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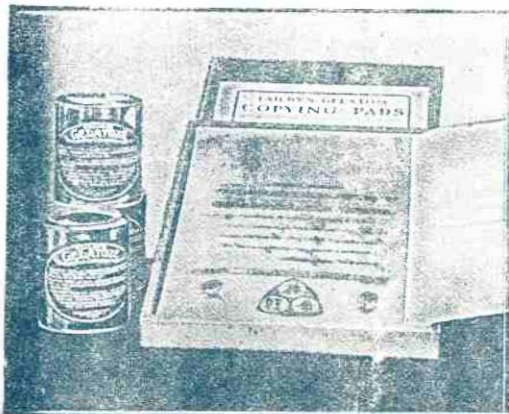
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THE ANNUAL MEETING OF GRAND LODGE.

WHEN in 1917 the annual communication of G.L. was allowed to lapse, as a result of the coal-miners' strike and the consequent cutting of the railway service, the matter was regarded as an accident rather than an incident, and the feeling was widely spread that any recurrence was unlikely. But the startling contretemps which happened to North Island representatives on the eve of the last annual meeting, at five minutes' notice, should considerably alter the previously expressed opinion, and give food for much reflection. The daily occurring incidents in connection with industrial unrest should also emphasise the seriousness of the position, and the necessity for the gravest consideration as to what steps can be taken to prevent a repetition of the disasters of 1917 and 1919, and to ensure if possible the holding of the annual meetings in due course. It must be recognised that neither island is immune while Cook Straits have to be negotiated. In the 1917 episode the position was managed excellently well by the G.M. and the Auckland B. of G.P. The meeting lapsed, and no hardship was suffered, except by the district where the meeting was to have been

held, and which had completed all arrangements with hospitality intent. But the circumstances may never be so favourable again for applying the same treatment. Business of importance may require transaction, and in any case it is not desirable to have to postpone statutory meetings unless under the gravest necessity. Yet the position is such that labour troubles appear to be always imminent, and are invariably sprung on the country with little or no notice. In the 1917 fiasco, the G.Sec. addressed a letter of explanation to all Lodges, and one sentence is probably more pregnant of wisdom to-day than it was even at that time. He said:—

" . . . Under these circumstances it became necessary to consider whether it would be safe or prudent to make the trip to Invercargill, and whether the nature of the business justified the very serious risk involved."

If there is no amelioration of labour conditions, as they exist to-day, in May next, it may well be doubted whether it will be "safe or prudent," or whether brethren, especially from a distance, will be prepared to take the "serious risk" involved in attending the meeting of G.L. for the transaction of business. We have no desire to pose as alarmists; indeed, there is no need, as the internal unrest in connection with the various industries will speak for itself. It has been said that it is unwise to consider how the bridge shall be crossed until it is reached. But with that sentiment we entirely disagree. G.L. makes a large annual appropriation for legislative services, and it entirely devolves upon the governing authority to see that the attendance of the legislator's is provided for. A good business man will make all possible provision for contingent emergency without risking the chance of difficulties being allowed to adjust themselves. If anything approaching an authoritative assurance can be given that no difficulties of transit to Invercargill will occur in May next, then the matter may be summarily dismissed from further consideration. But if, as we feel quite satisfied, no such assurance can be given, then it behoves not only the B. of G.P., but also those primarily interested both in Dunedin and Southland, to consider well what steps, if any, can be taken to bridge the difficulty. It may be remembered that our prognostications with regard to the recent annual meeting in Christchurch were more than fulfilled in many respects, and one result of the failure of the North Island representatives to arrive in time to participate in the business was a firm conviction, freely voiced, that the time had arrived for changing the date of holding G.L. annual meeting. In this matter the B. of G.P. has taken time by the forelock, and has decided to recommend G.L. to make a change to a date to be fixed between the beginning of November and the end of March. And it is regrettable that effect cannot be given to the proposal so as to make it operative before the next regular communication is held, and we say this more especially in the interests of Invercargill, where the next meeting is to be held. Were it not for the excessive cost, it would be quite worth the trouble to convene a special meeting of G.L. However, the whole question is fraught with difficulties in the future, and if they are fully recognised, that will constitute the first step towards surmounting them.

CHARITY.



" With malice towards none, with charity for all, with firmness in the right, as God gives us to see the right."

The charge delivered to the candidate on his initiation under this head is often regarded as the finest part of the whole ceremony, and most impressing in its effect. But it only deals with one phase of a large subject, the monetary distribution. No doubt in itself an important consideration, but if considered from that point alone as a cardinal principle of Freemasonry, it may be very misleading, especially to the neophyte. An eminent apostle once said, "Though I speak with the tongues of men and of angels, and have not charity, I become as sounding brass or a tinkling cymbal. And though I have the gift of prophecy, and understand all mysteries and knowledge, and have all faith, so that I could remove mountains, and have not charity, I am nothing." It is quite certain that when the apostle used this language he had something more in his mind than that commiseration which induces the offering of pecuniary donations. Indeed, that is evidenced when he says : "And though I bestow all my goods to feed the poor, and have not charity, it profiteth me nothing." As the foundation stone laid in the north-east corner of our earthly temple is the most honoured, so the chief cornerstone of the spiritual temple is charity, and upon it should be erected a superstructure of all other virtues, which should go towards the making of the good man and the perfect Mason. It should be firmly impressed on the new entrant into Freemasonry that charity in its broader sense entails some self-sacrifice and the practice of many virtues. In this world man is born to trouble as the sparks fly upwards. Many a time and oft he is afflicted in mind, body, and estate. Here is the opportunity for a practical illustration of charity in its broadest sense, by soothing his affliction and relieving his distresses, by offering that grip of brotherly kindness and sympathy which is so comforting as an indication of fraternal affection. The good Mason will stay his falling brother by advice, admonition, and reproof, and be ever ready to warn him of approaching danger. He will defend his brother from the tongue of the slanderer, and will close his lips against all reproach. Such are a few of those points which come within the scope of that charity which "suffereth long and is kind," a keener perception of which will go far to impress the newly-initiated brother with those reasons for defining charity as the cardinal principle of Freemasonry.

News and Notes.

THE following resolution was adopted at the meeting held on the 18th July :—"That this meeting of the Wellington Rose Croix Chapter, being held on the eve of the New Zealand celebration of the ratification of peace, humbly expresses its thanks and gratitude to Almighty God that victory has been vouchsafed to the Allies, who have so long been fighting for liberty and justice, and in the cause of the world's humanity, and earnestly prays that the League of Nations may be successful in preventing any resort to arms in the future. That a copy of this resolution be sent to the Secretary-General of the Supreme Council, with a renewed assurance of the Chapter's loyalty to His Gracious Majesty the King."

THE following resolution was adopted by Lodge Nau Mai on 18th July :—" That we, the brethren of Lodge Nau Mai, in the hour of rejoicing over the glorious and honourable peace so recently achieved, gratefully acknowledge the part played by our Masonic soldier brethren throughout the Empire in attaining the desired end, and express our admiration of the heroic sacrifices made by them in the cause of liberty and justice, and extend our sincere and fraternal sympathy to those relatives of our brethren who have lost their loved ones in the great war."

ACCORDING to an American newspaper (the "New York Times," 28th June), John W. Davis, United States Ambassador to Great Britain, has been appointed S.G.W. of the G.L. of England. This is what helps in the bringing together of the two nations.

NEW ZEALAND is not the only place where labour conditions and disputes interfere with the holding of the annual meetings of Masonic governing bodies, as we learn from the "Masonic Sun" that the annual convocation of the G.R.A. Chapter of Canada, which should have been held in the city of Winnipeg on the 21st and 22nd May last, had to be postponed owing to labour troubles. Ultimately the convocation was held in Toronto on the 17th June.

THE "Masonic Sun " very rightly says :—" It is not a question of more Masons, but of more Masonry."

GENERAL BALLINGTON BOOTH, the head of the Salvation Army movement in the United States, is a member of Hillside Lodge, New York.

W. Bro. E. NORDON, Avon Lodge, Christchurch, was a sojourner in Wellington last month, where he was taking special health treatment, and from which, we are pleased to say, he derived great benefit. He was also a very frequent visitor at Masonic meetings, and was very heartily welcomed.

WE know from experience that the atmospheric conditions are exceedingly sultry, especially in the Northern Territory, but we were unaware that such drastic measures are sometimes taken to counteract the excessive heat, until we saw an announcement in the columns of a contemporary that a lecture would be delivered on such and such a date. It said "Dress optional, and brethren may bring their friends."

THE Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution of England, says the "Freemasons' Chronicle," decided to send £5 to each of its annuitants on the day peace was signed, and as there were at that date 1,377 annuitants, the amount disbursed would be £6,885, a very practical and commendable form of peace celebration.

PEACE resolution by Wairarapa R.A. Chapter :—" That the companions of this Wairarapa Chapter place on record their profound thankfulness to the Most High, Who, in His divine wisdom, has so moved men's hearts as to bring to an end the bloody strife of the last five years, and most reverently pray that the warring peoples of yesterday may now be vouchsafed the additional blessings of domestic peace, love, and harmony."

INFORMATION is to hand that M.W. Bro. Austin H. Srogin, 'G.M. of the State of Illinois, passed hence on 26th April last, aged 64 years. From the eulogy sent to R.W. Bro. M. J. Harris, the representative near the G.L. of New Zealand, it would appear that the late brother performed his Masonic part faithfully and well, and departed this life held in the highest esteem.

As an aftermath of the war, many Lodges in England have established what are called "Waiting Lists," which are rolls of the names of candidates who have to wait their turns for initiation. Sometimes the "wait " extends over a period of some months.

THERE was a very large attendance at the August meeting of Lodge Waterloo, several Lodges and a number of brethren paying special visits. The occasion and principal reason was that it was the last evening that W. Bro. W. A. Parton would occupy the chair. Included in the list of visitors were M.W. Bro. H. J. Williams, W. Bro. E. Norden (of Avon Lodge), W. Bro. D. C. Cameron (Lodge Otago, special representative of the N.Z. CRAFTSMAN), and many others. Bro. Parton has done good work during his term, and is deservedly popular.

THERE are 52 Lodges in the United States of America having a membership from 1,000 and upwards. Palestine, Detroit., has 2,838; Ashlar and Zion, both in Detroit, have 1,980 and 1,940 respectively ; New York is responsible for Genesei Falls, 1,697, and Yonnondis, 1,680. The whole have a membership of 85,000.

