; J.W., Bro. W. Parkin; Sec., Bro. M. W. Thew, P.M.

Horowhenua, No. 135.—Founded 1906, meets Druids' 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. 149.—Founded 1907, meets Masonic Hall, Pongaroa, Tuesday on or before full moon, 7.30 p.m. Installation February. W.M., Bro. J. H. Thomas; S.W., Bro. W. G. Neville; J.W., Bro. E. W. Clemens; Sec., W. Bro. W. Souness, P.M., P.O. Box 15, Pongaroa.

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

Tutanekai, No. 156.—Founded 1908, meets Masonic Hall, Adelaide Rd., Berhampore, first Thursday in month (except January, when Lodge meets second Thursday), 7.30 p.m. Installation February. W.M., Bro. G. F. L. Lenzi; S.W., Bro. C. W. Martin; J.W., Bro. G. W. Key; Sec., Bro. E. Howell, 55 Glen Rd., Kalburn.

Waiwhetu, No. 176.—Founded 1910, meets Masonic Hall, Huda Street, Lower Hutt, second Wednesday in month, 7.30 p.m. Installation October. W.M., W. Bro. H. Harman; S.W., Bro. A. Carver; J.W., Bro. J. R. Purdy; Sec., W. Bro. Henry Hobbs, Hautana Square, Lower Hutt.

Otari, No. 190.—Founded 1912, meets Freemasons' Hall, Ngaho, second Tuesday in month, 7.30 p.m. Installation July. W.M., Bro. A. Ferguson; S.W., Bro. A. Tanner; J.W., Bro. J. T. Mair; Sec., W. Bro. J. R. Scrimgeour, P.M., Main Road, Ngaho.

Installed Masters' Lodge, No. 194.—Founded 5th October, 1912, meets Freemasons' Hall first Tuesday in November, *February, *April, *June, *August, *October. Installation October. W.M., Bro. W. H. Jones; S.W., Bro. H. H. Seaton; J.W., Bro. C. W. Neilsen; Sec., Bro. A. Schmidt, 2 Corunna Avenue. (*Open to visiting M.M.s.)

Whetu Kairangi, No. 201.—Founded 1914, meets at Masonic Hall, Seaton, second Saturday each month, 7.30 p.m. Installation October. W.M., Bro. E. Morris, jun.; S.W., Bro. T. S. Robertson; J.W., Bro. G. F. Browne; Sec., W. Bro. T. O. Fox, P.M., Miramar.

SOUTH ISLAND.

MARLBOROUGH AND NELSON: 8 LODGES.

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

Victory, No. 40.—Founded 1881, meets Freemasons' Hall, Collingwood St., Nelson, second Thursday in month (except May, fourth Thursday), 7.30 p.m. Installation May. W.M., Bro. C. M. Whelan; S.W., Bro. L. Reynolds; J.W., Bro. A. G. Shrimpton; Sec., W. Bro. R. W. Stiles, P.O. Box 105, Nelson.

Wairau, No. 42.—Founded 1881 (formerly 668, S.C.; joined N.Z.C. 1890), meets Masonic Hall, Andrew Street, Blenheim, last Tuesday in month, 7.30 p.m. Installation June. W.M., Bro. W. W. Trlor; S.W., Bro. T. E. Cleator; J.W., Bro. A. E. Jellyman; Sec., W. Bro. C. Tunncliffe, Grove Road, Blenheim.

Havelock, No. 104.—Founded 1896, meets Masonic Hall, Havelock, Saturday before full moon, 8 p.m. Installation March. W.M., Bro. W. H. Marriott; S.W., Bro. E. J. Roche; J.W., Bro. L. S. Humphries; Sec., Bro. A. E. Barrowclough, Havelock.

Marlborough Unanimity, No. 106.—Founded 1869 (formerly 1236, E.C.), joined N.Z.C. 1896, meets Masonic Hall, Charles Street, Blenheim, second Tuesday in month, 7.30 p.m. Installation August. W.M., Bro. H. R. Bagge; S.W., Bro. W. M. Lambie; J.W., Bro. A. L. B. Ross; Sec., Bro. F. W. Smith, Box 161, Blenheim.

