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17th March—Monday.	12th August—Tuesday.
15th April—Tuesday.	10th September—Wednesday.
15th May—Thursday.	10th October—Friday.
14th June—Saturday.	8th November—Saturday.
13th July—Sunday.	7th December—Sunday.

FROM THE EDITOR.

Forward your News while yet fresh. State reports are not only uninteresting, but misleading.

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**THE G.L. OF NEW SOUTH WALES DECIDES UNANIMOUSLY
IN FAVOUR OF EN BLOC BALLOTING.**

AT the December meeting of the above G.L., the following recommendation was made by the B. of O.P. :—

"Method of Balloting.—The method in connection with balloting for candidates engaged the attention of the Board, and after consideration it was resolved : 'That the B. of O.P. recommend that the resolution of G.L. of 13th September, 1911, providing that balloting for candidates *en bloc* was irregular, be and is hereby rescinded, and that in any case where two or more candidates are proposed for initiation or affiliation, they may be balloted for together, provided that if there be one black ball cast, the Master shall then, without declaring the ballot, take a separate ballot for each and every candidate.' The G.M. rose, prior to any discussion thereon, and stated that "there could be no question that the balloting for several candidates, as now conducted, was not conducive to the forwarding of work in private Lodges. There was considerable time wasted in Lodges where eight or nine or even ten candidates were balloted for on the same evening. The pleasure that brethren had in visiting Lodges was spoilt by excessive balloting. And when it was considered that many of these visiting brethren came a great distance, it could be understood that they would not be happily disposed to visit again." He was pleased that the Board was making this recommendation. It was a simple thing for a Master to take an *en bloc* ballot, and then, if there were a black ball, the separate ballot could be resorted to. He thought that balloting could be just as carefully done by the method which the Board suggested as by the inexpressibly tedious manner used at the present time. They should make their meetings brisk and bright. The N.Z. CRAFTSMAN is in entire concurrence with the views of the G.M. of New South Wales, and has no hesitation in saying that it is not in the best interests of Craft Lodges and Chapters to continue the present system of voting for candidates, made imperative by the laws and regulations of the G.L. of New Zealand. At first sight and theoretically it may appear conclusive that the plan is the only one, and leaves nothing else to be said. To vote for each candidate on his merits may appear to be the essence of justice and practicability. The one argument in favour of this system was not neglected in New South Wales, viz., that it tends to guard the portals of the Lodge against improper admissions. But the G.M. of New South Wales showed very conclusively that this objection had been provided for, and was safeguarded in the recommendation by that proviso which empowered the Master of a Lodge to take separate ballots in case one black ball appeared in the *en bloc* ballot. But the members of G.L. thought that that course was too stringent, and an amendment was carried, that "if the number of black balls required by the by-laws of a Lodge to reject a candidate be found in an *en bloc* ballot, then only should a separate ballot be taken." And as amended thus the motion for adoption was carried unanimously. The G.M. was well advised when he said that the pleasure of visiting in some Lodges was spoilt by excessive balloting. Indeed, there are few visitors in this country who have not experienced this weariness to the flesh, and who fight excessively shy at all meetings which announce a plethora of candidates for the ballot. We have the experience of one Masonic institution which for over twenty years has adopted the *en bloc* system of voting, and only in one instance has the ballot been challenged, and then it was not objection to the candidates, of whom there were five, but for some unexplained, and, we think, unexplainable reason. A glance through the Lodge reports in the CRAFTSMAN will show the number of Lodges and Chapters that have ballots for from two to six candidates, and it can easily be gathered from the total number of annual admissions that separate balloting does not exercise any particular influence in guarding the portals by the restriction of admissions. In any case, it must be admitted that the members of the G.L. of New South Wales are quite as intellectually endowed as their contemporaries, and are equally animated by as keen a desire for the welfare of Freemasonry.

VERITAS.

In a short article in our September issue, entitled "The Dignity of the Lodgeroom," incidental reference was made to what has been stated by visitors as to the American custom of smoking in the Lodgeroom. The

reference was in no sense offensive ; indeed, it was prefaced with the sentence " if it is true." The reference gave great umbrage to a resident in Tahiti, who characterised the whole thing as "arrant nonsense," and in order to get back on New Zealand brethren, referred in most sarcastic terms to their practice of putting on dress clothes to go to Lodge. We appended a short editorial comment to the letter, suggesting at least accuracy of quotation. This appears to have been a still greater offence to the gentleman in Tahiti, who continues the discussion by a further letter, which we publish in our correspondence columns. In this he gives the lie direct, sneers at the "veracious " brethren from whom we have our information, and challenges them to give proof. He quotes twenty-five years' experience in going to and fro amongst American Lodges, from "Boston in the east " to "San Francisco in the west," and avers that " this pretty legend is seduouly kept alive by visitors of a certain class from the Motherland and the colonies." In asking past visitors to the United States to furnish " proof," Bro. Rowland knows full well he is asking an impossibility. But we can furnish a little documentary evidence which comes, not from poor unsophisticated New Zealanders, but from America itself. From a recent number of the "Masonic Home Journal," published in Louisville, Kentucky, we get the following :—" When a Craftsman is concerned only about a comfortable place in the Lodgeroom where he can sit down and spit, he is not creating anything much of a commotion in the neighbourhood of Mount Moriah." This is where the cuspidors come in. From the "Proceedings of the G. Chapter of Iowa" we cull an interesting item, which reads :—"The G.H.P., in his annual address, gave a very complete detailed report of his official work. Among other by-laws submitted for his approval was the following:— There shall be no smoking in the Lodgeroom proper or the preparation room. This law shall not apply to the ante-room.' The G.H.P. declined to approve of this by-law unless modified." We next turn to the G.R.A. Chapter of Illinois, and find this statement :—" The correspondence report is again from the hand of M.E. George W. Warville, and is of the same brand as his former reports. There is the brief report, and then a Postscript,' in which he makes a few 'desultory observations ' on this, that, and occasionally the other, and from which any seeker after truth can learn very much, and which is well worth careful study ; for instance, we copy what he says on a much-discussed subject, Tobacco. The conflict still rages, and the end no man can foretell. On the one side the small but determined band of non-smokers ; on the other, the swinish multitude—at least, that is what the aforesaid N.S call them. In vain do the non-smokers beg, entreat, implore, coax, and threaten. Ridicule, sarcasm, irony—yea, even profanity, are alike unavailing. The smoker men simply light their cigars and laugh to scorn both the prayers and curses of their contemnners. O, wicked and perverse generation, that scorneth the counsel of the wise; verily shall ye have much to answer for at the Judgment seat. Now, here is my good brother, Henry S. Haines, of New Jersey, who thus comments on the action of the G. Chapter of Louisiana, which leaves the matter of smoking in the Chapter-room to be dealt with by the individual Chapters. And so, he says : 'As there seems to us an important principle involved in this, totally lost sight of in such determination (the use in Chapter-room), and that is whether the indulgence of a filthy habit is appropriate to a place made holy by every analogy of our teachings can be thus desecrated without violating the very principle of our institution. Of course, no one imbued with any sense of Masonic propriety could so far forget the sacredness of the place as to indulge in such a breach of propriety, and those who are not possessed of such a sense of propriety ought not to be allowed to violate it. It is ungentlemanly, because it deprives others of the enjoyment of their privileges in the Chapter-room, causing them annoyance, and not infrequently suffering. We do not mean to prudishly condemn the practice of smoking by those who have allowed themselves to become helpless victims of it, much as we sorrow for them, but the aspect of a town meeting will never be that of any Masonic assemblage in which the present writer has the privilege to preside.' Now, how does that strike you? And then comes my esteemed friend, E. D. Vanderleith, of Nevada, who voices his sentiments as follows :—" Smoking is all right when indulged in with a safe regard to the rights of others. The trouble is that it is a purely selfish habit. The supreme self-love leads to self-advancement of comfort and happiness, and as selfishness is wholly at variance with the teachings of Masonry, smoking should be put under the ban in and about. Chapter and Lodge premises.' "Our Tahitian correspondent should have no difficulty, with his twenty-five years' experience, in locating George W. Warville, whose name is a Masonic household word. Plenty of similar evidence could be put in, but the above fills the bill. We would again say that the practices of our American brethren are not our concern, and we affect no censorship over their customs. Our incidental reference in September was not intended to give any offence, nor do we think it did so, outside the Tahitian correspondent. We need not refer to Bro. Rowland's further reference to Masonic clothing, as the questionable taste will be manifest to every New Zealand brother. It is only to be regretted that he has displayed much bitterness of spirit on such infinitesimally small grounds.

A NOTABLE PAPER.

At the February meeting of the Installed Masters' Lodge of Wellington a discussion took place on a paper read at the November meeting of the Lodge by V.W. Bro. Colonel J. J. Esson, entitled "The Craft and Social Reform." And when it is considered that the subjects referred to embrace such questions as "Riches," "The Social System," "Society Reorganisation," "Universal Brotherhood " and the obstacles to its realisation, "Mob Rule " and the observance of the law, "Religion," "Gambling," "Education," etc., etc., the comprehensive nature of the paper will be understood. It will also be apparent that to comment on such subjects, without invading the realms of politics or theology or committing Freemasonry, required no little courage, the greatest tact, discretion, and delicate handling ; and the consensus of opinion was that the writer had admirably performed his task, and so much was this in evidence that the several brethren who assisted in the discussion expressed their entire concurrence in the views set forth by Bro. Esson, the criticism 'being confined to the many subjects referred to:— As one member pointed out, though the line of demarcation between questions social and political is very fine, it is not difficult to avoid the former, especially when social questions of urgent import demand consideration. Bro. Esson was heartily congratulated on the admirable manner in which his paper had been presented, and, as will be seen from a resolution adopted, and contained in " News and Notes " of this issue, an opinion was expressed that in these troublous times it would be in the interests of Freemasonry were the paper read in every Lodge in the Dominion, and no doubt., as in the Installed Masters' Lodge, it would find a general acquiescence.

PEACE.

THANKSGIVING SERVICES,

It is no doubt very laudable on the part of Freemasons that opportunity should be made to offer up thanksgiving to T G A. O. T.U. , now that the great nations of the earth have ceased—at least temporarily—from the work of butchery, in which they have been engaged for upwards of four years—a cessation which should be especially welcome to the peace-loving institution' of Freemasonry. The G.L. of New South Wales recently held a monster meeting in the Sydney Town Hall, which was largely attended by Freemasons only, and a peace thanksgiving programme was rendered. Similar proceedings are being taken in some parts of the territory of New Zealand. But it has been pointed out by those in authority, both here and elsewhere, that peace is not yet proclaimed—there is only a cessation of the war, and, if the cables from Europe count for limited truth only, there are more unlikely things than that the war may have to be resumed. The Peace Conference is not characterised by too great harmony; on the contrary, it is known that France and President Wilson are not by any means in agreement. Germany, since the elections, has become truculent and insolent to a degree. Marshal Foch has twice represented to the Peace Conference that the armistice terms are not being complied with, that while the Allies are rapidly demobilising, Germany is remobilising. Marshal Foch is further reported to have said that Germany can still place 3,000,000 men in the field well furnished with the munitions of war, while the Allies do not number more than 1,800,000. It is further asserted that the British strikes are being engineered by German intrigue and Bolshevik agency, and the newspaper press considers the position is very ominous. The latest cable advice at time of writing this article states that Herr Erzeberger, speaking at Turin, said : " If the new conditions of the armistice are too severe we will not sign and thus remain in a state of neither peace nor war." Under all these circumstances it would seem common-sense to follow the example of the Government, and postpone all thanksgiving and peace celebration until after peace is officially proclaimed. Otherwise the celebrants may find themselves in the position of celebrating something that does not exist.

[Since the foregoing was written, we learn on the authority of President Wilson that peace proposals cannot be signed before June. —ED. C.]

A MASONIC thanksgiving service was held in the Protestant Church at Quievry, France, on Sunday, 24th November, and was conducted by the Chaplains of the N.Z.E.F. Masonic Association, serving with the New Zealand Division. The following are the names : Bro. Rev. C. B. W. Seton (Lodge Karioi, No 165), Bro. Rev. A. J. Jermyn (Lodge Connaught, No. 187), Bro. Rev. H. Parata (Lodge Aparima, No. 77), Bro. Rev. W.

B. Scott., Bro. Rev. G. H. Clark (Lodge Victoria, No. 147), Bro. Rev. A. Hardie (Lodge Harvey, No. 49). The address was delivered by the last-named.

News and Notes.

SINCE going to press on the 20th February, a large number of reports, etc., have come to hand, which cannot be inserted this month. As some of the meetings reported were held early in February, correspondents must take the onus of "ancient history."

A FREEMASON just released from captivity is Bro. Lieut. W. L. Harrison, N.Z.E.F., attached to R.A.F. Bro. Harrison is a member of Lodge Rakaia, No. 31, and is at present in London.

A CONTEMPORARY journal says: "Freemasonry being universally spread over the whole surface of the globe." This is not infrequently repeated as a figure of speech, but as a presumed statement of fact it is absolutely inaccurate.

THE following notice of motion was given at the communication of the G.L. of England, held in December last: "That it is desirable that G.L. prepare a standard ritual of Craft Masonry, and that a committee be formed to take immediate action."

W. BRO. J. TAMBLYN, B.A., has been appointed master of the Hutt District High School, in succession to W. Bro. W. N. Dempsey, who has been temporarily filling the position. Bro. Dempsey now retires from the Board's service on superannuation.

THE friends of W. Bro. W. H. Worboys, the genial Sec. of Lodge N.Z. Pacific, will regret to learn that he had to enter a private hospital last month. The operation he had to undergo, though a minor one, was exceedingly painful. At latest advices he was progressing favourably.

LODGE TUTANEKAI is very liberally disposed in the matter of presentations, and very clever in making them surprise packets. Of the three made at the annual meeting last month, one was to the Sec.; and W. Bro. Shand, by a most clever device, succeeded in completely mystifying Bro. Howell, the Sec., who for a few minutes was not quite sure on which end he was upended.

AT the February meeting of Lodge Manawatu Kil. a feature of the proceedings in the refreshment room was a farewell to Bro. L. M. Godfrey, who is leaving to begin business on his own account as a chemist at Taumarunui. Though but a young Freemason, Bro. Godfrey has in a marked degree proved his possession of unbounded enthusiasm and all those qualities which tend to make a "bright Mason," and his future career will be watched with interest by all those with whom he has come in contact as a Freemason, and as first and most successful manager of the United Friendly Societies' Pharmacy.

IN reference to the American article on "Impossible Penalties" in our February number, a correspondent points out that all the difficulty is avoidable if the phrasing of the New Zealand Ritual is followed. This is: "Rather than violate . . . I would suffer," etc. It is surely desirable to retain 'the traditional ancient penalties,' not only because of their antiquity, but because of their allusions:"

PRIOR to the war annual visitations were exchanged between Lodge Civic, Christchurch, and Lodge N.Z. Pacific, Wellington, but during the war the friendly functions were suspended. It is now intended to renew them, and the first visit will be made by Civic to Pacific on 27th April, when the visitors will work the ceremony of the Third Degree.

AT the February meeting of the Wellington Installed Masters' Lodge, No. 194, a resolution of thanks and appreciation was passed to V.W. Bro. Colonel J. J. Esson for his paper entitled "The Craft and Social Reform," and it was added that the Lodge expressed the opinion that it would be of benefit to the Craft were this paper to be read in all the Lodges of the Dominion. The paper referred to was published in the January issue of this journal.

THE V. of S.L. is the Great Light of Masonry because it rings true to man's experience. It sheds light upon the cardinal virtues of life and immortality. It expounds justice, mercy, brotherhood, faith, hope, and love. And yet there are many brethren who would remove it from our altars if by so doing they could fall on the neck of the G.L. of France and metaphorically kiss it on both cheeks.—Exchange.

LODGE N.Z. PACIFIC, Wellington, was in the enviable position at the end of its financial year (December, 1918) of not having any outstanding dues, which reflects the greatest credit on the executive officers of the Lodge. The balance of assets over liabilities amounted to £1,554 9s. 6d.

THE Grand Orient of France met in September for the first time since 1913. At the first sitting a resolution congratulating the armies of the Republic and the Allies, and expressing gratitude and admiration and certainty of ultimate triumph, was adopted. The resolution also called upon the allied governments to establish as soon as possible a permanent council to draw up a scheme for the organisation of a league of nations. The G.L. of France also passed a resolution on similar lines—"Masonic Voice Review."

THE following are the cash balances of the G.L. of New Zealand to 31st January, 1919 : Annuity Fund, £32,338 11s. 3d.; War Benevolent Fund, £12,868 9s 2d ; General Fund, £3,758 6s. 4d. ; Fund of Benevolence, £2,769 Os. 5d. ; Masonic Hutment Fund, £1,007 Os. 3d. ; Representative Fund, £946 1s. 3d. ; circular appeals, £1,670 11s. 4d. ; Interest Account, £1,182 3s. 9d. Total amount invested, £53,300.

R.W. BRO. H. L. HARSTON, of Napier, who has held the office of Prov.G.M. of Hawkes Bay for some years past, has notified his intention of retiring from the position in May next.

R.W. BRO. LIEUT.-COLONEL GEORGE BARCLAY, who has been on active military service for some years, expects to return to New Zealand some time prior to May next. R.W. Bro. Barclay, who has always been a most active Freemason, will receive a hearty welcome home.

AT the January meeting, of the B. of G.P. of the G.L. of New Zealand a scheme of distribution of G. offices for the ensuing year was agreed to. The task of preparation is a very arduous one, and the G. Sec. has to bear the brunt.