THE apparent desire of a large section of the people to-day is to nationalise everything—steamers, mines, all sorts of industries, and even doctors. New Zealand has long nationalised its railways, and in this year of grace 1919, the Government is begging, threatening, and imploring people not to travel on or use the same railways. What a burlesque, and what a satire on nationalisation !

IN conformity with one of the articles of constitution, and in order to perpetuate the N.Z.E.F. Masonic Association, meetings of members will shortly be held at each centre, and steps taken, to constitute branches. In addition to members, any brethren desirous of joining will be invited to attend.

LODGE TAWERA has celebrated peace by planting a memorial oak in the centre of the grounds, and W. Bro. L. Watson, in commemoration of the celebration, has presented the sword and poniard which has been in use since the inception of the Lodge. The same brother will also include a heavy maul, when received from the hands of the operative workman.

AT the July meeting of Lodge United Service, W. Bro. Everton, for some years Sec. of St. John's Lodge, Featherston, in replying to the toast of "The Visitors," said that at the request of other Lodges, St. John had conferred a considerable number of degrees on brethren from all parts of New Zealand. It had only initiated 15 members of its own in four and a half years.

AMONGST the higher branches of Freemasonry, the Royal Order of Scotland is one which is very highly esteemed. The chief seat of the Order is at Edinburgh, and the King of Scotland is hereditary G.M. If, however, he is not a Freemason the throne remains vacant, and the affairs are administered by Deputy-G.M. and Governor. The ritual is said to be a very beautiful one, and the working has spread throughout the English-speaking Masonic world. We understand that steps are about to be taken for its introduction into this Dominion.

IT is the custom of a number of Lodge correspondents, in reporting Lodge meetings, to use the word "communication." The word is almost confined to Freemasonry to denote a meeting, and is generally used to distinguish meetings of G.L.

THE attendance at an emergency meeting of Lodge Tutanekai on 20th August was very large, the occasion being a military night, military men who had been on active service filling the chairs and conducting the ceremony of initiation. The meeting was unique and exceedingly pleasant.

THREE of the P.Ms. of Lodge Christchurch, No. 91, have been getting their share of ill-luck lately. V.W. Bro. Hopkinson has just come through an operation in a private hospital, and though he has now returned to his home, he is still far from recovered, though he is progressing that way satisfactorily. W. Bro. Sheffield has also undergone an operation, which at first was thought would be only slight, but has turned out rather more serious, and "Dug." has had rather a trying spin. He is doing as well as can be expected, but is still in hospital. The third, W. Bro. McLean, has just received news of the death of his son through a railway accident in America. To the sick brethren we wish a speedy recovery, and to our bereaved brother we extend our sincerest sympathy.

A MEETING of members of the N.Z.E.F. Masonic Association was held at Freemasons' Hall, Dunedin, on Friday, 15th August, when steps were taken to form a branch of the Association in Dunedin. R.W. Bro. Colonel Barclay occupied the chair, and the General Secretary of the Association (Bro. Rev. A. Hardie, C.F.) was also present, It was resolved that a branch be instituted, and the following office-bearers were appointed :—Chairman, Bro. Rev. Bush-King; Deputy-chairman, W. Bro. W. B. Anderson; Secretary, Bro. Rev. A. Hardie, C.F. ; Treasurer, Bro. McCissock.

AVON LODGE NOTES.

W. Bro. Bassett's last night in the chair was marked by the numerous congratulations he received from the sitting W.Ms. of most Christchurch Lodges on his return to his Masonic duties after the serious operation he has so successfully undergone.

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W. Bro. E. H. Jerks, the W.M. of Waihora Lodge, Leeston, who, with a large retinue, was paying a return visit to Avon Lodge, was so pleased with their welcome that he proposed that the Avon Lodge adopt the Waihora. Lodge as their country cousins.

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The Avon orchestra were in great form, and gave their brethren and guests a great time both in the "Fourth" and in the Lodge.

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Bro. Noble, the orchestra conductor, is to be congratulated on his knowing just how to control his orchestra to produce the soft strains during the perambulations and examination of the candidates, so that brethren present can hear the dialogue, which is so often drowned by the Organist.

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The Avon Lodge baby, the " Ionic " Lodge, No. 212, will be consecrated on the 25th at the Masonic Temple, Christchurch. Thirty-nine members of the Avon Lodge are charter members.

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Everything necessary for the starting and carrying on the Lodge in the shape of W.Ts., batons, collars, and jewels, and even the banquet, has been provided for them by individual brethren of Avon Lodge.

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W. Bro. Manchester, W.M. of St. Augustine, No. 99; Waimate, was so pleased with the reception given him and brethren of his Lodge, that he has made arrangements for the brethren of Avon Lodge to pay a return visit and work a Third Degree.

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W. Bro. Beckett was a tower of strength to the Waimate brethren, and deserves all the congratulations we can extend to him.

Twenty-seven brethren journeying about 135 miles (even in these days) to work a degree and support- their W.M. must surely constitute a record.

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Bro. B. Falck, S.W. Avon Lodge, who was elected to the position of W.M.-elect, received a great ovation from his own and visiting brethren in the "Fourth."

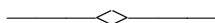
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W. Bro. L. B. Hart, D. of C., is laid aside for a few weeks with broken cartilage in the knee. We hope his recovery will be more rapid than is anticipated.

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Bro. Atkinson, of the orchestra, delighted the brethren with selections on the "orchestral bells."

NELSON NOTES.



W. Bro. C. M. Whelan, the immediate P.M. of Victory Lodge, has received notice to transfer to the post office at Whangarei. W. Bro. Whelan has been a most indefatigable worker, both in Lodge and Chapter, and will be greatly missed. He has been prominent from the musical side, and as an all-round man he has filled the bill exactly. Presentations have been made by both Chapter and Lodge, and he has well deserved them.

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The following brethren from Victory Lodge, mostly in the public service, have been transferred from Nelson recently :—W. Bro. C. M. Whelan, and Bros. A. T. McGregor, A. Crawford, A. W. Playle, A. O. Keating, L. G. C. Packard, and K. Inwood.

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The Rose Croix Chapter which it is proposed to establish at Nelson, under the title of "Nelson and Marlborough Rose Croix Chapter," is now assuming definite form, official authority having been received from the Supreme Council in England to proceed to constitute it. M.W. Bro. Griffiths, from Blenheim,

recently had a conference with the Nelson section of the proposed Chapter, and has consented to be the first M.W.S. The new Chapter is likely to be accorded a very large measure of support.

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The Victory R.A. Chapter has revised its by-laws, and the installation is now to take place on the fourth Thursday in September instead of October. The object is to widen the gap between the many installations about that time.

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A large number of brethren on this side intend to be present at the jubilee of Unanimity in November next.

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At the festive board at Victory Lodge on 10th July, M. W. Bro. Griffiths noted his disapproval of so many P.Ms. doing degree work. He advocated that the W.M. should do the "work," and that it ought not to be necessary to give P.Ms. something to do to retain their interest. The present method has become so modernised that there is a very remote chance of M.W. Bro. Griffiths's ideas bearing fruit. He reported that in the Old Country the W.Ms. rarely received assistance, but did all the "work" themselves.

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R.W. Bro. R. W. Stiles was invested in the office of Prov.G.M. of the Nelson and Marlborough District by M.W. Bro. C. J. W. Griffiths at the regular meeting of Victory Lodge on 10th July.

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Bros. A. W. Bradley and O. Barton received the Third Degree at the meeting of Victory Lodge on 10th July. In the refectory, W. Bro. H. Wilson (Lodge Ionic) delivered a stirring address, not only for the benefit of the candidates, but for all present. W. Bro. Wilson has a great store of Masonic knowledge.

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Degree working on a Saturday is somewhat unique as far as Victory Lodge is concerned, but the Second Degree was worked on Saturday, 2nd August, and was well attended. The object was to overtake the large amount of "work " before the Lodge, and a Saturday afternoon occasionally during the winter months seems to offer a good opportunity for the purpose.

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W. Bro. Jas. Williams has taken up his duties as the newly-appointed secretary to the Diocese of Nelson.

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Bro. Brigadier-General G. S. Richardson was a welcome visitor at the emergency meeting on 2nd August. As Victory Lodge has quite a large-number of military members, the visit of the distinguished brother in khaki was made an additionally pleasant one.

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W. Bro. C. M. Whelan, I.P.M., left for his new home at Whangarei on 16th August.

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On 20th August the W.M. of Victory Lodge and his officers and a number of P.Ms. and brethren paid an official visit to Lodge Motueka and worked a Third Degree. R.W. Bro. R. W. Stiles paid an official visit.

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It will be noted there is a proposal to raise the initiation fee in Victory Lodge from five to eight guineas, and for an affiliating brother to pay the difference between the admission fee of his former Lodge (if on a lower scale) and that of Victory Lodge.

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W. Bro. T. Brougham, an old P.M. of Lodge Motueka, is at present very ill.

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A peace thanksgiving service was held at the Nelson Cathedral on Sunday, 24th August, Southern Star, E.C., and Victory Lodges combining for the purpose. There was a very good attendance. Bro. W. C. Sadlier, Bishop of Nelson, preached an impressive sermon. Bro. H. S. Claughton presided at the organ.

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Victory R.A. Chapter, Nelson, in revising its by-laws, has brought its installation to the fourth Thursday in September, instead of October. This fits in more conveniently for the G. Supt., who can now take Marlborough and Victory Chapters in the same week. It also widens the interval between the several installations at Nelson.

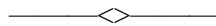
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Southern Star Lodge, E.C., which has joined up with the Dist.G.L. of Westland, has increased its initiation fee from five to six guineas.

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Motueka Lodge has added the three pillars to its Lodgeroom, giving it a much improved and dignified appearance.

MARLBOROUGH NOTES.



The Treas. of Lodge Unanimity, No. 106, announced at the installation meeting, on 14th August, that the roll number now stood at 112, and from a financial standpoint the Lodge was more prosperous than ever it had been. Seeing that the Treas. (M.W. Bro. C. J. W. Griffiths) has held that office off and on—mostly "on"—since 1883, the statement should be accepted without reserve. There is, however, generally plenty of spare seating accommodation in the Lodgeroom, except on festal nights.