Waitohi, No. 111.—Meets in Masonic Hall, Picton, last Friday in month, 7.30 p.m. Installation April. W.M., Bro. E. R. Lane; S.W., Bro. T. Allport; J.W., Bro. E. J. Hazelwood; Sec., Bro. T. W. Bragge, P.M.

Forest, No. 116.—Meets in Lodgeroom, Wakefield, third Wednesday in month. Installation November. W.M., Bro. J. R. Gaukrödger; S.W., Bro. L. O. Baigent; 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. R. 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 1888, meets Burns' Masonic Hall, Kelly St., Reefton, third Thursday in month, 7.30 p.m. Installation 25th January. W.M., Bro. J. B. Auld; S.W., Bro. W. H. Nicholas; J.W., Bro. D. Panckhurst, P.M.; Sec., Bro. R. A. Stewart, P.M., Reefton.

Advance, No. 61.—Founded 1871, meets Masonic Hall, Taylorville, Brunerton, first Thursday in month, 7.30 p.m. Installation last Thursday in January. W.M., Bro. C. Angel; S.W., Bro. P. Lafforn; J.W., Bro. H. Griffiths; Sec., Bro. J. Watson, Brunerton.

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

Westland Kil., 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. W. Smart; S.W., Bro. J. T. Murphy; J.W., Bro. F. J. Browning; Sec., Bro. T. Peacock, P.M.

Mokihini, No. 96.—Founded 1896, meets in Masonic Hall, Seddonville, first Saturday in month, 7.30 p.m. Installation December. W.M., Bro. Harry Greenwood; S.W., Bro. E. L. S. H. Skilton; J.W., Bro. Walter A. Tulloch; Sec., W. Bro. G. W. Jones, 137, Queen Street, Westport.

Torea, No. 121.—Founded 1900, meets Masonic Hall, Granite, third Saturday in month, 7.30 p.m. Installation December. W.M., Bro. W. S. McEwan; S.W., Bro. T. Worthington; J.W., Bro. J. Kerr; Sec., Bro. W. T. Treghtha.

Mawhera, No. 136.—Founded 1904, meets Masonic Hall, Tainui St., Greymouth, second Thursday in month. Installation November. W.M., Bro. H. G. F. Clear; S.W., Bro. G. G. A. Helz; 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 Street, Westport, second Monday in month, 8 p.m. Installation May. W.M., Bro. H. Greenwood; S.W., Bro. E. Skelton; J.W., Bro. Capt. Tulloch; Sec., Bro. G. W. Jones, P.M., 187 Queen Street, Westport.

Rumanga, No. 159.—Founded 1908, meets Masonic Hall, Seddon St., Rumanga, 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. Rowse, P.M., Walker St., Rumanga.

Connaught, No. 187 (Karamea).

PROVINCE OF CANTERBURY: 35 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., Wor. Bro. R. J. Connal; S.W., Bro. C. H. Smith; J.W., Bro. F. H. Law; Sec., Bro. L. Salt, Heathcote Valley.

St. Augustine, No. 4.—Founded 1852, meets Masonic Hall, Christchurch, second Tuesday in month, 7.30 p.m. Installation March. W.M., Bro. D. Redpath; S.W., Bro. C. H. Duff; J.W., Bro. A. E. Smith; Sec., W. Bro. J. A. Stables, P.O. Box 79, Christchurch.

Southern Cross, No. 6.—Founded 1855, meets Masonic Hall, Kaiapoi, first Thursday in month, 7.30 p.m. Installation December. W.M., Bro. R. H. Croft; S.W., Bro. F. J. Garnett; J.W., Bro. J. E. Monk; Sec., Bro. P. G. Hunt, Kaiapoi.