THE next session of the G.L. of New Zealand, to be held in May next, does not promise to be very formidable from a business point of view, as the agenda, with one exception, will practically be confined to the reports of the Boards.

THE number of propositions brought before the North Canterbury Board of Inquiry for the year ending December, 1918, numbered 120, the largest number ever submitted in one year. Of this number, 110 were recommended, 18 held over (finally recommended), and 10 withdrawn. The propositions submitted were as follows : Ahurewa, 1; Amuri, 3; Avon, 17 ; Ashley, 7; Canterbury, 8; Conyers, 17 ; Christchurch, 5; Crown, 7; Civic, 2 ; Concord, 9 ; Cheviot, 1; Kaikoura, 4 ; Lincoln, 3; Mairaki, 1 ; Progress, 2; Phœnix, 4; Robert Burns, 9; Southern Cross, 5; St. Albans, 2; St. :Augustine, 3 ; Tawera, 3; -Unanimity, 4; Waihora, 3.

The appeal on behalf of the Empty Stocking Fund has been generously responded to, the record sum of £51 10s. 9d. having been received and distributed.

AT a meeting of the Wellington City Lodges held last month it was decided to hold a peace thanksgiving service in the Town Hall on Sunday, 13th April. Regalia is to be worn, and friends of members are to be admitted.

THERE was a record attendance at the installation meeting of Lodge Tutanekai, Wellington, last month. As this Lodge is noted for its large attendances, it will be readily understood that a "record" spelt "abnormal."

THE G.L. of Illinois declined to recognise French Masonry "until the calmer councils of peace may lead us into safer channels than those to be found in the roster of war."

AT the 37th annual convocation of the General G. Chapter of the United States, held in Baltimore, a revision of the ritual was ordered. The Earl of Cassilis, of the G. Chapter of Scotland, sent a letter promising an amicable adjustment of the difficulty over jurisdiction in the Philippine Islands. The returns show a membership of 452,216, a net increase for the triennial period of 51,703.

TIMARU R.A. CHAPTER had a busy night at its February meeting, there being six ballots and four brethren for acknowledgment.

M.W. BRO. THE HON. C. E. DAVIS was recently re-elected G.M. of the G.L. of Tasmania for the twentieth year out of the twenty-seven years of the existence of that G.L.

LODGE WAIHOPAI NOTES.



It is with the deepest regret that we have to record the death of our S.D., Bro. Robert Thompson, as a result of the influenza epidemic.

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With the signing of the armistice, several of our brethren have been released from camp. We consequently look forward with great pleasure at once again meeting Bros. Stela), H. C. Andrews and W. Andrews in the Lodgeroom.

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Although Bro. N. Gilchrisie has returned from the Western front, we will not have an opportunity of giving him thin welcome which he surely deserves, as he has, in company with his father, Bro. Geo. Gilchrist, taken up his residence in the North Island.

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Lodge Waihopai, has, together with Freemasonry in general in Southland, suffered a heavy loss in Bro. Hewlett, who has been transferred to Wellington. Bro. Hewlett has, since coming to Invercargill, done much to further the interests of Freemasonry, and Waihopai will find it difficult to fill his position as secretary.

THE ATTITUDE OF THE GRAND CHAPTER OF SCOTLAND.

Extracts from the proceedings of New Mexico :—

" As to Scotland, there is something to be said for her and very much against her.

"First, she claims the right to do as she pleases and denies the privilege of independence to her offspring—here is where 'apron strings' come in— and prefers to spank her children after they are grown up, which they naturally resent, vide New South Wales and New Zealand.

" Against her is the arrogance she adopts and the insults she tenders. American Masonry is like charity—` long suffering and kind"—but Scotland is cold-blooded and thinks (personal entirely) that she is a tin angel with gilt wings.' Her slap at the central authority of Capitular Masonry in the United States should and must be rebuked. To say, in her reply to a courteous Masonic enquiry, that they answered to a body known as the General Grand Chapter of the United States' is a direct, discourteous and un-Masonic reply—especially at a time when the Masonic fraternity of the United States are requested and have furnished tangible support to the desolated, poverty-stricken victims of the war. While not in possession of the last reports I have yet to see that Masonic Scotland has even come up to the average.

" We have been taught to look up to the British isles as our sources of Masonic justice, but I am frank to say that regarding Scotland the spring has been defiled and is muddy. The only way to handle a cancer is to cut it out."

Extracts from the proceedings of South Carolina :—

"They passed a resolution severing all fraternal relations with the Grand Chapter of Scotland and all persons owing allegiance to her or any of her subordinate Chapters until such time as the Grand Chapter of Scotland shall make right all matters of difference with the General Grand Chapter of the United States."

IF.

If I have sown the seeds of hope and gladness,
If I have caused sad lips to smile again,
If I have soothed another's grief or sadness,
I have not lived in vain !
If I have made one heavy heart the brighter,
If I have eased another's ache or pain,
If I have made a brother's burden lighter,
I have not lived in vain !
If in a friend I have found a brother-;
If in the brother I my friend retain,
That thus we Clod-speed one another,
I have not lived in vain ! —Exchange.

SUPREME GRAND R.A. CHAPTER OF NEW ZEALAND.

SPECIAL CONVOCATION.

A special convocation of G. Chapter was held in the Masonic Hall, Boulcott Street, Wellington, on Thursday, 23rd January, 1919, at 7.30 p.m., when there was a large attendance.

Punctually to time V.E. Comp. W. Miller, as G.D. of C., called the companions to order, to receive M.E. Comp. J. H. Harkness, 1st G.Prin., who swan attended by the following G. others :—R.E. Comp. Col. J. J. Esson, as D.G.Z. ; R.E. Comp. T. Hobson, G.H. ; M.E. Comp. C. Flavell, G.J. ; M.E. Comp. M. J. Harris, G.Supt. of Auckland; R.E. Comp. R. A. Gillespie, G. Supt. of Hawkes Bay; M.E. Comp. Rev. T. Porritt, G.Supt. of Wellington; R.E. Comp. F. C. B. Bishop, G.Supt. of Canterbury; R.E. Comp. E. Lane, G.Supt. of Otago; M.E. Comp. H. J. Williams, G.S.E.; V.E. Comp. A. Veitch, G.Treas.; V.E. Comps. J. P. Shand, A. T. Peterkin, and W. O. Jones, as G. Sojs. ; V.E. Comp. H. H. Seaton, Chairman of Sup. Com.; V.E. Comp. E. B. Parsons, G.Sd.B. There were also present :—M.E. Comps. Arthur Clothier, W. W. de Castro (P.G.Zs.), a large number of P.G. officers, and members of many Chapters.

The M.E.G.Z. and his officers, having opened G. Chapter in ample form, stated that the special business was to elect and install G.Prins., and invest officers for the current year. But before proceeding-, he requested G.S.E. to read any letters of apology. The following were read and recorded :—R.E. Comps. F. A. Steans (G.Supt. of Southland), G. S. Gordon (G.Supt. of Ruapehu), G. W. Palmer (G.J. designate), V.E. Comps. H. O. Searle (G.Chan.), W. T. Waters (G.Soj.), C. W. Neilsen (G. Reg.), J. Robinson (G.Supt. of W.), R. W. Stiles, (G.D. of C.), H. Gates (G. Organist), J. Redshaw (2nd G.Soj. designate), R. White (G.S.N. designate), D. A. Fulton (A.G.St.4 G. L. Lumsden (1st G.Soj. designate), W. Dobson (P.G.Chan.), Dr. A. Stewart (G.Supt. of Southland designate), J. C. Williams (G.Supt. of Works designate).

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.—The M.E. 1st G.Prin. then nominated R.E. Comp. J. Moncrieff as his successor to the Principal chair. The motion was seconded by M.E. Comp. Col. J. J. Esson, and was unanimously agreed to. On the motion of R.E. Comp. E. Lane and V.E. Comp. G. Russell, it was resolved that the remaining officers as appearing on the amended list of nominations be elected. The warrant of election of the 1st G.Prin. was read, and also the list of officers. The G.Z. then directed two Sojourners and five P. 1st. Prins. to retire, and the G.Z.-elect was announced by the G.D. of C. and was admitted and presented, and, having been duly obligated, was invested and enthroned by M.E. Comp. Harkness in a most impressive manner, and was proclaimed and saluted in proper form. R.E. Comp. T. Hobson was next presented to the M.E.G.Z., and, having taken the necessary obligation, was installed as D.G.Z. R.E. Comp. C. Flavell was then addressed by M.E. Comp. Moncrieff, and was inducted into the office of G.H. in ancient form. The G.Prins. were then proclaimed and saluted. M.E. Comp. Harkness and V.E. Comp. G. Russell were invested as G.Supts. of Westland and Wellington respectively. V.E. Comps. H. B. Bridge and E. B. Parsons were invested as G.D. of C. and Asst.G.Sd.B. respectively. Comp. J. C. Greer most kindly and efficiently acted as G. Organist.

The M.E.G.Z. then addressed G. Chapter :— "Companions, I greet you well. Once a year, on the enthronement of the companion whom the R.A.M. of this territory have honoured by calling to the exalted position of 1st G.Prin. under our constitution, a custom has grown up by which an address to the companions present constitutes their new chief's first official act. With this established procedure I gladly conform. Allow me, in the first place, to say that I find it extremely difficult to give any adequate expression in words of my appreciation of the very high distinction you have thought fit to confer on me today. The highest honour in the gift of the companions of our beloved brotherhood is a distinction which is given to but few to enjoy ; but with these privileges are corresponding responsibilities, and no one who has listened to the recital of the qualifications for the position of 1st G.Prin. can fail to be sensible either to the importance of the duties attached to the appointment or to his own shortcomings as a candidate. As I think of the long line of illustrious companions who have occupied this chair, and of the difficulty I shall experience in emulating their various contributions to Capitular Freemasonry, I find some consolation in being able to claim no inferiority either in attachment to R. A. Masonry or in pardonable pride in being placed in a position to safeguard its well-being. Companions, the new year conies in under happy auspices. For over four long, weary years the forces of good and evil have been at strife of a magnitude unparalleled in the annals of history, ancient and modern, and of a character which beggars description. In the welter of adjustment to the new conditions in which our nation found itself with such alarming suddenness at the outset of the. war, it was not possible for our fraternity to escape, in some measure, the universal dislocation when men's thoughts were so abruptly diverted from their customary channels. And now it has pleased the Most High to vouchsafe to us a cessation of hostilities, foreshadowing an abiding peace, based on those principles for which we, as Freemasons, stand. And as the brightness of day follows the darkness of night, so with the return to peace will come an added vigour to Masonic life, with added potentialities for the good that we may do. Masonry, we are reminded, is not a religion ; neither was the cause for which so many thousands of our companions gave ungrudgingly that which was of most value to them. Neither is Capitular Masonry a higher degree, except in the sense that it requires from its votaries an allegiance more exacting than that accorded by those whose Masonic appetites are readily appeased by the teaching of the primary degrees, whose thirst for

knowledge is fully quenched by a draught from the wells of substitution. But 'Peace hath her victories no less renowned than war,' the victory, in general, of man over the difficulties that beset him on his onward march towards a higher civilisation, and, in particular, the victory of truth over ignorance, of light over darkness. Having pointed out the goal,- I shall now ask you to bear with me for a while as I attempt to show what I consider the most potent means of attainment thereto, of diffusing the light of a R.A. Mason. By what calculus does the more discriminating portion of the profane world measure the degree of attractiveness of our fraternity? To what extent do those companions of strong personality command respect from their brethren in Masonry? By whether the influence exerted is a power for good or for evil. And it is well to bear in mind that this influence on our neighbours is brought to bear in more ways than one. We have the purposeful action, casual conversation, speech, or warning by which we seek definitely to control the actions of others, giving ourselves a definite task to do—actions that are deliberate. But I think that the greatest power is not of this nature, but below the threshold of consciousness, a force which passes from one to another without the control of either. Have you ever considered how the members of a community frequently assume common characteristics, the stronger personalities colouring the characters of the others? Have you thought how a committee of twelve accomplishes what twelve times any of its units could not have done? Has it occurred to you that a crowd's impulse could in no sense be described as the sum of the impulses of its members,—the crowd doing dastardly or commendable actions which the individual would not think of doing? Think of the nature of the doings of a mass of strikers. In all branches of society we see this power working. Each one of us has felt himself under this sway. In this man's company I find it less difficult to live up to the teaching of our Order. That man's fellowship is always a menace to me, as it nourishes the less creditable side of my nature. This subliminal power that we all exert is continuous in action and unseen, pausing not for night nor day. It is irresistible as it passes uncontrolled from me to you, from you to me. And, lastly, it is the influence of the companion as he really is that counts, not as he would wish to seem. Our deliberate influence is not always disinterested, as you will recall; it may after all be our own welfare of which we are so solicitous. Our unconscious influence is the pressure for good or evil brought to bear on our neighbours by our own real selves. The reputation and fair name of this 'higher' degree is in our keeping, and as our influence is for good or evil will it remain pure and unsullied, or become besmirched. Should a Craftsman earnestly desire to be a source of assistance to his companion, he may reason in vain if his life is in opposition to his counsel. As we look back on the intervening days since we first saw Masonic light, we recall the fact that the Craft first became vividly impressive through the influence exerted over us by some sterling brother. Is it not our duty as R.A. Masons, especially at this momentous period in the history of the Chapter, to pass on this impressiveness, not only to those already in the Chapter, but especially to those Craftsmen who are awaiting that stimulation to further Masonic effort. Hence we see that the Masonic torch can be handed on only by 'right living.' As a nation is made up of communities, and communities are composed of men, so a nation of upright men becomes an irresistible force for good, for verily 'Righteousness—right living—exalteth a nation.'

The following is a complete list of the officers of G. Chapter for the ensuing year :—G.Z., Comp. J. Moncrieff (Wairarapa, Wellington); D.G.Z., Comp. T. Hobson (Victoria, Hawkes Bay); G.H., Comp. C. Flavell (Albert Edward, Canterbury); G.J., Comp. G. W. Palmer (Wanganui, Ruapehu); G.S.E., Comp. H. J. Williams (Waterloo, Wellington); G.S.N., Comp. Robert White (Auckland Prov., Auckland); G.Treas., Comp. A. Veitch (Waterloo, Wellington); 1st G.Soj., Comp. G. T. Lumsden (Otago, Otago); 2nd G.Soj., Comp. J. Redshaw (Victoria, Hawkes Bay); 3rd G.Soj., Comp. D. Darrach (Kawatiri, Westland); G.Reg., Comp. C. W. Neilsen (Waterloo, Wellington); G.Chanc., Comp. G. M. Whale (Waitaki, Otago); G.Supt. of W., Comp. J. C. Williams (Waikato, Auckland); G.D. of C., Comp. G. B. Perkins (St. Augustine, Canterbury); G.D. of C., Comp. H. B. Bridge (Waterloo, Wellington); G.Sd.B., Comp. J. Hamilton (Wallace, Southland); G.St.B., Comp. A. J. Gould (Ruapehu, Ruapehu); G. Organist, Comp. J. W. Raffils (Maori, Otago); Asst.-G.D. of C., Comp. A. McLeod (Whangarei, Auckland); Asst.-G.D. of C., Comp. F. Copestake (Egmont, Ruapehu); Asst.-G.Sd.B., Comp. E. B. Parsons (Brooklyn, Wellington); Asst.-G.St.B., Comp. D. A. Fulton (Waimate, Canterbury); Asst.-G.Reg., Comp. P. H. Wood (Mangahua, Westland). G.Supts. : Auckland, M.E. Comp. M. J. Harris; Ruapehu, R.E. Comp. G. S. Gordon; Hawkes Bay, R.E. Comp. R. A. Gillespie; Wellington, V.E. Comp. G. Russell; Canterbury, R.E. Comp. F. C. B. Bishop; Otago, R.E. Comp. E. Lane; Southland, V.E. Comp. Dr. Anderson Stewart; Westland, M.E. Comp. J. H. Harkness. Sup. Com. : Chairman, V.E. Comp. H. H. Seaton, Wellington; elected members, V.E. Comps. J. Rod, C. H. Dement, T. R. Burgess, W. H. Jones, O. Neilson.

FRATERNAL. GREETINGS.—Greetings were tendered on behalf of the following representatives :—M.E. Comp. J. Moncrieff (West Virginia), M.E. Comp. H. J. Williams (New York), R.E. Comp. C. Flavell (Oregon), M.E. Comp. W. W. de Castro (Ohio), M.E. Comp. M. J. Harris (Nevada), M.E. Comp. Rev. T.

Porritt (Connecticut), M.E. Comp. Arthur Clothier (South Australia), V.E. Comp. H., H. Seaton (Victoria), V.E. Comp. A. Veitch (Mississippi), V.E. Comp. R. W. Stiles (Alberta), R.E. Comp. E. Lane (Tennessee), R.E. Comp. F. C. B. Bishop (Kentucky).

The special business being concluded, the special convocation was closed in ample and with solemn form at 9 p.m. G. Chapter was subsequently entertained in the refectory by the Wellington Companions.

SUBSCRIPTIONS ACKNOWLEDGED TO 17th FEBRUARY, 1919.

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G. B. Edwards, G. D. A. Clark (Wellington), J. T. Steel, W. Ormiston (Pongaroa), H. F. Bedgood (Kaitaia), J. A. Fuller 36/8 (Seatoun), W. Richardson (Seddonville), F. J. Deane (Pukekohe), H. D. Watson (Kelburn), D. C. Johnstone, C. Hopgood (Timaru), W. Jenson 15,1- (Levin), J. Thomson 2/- (Huntly), J. R. Patton (Hikurangi), J. McLachlan (Lower Hutt), J. W. McKirdy 36/8 (Otira), A. J. Baker 2/6 (Taumarunui), T. Hodgen (Eltham), A. Chisholm (Waipukurau), L. Huddle (Whakatane), O. Harris, G. Hamilton, A. S. Robinson (Kaikoura).