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A programme of short lectures is being mapped out by W. Bro. Lambie, the newly-installed W.M. of Lodge Unanimity. It is to be hoped that this will bring to the Lodge at its ordinary meetings a good many brethren to whom the degree work has become somewhat monotonous, and who crave something more substantial.

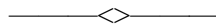
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When R.W. Bro. Stiles accepted the office of Prov.G.M. for Nelson and Marlborough, he made the stipulation that a deputy should be appointed to administer the Marlborough portion of the territory. This was accordingly done, the commission being entrusted to W. Bro. R. P. Furness, P.G.B.B., who was duly invested on 14th August by M.W. Bro. Griffiths, P.G.M.

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Advantage was taken, at the installation meeting of Lodge Unanimity, of the presence of a brother from Lodge St. John, No. 37, Featherston, to thank that Lodge for all that it had done for the brethren from all over the Dominion who had been in Featherston Camp. W. Bro. T. F. Bull, who proposed the toast of "The Visitors," paid a warm tribute to Lodge St. John's great work, and his remarks found a ready echo, especially from those brethren who had had the advantage of enjoying the hospitality of the Lodge at Featherston.

LODGE WAIRAU NOTES.



At the regular meeting of Wairau Lodge last month, a committee was set up to confer with a similar committee from Lodge Unanimity re the erection of a Masonic Temple in Blenheim.

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Bro. W. R. Lloyd Williams, J.D., one of the most energetic members of Wairau Lodge, is shortly leaving Blenheim for Gisborne, where he is about to enter into the fruit-growing business on his own account. Bro. Williams is held in high esteem by the members of Wairau, and one and all are sorry that he has decided to leave the district.

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Members of Wairau Lodge tensed up in full force on 14th August to the installation meeting of Lodge Unanimity. The newly-installed W.M.; W. Bro. Lambie, is very popular with the members of Wairau Lodge, who took this opportunity of showing their esteem for him. -

Correspondence.

A QUESTION OF ORDER.



TO THE EDITOR.

DEAR SIR AND BRO, — I think it would repay your (August, 1919) correspondent "Inquirer" to make a careful study of Lewis and Co.'s little book on Emulation Working. Even if he uses the New Zealand ritual in his own Lodge, he will find a number of points, on which there is no direction in the last-named work, which are fully provided for in the first. Through-out this letter I shall assume the latest edition of this as being a correct description of the work done in Emulation Lodge. There being no direction to change position at the opening or closing prayers in any degree, it must be assumed that all continue to stand to O. Permit me here to express my own opinion ; it is that, in at least the First Degree, the S. of F. would be highly improper, because it is a S. only communicated to F.Cs., hence to use it in the presence of E.As. is a breach of higher S.Os. It is, for the same reason, not to be used, though it often is, at the ritual performed by the I.P.M. and brethren immediately after closing the Lodge. The direction is, "he -strikes his l.b. with his r.h." On the other hand, when Bro. Sec. reads the ancient charges at an installation, the W.M.-elect quite properly uses the S. of F. In no case is this S. specified except in Second Degree. At prayer for C. in all degrees, the proper attitude is S. of R. This is common to all Masonic occasions, and is used during the blessing at the festive board. It is sometimes confused with the S. of F., the difference, of course, being that in S. of R. the th. is not raised in the form of a sq., but lies against the first f. Many Masons, otherwise correct, are a little careless in making this S. My authority for this is a circular privately issued some years ago by a party of P.Ms., who were asked to attend Emulation Lodge while on a visit to London, and specially observe certain points. Your own editorial opinion bears out Messrs. Lewis and Co.'s book as to attitude at the S.Os. It may, of course, be said that to stand with the P.S. is an impossibility, because a P.S. is essentially a motion; so, if we are going to split hairs, the position may be described as standing prepared to draw the P.S. In the Second Degree this really amounts to the S. of F. Hence the emulation instructions, P.S. in First and Third, and S. of F. in Second Degrees. In each case the S. is discharged on the last word of S.O., which is spoken by the C. These are a few points about which by inquiry I have found answers, and I am happy to give them to our inquiring brother, and to sign myself, yours fraternally,

ANOTHER INQUIRER.

AN ALLEGED HEBREW WORD NOT UNKNOWN IN FREEMASONRY.



TO THE EDITOR.

DEAR SIR AND BRO, — The first landmark of Freemasonry is generally defined as : "The modes of recognition are of all the landmarks the most legitimate and unquestioned. They admit of no variation." In the case to which you refer, undoubtedly the common mode of recognition is through the communication of the word "Rabboni." But if this word should prove to be a corrupt form of the Biblical word from which it was originally derived, it might be accepted as evidence that, in the process of oral transmission throughout the ages, the word "Rabboni" had crept into usage by error, and there would be no impropriety in making the slight correction necessary to restore it to its pure form. It merely resolves itself, then, into a question of "whether is Rabboni or Rabbonum the correct word." "Rabboni" is no more a true Hebrew word than is "Rabbi." Both come from the Hebrew root word "Rab"—great. Rabboni and Rabbi are both Aramaic forms. Words meaning "master," derived from the root "Rab" are found only four times in the Old Testament, and in no case is Rabbonum found amongst them. In order to make certain of the position, I referred the following question to the Rev. L. G. Whitehead, Rector of Selwyn College, and a profound Hebrew scholar : "Do you know of any case in the declension of the word 'Rabboni' in which the form becomes 'Rab-bonum'?" His answer is very definite :—"The ordinary form of 'Rabboni' is either Rabbon or Rabban, but Rabbonum ' is not found in Hebrew at all, and it is quite an impossible form of either a Hebrew or Aramaic singular. I make bold to say that there is not such a word as 'Rabbonum' to be found in the Old Testament. You cannot do better than to stick to the word in the form 'Rabboni,' which usage had sanctioned as correct a thousand years back." In the face of such a definite, learned opinion, I can see no possible excuse for interfering with

an established landmark, which would appear to have been preserved pure and inviolate in its present form.—Yours fraternally,

R. HAWCRIDGE, Prov. G.M.

Dunedin, August, 1919.

MASONIC SERVICE AT DUNEDIN.

It was very fitting and proper that the first Masonic service that was held in the new Anglican Cathedral in Dunedin (St. Paul's) should be a united service of praise and thanksgiving for victory and peace after the great war of 1914-1919. It seems but a little while ago since the late R.W. Bro. T. S. Graham, assisted by distinguished brethren, laid the foundation-stone of this stately edifice, which well lends itself to such a service as was held on Sunday, 27th July. Punctually at 3 o'clock, to the strains of "Onward, Brother Masons," the choir and clergy entered the building and marched up the nave, followed by the G., Prov. and Dist. Lodge officers of all the constitutions. The building was crowded to excess, and it was estimated that there were fully 700 brethren present. Amongst the more notable were :—R.W. Bros. T. Ross and J. J. Clark, P.D.G.Ms. ; R.W. Bro. R. Hawcridge, Prov.G.M. ; R.W. Bro. A. Stoneham, P.Prov.G.M.; R.W. Bro. J. Skoltowe Webb, D.G.M.-elect, E.C. ; R.W. Bro. D. Cooke, D.G.M., N.Z. South; R.W. Bro. G. Scott, P.G.S.W., I.C., and nearly all the present and past G. and D.G. officers of all the constitutions. The services were to have been conducted by V.W. Bro. Rev. H. O. Fenton, P.G. Chaplain, and W. Bro. Canon Small, D.G. Chaplain, S.C. but owing to illness the last-named reverend brother was unable to be present. After solemn prayer, thanksgiving was given to T.G.A.O.T.U. for goodness and mercy vouchsafed to the Empire and the Craft for peace and victory. A vocal quintette, "Evening," was sung -by Bros. Moore, Gemmell, Oliver, Harding, and W. Ibbotson. V.W. Bro. Fenton then delivered the first part of his address, and the first lesson was read by R.W. Bro. J. Skoltowe Webb. The "Old Hundredth" having been sung, R.W. Bro. R. Hawcridge read the second lesson. Bro. W. Gemmell then sung "Hold Thou My Hand," and V.W. Bro. Fenton concluded his address. The preacher said they had assembled to offer praise and thanksgiving to the Almighty for the gifts of victory and peace. War was one of God's scourges, as was shown by the fact that David was punished by having to choose between pestilence, war, and famine. Mr. Hilaire Belton, in his recent book on the Battle of the Marne, speaks of the "Superior Will, within Whose actions those of the combatants were but parts of a whole." We had been granted not only peace, but peace through victory, and were thus enabled to see that justice was impartially meted out. Allusion was made to the splendid work of the men and women throughout the war, and affectionate mention of those who had given their lives. Lastly, some of the gains of the war were mentioned—spiritual gains, not material—such as safety for ourselves and our children, the spirit of comradeship, and the strengthening of the bond between England and ourselves, the spirit of sacrifice, the spread of British justice, the advance of surgery and medicine, the liberation of Palestine, the abolition of many social evils, and the inevitable adjustment of Capital and Labour. For all these things our praise and thanks were due. The hymn "Lord, for all Mankind we Pray" having been sung, an offertory for the Cathedral funds was taken up, and realised £28. After a final prayer, the 150th Psalm was sung, followed by the National Anthem. After the Patriarchal Blessing, the recessional, "God of our Fathers," was sung, and the choir, clergy, the G. and D.G. officers retired, and thus ended the most impressive service that has ever been held in Dunedin. W. Bro. H. Henderson, D. of C., E.C., acted as D. of C., assisted by R.W. Bro. W. R. Hay, P.G.D., N.Z.C. The only regret expressed was that our esteemed Primate, W. Bro. the Right Rev, S. T. Nevill, P.P.G.W., E.C., was called out of town and was unable to give the address, as he had intended to. During the 49 years of his episcopate he has always taken a keen and sometimes an active interest in the Craft, and wherever possible has supported the idea that all foundation stones of Anglican churches should be laid by us, in conjunction with the usual clerical ceremony.

OBITUARY.