Caledonian, No. 16.—Founded 1871, meets in Caledonian Masonic Hall, Sophia Street, Timaru, first Monday in month, 7.30 p.m. Installation June. W.M., Bro. George Glue; S.W., Bro. J. T. Collins; J.W., Bro. J. T. Hunt; Sec., Bro. J. Simpson, 136 North Street, 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 Kil., No. 28.
Geraldine, No. 27.—Founded 1890, meets Masonic Hall, Geraldine, third Wednesday in month. Installation March. W.M., Bro. J. M. Sutherland; S.W., Bro. A. A. Readie; J.W., Bro. G. R. Knibb; Sec., Bro. W. A. Sherratt, P.M., Geraldine.

Ashley, No. 28.—Founded 1878, meets 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 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 1872.
Lincoln, No. 33.—Founded 1880, meets in Masonic Hall, Lincoln, first Tuesday in month. No meeting in January. Installation October. W.M., Bro. W. L. Morgan; S.W., Bro. R. G. Forbes; J.W., Bro. T. Yogan; 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. A. J. Nicholas; S.W., Bro. J. W. Bealand; J.W., Bro. G. F. Drury; Sec., Bro. R. Baldwin, P.M., 72 Aitman's Rd., Christchurch.

Phoenix, No. 43.—Meets second Friday in month, 7.30 p.m. Installation September. W.M., Bro. F. G. Armstrong; S.W., Bro. T. E. McKenzie; J.W., Bro. W. E. M. Jacobson; Sec., W. Bro. Rev. A. H. Julius, the Vicarage, Akaroa.

Methven, No. 51.—Meets Masonic Hall, Methven, Wednesday on or before full moon. Installation May, W.M., W. Bro. J. F. Stone; S.W., Bro. H. Maginnis; J.W., Bro. S. J. Carleton; Sec., Bro. S. Smith, P.O. Box 27, Methven.

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

Mackenzie, No. 93.—Founded 1894, meets 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 Lodgeroom, Leonard Street, Waimate, Wednesday on or before full moon. Installation August. W.M., Bro. E. R. Beckett; S.W., Bro. C. Manchester; J.W., Bro. R. Creaser; Sec., W. Bro. A. J. Hoskins, P.M.

Thistle, No. 113.—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. E. 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 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. E. W. Cooper, P.M.

Pareora, No. 134 (St. Andrew's).
Crown, No. 188 (Christchurch).

Robert Burns, No. 139.—Meets 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. R. W. S. Eastwood, 39 Coronation Street, Woolston.

Walhara, No. 141.—Founded 1903, meets Oddfellows' Hall, Leeston, second Thursday in each month, at 8 p.m. Installation April. W.M., Bro. W. J. Lemon; S.W., Bro. E. H. Jecks; J.W., Bro. W. O. Rennie; Sec., W. Bro. J. E. Carter, P.M.

Clive, No. 157.—Meets Masonic Hall, Gloucester St. W., Christchurch, first Tuesday in month, 7.30 p.m. Installation August. W.M., Bro. John Hurley; S.W., Bro. R. J. Thompson; J.W., Bro. T. H. Williams; Sec., Bro. H. M. Garrick, P.O. Box 957, Christchurch.

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

Amuri, No. 184 (Gulverden).
Avon, No. 185.—Meets Masonic Hall, Christchurch, first Thursday in month. Installation September. W.M., Bro. S. K. Bassett; S.W., Bro. B. Falck; J.W., Bro. J. W. Hillary; Sec., Bro. O. W. B. Anderson, P.O. Box 567, Christchurch.

Tawera, No. 188 (Oxford).
Timaru, No. 196.—Founded 1913, meets Caledonian Masonic Hall, Sophia Street, Timaru, third Monday in month (except December and January). Installation April. W.M., Bro. G. McKetterick; S.W., Bro. F. Stowell; J.W., Bro. S. L. Freeman; Sec., Bro. J. Moore, 49 Hassall Street, Timaru.

Koranga, No. 197.—Founded 1913, meets Caledonian Masonic Hall, Sophia St., Timaru, fourth Tuesday in month, 7.30 p.m. Installation August. W.M., Bro. R. Hyman; S.W., Bro. J. Moyes; J.W., Bro. W. G. Cooper; Sec., Bro. G. J. Wallace, P.O. Box 83, Timaru.