(All 7/6 except those noted.)

THIRD DEGREE A REVELATION.

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There are only three really great rituals in the world, writes Rev. Fort Newton, the Prajapati ritual of ancient Hinduism, the Mass of the Christian Church, and the Third Degree of Masonry. Widely as they may differ in detail, and far apart as they may seem in externals, yet together they testify to one of the profoundest insight of the human mind. Each in its own impressive manner embodies and expresses the ancient, high, heroic faith of our race that God becomes man that man may become God. With the first two we are not now concerned—save to express for them, as for all forms in which humanity has sought to enshrine his mighty dream, the deepest respect—but I believe ours to be a very thin shadow of the greatest of all human experiences. For, to say no more, it is none other than an initiation, symbolically, into the eternal life in the midst of time ; the discovery of that divinity within us which is at once the proof and prophecy of our immortality. Nay, more, it is the realisation of that immortality here and now. These are days when we must gather up our final reasons for holding on in the battle of life lest our faith fail and hope drop out of our hearts.—"Masonic Voice Review."

OBITUARY.

BRO. GEORGE ANDREW DRUMMOND, D.S.C., R.N.R.

It is with regret that we have to record the death of Lieutenant-Commander George Andrew Drummond, of Leinster Lodge, No. 44. Bro. Drummond was born in Dunedin a little over 28 years ago, and received his education at the Kensington and Boys' High Schools. He went to sea, serving on the Rona, St. Kilda, and Cape Brett. Returning to New Zealand, he joined the G.S.S. Hinemoa as third officer, of which vessel he was first officer when he volunteered three years ago and went Home. Always of an adventurous nature, Lieutenant-Commander Drummond had done great work before he finally met his death on 19th October, 1918. On one occasion the forepart of his vessel was blown away, but he managed to get her back to port. He took part in the attack on Zeebrugge, and was promoted and mentioned in dispatches. He served in H.M.S. Marmion and H.M.S. Eglinton, and was in command of H.M.S. Plumpton at the time of his death. He was initiated in Leinster Lodge on 15th August, 1913, and raised 23rd March, 1915, and was held in high estimation by those with whom he was associated.

BRO. WILLIAM HENRY FREE, AETAT 93.

This venerable brother, who has been a resident of Taranaki for more than sixty years, passed away on 26th January. Born in County Wicklow in November, 1825, Bro. Free enlisted in the old 58th Regiment in April, 1842, and the following year sailed for Van Diemen's Land as one

of the guard in charge of convicts on board the 74-gun ship " Anson." In 1845 he took part in the fighting with Hone Heke at the Bay of Islands, and distinguished himself at Ohaeawai. Later he bought out and came to Taranaki, where, as a volunteer, he fought at Waireka in 1860, and subsequently received his commission. For many years he was the trusted employee of the late Major Sir Harry Atkinson on his Hurworth farm, then aid some farming on his own account, and later was appointed Inspector for the Borough of New Plymouth, retiring when approaching four score. Bro. Free, with a comrade in arms, joined the Craft in Mount Egmont Lodge, No. 670. E.C., on 5th April, 1865, and the following Sunday they were duly banned from the altar of the Catholic Chapel in New Plymouth, and notice of their excommunication posted outside until obliterated by the weather. Our brother was for many years secretary of his mother Lodge, in which he retained his membership to the last, and also served as senior warden, which office he regarded as the limit of his c.t. So far as this world's goods go, Bro. Free lived and died a poor man, but those who knew him well will think of him as one of the richest of our fellow settlers, in the affection and unremitting care bestowed upon him by wife, daughters, and sons. Always known as "Mickey," he was the typical genial Irishman, full of fun, and possessed of a wealth of reminiscence, friend of everybody and enemy of none. The veterans gave him a military funeral, Chaplain-Colonel Bro. Archdeacon Evans officiating, and W. Bro. C. E. Bellringer, of Mount Egmont Lodge, read the Masonic service. R.I.P.

Correspondence.

MASONS AND A NATIONAL MEMORIAL CATHEDRAL.



TO THE EDITOR.

DEAR SIR AND BRO.,—As I have been reliably informed that a large number of the brethren are much interested in the above, and are looking forward to some early move towards concerted action in its connection, will you kindly publish the attached letter, which will explain why further steps in the matter cannot be taken :-

Wellington District, Prov.G.M.'s Office,
" 28 Glen Road, Kelburn,
" Wellington, 1st February, 1919.

"H.B. Bridge, Esq., P.G.L.,
" 14 Oriental Terrace.

" V.W. and Dear Bro.,—Referring to your letters re aid from Freemasonry towards erection of pillars in the proposed cathedral at Wellington. This matter came before the B. of O.P. yesterday, at 8 p.m., when it was unanimously decided that the Craft as a body should not entertain the proposal, that funds from G.L. could not be lawfully devoted to such a purpose, nor could appeals in the name of the Craft be made to Lodges for funds to assist the project.

" Yours fraternally,
" (Signed) J. W. ELLISON,
" Prov. G.M."

Permit me, Sir, to add, in justice to the Rev. Bro. Askew and myself, that it was never intended, or even contemplated, to appeal for either G.L. funds or ordinary Lodge funds for the said project. As I made quite clear to the Prov.G.M., all that was proposed (with his sanction and co-operation) was to utilise the Lodge meetings to reach the brethren individually, and explain to them the national memorial proposal, leaving it to them to subscribe thereto, or not, as they felt disposed.

By way of contrast, compare the following : In the city of Liverpool, England, they are now about to erect a memorial cathedral on the same lines as proposed here. The Liverpool Freemasons are giving the Chapter House in connection with that cathedral !

Will you add to your kindness by here reproducing the following beautiful lines by G. K. A. Bell in the "Westminster Gazette":—

" Not unto us, not unto us, O Lord,

But to Thy Name be all the glory given !
 'Mid storm and darkness have Thy servants striven
 Against remorseless wrong, and crime abhorred,
 For four long years. And now Thou dost accord
 Peace to our arms, and victory from heaven,
 And back into its sheath at length halt driven,
 Thyself the Avenger, the avenging sword.
 "Eternal God, to Whom such praise is due,
 When arms are stayed and the world's battles cease,
 Teach us our ancient service to renew,
 Accept our vows, our loyalty increase,
 And keep us still to Truth and Honour true,
 Wise, faithful, just, in the great days of Peace."

"Teach us our ancient service to renew!" How appropriate to us Masons! And yet our Rulers here forbid it!—
 Yours fraternally,

HERBERT B. BRIDGE, P.M.

INITIATION—AND MISUNDERSTANDING.

TO THE EDITOR.

DEAR SIR AND BRO.,— Your footnote to the letter of " Looking for Knowledge " in your November issue is well to the point. I suggest that our brother should peruse Bro. Paton's "Freemasonry and Its Jurisprudence." He will see then that his suggestion would not only be an innovation, but a breach of the Sixteenth Landmark. It is news to me that a Mason "is not born," seeing that his initiation represents "the first entrance," etc. Therefore, the term "Mother Lodge" is absolutely correct, and that is why we refer to "sister Lodges" not "brother Lodges." The term is ancient, and very frequently referred to in Masonic song and story. Let me also point out that a candidate is not elected a member of the Lodge when he is balloted for, and if any Master so declares the result he is doing wrong. The candidate is still only a candidate after he has passed the ballot, and he is so referred to in the ceremony. Moreover, it is quite possible that he might not pass the tests. His "trust," for instance, may be wrongly placed, and he might also fail at the Ob. or in the N.E. Bro. Paton states that in some American constitutions the candidate has to be balloted for in each degree, and yet again for membership of the Lodge if he so desires, after he has been raised. Moreover, it is held that neither an E.A. or a F.C. has any rights, except the latter's privilege, of giving his opinions " under the guidance of an experienced Master." What the W.M. should say, therefore, after a successful ballot, is " I declare Mr. So-and-So duly elected as a candidate for initiation." As to the portion of the charge after

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initiation referred to, the word "member" has been incorrectly introduced into our new ritual, probably through inadvertence. When I was made, 41 years ago, it was given, "on being admitted into our ancient and honourable institution." And here, let me remark that I notice that your correspondent refers to Freemasonry as an "order." That also is an error, introduced, I think, because some of those framing the ritual were prominent members of friendly societies, which delight in calling themselves "orders." The word can, of course, in one of its subsidiary meanings, be made to include Freemasonry, but from time immemorial it has been referred to as "the Craft," "the fraternity," or "our institution." Until late years I never heard Freemasonry referred to as an order. How can it be an "order" in the highest sense of the word, seeing that it is a speculative science based on an operative art? There are several other points in your correspondent's letter to which I should like to refer, but I have noted your restriction of space."—Yours fraternally,
PENTALPHA.

MASONRY AND CHRISTIANITY.

TO THE EDITOR.

DEAR SIR AND BRO.,— I again desire to emphasise to W. Bro. John W. Warren that in my previous letters I had no desire -whatever to cast any reflection on the Christian religion. No true Mason can do so on any religion that improves the lives, solaces the sorrows, or holds out hopes to his fellow men. What I am contending for is that Freemasonry is not Christianity, any more than it is Mahomedanism, Judaism, Confucianism, or the sun worship of the Parsecs. Men of all these religions are active Freemasons. Our Dep. G.M. at the present moment is a Jew, our G. Chaplains and many P.Ms. and others have been men of the same belief; at the recent historic gathering at Jerusalem the Tyler on the occasion was a Mahomedan Sheikh. It is obvious therefore that our ritual should contain nothing that may prove offensive to those who do not accept the Christian creed. I propose to take an early opportunity of opening up a correspondence direct with Bro. Warren on this subject, and in the meantime I point out that even in our working Freemasonry emphatically disavows connection with creeds, when it declares itself to be "a beautiful system of morality, based on allegory," etc. There have been interpolations with our ritual by those who wished to use it to aid their own views, but those who try to thus utilise it are certainly not aiding its work, or assisting to increase its universality.—Yours fraternally,

PENTALPHA.

AMERICAN CUSTOMS.

TO THE EDITOR.

DEAR SIR AND BRO.,— Your editorial comment on my letter, published in your issue of November, exhibits commendable loyalty to the "veracious brethren" of your jurisdiction, but does not present any excuse for the appearance in the NEW ZEALAND CRAFTSMAN of unsound reflections on the good breeding of the members of the American Craft. That pretty legend (so sedulously kept alive by visitors of a certain class from our dear Motherland and her colonies) of the pre-eminence of the cuspidor as an article of furniture in Americans' homes has long been source of mild amusement among some of us who are natives of the country, and have been going to and fro within its borders for upwards of forty years. But then, doubtless, our social sphere is too humble to have afforded us opportunity to pass through those polite doors behind which repose the objects which have so impressed our British cousins. In Masonry, however, our horizons have not been so circumscribed. We have had, during a period of twenty-five years, the privilege of knowing the American Craft, in city and in village, from Boston in the east to San Francisco in the west, and have yet to see any of those violations of good taste the "veracious brethren" so stoutly claim to have witnessed. Perhaps some of these courteous gentlemen will give us of their valuable knowledge, so that, on our next visit to the United States, we can add to our education and Masonic experience.

As to the matter of clothes, we did not, nor should we presume to criticise the costume adopted by any jurisdiction, be it the sarong of the East Indies, or the tinsel, ribbons, and ostrich plumes which make our American Knight Templars objects of such delight to the feminine eye. It is only when such things are set up as a sort of sacred cow, and all without the circle of worshippers pronounced heretics and anathema, that we are inclined to smile.—Yours fraternally,

ALFRED C. ROWLAND.

Tahiti, 22nd December, 1918.

FREEMASONS AND A NATIONAL MEMORIAL CATHEDRAL.

TO THE EDITOR.

DEAR SIR AND BRO.,— I was much interested to read your letter on this subject in the February CRAFTSMAN, also the letter thereon from V.W. Bro. Bridge. In these utilitarian days we are prone to think too much of the material and too little of the spiritual. Now that the war has been brought to a victorious end it behoves us. Freemasons to express our gratitude to T.G.A.O.T.U. for favours received. What better way could we have than joining in the erection of a temple dedicated to His honour and glory ; and this in some slight measure we shall follow in the footsteps of our ancient brethren, to whose operative skill we owe the great cathedrals of the old world.

The erection of two pillars would be a most suitable undertaking for the Craft. I would suggest that a committee should be formed in Wellington, under the superintendence of the R.W. Prov.G.M. to take the matter in hand at once and make an organised appeal to the brethren in the Wellington and Ruapehu districts. This is only a suggestion, but perhaps V.W. Bro. Bridge has some better idea in his mind, and could see his way to getting the movement put into tangible form.—Your fraternally,

W. HAYDON MACLEAN, P.M.

THE QUARTERLY COMMUNICATION OF PROVINCIAL, G.L. OF CANTERBURY AT WAIMATE.

In response to the last of several invitations, the Prov.G.L. of Canterbury decided to hold its quarterly meeting at Waimate on 30th January, when R.W. F. C. B. Bishop, Prov.G.M., accompanied by W. Bro. T. Kirker, Prov.G.Sec, and W. Bro. Eastwood, Pres. of the Prov.B. of B., came down from Christchurch. Unfortunately, the weather in Canterbury has been for the past week singularly unpropitious. Rain has fallen almost unceasingly, and this no doubt militated to some degree against the attendance, both of Prov.G. officers and of the brethren of this part of the Canterbury District. Notwithstanding, two members of Prov.G.L. attended from Lodge McKenzie, Fairlie, and three from Lodge St. Martin, Pleasant Point, while there was an attendance of 19, exclusive of members of Prov. G.L., from Lodge St. Augustine, No. 99. In consequence of the paucity of Prov.G.L. officers, most of the chairs were filled by P.Ms. of Lodge St. Augustine. The brethren being assembled, the Prov.G.M., R.W. Bro. Bishop, entered, accompanied by the following W. brethren :—Dep.Prov.G.M., AV. Bro. A. J. Hoskins; Prov.S.G.W., W. Bro. Shackleton; Prov.J.G.W., W. Bro. J. Menzies ; Prov.G.D. of C., W. Bro. A. Colville ; Pres.B. of B., W. Bro. Eastwood; Prov.G.Sec., W. Bro. T. Kirker; Prov. S.G.D., W. Bro. McPherson; Prov.J.G.D., W. Bro. T. W. Manchester ; Prov.G.B.B., W. Bro. Coath; Prov.G.St.B., W. Bre. Halsted; Prov.G.Sd.B., W. Bro. Wright ; Prov.G.I.G., W. Bro. Fulton ; Prov.G. Stewards, W. Bros. James -Manchester and W. Brydon. Prov.G.L. having been opened, R.W. Bro. Bishop, this being the first quarterly communication over which he had been called to preside, delivered a short address, in which he expressed his thanks to the brethren of the district for the confidence they had reposed in him in bestowing the great honour of electing him so unanimously to his high office, and expressed the hope that he would be enabled to discharge the duties thereof as ably and successfully as his predecessors had done, to whom he made reverent and feeling allusion. By the way, R.W. Bro. Bishop was wearing the Binns Memorial Jewel, a very handsome and chaste design, appropriately set in black enamel, mounted in gold, and showing the arms of Canterbury. The R.W.Prov.G.M. apologised for the absence of the Dep.Prov. G.M., W. Bro. Wallace, through ill-health; he also stated that W. Bro, Wallace had suffered a severe bereavement, by the death of his wife, and he asked the brethren to show their sympathy by standing to the sign of F. R.W. Bro. Bishop invested and handed the following W. brethren their diplomas to their respective offices :—W. Bro. Eastwood, as Pres. of the Prov.B. of B.; W. Bro. Halsted, as Prov.G.St.B. ; and W. Bro. James Manchester as Prov.G.S. The business on the agenda paper having been discharged, before the Lodge was closed, W. Bro. E. R. Beckett, W.M. of Lodge St. Augustine, No. 99, thanked the R.W.Prov.G.M. and his officers for the favour and honour of holding this quarterly communication at Waimate. In replying, and in referring to the toast of his health at the subsequent supper, R.W. Bro. Bishop stated that he had always been in favour of making the meetings of Prov.G.L. peripatetic, as he was of opinion that it conduced not only to the best interests of Freemasonry in general, but served to create and stimulate local interest and well-being, and hoped that it would he still further carried out. Au invitation to hold a similar communication at another South Canterbury country Lodge was given before the Prov.G.L.

closed. Prov.G.L. was closed in due form. An adjournment was made to Bro. Burford's rooms, where a substantial supper awaited the exhausted legislators, and a most enjoyable hour or so was spent in toast, song, and speech. In closing this report, perhaps it may be permissible to give one's impressions formed from considerable acquaintance of R.W. Bro. Bishop's qualifications for the high office he has attained. He is first and foremost an enthusiastic Freemason, he is free from business cares, he has time on hand, he has served his apprenticeship in the Lodgeroom, he has been for a number of years the able Prov.G.Sec., and has all the business of local control at his fingers' ends, his "bon hommie " is unquestionable, in his work he is dignified and correct. There can be no doubt, therefore, that the best and truest interests of Freemasonry in the Canterbury Provincial District will suffer no loss either of prestige or dignity with R.W. Bro. Bishop as Prov.G.M.—[Specially Communicated.]

"OUR BRETHREN AT THE FRONT."