W. Bro. T. E. HAMERTON, P.G.D. ; AGED 78.

The late Bro. T. E. Hamerton, who passed hence on 23rd July last, was the last of a trio of brothers, all eminent in Freemasonry, and having a long association with the district of Taranaki, and each played his part in the early Native troubles in that part of the colony. Bro. Hamerton was born at "The Hollins," near Burnley, Lancashire, England, in 1841, and educated at the Burnley Grammar School. In 1854 he came with his father, Mr. Holden Hamerton, to

New Plymouth, and was first engaged on his father's farm near Bell Block. When trouble with the Natives broke out, he joined the settlers' ranks as bugler boy, from which position he rose to be lieutenant, and was a holder of the New Zealand war medal. In 1867 he entered business in New Plymouth as commission agent, and in 1869, when the White Cliffs massacre was perpetrated, he again took service in the mounted volunteers. In 1873 he started in business as accountant and auctioneer in New Plymouth, which he continued till 1881. He then removed to Patea, where he followed the calling of accountant and drafting clerk, and in 1884 he took over the local paper, the "Patea Mail," afterwards re-named the "Patea Press." This property he later disposed of, and, coming to Inglewood, became part-proprietor in 1901 of the "Inglewood Record," and in that capacity continued till his death. He was a member of the last Town Board of New Plymouth and of the first Municipal Council of that borough at its formation. For the last eighteen years he had been one of the most familiar figures at every public gathering in Inglewood, and since he acquired the management of the "Record" he has always done his share to forward what he considered to be the best interests of the town and district, and it is safe to say that few amongst us would be so acutely missed from the general life of the community as he will be. Always outspoken in his opinions on public matters, it was inevitable that his views should sometimes clash with those of other people, and in such cases he would enter with zest into the contest. He was always a staunch supporter and a keen fighter on the side he deemed to be the right ; but however keen the fight, he never failed to play the game. He would hit hard, but would not lower himself to unfair tactics, however sharp the struggle. Now he has passed from amongst us, and there will be many occasions when his help and advocacy in furthering the fortunes of his late home will be sincerely missed. Our late brother was initiated in Mount Egmont Lodge, E.C., New Plymouth, on 17th August, 1864, was W.M. of Lodge Patea Kil., under the S.C., in 1889, and again under the N.Z.C. in 1898. He was a member of Lodge Moa, Inglewood, and filled the office of Sec. from 1906 to 1913, and was elected J.G.D. of the G.L. of New Zealand in 1904. He was exalted to the R.A. Degree in Wanganui Chapter on 16th August, 1911, and became a foundation member, first of Takahoa Chapter, and later of Egmont Chapter, being elected to G. Chapter rank as Asst. G.St.B. in 1916. Bro. Hamerton had an active Masonic career of 55 years in Taranaki, and held membership in Moa, Stratford, and Patea Kil. Lodges, and Egmont Chapter, at the time of his death. He was well known to the writer for over 30 years, who can appreciate his loss to the Craft, of Freemasonry. His familiar figure and blunt advice will be much missed, especially in Inglewood.

The mortal remains of the late Bro. T. E. Hamerton were removed from Inglewood, by train and motor car, to Patea, where they were laid in their last resting-place beside the mother of his ten children (eight now surviving), who preceded him 34 years ago, at the early age of 44 years. On arrival in Patea the coffin was placed in the Masonic Temple, where a short service was held. At the graveside the Church of England burial service was conducted by the Rev. Mr. Barnett; while W. Bro. Holtham, of Lodge Patea Kil., conducted the Masonic funeral service. Notwithstanding the fact that the disorganisation of the railway service made it somewhat difficult and inconvenient for Inglewood friends to attend the funeral, Lodge Moa was represented by W.M. Bro. J. Johnston. W. Bro. Geo. Taylor, I.P.M., and Bros. G. Hutton, S. W., O. Spurdle, G. Capper, and R. Geddes; while Lodge Inglewood (Druids) was represented by P.D.Ps. Bros. F. Spurdle, F. Hellier, and D. Allen, P.S. Bro. Geo. Lamb. Bro. D. Wilson, of Mont Rose, No. 722, S.C., was also present. Messrs. A. Corkill, R. Buckley, and F. H. Brown undertook the motor trip to pay their last respects to their departed friend.

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Bro. SERGT. W. H. McLEAN.

Word has been received of the death, by a railway accident on 31st May, of Bro. Sergeant William Hector McLean, assistant-director of the 324th Field Artillery Band, U.S. A. Army. The deceased soldier was the only son of Bro. and Mrs. W. F. McLean, King Street, Sydenham, one of the foundation P.Ms. of Lodge, Christchurch, No. 91, and was educated at the local school, and learned his trade at the Addington workshops. While in Christchurch he was a bugler in the Christchurch Engineers, a member of his father's and the Garrison Bands. He was also a member of the Masonic fraternity, having been initiated in the Christchurch Lodge in 1918, the ceremony being performed by his father. Deciding to take music up as a profession, he went to London and then America, and played in a number of bands. When the Americans entered the war he was a member of the orchestra at Keith's Theatre, Columbus, Ohio. He joined the Artillery Band, with the position of assistant-director. Three days after his return from France he met with the accident which caused his death a few hours later. The funeral, which took place at Columbus, was a military-Masonic one, and largely attended by members of the Craft and of the musical and theatrical profession. The funeral music was played by the famous Rainbow Band, and a strong band of musicians from the union, to which the deceased soldier belonged. Mrs. McLean (née Mina Collins) also served in France, being a nurse of the American Red Cross. A letter to his father just before the news of the accident arrived stated that Bro. McLean contemplated visiting New Zealand with his wife as a honeymoon trip. W. Bro. McLean is known to a great host of brethren throughout the Dominion, and many letters of sympathy have reached our worthy brother.—[Lodge Correspondent.]

Enquiries on Matters of Masonic Interest.

1. Q.—What is the correct procedure for the election of Lodge officers, from the I.G. to the S.W. ; should they go to the ballot the same as the W.M. ?
A.—Rule 106, B. of C., says :—"Lodges may by by-law enact whether the officers (other than the Master, Treas., and Tyler) shall be elected by the Lodge or be appointed by the Master." When elected, nominations are made in the usual way at one regular meeting, and the elections take place at the

following regular meeting. When there is only one candidate for an office, there is no ballot—as in the case of Master—but he is declared elected. Where there is more than one candidate, there is the customary ballot by voting paper.

2. Q.—is it- the right procedure for any brother to go from I.G. to J.W., missing J.D. and S.D., thus preventing the promotion of those officers ? Also, is it not necessary, to become an efficient , Master, to first fill all those chairs?

A.—There is no law to prevent an I.G. from being elected J.W. ; it is quite a matter for the Lodge to decide, or the Master if he appoints his officers, The succession to the principal chair through all the subordinate offices is not always regarded favourably, if only for the reason that it implies a claim to the Master's chair, altogether apart from the question of fitness.

3. Q.—Is the Master-elect entitled to choose his own officers, or has he to refer them to a committee of P.Ms. for its approval?

A.—In Lodges which provide that the Master may appoint his own officers, he may take whatever steps he may deem best in making the selection. But he is under no compulsion to refer the selection to any committee. He alone is responsible.

MASONIC MEETING IN COMMEMORATION OF PEACE.

[Address delivered by R.W. BRO. A. B. HAGGITT, PROV.G.M. OF SOUTHLAND, at the Masonic Meeting in Commemoration of Peace, held in the MASONIC HALL, INVERCARGILL, on 23rd July, 1919.]

BRETHREN,— On Sunday last., the 20th inst., one of the largest congregations that has ever assembled within this sacred temple met together for the purpose of expressing its sincere thankfulness to T.G.A.O.T.U. for delivering us and our noble Allies from the greatest and most horrible war known in the history of mankind. We have met together to celebrate again that great event, if in a less sacred and solemn form, still with the same heartfelt gladness and sincere sense of gratitude as we manifested on Sunday last. It is, therefore, my privilege to welcome you on this memorable and historic occasion, and to invite you to rejoice with me in the great and honourable victory which our nation and her Allies have gained over a dishonest and unscrupulous enemy. On Sunday, the 28th June, 1914, a Bosnian youth named Prinzeps—he was called a student, but was, in fact, little more than a schoolboy—murdered the Archduke Francis Ferdinand, heir to the throne of Austria-Hungary, in the streets of Serajevo. We in this remote part of the world read this news item, regarded it as an exciting incident of passing interest, and paid very little further attention to it. It was not until some two or three weeks later that we began to realise the important effect that the action of this mad youth was to have, not only on European politics, but also on the future of the whole world. Austria had for a number of years feared the steadily growing power of Serbia, who, with her increasing territory and her recent victories over Turkey and Bulgaria, was rapidly becoming a strong nation. Acting under the advice and the promised support and assistance of Germany, she demanded such unreasonable terms of indemnity for this murder that it was quite impossible for Serbia, without altogether humiliating herself, to agree to them. Germany, imbued with the idea of "world power," had been preparing, secretly, for war for the past 40 years, and urged her Ally to declare war against Serbia. Germany well knew that Russia, who were then endeavouring to reorganise her army, was not fully prepared for war, but that she would support Serbia, and in turn that France, who would be taken completely by surprise, would have to come to the assistance of her Ally, Russia. Everything, therefore, pointed to a complete victory for Germany and Austria-Hungary in a war against Russia, France, and Serbia. There was no fear, so Germany thought, of Britain taking part in what would be a purely European Continental quarrel, which did not concern or affect that insular nation. Besides, thought the German War Lords, even if there was a danger of Britain coming in to assist her Ally, France, still she also was quite unprepared for a great military struggle. Britain was a pleasure-loving nation, that did not take life seriously—a nation of mere shopkeepers. Her "contemptible little army" could safely be ignored. She was in great trouble at home with the Irish question, the Suffragettes' agitation, and other political problems of a similar nature. Her Dominions and colonies abroad were disloyal; and even her Navy was not properly equipped for battle. Therefore, said the supreme military authorities, "The Day has come!" Let us first conquer Europe, which we can easily do. Our next task will be to overthrow Great Britain and her vast and wealthy dependencies; then we will conquer America; and so we will become the only nation, and the sole and supreme ruler of the world ! This was Germany's dream ! This was the ambition that had been instilled into her people from childhood for generations ! This was the great and predominant ideal of a