Brewhon, No. 200.—Consecrated 20th August, 1914; meets Masonic Hall, Mt. Somers, Friday on or before full moon, 7.30 p.m. Installation October. W.M., W. Bro. F. W. Ruddenklau; S.W., Bro. W. J. Carleton; J.W., Bro. W. J. Robertson; Sec., Bro. E. C. Wood, Mt. Somers.

PROVINCE OF OTAGO: 27 LODGES.

(R.W. Bro. R. Haweridge, 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. E. Atkins; S.W., Bro. H. Ross; J.W., Bro. J. McCormack; Sec., Bro. F. W. C. Clayton, 598 George St., Dunedin.

Waitaki, No. 11.—Founded 1869, meets Masonic Hall, Wansbeck Street, Oamaru, Wednesday on or before full moon, 7.30 p.m. Installation May. W.M., Bro. A. N. Glass; S.W., Bro. J. G. Wallace; J.W., Bro. A. Hamilton; Sec., Bro. C. A. La Roche, Harbour Board Office.

Clutha, No. 14.—Founded 1866, meets Masonic Hall, Douglas Street, Balclutha, second Monday in month, 8 p.m. Installation September. W.M., Bro. T. G. Dent; S.W., Bro. G. M. Henderson; J.W., Bro. —; Sec., W. Bro. W. G. Fimm, P.M., Renfrew Street, Balclutha.

Palmerston, No. 26.—Founded 1876, meets Masonic Hall, Palmerston S., Friday on or before full moon, 8 p.m. Installation August. W.M., Bro. D. R. Munro; S.W., Bro. R. W. Wheeler; J.W., Bro. J. Moody; Sec., Bro. G. B. Smith, junr., P.O. Box 24, Palmerston, Otago.

Hercules, No. 36.—Founded 1880, meets in Masonic Hall, Tapanui, Wednesday nearest full moon, 7.30 p.m. Installation April. W.M., Bro. H. S. Jackways; S.W., Bro. W. C. Dale; J.W., Bro. G. Fowler; Sec., Bro. A. H. Hawkins, Tapanui.

Hiram, No. 46.—Founded 1883, meets in Masonic Hall, Cargill Road, South Dunedin, on fourth Tuesday in every month, at 7.30 p.m. Installation October. W.M., Bro. J. A. P. Fredric; S.W., Bro. H. Turley; J.W., Bro. J. McNaughton; Sec., Bro. W. Holman, Surrey Street, South Dunedin.

Ngapara, No. 68.—Founded 1891, meets Masonic Hall, Ngapara, Oamaru, Monday on or preceding full moon, 7.30 p.m. Installation October. W.M., Bro. R. Whyte; S.W., Bro. A. Robble, P.M.; J.W., Bro. L. Morrison; Sec., Bro. H. Webber, P.M.

Oamaru Kil., 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 Kil., No. 83 (originally No. 059, S.C.)—Meets in Masonic Hall, Kaitangata, every fourth Wednesday from 21st August, 1918. Installation February. W.M., Bro. A. Ferguson; S.W., Bro. J. Oliver; J.W., Bro. J. Richardson; Sec., W. Bro. W. D. Paterson, P.M. St. John, No. 84 (Mosgiel).

Mount Ida, No. 97.—Founded 1868 (originally No. 1262, E.C.), meets Masonic Hall, Naseby, Wednesday nearest full moon. Installation February. W.M., Bro. J. Baird; S.W., Bro. E. Carey; J.W., Bro. T. C. Hore; Sec., Bro. A. E. Inder, P.M., P.O. Box 20, Naseby.

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

Dunstan, No. 103 (originally No. 407, S.C.)—Founded 1869, joined N.Z.C. 1885; meets Town Hall, Clyde, Tuesday on or nearest full moon, 7.30 p.m. Installation February. W.M., Bro. J. L. Davidson; S.W., Bro. E. Briggans; J.W., Bro. D. McL. McInnes; 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. A. Jordan; S.W., Bro. T. Harridge; J.W., Bro. D. McPhail; Sec., W. Bro. E. Tomkinson, P.M., Harbour Board, Dunedin.