[A Toast Proposed in RUAPEHU LODGE by W. BRO. DE BERRY.]

For the past four years Lodge Ruapehu has conducted its annual installation in peace and tranquillity, while on the other side of the world a great number of our brethren have been living—aye, and dying—amid the turmoil of the world convulsion.

Right from that memorable August 4th, 1914. when the British Empire stood out as the champion of truth, of right, and of justice, countless Masons, collected from the four corners of the civilised world, have rushed to bear their part in the great crusade. These brethren were actuated by the highest motives and were fired by the brightest hopes and the noblest resolves. They went forth to uphold the basic principles of our Craft—brotherly love, relief, and truth. Brotherly love they showed—aye, "greater love hath no man" than that which was shown by our brethren on every front—when they cheerfully gave their all that others might enjoy what they valued so highly—the blessing of peace and honour and justice. That same love they showed shall be the cement that shall yet lead to the binding of the world into one great league of brothers—and shall be for the healing of the nations. Relief ! What nobler form of relief was ever shown the world than that which our noble brethren showed when to save the smaller nations from the degrading servility of bestial military despots, they gave their very heart's blood ? Here was no niggardly dole given—but the supreme gift.

Truth ! Yes, our men stood for that truth that dared to look Kaiser and Crown Prince and all the arrogant tribe of Kaiserdom in the face and hurl back to their teeth their black lie. Our Masonic brethren at the front acted upon that "truth that shall make us free," and rushed to the fray with its sparkling words blazoned on their banners.

These were the contributions of, these were the forces behind, our brethren at the front ; and these are the foundation stones upon which they are helping to build up a new civilisation. Already in the trenches the noble work was begun. Who can assess the uplifting effect of countless numbers of our brethren at the front? They taught and exemplified the basic principle of our Craft and showed that in their world there are no distinctions of rank, save those of honour and goodness. Old artificial distinctions have been swept away, and we must begin to build anew. Then think of the exploits of our brethren. At the landing at Anzac, on the scarred heights of Gallipoli, on the burning sands of Egypt, on the muddy and sodden fields of Flanders, there were Masons at the front. In the dizzy height of the air, in the silent depths of the sea, on their lonely, stormy watches in the Grand Fleet, Masons were holding their torch on high. When the enemy shrapnel screamed and whipped along the village street all the way from Mons, when the bloody ruin of Pozieres, Messines, and Le Quesnoy were won—and thank God, when the victorious army came in sight of the Rhine—there were Masons in the van marching breast forward.

More than that. In the councils of the world Masons are even now at work striving to build upon the foundation, so well and truly laid by our soldiers, a new world whose corner stones shall be brotherly love, relief, and truth. This is the only foundation upon which a free, a peaceful, and a happy world can be built—and in the arduous and difficult work of reconstruction Masons must ever be at the front. The world need's the Masonic leaven.

Soon our brethren will be returning and we owe them a duty—we owe it to them that their labour, their sacrifice shall not have been in vain. They fought for us ; they strove that we might be free; they died that we might live. Let us then carry on their work, let us honour them and hasten on the time that prophets and poets have spoken of when the war drum shall throb no longer, when the battle flail is furled in the parliament of

man in the federation of the world. Brethren, let us drink to the health of our brethren at the front.—
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CONSECRATION OF LODGE ACACIA, No. 209, WAIKARI.

A fine morning heralded the long looked for day which had been finally determined upon for the performance of that ceremony which was to add one more to the list of Lodges under our G.L. Cars filled with brethren from all parts of the district told of the interest which this event had created, and the goodwill shown by the surrounding Lodges in the latest addition, and their desire to give the new Lodge a good send-off. When it is said that, in the unavoidable absence of our G.M., M.W. Bro. the Hon. A. L. Herdman, M.W. Bro. J. J. Dougall, P.G.M., conducted the ceremony, it seems hardly necessary to add that it was performed with that dignity and solemnity which the occasion demanded. About 125 brethren signed the attendance book, and the Foresters' Hall, where the ceremony took place, presented a well-filled appearance when V.W. Bro. H. Hopkinson, P. G.D. of C., as Grand Director of Ceremonies, announced the attendance of the consecrating G.M. and his officers. The various offices were filled as follows :—R.W. Bro. W. Broadley, P.G.W., as S.G.W.; V.W. Bro. J. N. Du Feu, P.G.D.C., as J.G.W.; V.W. Bro. Rev. A. H. Julius, Grand Chaplain ; W. Bro. T. Kirker, Prov.G.Sec., as G.Sec.; W. Bro. J. Gough, P.Prov.G.D., as S.G.D.

A Lodge was opened in the three Degrees, and M.W. Bro. Dougall was saluted with the honours due to his rank. The consecrating G.M. having ascertained from the Acting-G.Sec. that the proceedings for the erection of the Lodge were in order, the petitioning brethren were marshaled in the West, South, and North, and the petition and Charter were read. The petitioning brethren having signified their approval of the officers named, the G. Chaplain read Psalm 133. The consecrating officers then took their places round the Lodge symbol, and the G. Chaplain engaged in prayer, and sprinkled perfume. The beautiful ceremony of consecration was performed by M.W. Bro. Dougall, P.G.M. (corn): R.W. Bro. F. C. B. Bishop, Prov.G.M. (wine): R.W. Bro. W. Broadley, P.G.W. (oil); and V.W. Bro. J. N. Du Feu, P.G.D.C. (salt), and M.W. Bro. Dougall then solemnly dedicated the Lodge. After perambulating the Lodge with the Censer three times, the G. Chaplain again engaged in prayer, and M.W. Bro. Dougall, P.G.M., duly constituted the Lodge. This concluded the first portion of the ceremony, and the Lodge was adjourned till 7.30. On resuming, R.W. Bro. Bishop, Prov.G.M., assumed the chair, and V.W. Bro. Rev. Julius, G. Chaplain, delivered a very instructive address on the nature and objects of Freemasonry, but as this was delivered extempore your correspondent regrets he cannot send it for publication.

W. Bro. Leonard Brannan Hart was then installed as the first W.M. of the new Lodge by the R.W. the Prov.G.M. The W.Ts. in the several degrees were presented by W. Bros. C. E. Derrett, W.M. Lodge Amuri, No. 184 (Third) : V. J. Rhodes, W.M., Lodge Amberley, No. 2007, E.C. (Second); and G. Harlow, W.M., Lodge Ashley, No. 28 (First). M.W. Bro. Dougall presented the Charter, B. of C., and the By-laws and Regulations of Prov.G.L., and the address to the W.M. was delivered by the Prov. G.M. W. W. Bro. Allan Orton was invested as I.P.M. ; Bro. J. W. Roberts, Prov.J.G.W., invested Bros. W. J. Cadman and Rev. A. L. Canter as S.W. and J.W. respectively, and these brethren were addressed by W. Bro. F. Lill, P.Prov.G.W. W. Bro. F. M. Collins, P.Prov.G.W., invested Bros. E. R. Turton as Chaplain, H. Saunderson as Treas. W. T. Lindsay as Sec., W. Bro. Yates as D. of C., Bros. Lewis as S.D., H. Billens as J.D., F. Kepler as I.G., and C. Saunderson as Tyler. The address to the brethren was delivered by W. Bro. J. E. Hood, P.G.St.B., P.Pres. Prov. B. of B. The appeal on behalf of the W. and O. and A.M. Fund met with a very satisfactory response. The Lodge being closed, the brethren adjourned to another hall, where a sumptuous repast had been prepared by the lady friends of the members, and the brethren showed their appreciation of their efforts by doing full justice to the good things provided. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were honoured in the customary manner. M.W. Bro. Dougall, P.G.M., gave an excellent speech in responding to the toast of his health, in which he gave some kindly words of counsel to the brethren of the new Lodge.

Altogether the function was a great success, and all voted themselves as being extremely fortunate in having been enabled to be present. The weather by this time had become exceedingly unpleasant, with heavy rain, which made the home journey very uncomfortable for those who had to make it. Although the ceremony had been twice postponed on account of the epidemic, Lodge Acacia is now well started, and your correspondent ventures the opinion that with a W.M. like W. Bro. Hart, and such good officers as it has, it will surely "make good."—[Special Correspondent.]

TREATMENT OF GERMAN MASONS AFTER THE WAR•

[Paper read by V.W. BRO. REV. MACKENZIE GIBSON, P.G. Chaplain G.L. of New Zealand, at the Walton-on-Thames Branch of the N.Z.E.F. Masonic Association on December 12th, 1918.]

Worshipful Master and Brethren,—Having been asked by the members of this Association to read a short paper on the question of our treatment, as fellow craftsmen, of the German members of our Craft after the war is over, I propose to offer to the brethren here assembled a very short statement of what seems to me to be the right and just course to take, both from the point of view of our Craft, and our citizenship of the Empire. It being our firm endeavour to so act, as free and accepted Masons, that that citizenship may be of the highest possible order and standing, and bring still further good fame upon our already illustrious calling. This short statement is not to be regarded as in any way arbitrary, but is put forward to the brethren simply as an expression of opinion by one of their number, and a basis for discussion during the evening.

We all of us remember the charge the W.M. of our respective Lodges laid upon us on that memorable night of our initiation ; part of it ran thus : " I charge you ever to consider the important duties you owe (1) to God, (2) to your neighbour, (3) to yourself," and these duties are laid down in the clearest and most comprehensive sentences, that admit no misunderstanding, allow of no evasion, And acknowledge no default.

To say nothing of the first section, viz. : The duty of a true Freemason to God, let me for a moment quote a few sentences from the second and third obligations, thus, "your duty to your neighbour is to act with him on the square, to render him every kind office that justice or mercy may require, by relieving his necessities and soothing his afflictions, and by doing to him as in similar cases you would wish he should do to you. As a citizen of the world I am to enjoin you to exemplary in the discharge of your civil duties, by never opposing, or at all countenancing, any act that may have tendency to subvert the peace and good order of society, by paying due obedience to the laws of any State which may for a time become the place of your residence, or afford you its protection, and above all by never losing sight of the allegiance due to the sovereign of your native land. As an individual let me recommend to you the practice of every domestic as well as public virtue. Let Prudence direct you, temperance chasten you, Fortitude support you, and Justice be the guide of your actions. "

W.M. and Brethren ! A truly noble charge, well worthy of our high calling. And how has this charge been upheld and guarded by those to whom it was delivered in the Germanic section of our Craft? How have they acted on the square to their neighbours ?—By invading their territories, and laying them waste with fire and sword and rapine. How have they rendered him every kind office which justice and mercy might dictate? -By torturing him when a prisoner, murdering him when wounded, and insulting and desecrating his mortal body when dead.

How have they relieved his necessities, and soothed the affliction ?—By stealing and plundering his worldly belongings, and putting his wife and child to shame and death before his eyes.

How have they discountenanced any act that may have a tendency to subvert the peace and good order of society.?— By making their own, and invaded countries, the chosen shrine of nameless vices that the English-speaking races hesitate to even whisper the name of.

How have they paid the due obedience to the laws of the State which for at time gave thousands of them a temporary borne and protection ?—By espionage, plotting, and constantly contriving against its welfare, and the welfare of its sovereign and its commerce.

What further shall I say? The list of my indictments would be unending did I take each deed and broken vow in turn, and each more dark. and foul than the shameless one preceding it.

Let me pass on for a moment then to the time when the sun at its meridian, each of us passed through the solemn ordeal of being raised to the Third Degree. What was the oath we then took? In it I remember we specifically repudiated, with both hands on the V. of S.L., the crimes of murder, treason, felony, and all other offences contrary to the laws of God, and the ordinances of the realm, and swore not to countenance them in any man, be he fellow Mason or other.

I stand here to-night, W.M. and brethren, to denounce those of our Craft in Germany, and the other enemy countries who have broken again, and yet again, each and every one of these ordinances, obligations and oaths, nor has a voice from one of them been lifted to decry these apostacies on the part of their fellow

craftsmen. Not only have they not decried them, but on the contrary, they have lauded these misdeeds to the skies, gilded them with the pinchbeck gilding of "Kultur",— boldly announced their perpetration thereof without shame but with rejoicing, and have taken unto themselves and worshipped that which is a lie and an abomination. How can we, W.M. and brethren, take to ourselves again these apostates as fellow Masons, hand to hand greet them as brothers, foot to foot support them in the undertakings, knee to knee in daily supplication remember their wants, breast to breast keep their evil secrets, and hand over back support their vile characters in absence or presence?

No! A thousand times, no ! Having violated all the laws and canons of our noble craft and calling, let them be held by us as those who deservedly have met a penalty we bear ever in our minds, and let it be said by us with truth, that no trace or remembrance of so vile wretches may longer be found among men, particularly among Ms.

THE LIBERAL ARTS AND SCIENCES.

[By BRO. T. QUEREE, read to the Installed Masters' Lodge of Wellington.]

The quotation that I have selected from the ritual for discussion to-night is one with which we are all familiar. It is a statement that lays down as one of the Masonic duties that "you are expected to study the liberal arts and sciences that you may the better be enabled to discharge your duty as a Freemason."

Among all the principles and ideals that we hear so often in the Lodge, "brotherhood, relief, truth and justice," and "the practice of every moral and social virtue" this injunction that we are "expected" to study the arts and sciences comes somewhat as a surprise. It seems to stand out as something apart, something entirely different from what we so carefully cherish as Masonic teachings. There are two reasons given in the ritual why this study should be regarded as a duty : First, "That it may enable us to estimate the wondrous works of the Creator," and further, "to polish and adorn the mind." Now these reasons are undoubtedly sound and reasonable, but do they appear to us as altogether satisfying? I have heard it seriously and very reasonably argued that this injunction only means that the mind should not be allowed to become indolent, that it was but intended to convey the idea that continual mental progress is essential to a Freemason. But this explanation does not really help us any further. Nor does it satisfy the clear and definite demand of the ritual. Moreover, it is evident that the reasons given are not wholly convincing, for how many members of the Craft ever consider the arts and sciences for a moment as a necessary part. of their Masonic life?

Then think how unusual is this advice! Masonry aims to deal with busy men of the world, men of widely different conditions and varied mental capacity, who in most cases lack both leisure and inclination for scientific study, yet the ritual is evidently calling special attention to this injunction as something of more than ordinary significance, for during the progress of the Masonic degrees it is given, or referred to, no less than three times, and each time with emphasis. Now, is there some deeper reason than that given why Freemasonry bids us all turn our attention to the arts and sciences. Is there some great truth to be gleaned here? The field of research indicated is of the widest, it embraces the whole of the knowledge that the world has garnered. How and where shall we begin and for what shall we seek ?

And before proceeding further let me recall to your minds what comprise the liberal arts and sciences. The arts are : Architecture, sculpture, music, poetry, and painting, The sciences are : Mathematics, in which are included all sciences that apply calculation and measurement for their conclusions, such as astronomy; geometry, the symbolism of ideals which, embody themselves in form; biology, the history of form ; sociology, the building of the individual into society, and this includes law and politics ; philosophy, the effort to recognise the one great life amid the diversity of form, the search after God.

Now, one of the most striking phenomena of human development is that humanity is always restlessly seeking for truth, and the great questions that it has ever yearned to solve are, "What is life?" and "What is God?" From the time when men were savages down to these clays of modern civilisation these questions have been asked from generation to generation, and in reply have arisen the great creeds, philosophies and sciences. Each of these in turn strives to give the answer, but as civilisation continues to advance, as men's minds become capable of greater ideals and wider conceptions of life, these answers fail to satisfy. As time goes on creeds crystallise into dogma and the philosophies no longer suit the growing needs. So again is heard the ever-recurring questions, and once more the effort is made to give the answer with new creeds, new philosophies, and more advanced sciences.

Freemasonry aims to satisfy the spiritual needs of a world-wide community, and these questions, to-day as ever, must be answered, they cannot be ignored or evaded, for they are of vital importance of every individual. Can we turn to Freemasonry for an answer?

Strictly speaking, there is no theology in Freemasonry, it does not speculate on the being of God, it recognises it as self-evident, and beyond that, it would seem, at first sight, that these questions were not within the province of Freemasonry to deal with, but it has been said that no philosophical system is complete that does not contain the origin and goal of life ; and that is profoundly true. It is this fact that makes it reasonable for us to expect that Freemasonry as a great school in the philosophy of life must have her answer to give. If we would fully realise the responsibility and importance of life and would mould our lines to Masonic ideals, it is necessary that we understand, to some extent, the source of life, but in Freemasonry it is ever the aim that teachings shall be given in such a way that no offence can be given to a brother of any faith, be he Jew, Christian, or Buddhist, and that is particularly evidenced in the Lodge by the title applied to the Supreme. And I would venture to show, briefly as I must do it, that which seems to me to be the true and inner reason why we are directed to the study of the ever-progressive arts and sciences. That here, and here alone, will be found the answer to those eternal questions, an answer, no matter the faith of the seeker, will be found to be wholly satisfying.

Now, if we follow the advice of the ritual and review some of the latest utterances of science we shall find that it has come to recognise that in all the universe there is no such thing as dead matter. Scientists are demonstrating that a mysterious life force is everywhere visible moulding matter into an endless variety of forms that it may find sufficient outlet to express itself. It was thought, not so very long ago, that in some unexplained way form and matter was the source of life, but now they see that life is the mainspring of all that is, for even that which dies returns again, rebuilt into other forms, for the expression of life. It is life that is moulding, breaking, and manipulating matter for its own purposes.