brilliant and powerful nation, thoroughly prepared for war, and unanimous in the desire to carry it into effect. Why, then, did it not succeed ? The answer is that it had its weak spot, which its formulators either ignored intentionally or failed altogether to appreciate. There was no right, honesty, or sense of justice in the plan." Might is Right!" they said, "and we must conquer and humiliate the nations of the world, irrespective of every other consideration." This was the German train of thought; but they lost sight of, or utterly disregarded, the fact that truth, justice, and righteousness will rise superior to deceit, dishonesty, and brute force. They made the fatal mistake of breaking the solemn pledge they had given to respect the neutrality of Belgium. Was a mere scrap of paper to be permitted to stand in the way of their ambitions ? Certainly not. They were so powerful that they could well afford to ignore all pledges, treaties, and rules of international law and justice. What did it matter if they did break faith with civilisation? They were going to conquer, crush, and humiliate the whole world"; therefore nothing mattered so long as they attained that end! So without waiting to declare war, Germany proceeded to attack France, by pouring her vast and well-equipped forces through the neutral territories of Belgium and Luxemburg, calculating that she would rapidly reach French territory after, at the best, only a feeble and half-hearted resistance. This was the first fatal miscalculation that Germany made in her well-laid plans. When she violated Belgian neutrality, not only did that plucky little nation put up a wonderful resistance against tremendous and overwhelming odds, and thus prevent the onward rush towards Paris, but Britain, as in duty bound, stepped forward to protect the neutrality of Belgium, and declared war against Germany. It was thus that almost the whole of the civilised nations of the world were plunged into the most bloody and unjust war in the annals of all times. It is unnecessary for me to recapitulate the various stages of trouble and anxiety through which our brave heroes, and we at home, passed during the long and weary four years that elapsed before we attained a decisive and honourable victory over a brutal and unjust enemy, nor to refer to the numerous acts of bravery and heroism of our brethren during those distressing times. My object this evening is, so far as I am able to do so, to endeavour to point out to you the lessons which we, as Freemasons, have learnt from this war. The predominant thought that must occur to all of us, now that the world is at peace once more, is :— How did we succeed against such fearful odds ? Everything, apparently, was against us. The war machinery of our enemies was perfect, both as regards men and equipment ; and we, on the other hand, were almost totally unprepared, and were sadly lacking in troops and armaments. Yet the whole of the British nation responded nobly to the call to arms; and, although we had our moments of doubts and fears, we had confidence from the very beginning that we would ultimately succeed. Brethren, there was a greater power than mere human knowledge and forethought that induced this belief. It is obvious, brethren, that T.G.A.O.T.U. was guiding us in the paths of honesty, justice, and righteousness ; and, although no doubt we sometimes either unthinkingly disregarded or overlooked this great truth, it was our belief in an Almighty and Just Judge that encouraged us, and the noble heroes who fought for us, to plod on steadily in confidence that victory would ultimately be ours. With this great thought in view, it is now our duty to pay a tribute to those of our brethren, not only in this district, or in this Dominion, but throughout the civilised world, who have laid down their lives in the cause of truth, honour, and justice. If we believe in a Supreme Ruler of the Universe—and as Freemasons we must so believe—then we can rejoice this evening in the fact that our brave and beloved brethren, who gave up all, including their existence in this transitory abode, are themselves rejoicing, in the Great Lodge above, that a merciless, unjust, and godless foe has been vanquished ; and that their efforts in the cause of righteousness have not been in vain. They, like ourselves, can rejoice in the knowledge that not one single life has been lost in this noble cause, and that each one "has laid up for himself a crown of joy and rejoicing that will never fade away, but which will endure when time shall have been merged in eternity." On this day of gladness we rejoice also with those brethren who have returned or are returning to our midst. Some, unfortunately, have suffered grievously, either in body, limb, or health; others have been more fortunate but all can rejoice with us in the fact that their efforts and sacrifices have not been in vain, and that they have gained the lasting gratitude, affection, and esteem of those for whom they have fought, and whose homes and freedom they have saved from the ravages of a brutal and merciless enemy. It will be our duty, as it will be our pleasure, in the future to demonstrate our gratitude to those of our brethren who have unfortunately suffered, either in wealth or bodily health in their noble efforts on our behalf by doing all in our power to succour their weaknesses and to relieve their necessities. The rulers in the Craft fully recognise this duty, and our wounded and distressed brethren may rest assured that the G.L. of New Zealand will ensure that our soldier brethren will obtain relief and consolation wherever assistance may be necessary. Let us, therefore, rejoice with them to-night, in the fact that our great nation and her noble Allies have, with their assistance, attained a glorious victory and an honourable, merciful, and lasting peace.—[Published by Special Request.]

INITIATION OF THE PRINCE OF WALES.

The following is the full text, of the reply of the Prince of Wales to the toast of his health after his initiation, and which we were unable to incorporate in our report of that ceremony in our last issue. Bro. the Prince of Wales returned thanks for the cordiality of the greeting extended to him, and said he felt it to be a great honour that the ceremony of his initiation should have been performed by his great-uncle, who was not only W.M of that Lodge but G.M. of England. He had been very much impressed by the ceremony ; and though he knew he had been taught only a few of the secrets, he realised that there were some principles of Freemasonry known to all the world, and that these were Brotherly Love. Loyalty, and Benevolence. His Royal Highness continued: — I am well aware of the affectionate remembrance that Freemasons bear to the name of my grandfather, King Edward, who was for many years our G.M., and who remained Patron of the Order after he ascended the Throne. I have always been told he was a great Mason, and that he did much to improve the position of Masonry in this country. In the present G.M. they have found a worthy successor, and in spite of his many duties the Duke of Connaught has always taken the keenest interest in all that concerned the Craft. When I returned from France I found a few things for me to do —(laughter) — and those few things became so many that it has been practically impossible for me to undertake them all; but I determined nothing should stand in the way of my becoming a Freemason. (Cheers.) Having served in the Household Brigade ever since I joined the Army, I was naturally anxious to be initiated in this Lodge, and it will always be a pleasure to me to think that the Household Brigade Lodge will be my mother Lodge. Although I know I am going to be very busy, I hope to find time properly to fulfil my duties as a Mason, and it will be my earnest wish to follow the example of any predecessors, and to prove myself in all things a worthy brother of the Craft and an ardent upholder of the traditions of this great Ledge. (Loud cheers.)

THANKSGIVING SERVICE.

An event unique in the Masonic history of New Zealand took place in the Freemasons' Hall, Wanganui, on 23rd July, when Lodges Tongariro, No. 705, E.C., St. Andrew Kil., No. 79, N.Z.C., and Moutoa, No. 195, N.Z.C., held a Lodge of Thanksgiving to commemorate the termination of the great war and the dawn of peace. The attendance of brethren was inspiring, over 200 being present, these including many visitors from various parts of the Dominion. The solemnity of the occasion manifestly impressed itself upon the brethren, who individually seemed to realise their position as creatures in the presence of their Creator. After the Lodge had been opened, R.W. Bro.. J. H. Keesing, P.Dep.G.M., and G.L. representatives were received. The various chairs were then assumed as follows W.M., R.W. Bro. J. H. Keesing, P.Dep.G.M. ; Dep.M., R.W. Bro. D. McFarlane, Prov.G.M. ; S.W., W. Bro. J. H. Barnet, P.Dist.S.G.W. ; J.W., W. Bro. D. Meldrum, P.Dist.J.G.W.; D. of C., W. Bro. G. N. Baggett, P.Dist.G.D. of C. ; S.D., Bro. J. C. Richardson, P.G.S.B. J.D., W. Bro. N. Svenson, P.J.G. D. ; I.G., W. Bro. N. Meuli, P.G.S.B. Brethren who had served overseas were then welcomed, after which the "Old Hundredth" was sung. The Prov.G.M. (Bro. D. McFarlane) then offered up a prayer, giving humble thanks to Almighty and Eternal God for having vouchsafed our Empire victory in the great war. The brethren made the responses, and solemnly concluded the prayer with the words, "We humbly dedicate our lives to Thy service, and to Thy Name be glory for ever and ever." The choir then burst forth in the anthem from "St. Paul," "How Lovely are the Messengers." Then followed a charge by R.W. Bro. J. H. Keesing—beautiful in conception and most impressive in delivery :—

"R.W. and W. Sirs and Brethren,—We are gathered together as Freemasons to celebrate the great national peace which has been granted to us with honour by Him in Whose Hands alone rests the gift of victory or defeat. When in August, 1914, the news was flashed through the world that Europe and Great Britain were in arms, we little dreamed of a war that would keep us tortured by suspense and anxiety during a period of nearly five years. Years that have been fruitful of all the horrors and evils that can shock the spirit and wound the heart of humanity. Years that have opened the eyes of the world to the shams of our civilisation. Years that have given evidence that in the highest, as well as in the lowliest positions in life there are men whose natures are so degraded that they have conceived, practised, and encouraged deeds that have appalled our very souls. Years that were ushered in with the frightful ungodly gospel of 'Might is Right.'

" Can you imagine anything more opposed to true civilisation, to true humanity, or to the principles of Freemasonry than the gospel 'Might is Right'? Under its license the rich have the right to grind the poor

and the strong to oppress the weak. Under its authority there can be no sin as we understand it. We have known during these years of devastating war some of the results of that awful gospel. On the other hand, we have known the punishment of the mighty in sin. We have known the successful heroism of men and women who have striven in the cause of God, of justice, and humanity. We have known many noble sacrifices made, and we mourn the loss of thousands of brave men and women who gave up their lives in the great cause. We are proud of our glorious dead, for

“ ‘Whether on the scaffold high,
Or in the battle's van;
The fittest place where man can die, -
Is where he dies for man.’

They died for their fellow-men, and we feel within us a confident assurance that they have their reward ; that the Great God Who gave us victory has taken to Himself our champions of virtue, justice, and liberty ; that their souls have taken wing to that boundless and unexplored -expanse above, where the glories of a blessed eternity burst upon their view, where the world's Great Architect lives and reigns forever.

" ' We cherish their memory here ;
We commend their spirits to God Who gave them.'

" To the immediate relatives of our dead heroes we can only say that with the kindest sympathy we regret your loss. We pray God to send you speedy consolation on earth, and when your allotted time arrives to grant you a re-union with your loved ones in the G.L. above. "Remember,

" There is no death ; what seems so is transition.
This life of mortal breath
Is but a suburb of the life Elysian,
Whose portal we call death.'

" To those who have served in the great scar, and returned to their homes and to their loved ones, we offer a full-hearted welcome and our sincere congratulations.