Manuhierikia Kil., No. 109.—Founded 1896, meets Masonic Hall, Alexandra, Friday on or nearest full moon. Installation February. W.M., Bro. T. Adams; S.W., Bro. J. W. Thevers; J.W., Bro. L. Churchill; Sec., Bro. J. B. Arnott, P.M., P.O. Box 51, Alexandra.

St. Bathans', No. 126.—Founded 11th November, 1902, meets Masonic Hall, Becks, Thursday nearest full moon, 8 p.m. Installation February. W.M., Bro. Rev. A. V. G. Chandler; S.W., Bro. O. Moon; J.W., Bro. J. Owens; Sec., W. Bro. J. Sheppard, Becks.

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

Teviot, No. 148.—Founded 1907, meets Masonic Hall, Roxburgh, Saturday on or nearest full moon, 8 p.m. Installation March. W.M., Bro. E. F. Allen; S.W., Bro. J. George; J.W., Bro. J. H. McKay; Act. Sec., Bro. H. Henderson, P.O. Box 43, Roxburgh.

Oceanic, No. 154.—Meets in St. Kilda Masonic Hall, Dunedin, third Wednesday each month, 7.30 p.m. Installation October. W.M., Bro. W. H. Mills; S.W., Bro. H. F. Harris; J.W., Bro. M. J. Pierce; Sec., Bro. W. Jacobson, 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. James Bissland; S.W., Bro. R. Johnson; J.W., Bro. G. Winter; Sec., W. Bro. C. F. J. Bell, P.M., 600 Castle Street, North Dunedin. Masters, No. 161.

Kurow, No. 164.—Founded 13th May, 1909; meets in Masonic Hall, Kurow, 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 Masonic Hall, Owaka, Thursday nearest full moon, 7.30 p.m. Installation March. W.M., Bro. J. Logan; S.W., Bro. R. McG. Laverty; J.W., Bro. R. Barr; Sec., Bro. W. K. Hayward, P.O. Box 13, Owaka.

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

Jonie, No. 191.—Founded 1912, meets in Kirkland Hall, Green Island, second Monday in month, at 7.30 p.m. Installation July. W.M., Bro. J. A. McPhee; S.W., Bro. W. T. Smellie; J.W., Bro. R. Benfell; Sec., W. Bro. S. F. Bridgeman, P.M., Green Island.

Morning Star, No. 192 (Mornington).
Strath-Taleri, No. 199 (Middlemarch, Otago Central).

PROVINCE OF SOUTHLAND: 17 LODGES.

(R.W. Bro. A. Le H. Hoyles, Prov.G.M.)

Southern Cross, No. 9.—Founded 1864, meets in Masonic Hall, Forth Street, Invercargill, first Friday in month, 7.45 p.m. Installation June. W.M., Bro. W. F. Irvine; S.W., Bro. L. L. Padgett; J.W., Bro. H. J. Parrant; Sec., W. Bro. C. H. Roberts, Box 214, Invercargill. tou Street, East Gore.

Harvey, No. 49.—Founded 1883, meets in Masonic Hall, Gore, Wednesday nearest full moon, 7.30 p.m. Installation second Wednesday in April. W.M., Bro. A. G. Clarke; S.W., Bro. T. J. Sherborne, jun.; J.W., Bro. R. P. Boyne; Sec., W. Bro. Walter Gee, P.M., Hal-

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. A. Jones; S.W., Bro. D. Allison; J.W., Bro. R. Richardson; Sec., Bro. S. Rice, P.O. Box 7, Wyndham. Fortitude, No. 64.—Founded 1888, meets in Masonic Hall, Bluff, second Wednesday in month, 7.30 p.m. Installation June. W.M., Bro. R. C. Skipage; S.W., Bro. R. C. Harbord; J.W., Bro. Geo. Steel; Sec., Bro. E. Parker, P.M., Hazlewood, 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, P.M., Riverton.