Even in the mineral world this life is visible. Look at the crystals and pyrites and see how they are built with their faces that are triangles, and squares, and pentagons. How does each crystal know how to keep its shape, though it shares its body with its fellows. Chemical affinity says the chemist. Yes, but the mineral shows consciousness by their attractions and repulsions, by their holding together of particles, by their affinities for each other, and by their repelling of each other. It is the life within that is moulding and building. -What is this life?

Recent experiments have demonstrated that all metals have life, platinum in particular responding to a change in temperature amounting to only a millionth fraction of a degree. Electrical experiments have also shown that a bar of steel, far from being a cold dead mass of metal, is composed of atoms and molecules which thrill and quiver if even a warm finger is placed upon the surface of the bar. Recently Sir J. C. Bose, the eminent Indian scientist, demonstrated in London that metals responded to stimuli and even intoxication exactly as do plants, animals, and human beings. And so from scientists to-day we are hearing such phrases as "the disease of metals" and their "fatigue."

Look into the world next above the mineral, the vegetable world, and you will see there this same life, showing a greater activity, a more advanced development ; the forms that it builds here are more pliable, more sensitive, and if you examine you will find that this life is displaying remarkable intelligence, ingenuity, and intense effort to improve its condition. Maeterlinck, in "Life and Flowers," says : "There are no plants or flowers wholly devoid of wisdom and ingenuity, all exert themselves to accomplish one great work, and that work is the magnificent ambition to over-run and conquer the surface of the globe by endlessly multiplying themselves.

"To attain this object they have to overcome much greater difficulties than have animals or creatures that can move about or fly over the surface of the globe. Plant life is fixed immovably to the soil, from its birds to its death, and because of this the vegetable world, which appears to us so placid, so resigned, in which all seems silence, obedience, meditation, is in reality in active and stubborn revolt against the sombre law that condemns them to immobility. The energy of its fixed idea is to evade and transgress that law, to escape into the outer world, hence the majority of plants have had recourse to the inventing and using of marvellous systems for the dissemination of their seeds, anticipating in many instances the inventions of man. Consider for instance the ariel screw of the maple, the flying machine of the thistle, the bursting capsules of the geranium, the releasing springs of the spurge flinging the seeds far and wide, the hooks, and a thousand other unexpected and astounding pieces of mechanism, for there is not, so to speak, a single seed, but has invented for its sole use a complete method of setting it-self free and shattering its limited sphere.

"Then the plants have carefully observed the habits of insects and have adapted themselves to take advantage of those habits. There is the preparation of seductive perfumes, the appeal of harmonious and dazzling colours, the concoction of nectar, all useless to the flower but intelligently manipulated to attract the bee." Creeping plants are able to choose places for their growth and know where to place their tendrils for climbing. So to-day scientists, who are botanists, are talking of the "eyes of plants."

What is it that directs the plant to select the proper molecules of air, water, and earth for its nourishment and group them so delicately as to form the graceful plant, the exquisite flower, and the perfume? Put an acorn, a grain of wheat, a seed of a flower side by side in the ground ; each will build up its own organism after its kind, each selecting from the same plot of earth that which it needs for both structure and colour. We are glimpsing something of the answer to those great questions. We are learning that there is an all-pervading universal life, active, intelligent, and ever eager to expand; and more, that it is capable of robing itself in beauty with a skill that shames the artist. Through the ages men have named this life variously; some have called it Nature, others God.

Then look higher, turn your face to the heavens on a starlit night and examine the groups and clusters of stars scattered in all directions, all so calm, so immovable, look at that mighty zofte of stars and luminous mist stretching right across the heavens and known to astronomy as the "milky way." If we turn a telescope toward the milky way we will find that those luminous patches of mist will resolve themselves into myriads of stars; put a higher power on the telescope and we see myriads more stars and more haze and brightness comes out where none was seen before. If we further increase the power this further haze and brightness again resolves itself into countless other stars. Astronomy tells us that we are looking at a universe composed of millions and millions of suns, separated from each other by thousands of millions of miles, that if this earth of ours was transparent "we should see this mighty belt of stars pass beneath our feet, surrounding us like a great circle. It is the visible part of the great sidereal arch, or universe, to which our sun belongs. The extent of this great star cluster is so vast that it is estimated that a flash of light travelling at the almost incredible speed of 192,000 miles per second would take 15,000 years to cross it.

The staggering immensity of such a universe awes as to silence, as we dimly realise something of the titanic force that must span those vast spaces, holding each blazing star to its appointed way, for hire we are face to face with all the majesty of this universal and eternal life. Still more intense grows the feeling of reverence when it flashes upon us that each one of these millions of suns probably has attendant worlds which bear upon their surface living humanities similar to our own. Everything around us tends to show that life is everywhere- in active manifestation, and it is quite reasonable to suppose that life and intelligence has been sown on those distant worlds as well as here, for in all those great suns and their attendant systems we are but looking at repetitions of our own solar system multiplied a myriad-fold. Astronomy also tells us that all these stars, appearing to us so fixed, so immovable, are in reality formidable and burning globes, rolling, rushing, and hurtling through space at terrific speed and sweeping their systems along with them. Says Flammarion, the great French astronomer : " Millions and millions of suns, planets, clusters of stars, nebulae, worlds in their infancy, worlds that are dying rush with equal velocity toward goals of which they are ignorant with an energy and intensity of action before which gunpowder and dynamite are but as the breath of sleeping babes. ' What is the cause of these motions ? What maintains and regulates them ? It is a law known to science as universal gravitation : an invisible life force which the visible universe of matter obeys. And just here, as a digression for a moment, let me give you a most interesting description of Flammarion's of the wonders of the solar universe, how in the inexhaustible variety of Nature there exists great coloured suns of the most entrancing shades, often united in pairs, bound together by some common destiny. To the naked eye they appear like, ordinary stars, but the telescope soon discovers the beauty of these systems. Here will be a dazzling group of ruby suns, there a sun of deep sapphire blue, beyond that again one coloured like a glorious emerald. Suns of pale blue and rose, brilliant yellows and deep orange, violets and tender greens, others of intense whiteness. In the constellation of 'Andromeda' there is a group composed of a fine orange star and one emerald green, accompanied by a smaller comrade of deepest blue ; the blue sun revolves around the green one, and the two together revolve around the great orange sun, the contrast of these three glorious suns seen through a telescope produce a most dazzling spectacle. Think, he says, what a strange and ever changing effect would be visible to the inhabitants of a world illumined by those suns. On one side of the landscape a great green sun is slowly sinking to the horizon, while on the opposite side a brilliant orange sun has arisen, the whole scene is glowing with wonderful hues of fairy-like tinge, glinting and sparkling from water, rocks, and vegetation, while over all there hangs an enormous moon half green and half orange reflecting the colour of both suns—truly a gorgeous spectacle."

But turn your eyes away from the visible stars for a moment and look toward those places in the heavens where there is unbroken darkness. To the human eye nothing is visible, nor has any telescope yet invented ever pierced that blackness, yet when a great (telescope is attached to a camera for celestial photography a wonderful thing happens, by a short exposure' of the sensitive plate, filaments, and nebulae outside the range of our greatest telescopes by human vision are manifested; but if the exposure is prolonged these filaments and nebulae show themselves as vast starry systems, at such frightful distances that the brain reels at the thought. And if the plate be exposed for hours even greater and greater systems reveal themselves, sunk in the depths of space, until one realises that there is no end to creation, for stars and systems and milky ways are without number. The universe is infinite and space has no limit. Let the imagination go out into the, measureless expanse. Let the mind try and grasp something of these unfathomable depths, and then, when thought falls helpless and can dare no further, let it remember that it is this one great life that sustains, moves and guides it all. It shines in every sun, rolls in every planet, and holds balanced every system - in those infinite fields of space. Then if we would go further, look down for a moment from the infinitely great to the infinitely small, and we shall see, that exactly as the solar universe is composed of spinning and rushing suns, each having a circle of planets revolving around them, so science postulates that the atom is a minute centre of whirling living force having a circle of smaller bodies spinning around it at terrific speed. The laws of nature show a marvellous uniformity of plan, and all point to the existence of one mind. It is the mind of the Master Builder, and Emerson spoke with fine poetic intuition when he said that "the universe was mirrored in the atom."

Turn also to the arts, for here you will study the aspect of beauty by which the G.G. veils himself in matter. Art is the great civiliser ; it refines and ennobles, for no art is possible without a refined mental element. When we take pleasure in seeing beautiful pictures, superb architecture, or great statuary, when we are thrilled with the tender melodies or crashing chords of music, in our emotions and appreciation of the beautiful we are expressing our reverence and acknowledging the presence of the Supreme. — So, when we return to a contemplation of our subject, we find that for us it has taken on a new meaning, a deeper significance, and no longer can we look at this Masonic injunction indifferently, for we have seen the wisdom that bids all study the arts and sciences to the "compass" of their attainments, and while the existence of God and the immortality of the soul are two of the essential propositions on which rests the institution of Freemasonry, yet she lays no laws, imposes no conditions of belief—every brother is left free to form his own conception of the Divine Being spoken of in the Lodge as "The Great Architect of the Universe." Is Freemasonry not trying to show us, by the aid of the arts and sciences, that no concrete definition of that limitless life can be limited to any one creed or philosophy? ; that all life is an expression of Him ; that all beauty is a manifestation of His presence. So in this way can every seeker find the answer that will suit his needs ; so also can brothers of any faith meet on this common ground, as nowhere else in the world to-day. The student also will come to gain a wider outlook on the life of the human soul, for without immortality all the history of the earth would end in nothing, the whole creation would be a deceptive absurdity. We surely cannot admit that all the splendours of the solar universe, all the thousands of worlds, the life and the thought only give birth to constantly deceived hopes. Nor that the supreme end of progress is nothing. The same great life is the life of the atom as much as it is of a great world system. It pulsates in every animal, swells in every bud, dances in minutest insect as much as it burns in the central cosmic sun. Life and God are one. Would that this great truth were better understood in the world. Think of man, a half-evolved organism, standing on his floating grain of sand in space, daring to anathematise his brother, because his conception of that ineffable existence differs, in human language, from his own. Some day this earth will come to an end and be nothing but a tomb, but the universe will last for ever, for there will be new suns and new earths, new springs and perfumed flowers, and life will always bloom afresh in the limitless and endless universe.

Is not the injunction to study the arts and sciences Freemasonry's great answer to those deep questions of humanity? —An answer that will last for all time, for neither decay of philosophies, no advance in science can destroy it, while the Masonic conception of "The Great Architect of the Universe" will ever remain the acme and epitome of human wisdom as a concept of Divinity.

Reports.

[Secretaries and Scribes are requested to forward Reports.]

CRAFT LODGES.

SOUTHLAND,

Wallace, No. 129.—The regular meeting was held in the Masonic Hall, Otautau, on 17th January, when there was a fair attendance to greet the W.M. (W. Bro. James Thomson) and his officers for the year. Although the installation ceremony took place as usual in October, owing to the severity of the recent epidemic in the district regular meetings were not resumed until the above date. The W.M. made feeling reference to the loss sustained in the death of the S.W. (Bro. Dugald Macpherson). The late brother was a true-hearted Freemason, being one of the founders of Lodge Wallace, and, with the exception of the years he was absent from the district, cheerfully accepted duty as an officer. He was indeed an ornament to Freemasonry, -and the sympathy of all who knew him will be extended to his widow and young family. During the evening one candidate was initiated, the ceremony being ably carried out by the W.M. and his officers. A very considerable amount of work is before the W.M. and his officers, and two new propositions were placed before the Lodge. It was decided that our delegates to the United Board of Enquiry recommend the Board to supply each Lodge in the district with a sufficient number of copies of monthly _propositions to supply one to every member of each Lodge. It was thought that by this means brethren in outlying districts, who are unable to attend-regularly, and brethren who may be prevented from attendance at their Lodge would be acquainted with the names brought forward.—[Lodge Correspondent.]

CANTERBURY.

St. Augustine's, No. 4.—The regular monthly meeting was held in the Christchurch Masonic Hall on 11th February. The now firmly-established practice of making a Master's "last night" a special occasion accounted for the very fine attendance of members and visitors. W. Bro. Redpath opened his Lodge at 7 p.m., and got through the business portion and admitted visitors by 8.15 p.m. Bro. C. H. Duff, S.W., was chosen as the Master-elect, and had the privilege of appointing his officers, other than the Treas. and the Tyler, who were both re-elected. Two brethren were admitted as joining members in the ballot, and the Lodge (by dispensation) unanimously resolved to confer the honour of life membership on Bro. Sydney Smith, who has given invaluable services to the lighter side of Freemasonry, as S.S. since his appointment in 1904. Bro. Sydney's services have also been willingly given and received by sister Lodges and by Prov.G.L., so that the honour had not been undeservedly bestowed. The ceremonial work consisted in raising two brethren, the W.M. being assisted by his P.Ms. : Retros., W. Bro. J. A. Stables ; Raising, W. Bro. McGregor B. Wright ; "Let me Beg," W. Bro. C. A. Grant; T.H., W. Bro. H. H. Wauchop ; Further Exp., W. Bro. T. H. Ker. W. Bro. Doig (Lodge Christchurch, No. 91) gave the Charge after Initiation, and W. Bro. Danks (Lodge Canterbury, No. 1048, E.C.) presented the W.Ts. R. W. Bro. C. J. Ronaldson presented each of the candidates with the V.S.L., in which they had taken their Obs. An enjoyable hour was spent in the refectory, the items of Bros. W. S. Wauchop and F. W. Freeman being most popular, whilst the retiring Master had to listen to a repeated recital of his good qualities.—[Lodge Correspondent.]

Methven, No. 51.—There was a good attendance on 12th February, when the chief work was initiation. The work was most interesting. W. Bro. Stone was in the chair, and obligated the candidate. The brethren who assisted were W. Bro. Pawson (Secrets), Bro. S. Smith, Sec. (S.E. Charge), Bro. Adams, acting-D. of C., gave the W.Ts.. while W. Bro. Mitchell gave the Charge after Investiture. The W.M. directed that a copy of motion of thanks and appreciation given by the Lodge's January meeting be sent to W. Bro. Dr. W. Todd for his work done to brethren and the district during the epidemic of 1918. The Lodge closed in Masonic form at 11 p.m. A pleasant and profitable hour was spent in the refectory. At the after-meeting the W.M. arranged for a ladies' night, to be worthy of the dawn of peace. The social takes place on 11th April, or Friday after P.Ms. work the Third Degree.—[Lodge Correspondent.]

Kaikoura, No. 60.—The regular meeting was held on 16th January. Part of the evening's business was the election of Treas. and Tyler, which resulted in W. Bro. Johnston being elected to the former office and Bro. O. G. Harris to the latter. The selection of W.M. resulted in Bro. H. J. Stanlake, S.W., being elected unanimously. The ceremony of raising a brother of Lodge Amuri was then proceeded with by W. Bro. Richardson, W.M., assisted by the following : Bro. Robinson, J.W., gave the Charge; Bros. Sherrard and Hitchcock. the Ex. ; Bro. Stanlake, S.W., the W.Ts. ; Bro. Burrows, Chaplain, Charge after Investiture; W. Bro. Morrison, P.M., T.H. ; W. Bro. Johnston, P.M., Signs and Secrets ; Pro. O. G. Harris, J.S., Final Charge. At the conclusion of the ceremony Bro. Sherrard, on behalf of the Lodge, took the opportunity of presenting the candidate with the V.S.L. on which he had been finally obligated. In the refectory we had an informal meeting to make arrangements regarding the installation (which took place on the 14th ult.).—[Lodge Correspondent.]

Christchurch, No. 91.—The installation meeting, which had been postponed on account of the epidemic, took place in the Masonic Hall on 28th January, when Bro. William Torrance Doig was installed as W.M. The Lodge was opened by W. Bro. D. Sheffield, W.M., and, after the Prov.G.M. (R.W. Bro. F. C. Bishop) and officers of Prov.G.L. had been received, the Dist. G.L., E.C., Master and officers, and officers of G.L. were admitted and duly honoured. The W.M.-elect was duly obligated. A B. of I.M., presided over by the R.W.I.M., was held, and W. Bro. Doig was installed according to ancient custom, the W. Ts. in the Board being presented by W. Bro. G. Hadfield; P.P.G.B.B. ; W. Bro. Scott, P.G.D. of C., making the proclamations. M.Ms. having been re-admitted, the usual processions and salutes were given. W. Bros. J. L. Danks (W.M., Lodge Canterbury), A. Hunter (W.M., Lodge Robert Burns) and K. Bassett (W.M., Lodge Avon) presented the W.Ts. The Warrant and B. of C. were presented by R.W. Bro. Bishop R.W. Bro. S. C. Bingham addressed the W.M. ; W. Bro. J. W Roberts, Prov.G.W., invested the Wardens, who were addressed by W. Bro. F. Collins, P.Prov.G.W. ; W. Bro. A. H. Hebb; invested the officers ; and W. Bro. J. W. Du Feu, P.G.D. of C. addressed the brethren. A collection, in response to an appeal by W. Bro. R. W. S. Eastwood, Pres. Prov.B. of B.. in aid of the W. and O. and A.M. Fund, realised £8 13s. The following officers were installed : W.M., W. Bro. W. T. Doig; I.P.M. W. Bro. D. Sheffield P.M., W. Bro. R. J. Thomas; S.W., Bro. W. L. N. Newth; J.W.; Bro. T. C. Hill ; Chaplain. W. Bro R. Torrance ; Treas., W. Bro. G. A. Mazey ; Sec., V.W. Bro H. Hopkinson; D. of C., W. Bro. W. E. Kiddey ; S.D., Bro. J. H. Dickinson; J.D., Bro. J. Worthington ; Organist, Bro. R. Lake; I.G., Bro. F. C. Airs; S.S., Bro. W. Newell; J.Ss., Bros. Livingstone, F. Palmer, and S. Betterley ; Tyler, R.W. Bro. H. F. Arnold. H.G.W. having been offered, the Lodge was closed, and a large number of brethren adjourned to the refectory. During the course of the ceremony in the Lodgeroom at P.M.'s jewel was presented to W. Bro. Sheffield by R.W. Bro. Bishop, on behalf of the officers and brethren of the Lodge. Toasts and musical items brought, a successful function to a close. —[Lodge Correspondent.]