" You have enjoyed the luxury of doing good.'

" During your absence we have followed your career, sometimes with fear and trembling for your safety, but always with pride and confidence in your courage and fidelity. You have offered up your lives on the altar of God's greatest attribute, viz., Love. Love of virtue, love of country, love of justice, love of liberty and of your fellow-men. We have tried to realise the horrors, the shocks, and other dreadful experiences which have befallen you. We have dreamed of you, grieved for you, prayed for you. We have asked God to return you in safety to your homes. Now that you are returned, we acknowledge our great indebtedness to you for your services in the preservation of our liberty and the sanctity of our homes, and in the restoration of peace, Further, we congratulate you on having been chosen as instruments of God in confounding the machinations of evil and establishing the victory of virtue and love, and the safety of our Empire.

" There's no glory like his who saves his country.'
" Peace, Heavenly Peace.'

" The dogs of war again are in the leash,
And on the wing do fly the doves of peace.'

" Oh, let us give joyful thanks to our All Merciful Father that He has caused to cease the strife and miseries of war. Brethren, how shall we give thanks? Surely not only with empty words and by vain professions. There is but one fitting way by which we can show God our gratitude for His mercy, and that is by making the most righteous use of the gifts with which He has blessed us; by adhering to the noble principles inculcated by Freemasonry. Remember that the great victory has been vouchsafed to us because of our enemies' most infernal sins, and not because of our deserts. It may be said of nations as of men—

" Use every man after his desert.,
And who shall 'scape whipping?'

" We know that we have sinned. We know that as a nation and as individuals we are not beyond reproach. There is not one amongst who can do more than say, with Hamlet, 'I am myself indifferent honest, but yet I could accuse me of such things that it were better my mother had not borne me.' Brethren, let us improve our ways. Let each of us thank God by our charity and justice in dealing with our neighbor. Let each of us in secret communion with our God ask Him for a further blessing. Let us ask Him to grant us

that higher and greater peace which can only be acquired by the soulful practice of our Masonic virtues ; that great peace of mind, of conscience, which can exist in company with sincere self-respect. With the great poet let me admonish you—

" To thine own self be true,
And it must follow, as the night the day,
Thou canst not-then be false to any man.'

" Neither, if we are true to ourselves, can we be false- to God. Our only hope is through Him and our endeavours to do right. Brethren, we are met to thank God for the great blessing of an honourable peace. Let us each, while we make profession of our gratitude, determine within ourselves that we will endeavour by our future lives to deserve that blessing, and thus may we enjoy

" A peace above all earthly dignity,
A still and quiet conscience,'

"And now, brethren, remember that the natural joys and rational pleasures of life are in no way restricted by the duty of man to his Maker. Be happy, and communicate happiness to others. The elongated sanctimonious face in your everyday life is an affront to Him, Who in His love would wish you joy. Now that we have peace, let us show our appreciation of the good things provided for our pleasures by enjoying them and helping others to do likewise. God Himself will smile His blessings on such pure and rational enjoyments, and His angel chorus will tune their harps in harmony with your song. Brethren, rise.

" Glory to God in the highest,
And on earth peace, goodwill toward men.' "

Bro. Robertson sang " If with all your Hearts ye truly Seek Me." The choir joined in the truly Masonic refrain, "Behold, how good and joyful a thing it is for brethren to dwell together in unity." Then came a touching period, when the Lodge paid its tribute of respect to departed merit, there being unveiled photographs of soldier brethren who, "their warfare o'er, sleep the sleep that knows not breaking." The fallen soldiers to whose memory the memorial was raised were :—

Walter Charles Groves (St. Andrew Kil.); killed in France on 25th June, 1917.

Leslie Douglas Robertson (St. Andrew Kil.) ; killed in France on 27th March, 1918.

James Edwin McKinnon (Moutoa) ; killed in France on 17th April, 1918.

Lewis Albert Gibb Johnston Butler (Tongariro) ; killed in France on 26th August, 1918.

William Joseph Hollis (Tongariro); died on furlough in New Zealand on 13th November, 1918.

The unveiling ceremony was performed by Bro. Lieutenant-Colonel Cunningham. When the covering had been drawn aside a solemn stillness fell upon the Lodgeroom. Brethren stood with bowed heads, and as the "Last Post" wailed forth sights unseen and sounds unheard by physical eye and ear filled the temple. A great procession passed proudly by, and as it passed each brother sought out a well-loved figure. To each came his own vision, and, sad or joyful as it may have been, there pressed in upon him the blessed hope of immortality and the surety of reunion in the G.L. above. Another impressive moment was when the Union Jack and New Zealand Ensign were unfurled by Bro. Major D. Munro. Bro. Munro delivered an impressive address, which we regret is too lengthy for insertion here, and all present joined the Prov.G.M. in the invocation—

"May God preserve our flag, and may it ever be
Unfurled over Liberty, Justice, and Truth."

"God Save the King," was sung with heartiness, and then, after "Hymn of Thanksgiving" by Bro. S. Clarke Johnson, the Lodge was closed with the chorale, "Now thank we all our God."

The solemn Lodge ceremony was followed by a peace supper in the Druids' Hall. Over 200 brethren assembled in the refectory, which was appropriately decorated for the occasion. The colours of the Allies were artistically used, and at conspicuous points were displayed battle-grounds made famous by New Zealand soldiers' feats of arms. The chair was occupied by W. Bro. Murdoch (Tongariro), and as the brethren had marked the advice of the P.Dep.G.M. to be "happy and communicate your happiness to others," the chairman had an easy role to fill. The toast list was not long, but it was productive of excellent speeches. A really fine musical programme was submitted, and altogether the "Fourth" was memorable.

LODGE KIMBOLTON LADIES NIGHT.



After opening and closing the Lodge in the First on the 14th instant, an adjournment was made to the annexe, where the lady members of the brethren were assembling in good numbers. The W.M. explained that with a view of the ladies becoming acquainted with each other, he had arranged that the evening's entertainment should take the form of a conversazione, and he invited all present to enter into the scheme with that spirit of comradeship, which would have that much-desired result. His invitation was accepted, and one and all entered into the matter with so much enthusiasm that the verdict was readily forthcoming, "an immense success." Several musical and other items were given by brethren and their lady friends, and as all these items were up to a good standard, they were much appreciated. The supper arrangements were in the hands of the brethren, and the particularly appetising display met with hearty approbation, and too much praise cannot be bestowed on those responsible for the details. "Auld Lang Syne " at 10.30 p.m. brought to a close one of the brightest gatherings held under the auspices of this Lodge. — [Lodge Correspondent.]

MASONIC BALL.



The first annual Masonic ball held under the auspices of Lodge Ngauruhoe (Ohakune) took place in the Patriotic Hall on 14th August, and in all respects it was undoubtedly the social event of the season. There was a very large attendance, over 200 people being present, and these included large numbers of visitors from Raetihi, Rangataha, Horopito, and many from even greater distances. The hall was beautifully decorated, and those responsible for its preparation must be credited with artistic taste as well as zeal and energy. The stage was converted into a supper-room, and a choice supper, which was greatly appreciated. The colour scheme of the table decorations, which consisted of choice spring flowers, was greatly admired, and the soft light of numerous clusters of coloured electric lamps greatly enhanced the effect. The stage was also a bower of greenery, and had a most inviting appearance. The music was supplied by an orchestra from Raetihi. They gave a programme of the latest and most attractive dance music, which won high commendation from all present. Messrs. Lawrie and Bates officiated as Ms.C., and these, with Mr. Vance, W.M., Mr. T. Firman, secretary, Dr. Feltham, and other members of the committee, were untiring in promoting the enjoyment of the guests. The organisers of the ball must be congratulated on its success, and all who were present will long have pleasant memories of the function.

LAYING THE FOUNDATION STONE OF NGAPARA ANGLICAN CHURCH.



The ceremony of laying the foundation stone of the Ngapara Anglican Church was performed recently. Special interest was given to the ceremony on account of it being conducted by the members of the Masonic Order, the stone being laid by R.W. Bro. R. Hawcridge, Prov.G.M. of Otago, supported by members of the Waitaki, Waitaki Kil., Ngapara, and Kurow Lodges. The Ven. Archdeacon Russell, Rev. D. Jamieson, M. A., and Rev. W. V. Willis, Vicar of Waitaki, took part in the ceremony, and members of St. Luke's choir also assisted in making the function impressive. The G.M. was assisted by Bro. H. G. Deal, P.G.Sd.B., W. Bros. Webber, J. McCulloch, Hopgood, Robbie, T. S. Little, P.Ms., Bro. Somerville, P.G.D., Acting-D. of C., and Bro. Wallace V. Willis, Acting-Chaplain. W. Bro. R. White, W.M. of Ngapara Lodge, presented the W.Ts. R.W. Bro. R. Hawcridge, Prov.G.M. of Otago, said that the brethren appreciated very much the invitation to lay the foundation stone of the church. Their presence offered an outward sign of the bond between Freemasons and the church. He then touched upon the origination of the Masonic Order, from the days of the temple builders in Egypt.. The Order had survived through days of opulence and days of oppression. The Masons were still builders who looked upon human society as a temple. Every man and woman was a builder. Most of them wasted the golden days of youth in building up indulgence and pleasure. They piled up a conglomeration of dissipation until too late they realised they had built an unsurmountable barrier from which loomed the thorns of folly and the bitter Dead Sea fruit of dissipation. If they were churchmen they knew that the past had gone beyond recall, but the present and the future were theirs. No man could be truly miserable if he were busy, and with tears and blood they fixed in them the strong determination that deeds done for others blotted out the sins of the past. With strong misgiving, they compared the new wall with the old, and beheld that verily, as the Holy Writ. said, "to him that hath shall be given." The foundation stone laid there might be the stepping stone to redemption for many men and women of Ngapara. He asked the men and women of Ngapara to remember that the church would be only an instrument, towards an end. They could produce the finest tools in the world, but only by their own merit could they accomplish the work God

had sent them to do. Then would Ngapara be blessed indeed. A thanksgiving prayer, the hymn "Now thank we all our God," and the Benediction concluded the ceremony. As the choir left in procession the Doxology was sung.