Lake Lodge of Ophir, No. 85.—Founded 1864, meets in Masonic Hall, Queenstown, third Tuesday in month. Installation February. W.M., Bro. J. Miller; S.W., Bro. F. McDowall; J.W., Bro. S. W. Wilson, P.M.; Sec., Bro. A. J. Campbell, P.M., Queenstown.

Arrow Kil., No. 86.—Meets Monday on or before full moon at Masonic Hall, Arrowtown. Installation February. W.M., Bro. F. 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. J. S. Lipscombe; S.W., Bro. Jas. Manson; J.W., Bro. R. Hyalop; Sec., W. Bro. F. Butterfield, cr. Nith and Ettrick Streets, Invercargill.

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 1905, meets Masonic Hall, Orepuki, second Thursday in month, 7.30 p.m. Installation third Wednesday in April. W.M., Bro. W. D. Clark; S.W., Bro. E. A. Kemp; J.W., Bro. J. J. Hinchcliff; Sec., W. Bro. L. F. Clapp, P.M., P.O. Box 7, Orepuki.

Wairaki, No. 146 (Nightcaps).

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

Waikaka, No. 151.—Founded 1907, meets Lodge room, Waikaka, Monday nearest full moon. Installation June. W.M., Bro. A. P. Burton; S.W., Bro. R. H. Newman; J.W., Bro. C. Green; Sec., W. Bro. A. G. Thomson, P.M., Waikaka.

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

Walhopa, No. 169.—Founded 1912, meets in Masonic Hall, Grey Street, Gladstone, Invercargill, third Monday in month, 7.30 p.m. Installation May. W.M., Bro. A. B. Edmonds; S.W., Bro. Thos. Bird; J.W., Bro. H. T. Conner; Sec., Bro. C. J. Hewlett, c/o Courthouse, Invercargill.

ENGLISH CRAFT LODGES.

Pacific Lodge, No. 1453, E.C.—Founded 1879, meets Masonic Hall, Reefton, Tuesday nearest full moon. Installation July. W.M., Bro. R. Burley; S.W., W. Bro. S. Austin; J.W., Bro. A. Bloxham; Sec., Bro. A. A. Rouse, P.O. Box 41, Reefton.

Wellington, No. 1521.—Founded 1874, meets at the Masonic Hall, Wellington, on third Wednesday in each month except in January, February, and March. Installation June. W.M., Bro. N. E. White; S.W., Bro. J. H. G. Rowley; J.W., Bro. F. L. Hardwicke; Sec., Bro. J. G. Greer.

BOARDS OF ENQUIRY.

MARLBOROUGH.—Meets Masonic Hall, Charles St., Blenheim, first Thursday in month. Pres., W. Bro. C. H. Mills; Sec., W. Bro. F. W. Smith, Market St., Blenheim.

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WELLINGTON.—Meets Masonic Hall, Boulcott St., third Tuesday in month, except December. Pres., W. Bro. W. C. Robinson; Vice-Pres., W. Bro. H. G. Teagle; Sec. and Treas., W. Bro. H. Hobbs, Hautana Square, Lower Hutt.

NORTH CANTERBURY.—Meets Masonic Hall, Gloucester St., Christchurch, first Monday in month, 7.30 p.m. Pres., R.W. Bro. S. C. Bingham; Sec., W. Bro. R. Baldwin, P.Prov.G.W., 72 Akman's Rd., Christchurch.

OTAGO.—Meets in Board Room, No. 15 Empire Buildings, Princes Street, Dunedin, third Thursday each month. Pres., W. Bro. W. G. Hay; Sec., W. Bro. T. W. O'Driscoll, 153 Dundas Street, Dunedin.

ANCIENT AND ACCEPTED SCOTTISH RITE. GRAND LODGE OF FRANCE.

Veritas, No. 384.—Founded 1907, meets Freemasons' Hall, Mission St., Paepete, fourth Saturday in month, 7.30 p.m. Installation December. W.M., Bro. J. Williams; S.W., Bro. V. Gooding; J.W., Bro. G. Spitz; Sec., Bro. C. H. Norris. (This Lodge, working in English, cordially invites brethren from New Zealand.) L'Océan Francaise, No. 859.—Dormant.

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