St. Augustine, No. 99.—15th January was the regular meeting night. The ceremony was a First, and it was very ably carried out by W. Bro. S. R. Beckett, W.M., who gave the Ob., assisted by the following P.Ms. and brethren : W. Bro. Thos. Manchester (Secrets) ; W. Bro. Hoskins (Apron Charge) ; W. Bro. Fulton (N.E. Charge). The Final Charge was given by W. Bro. Colville ; W.Ts. by Bro. C. Manchester, S. W. ; and R. for Prep. by our veteran Bro. E. J. Atwill. The two candidates initiated were Harold Hoskins, a Lewis, son of our W. Sec. ; and Eric Eastwood, stepson of the present. J.W. and I am sure both of these seniors felt greatly gratified at seeing their sons go through. The other business comprised the nomination of W. Bro. Shackleton for any office in G.L., and the receipt of several letters acknowledging the Lodge's sympathy in recent bereavements. The W.M. and Bro. T. Manchester were appointed to represent the Lodge at the Board of Enquiry, in Timaru on 17th inst. One gentleman was proposed for membership. H.G.W. were received from Lodges McKenzie, No. 93 ; Manawatu, No. 1721, E.C. ; and St. John's, No. 1137, E.C. The usual social hour was spent in the refectory.—[Lodge Correspondent.]

Amuri, No. 184.—The monthly meeting was held on 17th January, W. Bro. C. E. Derrett presiding. Apologies were received from a number of brethren. The usual routine business being disposed of, the ceremony of initiation was proceeded with. The W.M. obligated and communicated the Secrets, also giving the R. for Prep. Bro. H. R. Davison, S.W., invested the candidate and gave the Address in the N.E. and Final Charge, the Address after Investiture being given by Bro. J. Wilson. The W.Ts. were presented and explained by Bro. Britton, J.W.[Lodge Correspondent.]

WESTLAND.

Advance, No. 61.—The annual installation of the W.M. and investiture of officers took place in the Masonic Hall, Taylor-Ville, Brunnerton, on Thursday, 130th January, at 7.30 p.m. There was a very large attendance of visitors from Greymouth, Runanga, and Kumara Lodges. The wet weather prevented visitors from Blackball from coming ; but, as it was, the hall was fairly well filled, it being the largest attendance for a great many years past, and a real Masonic feeling was felt from the beginning of the ceremony until the end. Through the unavoidable absence of R.W. Bro. R. H. Richmond., P.G.M., R.W. Bro. H. L. Michel, P.D.G.M., of Hokitika, kindly conducted the ceremony. It is always a treat and pleasure to hear W. Bro. Michel speak on Masonry, and he was ably assisted by W. Bro. Warnes (W.M., Lodge Mawhera). The Declaration being proclaimed in the East by W. Bro. Hartland (P.M., Lodge Mawhera), the W.Ts. were presented by W. Bros. Greenwood (P.M.; Lodge Lazar), Fairhall (W.M., Lodge Greymouth), and J. E. Wade (W.M., Lodge Kumara). The investiture of officers was carried out by the newly installed W.M. (W. Bro. Peter Dafforn) in a most creditable manner, which gave the brethren present the impression that Lodge Advance had got a W.M. a little above the ordinary and a real live Master. The following officers were invested : I.P.M., W. Bro. C. Angel; S.W., Bro. Jas. S. Nimmo; J.W., Bro. Arthur J. Gutberlet ; D. of C., W. Bro. Edwin E. Hill, P.M. ; Treas., W. Bro. John Hart, P.M ; Sec., Bro. John Watson ; S.D., Bro. Roderick McKenzie ; J.D., Bro. John Rodgers ; Organist, Bro. Hugh Hart; I.G., W. Bro. John Cook, P.M. ; Tyler, Bro. John Cherrie. The R.W.I.M. gave a most impressive address to the W.M. and brethren, and Bro. Warnes, W.M., addressed the Wardens. After the ceremony the W.M. briefly returned thanks on behalf of the officers and members of Lodge Advance and to the R.W.I.M. and his officers for the able manner in which they had conducted the Ceremony. He then asked the R.W.I.M. if he would kindly make a presentation to W. Bro. D. Swallow, P.M., of a P.M.'s jewel, which he did in a most pleasing manner. W. Bro. Swallow, P.M., who was taken by surprise, very feelingly responded. The Lodge was closed at 10.30 p.m., after which an hour or so was spent in refreshments, and toast and song, and all went home quite satisfied that Lodge Advance still had a bright future before it, judging by the officers installed that night.—[Lodge Correspondent.]

MARLBOROUGH AND NELSON.

Unanimity, No. 106.—An emergency meeting was held on 23rd January, the business being to pass two brethren. There was it fair attendance. The degree was ably worked by the W.M. (W. Bro. H. R. Bagge) and his officers, assisted by W. Bros. Furness and Bull, and Bros. Lambie, S.W., and Ross, J.W. The enjoyment of the after-meeting was enhanced by the presence of three brethren from "The Dandies," who were performing that evening in Blenheim, and who accepted an invitation to partake of supper at the Lodge. They contributed several vocal items, which were enthusiastically received.

The regular meeting took place on 13th February, before a good attendance. The W.M. (W. Bro. Bagge) was in the chair. A resolution of sympathy with Bro. T. E. Cleator., S.W., of Lodge Wairau, No. 42, whose only son recently lost his life while bathing, was passed. Two candidates for membership were proposed during the evening, three were given their first notice, and three were initiated. The W.M. was assisted in the ritual work by W. Bros. W. J. Girling, R. P. Furness, and J. M. Lightfoot, Bro. A. L. B. Ross, J.W., and R.W. Bro. C. H. Mills, Prov.G.M. The collection in aid of the W. and O. and A.M. Fund amounted to £1 18s. The W.M. announced that he proposed visiting Lodge Waitohi, No. 111 (Piston), on 28th February, and would work a Third Degree. He also informed the brethren that the W.M. of Lodge Wairau; No. 42, had signified his intention of paying an official visit to Lodge Unanimity on 13th March, and had accepted the invitation to work a Third Degree.—[Lodge Correspondent.]

HAWKE'S BAY.

Victoria, No. 21.—The regular meeting was held on 4th February, W. Bro. W. G. Jarvis presiding. Being the first meeting in the New Year, there was a very good attendance, despite the warm climatic conditions. The chief business was to pass three brethren. The W.M. was ably supported by the following P.Ms. and officers: W. Bros. W. A. Wilkie, H. W. Whitton, J. B. Andrew, A. W. Kirk, and Bros. H. Bate, S.W. and H. F. Funke, J.W. The Lodge was closed at 9.15 p.m., and an adjournment was made to the refectory, where the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were honoured.—[Lodge Correspondent.]

AUCKLAND.

United Service, No. 10.—The usual meeting was held in Freemasons' Hall, Auckland, on 27th January. Four candidates were passed, the T.B. being given by W. Bro. W. Taliby. Members also had the pleasure of admitting an affiliating brother. There was a goodly attendance of visitors, including W. Bro. Clarke, of Lodge Harvey, and Bro. Harris, of Lodge Kilwinning (Canterbury). An enjoyable time was spent in the refectory, where members were glad to meet one another after the long vacation. Musical items were given by Bros. Ball and Lewis, Perhaps the most enjoyable feature was the reappearance, after a long absence, of W. Bro. McCarthney, who, though not now living in Auckland, has been unable to attend our gatherings.— [Lodge Correspondent.]

Mangonui, No. 78.—The installation of Bro. John William Devine as W.M. took place in the Masonic Hall, Kaitaia, on 12th February. W. Bro. D. B. Wallace represented G.L. and conducted the ceremony in his usual efficient style, assisted by W. Bros. A. D. Clemett, S. Rossiter, and F. Prime, also members of G.L. The weather, which had been hot and fine for some weeks, suddenly changed on the morning of the 12th, and it blew "guns" and rained heavily most of the day. Despite the bad weather, however, that fine old veteran, W. Bro. D. B. Wallace, with the other worshipful brethren mentioned above, braved the elements and travelled many miles in order to be present at the installation ceremony. The W.M.-elect was presented by W. Bros. L. J. Matthews and W. Rose, and was duly installed in the chair of K.S. The W. Installing Master made the proclamation from the East; W. Bro. Clemett from the West; and W. Bro. Rossiter from the South. W. Bro. Clemett invested the officers of the Lodge in his usual impressive style. The W. Installing Master presented W. Bro. F. H. S. Matthews (on behalf of the Lodge) with a combined P.M.'s-and Sec.'s jewel, as a mark of appreciation of his services, and W. Bro. W. Rose was presented with a P.M.'s collar and jewel in recognition of his valuable services to the Lodge. Several interesting addressees were given in response to the usual toasts, and some excellent musical items and recitations helped to fill in a most enjoyable hour or two in the refectory.—[Lodge Correspondent.]

TARANAKI.

Moa, No. 110.— It is the second Friday in the month of February, and in ones and twos the members of Lodge Moa enter the ante-room of their Lodge. The members stand chatting pleasantly in groups; brethren are cheerfully hailed as they enter. From the time of their entrance worldly business and occupations have no place—all are left outside. We are just brothers, just reflections of T.G.A.O.T.U., and wealth, parentage, education, occupation count for nothing. It is the Divine ideal. It is brotherhood at its best. The minutes pass, and the gavel of the J.W., whose zeal for the good of the Craft is undisputed, is heard calling the brethren to labour. The W.M. and his officers occupy their chairs, the brethren take their places, and the Lodge is opened in the First Degree. A candidate to be raised is put through his examination, and his ready responses show that he has taken some trouble to make himself proficient. The ceremony commences. The sounds of the organ, played by the master-hand of Bro. Sutherland, add a wonderful solemnity to the proceedings. The voice of the W.M. (W. Bro. G. Taylor) recites the sentences of Ob., and we listen in solemn silence as we hear once again that which we have all sworn to. As W. Bro. Winfield in manner clear, expressive, and impressive, delivers the Exhort., and W. Bro. Surrey goes through the story of the 15 F.Cs., every word distinct, the scene seems to change. We are no longer raising a candidate in this year of grace; we are back in the year of light 3000. We are in the precincts of the Temple, Mourning the heroic death of our Master H.A. The changed scene only enhances its solemnity. The ceremony proceeds with extreme dignity, and we are listening to W. Bro. Allman giving the short Charge as the candidate faces the South. What wonder if the candidate starts as the emblems of M. fall upon his gaze? He will remember; he cannot help it. Then W. Bro. Olson delivers the Secrets, and W. Bro. Bern Roberts relates the T.H. in a manner impressive and intelligible. W. Bro. Hamerton, whose knowledge of Masonry is second to none in the Lodge, follows with the additional Signs. The W.Ts. are given by W. Bro. Branch, the Final Charge by the W.M., and the presentation of the V.S.L. by Bro. Rev. L. Harvie, and the ceremony is over. The Lodge is brought down to the First Degree, and the election of officers for the ensuing year goes smoothly on. Question time comes.

There are certain differences of opinion, and suggestions made, but all for the good of the Craft in general and Lodge Moa in particular. Jealousy for the work of the Craft inspires all the brethren, though their opinions may differ, and we recognise in charity that all do not think alike. H.G.W. are showered upon the W.M., whose year at last ends—a year in which he has ruled the Lodge with credit and honour both to himself and the Lodge. It is just after 11 p.m., and the Lodge closes. At the refectory short toasts are honoured, for time is late, and songs enliven the proceedings. The Tyler closes with his toast, which never gets stale, though we hear it every month. It is always impressive, always sincere; and then the brethren get

their coats and belongings and retire homewards, as they came, in twos and threes. And yet there are people who think Masonry is no good, is pagan in its setting ; but that which the many think is often wrong.— [Lodge Correspondent.] [To close the Lodge "after" 11 p.m. is, in our opinion, undue prolongation.—ED. C.]

Ikaroa, No. 115.—The annual meeting, postponed from 20th November on account of the epidemic, took place at Opuuake on 22nd January. .Lodge was opened in the afternoon and all business disposed of, leaving the evening clear for installation and festivity. Bro. O. A. Mullen presided and was well supported by members of the Lodge. The installation ceremony was conducted by R.W. Bro. R. W. Sargent, Prov.G.M., W. Bro. Hunt, of Mania, acting as D. of C., and Bro. Graham Hammond (son of our esteemed V.W. Rev. T. G. Hammond, P.G.Chap) was duly inducted to the chair. The officers of the year are:— Bro. D. Penny ; J.W., Bro. A. F. Neilson; Chaplain, W Bro. C. Sorrensen; Treas., W. Bro. Clarke; Sec., W. Bro. G. W. Rogers; S.D., Bro. J. Young; J.D., Bro. E.S. Forsyth ; D. of C., W. Bro. E. Le Thorpe ; I.G., Bro. W. T. Lambie; Ss.. Bros. J. Hewson and A. Thornley; Tyler, Bro. Cross. At the request of the Lodge, R.W. Bro. F. P. Corkill, P.P.G.M., presented and invested W. Bro. G. W. Rogers with a handsome jewel as a token of regard and a trifling recognition of the valuable services which he has rendered as secretary and otherwise during many years. R.W. Bro. Corkill referred in eulogistic terms to W. Bro. Rogers's connection with Ikaroa since its foundation twenty years ago, and particularly to the efficient manner in which the records had been kept and the correspondence conducted. Bro. Rogers, who had no inkling of what was in store, expressed his appreciation of the gift of the brethren. We were pleased to have with us on this occasion Bro. Major St. J. Keenan, the medical officer whose control of the epidemic work has proved invaluable, and who will always be a welcome visitor to this district. "Fourth Degree" as usual.—[Lodge Correspondent.]

RUAPEHU.

Manawatu Kil., No. 47.—At the regular meeting on 11th February the chair was occupied by the I.P.M. (W. Bro. W. Mundy), in the absence of the W.M. (W. Bro. Dustin), who has gone on a voyage to England. The principal business consisted of initiation of a candidate, the W.M. being assisted by W. Bros. Brook-Taylor (who had journeyed from Auckland to be present at the initiation of his brother), delivering the N.E. Charge ; E. Grove, A. Clarke, W. H. Smith, and Bro. Wright.—[Lodge Correspondent.]

St. Andrew, Kil., No. 79.—Owing to holding no December meeting (due to the epidemic) and the fact that we decided last year to cut out our January and February meetings, there has been an interval of four months between November, 1918, and March, 1919, meetings. Members are consequently quite looking forward to a renewal of the usual meetings, the first of which will be on 13th March. Between March and July next, the date of installation, there is a lot of business to put through, and it will probably necessitate a number of emergency meetings. In fact, the Lodge meetings will probably be held fortnightly until July. Brethren visiting Wanganui during the interim might make a mental note of the fact and look us up when opportunity offers.—[Lodge Correspondent.]

Kimbolton, No. 123.—At the February meeting the installation ceremony was conducted by the D.G.M., R.W. Bro. J. H. Keesing, assisted by the P.G.M., R.W. Bro. David McFarlane. The same brethren were also present at the Ruapehu (Marton) meeting in February, when the P.G.M. had charge of the installation ceremony and the D.G.M. gave the Charge to the brethren. A goodly number of our members accompanied the "big guns " to Marton by motor, and a very pleasant evening was spent. Our esteemed brother F. Maurice Spurdle has left Wanganui to take a position in Auckland city. We will miss him very much at our usual monthly meetings and also at our weekly rehearsals. Our best wishes for his success go out-to him in his new home.—[Lodge Correspondent.]

Huia, No. 171.—The ordinary meeting took place on the 6th February, when the W.M. and his officers were confronted with an unusual amount of business. The annual report and balance-sheet was presented for adoption, which proved to be most satisfactory also the numerical strength of the Lodge is most gratifying. The election of officers for the ensuing year evoked keen interest, several positions being contested. The ceremonial work consisted of three candidates for initiation, one of whom had journeyed from Dunedin, being unable to obtain leave of absence several months ago when he was notified, on account of holding a position as a military drill-instructor. The work was allotted as follows : Ob., S.S., and T., by the W.M.; N.E.

Corner, by W. Bro. Graham ; Prep. Charge, Bro. Lauchlan ; W.Ts., W. Bro. Snell; Final Charge, W. Bro. Gallichan, I.P.M. In addition to above, two ballots were successful, one joining and the other for initiation. The installation will be the next event, when a general and cordial invitation is extended to one and all members of various Lodges, as in former years. In this respect our anticipations have been fully realised. We desire a repetition.—[Lodge Correspondent.]

WELLINGTON.