**RECEPTION OF RETURNED SOLDIER BRETHREN BY
LODGE PALMERSTON, No. 26.**

A very successful and enjoyable dinner was tendered by the members of the above Lodge to their brethren who recently returned from the war. The gathering comprised about 30 members, including the guests of the evening, namely : — W. Bros. Lieutenant-Colonel Geo. Barclay, V.D., Corporal D. Guffie, and Private G. Ross, Bros. Lieutenant J. Pagan, Farrier-Sergeant O. Douglass, Privates A. Diack and J. Chisholm. Apologies were received from Bros. Captain (Dr.) Harrison and Major D. Thomson, also from our Prov.G.M., R.W. Bro. R. Hawcridge. The usual list of toasts were honoured, and the harmony of the evening was contributed to by W. Bros. E. Le Fure, D. Ross, D. Guffie, and Bros. R. Cameron, J. Moodie, and W. H. Brunton. An interesting address was delivered by W. Bro. G. Barclay, and various experiences were related by the returned brethren, both as regards their Masonic career and affairs at the front. The evening was concluded by singing the National Anthem.

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J. Aitken 15/-, W. Scutt, E. Jackson (Invercargill), R. Cleave 40/- (Keri Keri), W. Douglas 20/- (Maheno), E. F. Niccol 10/-, S. P. Gourdie (Ashburton), W. Bradley 20/- (Otautau), W. H. Booth 17/8 (Waipukurau), J. Cartwright 68/4, F. S. Smith 27/6 (Otane), J. E. M. Rose, E. Senior, — McParlane 10/- (Wanganui), Dr. J. E. Riddell 31/8, R. A. Gillespie, E. Adams 57/6, P. W. Dorrington, G. Ashbey (Dannevirke), J. W. Ritchie, S. Wood, A. Hobson, J. Morling, H. E. Bourgeois 17/6, H. White, H. Bate, J. Etheridge, J. H. Murdock, C. L. Thomas, J.P. Thompson 10/10, J. B. Andrew 27/6, P. H. Harris, A. A. Hastings 17/6, A. S. Erskine, H. L. Harston, M. D. MCGoun, H. Hill, S. B. Houghton, J. H. Edmondson, G. Tudehope 10/-, C. Duncan 2/6, R. V. Gully, R. Thomas, E. Bissell, H. Wilson, R. D. Anderson, Rev. W. J. Simkins, D. Rankin, W. Taggart, J. Bowes, A. T. Turville, J. W. McDougall, L. Freedman, R. Arrol, M. W. Pooley, G. H. Bickerstaff, S. H. Tuck 16/8, J. E. Peach 9/2, R. Bishop 17/6, E. Eales, J. Johnstone, L. A. C. Anderson (Napier), M. Greever 38/- (Mangamomona), J. G. Shackleton, A. Colville, E. J. Atwell, A. J. Hoskins, D. A. Fulton (Waimate), A. Moody 21/- (Hamilton), D. Walker 10/- (Balfour), A. Weaver 20/- (Kaituna), H. O. Searle, A. Macpherson, F. G. Lawn, W. E. Hayes, H. Jolly 15/-, H. W. Lacey, A. C. Hallett (Auckland), T. Peterkin 17/6, E. J. Guinness 15/- (Lower Hutt), G. Robertson 25/-, J. M. A. Ilott 15/10, F. Gapes 15/-, E. Morris, W. M. Beck 20/-, E. A. Thompson, S. Glazer 3/2, R. A. Niccol, H. W. McCarthy 8/4, J. Rod, H. H. Seaton, T. B. Darrell, J. J. Bell 8/4, C. Hain, M. C. Barnett 15/-, H. W. Preston, W. R. Edmundson, H. J. Freeman, J. L. Barnard 6/3, F. A. Brownjohn 6/3, T. Hill 6/3, A. Delmonte, — McEwan, R. G. Kyle 20/10, J. B. Henry 6/3, W. H. Jones, E. Norton, L. Moss 8/4, E. Hood 32/6, H. Wade 9/2, J. W. Hildreth, A. Burgess 6/3, D. S. Patrick 17/6, A. A. George, W. E. Nicholls, Stirling Silver Co., R. D. Stewart, 8/4, H. Baillie, F. Lamberg, C. A. Radcliffe 3/9, A. H. Goss 17/6, 31. M. S. Martin 17/6, G. Lawrence 8/4, J. C. Brown 18/4, R. C. Kirk, G. Robertson, A. Nicol 50/, H. Archer 6/3, G. Lampard 6/3, G. Parkin 6/3, W. Logan 6/3, R. Anderson 6/3, C. W. Martin 6/3, J. W. Smith, W. Beck 17/6, G. E. Smith, A. de B. Brandon 14/2, M. J. Mack 17/6, T. Kingston 17/6, W. M. Beck, A. Longmore 8/4, A. Greening, A. McDougall, E. Bedford, G. G. Schwartz, J. S. Young, J. Gordon 17/6, J. W. Jack, S. Martin 17/6, W. Hutchings 8/4, C. J. B. Norwood 25/-, W. P. Somerville 15/-, E. P. Campbell 6/3, H. O. Churchward 6/3, E. J. Hales 6/3, H. Caine 6/3, F. A. Lewis 6/3, A. Ferguson 6/3, W. Hatch 6/3, F. Goldberg, Sergt. A. T. McGregor 17/6, Col. J. J. Esson 11/8, J. A. Campbell 8/4, W. G. Faulknor 6/3, W. J. Turrall, T. J. Roberts 8/4, T. H. Gibson 30/-, F. T. Bacon 40/-, F. Rowell, D. Hamlin 31/8, A. C. Allan 6/3, W. J. Kelpie 6/3, W. C. Fraser 6/3, W. E. Jeffreys, H. Glover, T. R. Wallace, W. H. Bredin 24/6, Capt. Burgess, H. Godtschalk 8/4, J. McArdle 8/4, A. G. Cate 10/-, W. C. Robinson 15/-, C. P. Powles, H. Ivory 17/6, J. C. Riddell 12/6, W. H. Reid, H. Hansen, A. Raven, Sergt. D. A. McLean 8/4, L. F. Ayson, G. Allport, J. Williamson, H. L. Halliday, A. M. Smith, H. N. Richardson, A. W. Cathie, A. E. Kennard (Wellington), F. Wood, A. Davies, D. T. Gibbard, G. Simpson, E. Skilton, H. R. Evans, P. G. Bowater, A. H. Dalliston 8/9 (Westport), A. W. Oxley 17/6 (Musselburgh), — Vicary 10/- (Otorohanga), G. Alberthsen 20/. (Tututawa), T. R. Inglis 10/-, A. B. Swales, N. Phillips, A. W. Pooley (Ponsonby), Southern Star Lodge, S. F. Bolton (Nelson), W. Earskine (Tautapere), J. Foot 30/- (Ashhurst),

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(All 7/6 except those noted.)

[NOTE -In the August issue the name J. Nimmo (Blenheim) should have read J. Ninnis (Blenheim).]

Reports

[Secretaries and Scribes are requested to forward Reports.]

CRAFT LODGES.

SOUTHLAND.

Taringatura, No. 100.— The regular meeting on 16th June was well attended. Despite the fact that the majority of the officers of the Lodge live at considerable distance from Lumsden, they are always in their

respective places, and always perform their respective duties in a thoroughly efficient manner. The candidate who was initiated at last meeting came from a place over 30 miles away, while the total distance (in coming to Lodge) covered by six of the officers who took part in the ceremony was over 100 miles. The comprehensive report of G.L. communication by the W.M. was most interesting, and in voicing the appreciation of the brethren for the complete outline of G.L. doings, the D. of C. paid the W.M. a well-deserved compliment. The Lodge was favoured by quite a goodly number of visitors, and the vocal talent displayed by some was of very high order.— [Though this meeting was held on 16th June, the report did not reach us until 26th July.-ED.C.]

Notwithstanding the railway restrictions and a rather boisterous night, there was a large attendance at the regular meeting on 11th August.. The ceremony of raising was exceedingly well carried out by the W.M. (Bro. S. E. Griffiths), assisted by W. Bro. H. Beer, W. Bro. G. F. Johnson, W. Bro. H. Graham, W. Bro. Roxburgh, and J.W. Bro. D. F. Macleod. Among those present it was pleasing to see quite a large number of soldier brethren, three of whom were formally welcomed to their mother Lodge by the W.M. In the supper-room after closing a very happy hour was spent. The characteristic modesty of the New Zealand soldier was much in evidence when the returned soldier brethren replied to their toast. One brother, after much pressure, gave a most interesting sketch of his experiences as a prisoner in Germany. Lodge Taringatura is fortunate in having quite a number of brethren possessing vocal and elocutionary ability, and their services at the "Fourth" are much appreciated. At next meeting of the Lodge, when three candidates are to be initiated, the P.Ms. are to work the degree.— [Lodge Correspondent.]

OTAGO.

Palmerston, No. 26.— The annual installation took place on 8th August., but owing to the railway restrictions the usual retinue of visitors was conspicuous by its absence. However, the weather proved favourable, and, beyond the roads being rather rough and bumpy, our Prov.G.M., R.W. Bro. R. Hawcridge, and his G.L. officers, comprising R.W. Bros. A. W. Flett, W. Hay, E. T. Moller, H. O. Pinel, and E. W. G. H. Watts, were enabled to arrive to time by motor without any exciting adventures. The ceremony was capably carried out, when Bro. James Moodie and the officers were installed into their respective chairs. Lodge was tyled at 6.30 p.m., and closed shortly after 9 p.m., when the brethren present adjourned to the Town Hall, where their friends were already enjoying the light fantastic step. The ball was acknowledged the best yet held in Palmerston. About 70 couples took part in the grand march, which was led off by R.W. Bro. Hawcridge and the W.M.'s wife, Mrs. Moodie. The array and colouring of the ladies' dresses made quite a gorgeous picture, the floor was in perfect order, music up to date, and the supper in the opinion of everyone present was par excellence, and reflected great credit to the capabilities of our caterer, Bro. A. McGregor. Dancing was kept up till 3 a.m., and thoroughly enjoyed by all.—[Lodge Correspondent.]