Leinster, No. 44.—The regular meeting, held on 3rd February, was very well attended by both members and visitors, and proved to be very instructive and pleasant, notwithstanding the warm evening. W. Bro. R. J. Shakes, W.M., presided, and, after routine business had been disposed of, received the W.Ms. of Lodges St. Andrew, Tutanekai, Waiwhetu, and Wellington, No. 1521, E.C., accompanied by a large number of brethren of their respective Lodges. The business was initiating two candidates, and was carried out in a very impressive manner by the W.M., who obligated and communicated the Signs, and was assisted by R.W. Bro. J. W. Ellison, Prov.G.M. (Charge after Investiture), W. Bro. A. Longmore (N.E. Charge), Bro. J. Jackson, LG. (M. of Prep.). Bro. E. C. Smyth, S.D., presented the W.Ts., and Bro. W. J. Garrett, S.W., the Charge. During the ceremony Bro. F. Laycock sang a solo, which was greatly appreciated, and added to the solemnity of the ceremony. R.W. Bro. J. W. Ellison, Prov.G.M., addressed the brethren re the proposal to hold a thanksgiving service for victory with peace in view, expressing the hope that it would be well attended, and exhorting the brethren to use their best endeavours to make the service successful, as it was only by united action that such service was to be successful and at the same time memorable. The ballot for an affiliating member proved successful, and a proposal for initiation was received. This being all the business, the Lodge was closed at 9.45, and an adjournment was made to the refectory, where the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were honoured.

An emergency meeting was held on 10th February, the business being passing three brethren. W. Bro. R. J. Shakes, W.M., presided, and requested W. Bro. A. McLaren, I.P.M., to occupy the chair. W. Bro. McLaren obligated the candidates in a very able manner, and was assisted by W. Bro. R. H. Wilson, who explained the Signs ; W. Bro. W. A. Baudinet, the Charge after Investiture and the S.E. Charge ; the W.Ts. were presented by W. Bro. A. McLaren, assisted by the Wardens ; and the Charge was delivered by Bro. W. J. Garrett, S.W., and the Lecture by the acting-W.M. Apologies were tendered on behalf of a number of brethren, and the Lodge was closed at 9.15 p.m.—[Lodge Correspondent.]

Tutanekai, No. 156.—The annual installation ceremony was held in the Masonic Hall, Berhampore, on Thursday, 6th February, in the presence of a record attendance, the visitors being particularly numerous. taxing the hall beyond its utmost capacity. M.W. Bro. H. J. Williams was the Installing Master, being assisted by V.W. Bro. Ellison, Prov.G.M., R.W. Bro. Seaton, V.W. Bro. H. B. Bridge, V.W. Bro. Russell (S.D. of C.), and W. Bro. Rod. Bro. C. W: Martin was placed in the Chair of K.S. by the Installing Master, whilst W. Bro. Lenzini invested the officers as follows :—S.W., Bro. G. Key ; J.W., Bro. F. Reid ; D. of C., W. Bro. Whitelaw ; Chaplain, Bro. Rev. W. Shirer ; Sec., Bro. E. Howell; Treas., Bro. E. Alexander; S.D., Bro. Morton; J.D., Bro Donald; I.G., Bro. Mollinson ; S.S., Bro. Jones; J.S., Bro. Shapcott ; Tyler, Bro. Smart. R.W. Bro. Seaton addressed the W.Ms., W. Bro. Rod the Wardens, and V.W. Bro. Bridge the brethren; R.W. Bro. Ellison presented the B. of C. and By-laws. M.W. Bro. Williams, on behalf of the Lodge, presented W. Bro. Lenzini with a handsome P.M.'s jewel. Bro. E. Howell was also presented with a jewel, the presentation being made by W. Bro. Shand. After H.G.W. by the visitors, the Lodge closed at 9.30, and the brethren adjourned to a large marquee which had been erected adjacent to the hall, whilst the Lodgeroom was turned into a banqueting hall. In about a quarter of an hour, with the aid of a host of willing workers, the transformation was complete, and the brethren seated themselves and did full justice to the good things provided. The usual toasts, interspersed with musical items, recitations, etc., were duly honoured, and a very pleasant gathering terminated at about 11 p.m. by singing " Auld Lang Syne."—[Lodge Correspondent.]

Installed Masters', No. 194.—The February meeting of this Lodge was of a peculiarly interesting character. V.W. Bro. W. H. Jones, the W.M., presided, and though the attendance was not what the proceedings of this literary and research Lodge deserve and should obtain, still an exceedingly pleasant and instructive evening resulted, The W.M. of Lodge Waterloo, No. 13, who is now a full member of the Installed Masters' Lodge, brought with him a number of his Lodge members by way of an official visit, an example which might with

benefit be followed by other sitting W.Ms. in the city and suburbs, whether members of the Installed Masters' Lodge or not. Visitors are always welcome. The business was a discussion on V.W. Bro. Colonel J. J. Esson's recent paper, "The Craft and Social Reform," which was printed in full in the January CRAFTSMAN. The criticism of, or rather discussion on, the Paper was most appreciatory, and the opinion was expressed that its subject matter was most timely in its expression and most delicately and skilfully expressed. A resolution was moved that appreciation of the paper and thanks to its author be recorded on the minutes, with an expression of opinion that it would be to the benefit of the Craft if the paper was read in every Lodge in the Dominion. Bro. Queree's paper, "The Liberal .Arts and Sciences," followed, and disclosed not only an original view of Masonic application and import of the arts and sciences, and the knowledge which their study might convey, but also a literary gem of surprising grace and beauty. The next meeting's discussion thereon should be well worth hearing.—[Lodge Correspondent.]

ROYAL ARCH CHAPTERS.

St. Augustine's, No. 1.—The regular meeting was held in the Christchurch Masonic Hall on Wednesday evening, 12th February, V.E. Comp. J. A. Stables presiding. After Chapter business had been dealt with, a Lodge of M.M. was opened by W.M.M. Bro. G. Yemm. W.M.M. Bro. G. F. Gee, an affiliate, was obligated by W.M.M. Bro. J. A. Stables. Lodge was closed and a Lodge of E.Ms. opened by W.E.M. Bro. H. Hopkinson; Bro. G. Yemm, S.W.; Bro. A. K. Hollow, J.W.; Bro. C. S. Johnston, S.D. ; Bros. Gillanders, Sheffield, and Cooper, Captains of the Veils. W. Bro. G. F. Gee was acknowledged as an E.M. W.E.M. Bro. H. Hopkinson obligated, W.E.M. Bro. W. Broadley gave the Signs, W.E.M. Bro. J. A. Stables delivered the Final Charge. Lodge was closed and Chapter resumed. V.E. Comp W. Broadley presented W.M.M. Bro. G. Yemm with his W.M.M. and J. certificate; also E. Comp. H. Hopkinson with his H diploma, and Comp. W. M. Stewart with his R.A. diploma. After H.G.W., Chapter was closed at 9.25 p.m.—[Chapter Correspondent.]

Victoria, No. 4.—The regular meeting was held in the Masonic Hall. Munroe Street, on 30th January, N.E. Comp. James Bowes presiding over a very satisfactory attendance, although there was three strong counter-attractions being held the same evening. One candidate was elected and one proposition was received. A Mark Lodge was opened by P.W.M.M. Bro. H. L. Harston, S.W. ; W. Bro. Jas. Bowes, T. W. ; W. Bro. R. Bishop. One candidate was advanced to the honourable degree of a M.M.M. by the W.M.M., who was ably assisted in the ceremonial works by W. Bros. Freedman, Bowes, Bishop, and officers. A Lodge of E.M. was opened, under the presidency of P.W.E.M. Bro. R. Bishop, S.W. ; W. Bro. Jas. Bowes, J.W ; W. Bro. L. Freedman. Two candidates were acknowledged as E.Ms. by the W.E.M., who was well supported by his officers. The Chapter was resumed. R.E. Comp. Freedman acted as H during the evening, E. Comp. A. J. Turville being indisposed. Chapter was closed at 10.30 p.m.. An adjournment was made to the refectory, where light refreshments were served. Scribe E. received special attention on account of having obtained his first step in Grand Chapter.—[Chapter Correspondent.]

Otago, No. 7.—The fact that the three candidates who were to be advanced at the meeting of this Chapter on 1st February were so well known to many members of the fraternity was responsible for the good attendance at this convocation. As it was some three months since our last meeting, members were, no doubt, anxious to renew the acquaintance of each other, and looking forward to the near future to bring home those members of the Chapter who had been absent in France for—in some cases—three years or more. The Chapter opened under the guidance of V.E. Comp. A. McKenzie, but it was to E. Comp J. A. McPhee, as W.M.M., that the major portion of the work fell, and he is to be complimented, together with his various officers, on the excellence of the ceremonial work performed. It is just possible that with V.E. Comp. G. T. Lumsden as preceptor, an even better representation of the various degrees in capitular Freemasonry will be expounded in this Chapter. Mention of V.E. Comp. Lumsden's name reminds me that he was warmly congratulated on his accession to G. Chapter office—that of 1st G. Soj. The writer has a very happy remembrance of a paper read by this worthy companion some years ago, when he occupied the W.M.'s chair in Lodge Hiram. It was an example that might well be copied by others, and although he was then only a young member of capitular Freemasonry, it clearly showed that he was deeply interested in the work pertaining thereto. We were pleased to again have with us V.E. Comp. A. W. Oxley, and are looking forward to some excellent addresses from this learned companion in the near future. Mention should be made of our balance-sheet, and our hon.

treasurer (V.E. Comp. H. W. S. Hellyer, G.S.N) has been congratulated (even by letter) on the satisfactory showing of the Chapter's finances.— [Chapter Correspondent.]

Wanganui, No. 23.—The monthly convocation was held on 6th February. V.E. Comp. F. Symes presided, with E. Comps. P. Higgenbottom and J. R. Foster H and J respectively. The work was the acknowledging of two two brothers, both of Lodge Tongariro, No. 705, the V.E.Z. being assisted by R.E. Comp. G. W. Palmer, V.E. Comps. Bullock, Runnerstrum, and Moutray. Ark Mariner and K of the E and W. certificates were presented to E. Comp P. Higgenbottom and Ark Mariner certificate to Comp. A. Livingstone. Two brothers of Lodge Moutoa were balloted for and proved successful.— [Chapter Correspondent.]

Iwikatea, No. 33.—The installation of Principals and investiture of officers, which had been postponed from November of last year on account of the influenza epidemic, was held in the Masonic Hall, Balclutha, on 14th February. M.E. Comp A. Clothier, P.GO.Z. ; R.E. Comp. E. Lane, G.S. of Otago, and V.E. Comp. Wm. Henderson, P.Z.G.S.B., were the installing Principals. A board of Installing Principals having been formed, RE. Comp. Lane obligating the Principals and explaining the Signs ; the retiring Principals investing their successors and placing them in their respective chairs ; R.E. Comp Lane addressing them ; M.E. Comp Clothier investing and addressing the officers and companions present. R.E. Comp. Lane presented G.C. diploma to V.E. Comp. W. Henderson on his appointment as G.S.B., and also presented diploma to Comp. W. Manning. Grand Chapter officers having retired, the Chapter was closed in due form. The usual hour was spent in the refectory honouring the various toasts.—[Chapter Correspondent.]

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United Service, No. 10:—Founded 1864, meets in Freemasons' Hall, Princes Street, Auckland, last Wednesday in month, 7.30 p.m. Installation June. W.M., W. Bro. A. W. Morris, P.M.; S.W., Bro. M. Berry; J.W., Bro. A. C. Hallett; Sec., W. Bro. W. Talby, P.M., 62 Wellesley Street W., Auckland.

Beta-Waikato, No. 12:—Founded 1865, meets Masonic Hall, Hamilton, Waikato, Thursday on or before full moon, 7.30 p.m. Installation Thursday on or after 24th June. W.M., Bro. H. N. Forsythe; S.W., Bro. R. English; J.W., Bro. E. Bryant; Sec., Bro. Chas. Speight, Box 48, Hamilton.

Sir Walter Scott, No. 15:—Founded 1870, meets Freemasons' Hall, Mackay St., Thames, third Tuesday in month, 7.30 p.m. Installation March. W.M., Bro. J. E. Ensell; S.W., Bro. W. C. Morrison; J.W., Bro. H. C. Cordes; Sec., Bro. W. Bongard, P.M.

Coromandel, No. 17:—Founded (456, I.C.) 1872. Manukau, No. 24:—Founded 1876, meets Masonic Hall, Princes St., Onehunga, first Wednesday in month. Installation March. W.M., Bro. J. E. Cowell; S.W., Bro. R. H. Gibbons; J.W., Bro. W. M. Pye; Sec., W. Bro. C. M. Page, Quay St., Auckland.

Albion, No. 45:—Founded 1883, meets in Masonic Hall, Devonport, second Thursday in month. Installation June. W.M., Bro. J. E. Hammond; S.W., Bro. H. A. Harris; J.W., Bro. C. L. Jewell; Sec., W. Bro. F. H. Hounsell, P.M., 68 Calliope Road, Devonport.

Te Aroha, No. 52:—Meets Masonic Hall, Te Aroha, Thursday nearest full moon, 7.30 p.m. Installation March. W.M., Bro. J. Simpson; S.W., Bro. H. Dalton; J.W., Bro. — Whyte; Sec., Bro. J. Motley.

Ponsonby, No. 54:—Founded 1890, meets Masonic Hall, Jervois Road, Ponsonby, first Tuesday in month, 7.30 p.m. Installation first Tuesday in July. W.M., W. Bro. C. E. Dutton; S.W., Bro. W. J. Stancombe; J.W., Bro. F. S. Shell; Sec., W. Bro. L. C. E. Hamann, P.M., 86 Jervois Road, Auckland.

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

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

Franklin, No. 58:—Founded 1885, meets Masonic Hall, Pukekohe, Monday nearest full moon. Installation Nov. W.M., W. Bro. J. F. Deane; S.W., Bro. C. F. Shipperd; J.W., Bro. J. W. Wright; Sec., W. Bro. F. E. E. Simpson, P.M.

Hokianga, No. 69:—Founded 1891, meets Masonic Hall, Kohukohu, first Friday on or after full moon. Installation November. W.M., W. Bro. G. Downs; S.W., Bro. S. H. Airey; J.W., Bro. W. H. Kirkpatrick; Sec., W. Bro. H. A. Williams, P.G.S., P.O. Box 18, Kohukohu.

Abercorn, No. 76:—Founded 1880, meets Abercorn Hall, Ormond Rd., Gisborne, first Tuesday in month. Installation Sept. W.M., W. Bro. C. Matthews; S.W., Bro. G. R. Grant; J.W., Bro. F. Foote; Sec., R. W. Bro. G. T. Bull, P.G.W., P.O. Box 208, Gisborne.

Mangonui, No. 78:—Founded 1892, meets Masonic Hall, Kaitia, Wednesday nearest full moon. Installation Feb. W.M., Bro. J. W. Devine; S.W., Bro. J. Clarke; J.W., Bro. V. R. Earnshaw; Sec., Bro. Fred. H. S. Matthews, P.M., Kaitia.

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

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

Waikuku, No. 90:—Founded 1893. Ohaeawai, No. 101:—Meets Masonic Hall, Ohaeawai, Saturday nearest full moon, 7.30 p.m. Installation November. W.M., Bro. J. Mackereth; S.W., Bro. R. Cleave; J.W., Bro. J. Cook; Sec., W. Bro. H. Cheeseman, Keri Keri, Bay of Islands.

Whangarei, No. 102:—Meets in Freemasons' Hall, John Street, Whangarei, Monday nearest full moon in each month. Installation April. W.M., Bro. D. W. Jack; S.W., Bro. W. H. Gillespie; J.W., Bro. A. L. Oakley; Sec., Bro. A. L. Lambly, Kensington Road, Whangarei.

Ohinemuri, No. 107:—Founded 1896, meets Masonic Hall, Paeroa, Wednesday on or before full moon. Installation Nov. W.M., Bro. J. G. McDougall; S.W., Bro. B. Gwilliam; J.W., Bro. E. A. Chester; Sec., Bro. C. B. Gentil, P.M., Paeroa.

Waihi, No. 112:—Founded 1898, meets in Masonic Hall, Waihi, Monday nearest full moon in month. Installation April. W.M., W. Bro. John Say; S.W., Bro. D. Smeaton; J.W., Bro. T. Larsen; Sec., W. Bro. A. T. Ellis, Box 31, Waihi.

Taupiri, No. 118:—Founded 1900, meets in Masonic Hall, Huntly, Wednesday nearest full moon every month. Installation October. W.M., Bro. A. Shand; S.W., Bro. F. Harris; J.W., Bro. R. T. Hill; Sec., Bro. W. A. Joll, P.M., Taupiri.

Waipa, No. 119:—Founded 25th Sept., 1901; meets Masonic Hall, Te Awamutu, every Friday of full moon (or nearest Friday after), 7.30 p.m. Installation Oct. W.M., Bro. J. Morgan; S.W., Bro. A. Young; J.W., Bro. L. G. Armstrong; Sec., Bro. C. G. Downes, Box 85, Te Awamutu.

Hobson, No. 120:—Founded 1901, meets Masonic Hall, Araratu, Tuesday on or before full moon. Installation 29th Jan. W.M., Bro. J. H. McCarrroll; S.W., Bro. D. E. Fraser; J.W., Bro. A. Clark; Sec., W. Bro. J. J. Jackson, sen., Te Kopuru.

Tauranga, No. 125:—Founded 1902, meets at Lodgeroom, First Avenue, Tauranga, third Thursday in each month, 7.30 p.m. prompt. Installation Aug. W.M., Bro. W. E. Crump; S.W., Bro. B. P. Andrews; J.W., Bro. M. Ashton; Sec., Bro. W. H. Gifford, Tauranga.

Hikurangi, No. 140. Rotorua, No. 153:—Founded 1907, meets Masonic Hall, Fenton Street, Rotorua, Tuesday nearest full moon, 7.30 p.m. Installation August. W.M., W. Bro. J. W. Webber; S.W., Bro. W. T. Pakes; J.W., Bro. J. F. Reeve; Sec., Bro. W. Montgomery, P.O. Box 2, Whakarewarewa.

Piako, No. 160:—Founded 1908, meets Masonic Hall, Morrinsville, Wednesday on or before full moon, 7.30 p.m. Installation March. W.M., Bro. S. B. Sims; S.W., Bro. J. W. Clark; J.W., Bro. W. Morrice; Sec., Bro. F. A. Pickett, Morrinsville.

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

Kariori, No. 165 (Raglan). Tawhiri, No. 166:—Founded Nov., 1909; meets at Frankton Tuesday after full moon, 7.30 p.m. Installation Nov. W.M., W. Bro. C. N. Flyer; S.W., Bro. F. Truman; J.W., Bro. A. C. Dimmock; Sec., W. Bro. A. G. Sandford, Supply Stores, Frankton Junction.

United Masters' No. 167 (Auckland). Maungahao, No. 168:—Founded 1909, meets Lodgeroom, Woodside Rd., Mt. Eden, third Thursday in month. Installation November. W.M., W. Bro. N. T. Williams; S.W., Bro. D. Smith; J.W., Bro. F. R. Trevithick; Sec., W. Bro. C. Hudson, Safe Deposit Buildings, High St., Auckland.

Nau Mai, No. 177:—Founded 1910, meets Lodgeroom, Hakiaba St., Tauramarunui, first Wednesday in month. Installation Nov. W.M., Bro. J. I. Monfries; S.W., Bro. R. Beeche; J.W., Bro. W. Wilson; Sec., Bro. E. T. Hughes, P.M., P.O. Box 4, Tauramarunui.

Marsden, No. 169 (Maungaturoto). Waitakerel, No. 170 (Henderson). Waipu, No. 179.

Onewa, No. 182 (Northcote). Te Marama, No. 186:—Founded 1911, meets Masonic Temple, Ngaruawahia, Monday nearest full moon. Installation Oct. W.M., W. Bro. P. C. Gould; S.W., Bro. H. M. Thorpe; J.W., Bro. E. H. Todd; Sec., Bro. R. E. Bell, Box 68, Ngaruawahia.

Tirau, No. 193:—Founded 20th March, 1913; meets Masonic Hall, Tirau, Thursday nearest full moon. Installation March. W.M., Bro. E. O. Amore; S.W., Bro. A. K. Weeks; J.W., Bro. R. S. Southby; Sec., W. Bro. F. Shannon, Box 11, Tirau.

Whakatane, No. 195. Takapuna, No. 202.

Pono, No. 203:—Meets Masonic Hall, Hokianga Rd., Dargaville, Wednesday after full moon. Installation Sept. W.M., Bro. R. H. Dunn; S.W., Bro. J. C. Griffiths; J.W., Bro. D. L. Ross; Sec., Bro. S. L. Spanhake, Dargaville.

Titirangi, No. 204:—Meets in St. Jude's Hall, Avondale, second Tuesday in each month, 7.30 p.m. Installation Sept. W.M., Bro. J. H. Gillies; S.W., Bro. A. Morgan; J.W., Bro. J. Von Sturmer, P.M.; Sec., Bro. A. J. Morrish, Avondale.

Maniapoto, No. 206:—Founded 1916, meets Lodgeroom, Otorohanga, Tuesday on or before full moon, 8 p.m. Installation October. W.M., Bro. C. J. N. Miller; S.W., Bro. J. Heerdegen; J.W., Bro. T. G. Hosking; Sec., Bro. C. H. Lord, P.O. Box 24, Otorohanga.

Ruawai, No. 207 (Ruawai).

Irish Constitution.

Ara, No. 348, I.C.:—Founded 6th Sept., 1842, meets Freemasons' Hall, Princes St., Auckland, first Monday in month (Jan. excepted), 7.30 p.m. Installation 24th June (St. John's Day), high noon. W.M., Bro. A. J. Vercoe; S.W., Bro. W. G. Fletcher; J.W., Bro. T. L. Hogg; Sec., Bro. R. J. Lusher, P.M., 2 Market Rd., Remuera.

PROVINCE OF HAWKES BAY: 10 LODGES.

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

Seinde, 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. G. 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. E. Bott; Sec., Bro. S. W. Strang, P.O. Box 33, 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. 78:—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. 153:—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. E. 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 1873, 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. Holtham, 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. Buckeridge; 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 Nov. W.M., Bro. G. Hammond; S.W., Bro. D. Penny; J.W., Bro. A. F. Neilson; Sec., Bro. G. W. Rogers, P.M., P.O. Box 19.

Kaponga, No. 208.—Founded 1918, meets at Parish Hall, Kaponga, fourth Monday in each month. Installation Aug. W.M., Bro. W. E. Ward; S.W., Bro. A. H. Guy; J.W., Bro. W. B. Fearon; Sec., Bro. Horace Priestley, P.M., Box 46, Kaponga.

RUAPEHU DISTRICT: 16 LODGES.

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

Rangitikei, No. 33.—Founded 1880, meets Masonic Hall, Bulls, Tuesday before full moon. Installation Oct. W.M., Bro. L. R. McKelvie; S.W., Bro. A. K. Drew; J.W., Bro. G. Wilson; Sec., Bro. T. King, P.M., P.O. Box 5, Bulls.

Feilding, No. 41.—Founded 1881, meets Masonic Temple, Feilding, 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, Feilding.

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. D. E. Dustin; S.W., Bro. E. Tucker; J.W., Bro. E. V. West; Sec., W. Bro. C. E. Rush, P.M., 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 Feb. W.M., Bro. A. J. Dixon; S.W., Bro. R. A. Upchurch; J.W., Bro. J. S. McDonald; Sec., Bro. J. Mogridge, P.M.

Te Awahou, No. 183.—Founded 1906, meets Masonic Hall, Liddle 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.

Otalhipe, No. 142.—Founded 18th Dec., 1905; meets in Masonic Hall, 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 Latour; Sec., Bro. H. Mercer.

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

Huia, 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. A. 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., W. 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.

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

St. Andrew, No. 92.—Founded 1879, meets Masonic Hall, Wellington, third Monday in month, 7.30 p.m. Installation St. Andrew's Day. W.M., Bro. R. Hutchison; S.W., Bro. A. Greening; J.W., Bro. G. Lawrence; 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. Everton, 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. B. 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 1884, 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 Nov. W.M., Bro. A. A. Vaughan; S.W., Bro. F. Burrell; J.W., Bro. G. D. H. Smith; Sec., Bro. Geo. 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. Swaby, P.M., Otaki Railway.

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

Eketahuna, No. 92.—Founded 1893, meets in Masonic Hall, Bengston 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., W. Bro. S. T. Martin, 11 Millward Street, Wellington South.

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 Feb. W.M., Bro. G. H. Gillam; S.W., Bro. E. J. Clemens; J.W., Bro. C. R. Burling; Sec., Bro. J. T. Steel.

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

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

Waiwhetu, No. 176.—Founded 1910, meets Masonic Hall, Huia 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, Ngaio, 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, Ngaio.

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.Ms.)

Whetu Kairangi, No. 201.—Founded 1914, meets at Masonic Hall, Seatoun, 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 663, 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. Taylor; S.W., Bro. T. E. Cleator; J.W., Bro. A. E. Jellyman; Sec., W. Bro. W. Lucas, Redwood St., 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 Thursday 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, P.M., 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. Brage, P.M.

Forest, No. 116:—Meets in Lodgeroom, Wakefield, third Wednesday in month. Installation Nov. W.M., Bro. L. O. Baigent; S.W., Bro. V. N. Granville; J.W., Bro. R. W. Noake; Sec., Bro. H. Franklyn, P.M.

Motueka, No. 117:—Founded 1900, meets Lodgeroom, Motueka, Wednesday nearest full moon. Installation Oct. W.M., Bro. G. T. Heath; S.W., Bro. W. Nicholson; J.W., Bro. C. Knapp; Sec., Bro. W. McInnes, Box 6, Motueka.

St. Cuthbert's, No. 144:—Founded 1905, meets Masonic Hall, Collingwood, Saturday nearest full moon, 7.30 p.m. Installation Oct. W.M., Bro. J. W. McKinna; S.W., Bro. R. J. Walker; J.W., Bro. W. D. Lash; Sec., Bro. H. J. Skilton.

PROVINCE OF WESTLAND: 12 LODGES.

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

Robert Burns, No. 50:—Founded 1883, meets Burns' Masonic Hall, Kelly St., Reefton, third Thursday in month, 7.30 p.m. Installation 25th Jan. W.M., Bro. W. H. Nicholas, P.M.; S.W., Bro. D. Panckhurst; J.W., Bro. C. Mori; Sec., Bro. R. A. Stewart, P.M., Reefton.

Advance, No. 61:—Founded 1871, meets Masonic Hall, Taylorville, Brunner, first Thursday in month, 7.30 p.m. Installation last Thursday in Jan. W.M., Bro. P. Dafforn; S.W., Bro. J. S. Nimmo; J.W., Bro. A. J. Gutberlet; Sec., Bro. J. Watson, Brunner.

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. Geo. Veale; S.W., Bro. R. F. Ward; J.W., Bro. A. A. Rowe; Sec., Bro. W. E. Richards, P.M., P.O. Box 79, Hokitika.

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.

Mokihinui, No. 96:—Founded 1896, meets in Masonic Hall, Seddonville, first Saturday in month, 7.30 p.m. Installation Dec. W.M., Bro. S. Crockett; S.W., Bro. E. Skilton; J.W., Bro. J. Griffiths; Sec., Bro. C. M. Johnston, Mokihinui.

Torea, No. 121:—Founded 1900, meets Masonic Hall, Granity, third Saturday in month, 7.30 p.m. Installation Dec. W.M., Bro. T. Worthington; S.W., Bro. J. Kerr; J.W., Bro. W. Richardson; Sec., Bro. W. T. Tregurtha.

Mawhera, No. 133:—Founded 1904, meets Masonic Hall, Tainui St., Greymouth, second Thursday in month. Installation Nov. W.M., Bro. E. Warnes; S.W., Bro. G. A. Heinz; J.W., Bro. W. P. Hambleton; 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., 137 Queen Street, Westport.

Runanga, No. 159:—Founded 1908, meets Masonic Hall, Seddon St., Runanga, Wednesday nearest full moon, 7.30 p.m. Installation Oct. W.M., Bro. Isaac Powell; S.W., Bro. S. Finch; J.W., Bro. D. McIvor; Sec., Bro. J. Rowse, P.M., Walker Street, Runanga.

Waro, No. 173:—Founded 1910, meets in the Oddfellows' Hall, Hilton St., Blackball, Tuesday nearest full moon. Installation 25th June. W.M., Bro. R. Lowe; S.W., Bro. H. Neilson; J.W., Bro. J. Sinclair; Sec., Bro. T. Sneddon, 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., Bro. J. A. Stables, P.O. Box 79, Christchurch.

Southern Cross, No. 6:—Founded 1858, meets Masonic Hall, Kaiapoi, first Thursday in month, 7.30 p.m. Installation Dec. W.M., Bro. Thos. Hoskin; S.W., Bro. J. E. Monk; J.W., Bro. L. C. B. Fuldsith; 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., Bro. J. W. A. Walker, District High School, Southbridge. Canterbury Kil., No. 23.

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. Readdie; 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 Rakia, No. 31:—Founded 1875. 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. Vogan; 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 in Masonic Hall, Akaroa, 7.30 p.m. Installation Sept. W.M., Bro. F. G. Armstrong; S.W., Bro. T. E. McKenzie; J.W., Bro. W. E. M. Jacobson; Sec., 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., 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 Nov. W.M., Bro. W. T. Doig; S.W., Bro. W. L. N. Newth; J.W., Bro. T. C. Hill; Sec., V.W. 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 Oct. W.M., Bro. S. Harper; S.W., Bro. A. Cooper; J.W., Bro. A. Price; 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., 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., 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. Colin McIntosh; S.W., Bro. F. E. Fairweather; J.W., Bro. H. Talbot; Sec., Bro. E. W. Cooper, P.M.

Pareora, No. 134 (St. Andrew's). Crown, No. 133 (Christchurch). Robert Burns, No. 139:—Meets St. Augustine's Hall, Christchurch, third Tuesday in month, 7.30 p.m. Installation Aug. W.M., Bro. Allen Hunter; S.W., Bro. G. A. Blackmore; J.W., Bro. W. E. Rogers; Sec., Bro. W. Bro. R. W. S. Eastwood, 39 Coronation St., Woolston.

Wainora, No. 141:—Founded 1905, 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., Bro. J. E. Carter, P.M.

Civic, 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., Bro. F. Lill, P.M., Box 1, Dunsandel.

Amuri, No. 184 (Culverden). 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.

Erewhon, 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., 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. Hawridge, 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, Wausbeck St., Amaru, second Wednesday in month, 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., Bro. W. Bro. W. G. Finn, 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, jun., 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. Homan, 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. Robbie, P.M.; J.W., Bro. L. Morrison; Sec., Bro. H. Webber, P.M.

Oamaru Kil, No. 82.—Founded 1872, meets in Masonic Hall, Oamaru, third Wednesday in each month. Installation Oct. W.M., Bro. D. A. Bee; S.W., Bro. W. Brown; J.W., Bro. J. McLaren; Sec., Bro. J. M. Brown, P.M., Thames St., Oamaru.

St. Thomas Kil, No. 83 (originally No. 659, 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.—Constituted E.C., 1885; joined N.Z.C., 1893; meets second Thursday in each month in Oddfellows' Hall, Gordon Road, Mosgiel, at 7.30 p.m. Installation Nov. W.M., W. Bro. C. Findlay; S.W., Bro. C. H. Leith; J.W., Bro. J. Mitchell; Sec., Bro. J. Williamson, P.O. Box 23, 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 Lodgeroom, Melmore Ter., Cromwell, Wednesday nearest full moon, 7.30 p.m. Installation February. W.M., Bro. J. P. Farrell; 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. 1895; 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. R. Bringsam; 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.

Manuhēria 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. Theysers; J.W., Bro. L. Churchill; Sec., Bro. J. B. Arnot, P.M., P.O. Box 51, Alexandra.

St. Bathans's, 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. Moen; J.W., Bro. J. Owens; Sec., W. Bro. J. Sheppard, Becks.

Otago Kil, No. 143.—Meets Masonic Hall, Moray Pl., Dunedin, first Thursday in month, 7.30 p.m. Installation Dec. W.M., Bro. Alex. McLauchlan; S.W., Bro. J. E. Gallie; J.W., Bro. R. Clark; Sec., R. W. Bro. E. W. G. H. Watts, P.M., 53 Clyde St., Dunedin.

Oaviot, No. 148.—Founded 1907, meets Masonic Hall, Roxburgh, Saturday on or nearest full moon, 8 p.m. Installation March. W.M., W. 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 18th May, 1909; meets in Masonic Hall, Kurow, Thursday on or before full moon, 7.30 p.m. Installation Sept. W.M., Bro. J. Pringle; S.W., W. Bro. H. Barclay; J.W., Bro. G. P. Martin; Sec., Bro. W. W. Merter, Kurow.

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 Oddfellows' 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.

Ionic, 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-Taieri, No. 189 (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. Farrant; Sec., W. Bro. C. H. Roberts, Box 214, Invercargill.

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

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 1885, meets in Masonic Hall, Bluff, second Wednesday in month, 7.30 p.m. Installation June. W.M., Bro. R. C. Skippage; S.W., Bro. R. C. Harbord; J.W., Bro. Geo. Steel; Sec., Bro. E. Parker, P.M., Hazlewood, Bluff.

Aparina, 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. McNeill; 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. E. 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. Hyslop; Sec., W. Bro. E. Butterfield, cr. Nith and Eitrick 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. Geo. Johnston.

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 Oct. W.M., W. Bro. James Thomson; S.W., Bro. Dougald McPherson; J.W., Bro. Chas. McIntosh; 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. F. A. Kemp; J.W., Bro. J. J. Hinchelliff; Sec., W. Bro. L. F. Clapp, P.M., P.O. Box 7, Orepuki.

Wairaki, No. 145 (Nightcaps).

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

Waikaka, No. 151.—Founded 1907, meets Lodgeroom, 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. Coltherd; Sec., W. Bro. J. J. Griffiths, P.M., Dover Street, Mataura.

Waipoi, No. 189.—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 1873, meets Masonic Hall, Reefton, Tuesday nearest full moon. Installation July. W.M., W. Bro. E. J. Scantlebury; S.W., Bro. S. Austin; J.W., Bro. A. McGruer; 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.

NEW PLYMOUTH.—Meets in the Masonic Hall on first Wednesday in month. Pres., W. Bro. F. C. J. Bellringer; Sec., W. Bro. W. F. Brooking, Robe Street, New Plymouth.

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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., 73 Akman's Rd., Christchurch.

SOUTH CANTERBURY.—Meets in St. John's Masonic Hall, Church St., Timaru, second Friday in month, 7.30 p.m. Sec., Bro. R. H. Smith, Wilson St., Timaru.

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, 168 Dundas Street, Dunedin.

ANCIENT AND ACCEPTED SCOTTISH RITE. GRAND LODGE OF FRANCE.

Veritas, No. 384.—Founded 1907, meets Freemasons' Hall, Mission St., Paapeete, fourth Saturday in month, 7.30 p.m. Installation Dec. W.M., Bro. W. J. Williams; S.W., Bro. V. Gooding; J.W., Bro. T. B. L. Layton; Sec., Bro. C. H. Norris. [This Lodge, working in English, cordially invites brethren from New Zealand.] L'Océan Francaise, No. 359.—Dormant.

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