Dunstan, No. 103.—Since last writing you this Lodge has been very busy, but also has suffered heavily through the removal of quite a number of brethren, W. Bro. McKean, P.M., being the last. The latter brother, prior to taking up his duties as Magistrate at New Plymouth, was entertained by the Lodge members. W. Bro. McInnes presented him with a P.M.'s jewel, and numbers of those present testified to W. Bro. McKean's abilities as a Freemason, and expecting him to go far in his new sphere of labour. W. Bro. McInnes is rattling his officers along, practice every week. Two P.Ms. from other Lodges have joined our ranks lately in W. Bro. Turnbull, P.M. Manga-te-Weka, and W. Bro. Ray, Lodge Cromwell Kil. Both being enthusiasts, Lodge Dunstan has benefited. We are looking forward to Lodge Manuherikia Kil.'s visit at our next meeting; when they work the Second Degree. Both the sister Lodges are having a good year, and W. Bros. Shore and Theyers are being kept busy. We wish them well. Lodge Dunstan having been founded in 1869, this is the jubilee year, and the present W.M. is making a bold bid to get a Lodgeroom of our own built—a most laudable desire, and we only hope it eventuates, this being the greatest drawback the Lodge has always suffered. So now, brethren, the war is over, and you can spend your spare cash helping your Lodge, and thereby yourself. — [Lodge Correspondent.]

Teviot, No. 148.— The regular meeting was held on 9th August, the work being the initiation of two candidates, the various portions of the ceremonial being given as follows :—N.E. Address, Bro. Glendinning; Prep., Bro. H. A. Tamblin; W.Ts., Bro. W. Toms; Final Charge, P.M. Bro. A. Ridd; while the explanation of the 1st T.B. was given by W. Bro. Lieutenant-Colonel Barclay, V.D., N.Z.E. An adjournment was made to the refectory, where a pleasant time was spent. Bro. H. Henderson, in proposing the toast of

"The Visitors," made special reference to the work of the N.Z.E.F. Masonic Association, which had done so much for the brethren overseas. In replying, W. Bro. Barclay gave an interesting account of some of his Masonic experiences in Egypt, France, England, and Scotland. As a slight recognition of his services to our soldier brethren, Lodge Teviot intends to make W. Bro. Barclay an honorary life member.—[Lodge Correspondent.]

WESTLAND.

Advance, No. 61.—The regular monthly meeting was held in Taylorville on 7th August, the W.M. (Bro. Peter Dafforn) in the chair. After the ordinary business, one candidate was initiated by the W.M., assisted by the P.Ms. of the Lodge. The W.M. obligated, W. Bro. Dando communicated the Secrets, S.W. Bro. Nimmo invested the brother, W. Bro. J. Hart, gave the address in the N.E. corner, W. Bro. Cook described the Mode of Prep., I.P.M. W. Bro. Angel explained the W.Ts., W. Bro. Dando gave the Final Charge, and W. Bro. Hill explained the T.B. The whole of the ceremony was conducted in a very impressive manner. After the ceremony an adjournment was made to the refectory, where a pleasant hour was spent in toast and song to the newly-initiated brother.—[Lodge Correspondent.]

CANTERBURY.

Ashley, No. 28.— The monthly meeting was held on 14th August, with a good attendance.. The Third Degree was worked, and one brother, recently returned from active service, was raised. Bro. W. McKenzie, S.W., who is shortly leaving the district for Blenheim, was presented with a pair of gold sleeve-links, suitably engraved. The occasion was made more important by the presence of the R.W.Prov.G.M., Bro. F. C. B. Bishop, and his officers, who paid an official visit to the Lodge. After the ceremony a very enjoyable Fourth Degree was held, and the R.W.G.M. gave some very sound advice to those present.—[Lodge Correspondent.]

Concord, No. 39.—The Deputy-Mayor of Christchurch, Bro. J. W. Beanland, is one of Christchurch's most popular citizens, and one of its most enthusiastic Freemasons. As might be expected, his installation as W.M. attracted an exceptionally large gathering. The ceremony was carried out by R.W. Bro. F. C. B. Bishop, Prov.G.M. The W.Ts. were presented by W. Bro. G. R. Hadfield, W. Bro. J. Hurley, W. Bro. Colin McIntosh, and W. Bro. G. L. Berry. -The address to the W.M. was given by W. Bro. A. H. Hobbs, that to the Wardens by W. Bro. R. Baldwin, and the address to the brethren by W. Bro. F. M. Collins. The Wardens were invested by W. Bro. R. W. S. Eastwood, and the officers by W. Bro. J. W. Roberts. The appeal on behalf of the W. and O. and A.M. Fund was made by W. Bro. J. Gillanders, Pres.Prov.B. of G.P. Bro. D. Blyth was Trumpeter, and a solo was sung by Bro. W. W. Charters. In the refectory an excellent repast was done full justice to, followed by the usual toasts. The officers for 1919-20 are as follow :—W.M., W. Bro. J. W. Beanland; I.P.M., W. Bro. A. J. Nicholas; S.W., Bro. G. F. Drury; J.W., Bro. J. M. Gow; D. of C., W. Bro. H. S. Wilson; Asst.-D. of C., Bro. A. P. A. Nicholls; Chaplain, V.W. Bro. J. N. Du Feu ; Treas., W. Bro. A. H. Hobbs ; Sec., W. Bro. T. H. North; S.D., Bro.G. Snoad; J.D., Bro. G. P. Turner; Organist, Bro. L. E. Strachan; I. G., Bro. H. W. Giddings.

The first candidate to be initiated by W. Bro. Beanland was Bro. E. Lomas. The working of the degree showed that in its new officers the Lodge has some excellent ritualists, who should uphold Concord's reputation. Bro. Alfred Edward William Smith took his First Degree on 22nd July, on which occasion W. Bro. Allan Hunter, W.M. of the Robert Burns Lodge, and W. Bro. Smith, W.M. of Lodge Unanimity, assisted the W.M. In the "Fourth" an excellent programme was contributed by W. Bro. A. Hunter and Bros. R. Malcolm, Laws, and E. Lomas.— [Lodge Correspondent.]

Christchurch, No. 91.— The monthly meeting was held on 22nd July, W. Bro. W. T. Doig presiding over a good attendance. The ritual work consisted of passing three brethren. The Ob. and Secrets were communicated by the W.M. ; W. Bro. Sheffield gave the address in the S.E. ; Bro. Hill, J.W., addressed the candidates on Investiture; W. Bro. Yellowlees (W.M. of Conyers Lodge, E.C.) explained the W.Ts. ; the Final Charge being delivered by Bro. Newth, S.W. The Lodge having been closed, the usual social hour was spent in the refectory.— [Lodge Correspondent.]

St. Augustine, No. 99.— *Tempus fugit.* After a brief year of office, a Master of a Lodge has as a general rule to yield up the gavel to his successor, and, after a short span of reflected glory as I.P.M., to take a seat either in or out of the Lodge. If the former he proves himself a worthy Mason; but there is a suspicion that some, after attaining the dignity of K.S.'s chair, prefer *otium cum dignitate* at home or elsewhere, and forget their duty to their Lodge- and the Craft generally; such are selfish and unworthy Masons. This preamble is but an introduction to the statement that the annual installation in our Lodge took place on 6th August, when Bro. Chas. E. Manchester was installed by R.W. Bro. F. C. B. Bishop, Prov.G.M. of Canterbury, as W.M. Railway restrictions and perhaps somewhat erratic running of trains determined our R.W.Prov.G.M. to reach Waimate by motor car. However, it happened there was a serious breakdown somewhere about Rakaia. One of the car axles broke ; whether through having to support the weight of our portly R.W.G.M. I cannot say ; nevertheless, I understand the aid of a worthy brother from Methven, who brought his car down for the belated travellers, was secured, and the journey continued, though, owing to the breakdown, R.W. Bro. Bishop was unavoidably an hour behind ; not bad when all considered. The R.W.Prov.G.M. was supported by the following Prov.G.L. officers :— W. Bro. T. Kirker, Prov.G.Sec., and W. Bros. McKenzie and McBride (of Timaru), Colville, Hoskins, Winnington, and others whose names I did not get. In the B. of I.M. the W.Ts. were presented to the new W.M. by his brother, W. Bro. T. W. Manchester. In open Lodge the W.Ts. were presented by W. Bros. McKenzie (P.M. Koranga, No. 197), J. T. Collins (W.M. Caledonian, No. 16), and E. Winnington (Pareora, No. 134) respectively. The address to the W.M. was given by R.W. Bro. Bishop. W. Bro. T. Kirker invested the Wardens, and they were addressed by W. Bro. A. J. Hoskins, P.P.G.W. The remaining officers were invested by W. Bro. W. McBride, P.P.G.W., and W. Bro. T. Kirker addressed the brethren. A collection in aid of the Annuity Fund yielded £5 10s. 3d., making a total for the year of £16 8s. 3d.—not so bad ! R.W. Bro. Bishop presented W. Bro. Beckett, the retiring W.M., with a P.M.'s jewel. Among other business done were two successful ballots. The following is the list of officers for 1919-1920 :— Bro. Charles Edward Manchester ; I.P.M., W. Bro. E. R. Beckett; W. Bro. James Manchester; S.W., Bro. R. Creeser ; J.W., Bro. W. E. Evans; Chaplain, Bro. S. Malthus ; Treas., W. Bro. G. J. Shackleton ; Sec., W. -Bro. A. J. Hoskins; D. of C., W. Bro. A. Colville ; S.D., Bro. S. I. Fitch; J.D., Bro. A. J. Jones; I.G., Bro. C. E. Lancaster; Organist, Bro. R. Steele ; Stewards, Bros. W. Barford, J. Bird, and A. Slade ; Tyler, W. Bro. H. P. Fraser; Asst.-Tyler, Bro. J. F. Bastings; Auditor, W. Bro. W. C. Brydon. The annual banquet was held in the Olympia Hall, and passed off very successfully.

Robert Burns, No. 139.—After one of the most successful years in the history of the Lodge, it was only fitting that there should be a large attendance at the installation meeting, which took place on 19th August, when Bro. George Arthur Blackmore was installed. Every Lodge in Christchurch was represented, as well as several country Lodges, considerably over 200 being seated in the Temple. The ceremony was performed by R.W. Bro. F. C. B. Bishop, Prov.G.M., who had with him a full set of officers. There- were also present a good muster of G.L. officers, under R.W. Bro. H. F. Arnold, P.G.W., and the Dist.G.L., E.C., under W. Bro. E. U. Just, D.Dist.G.M. The W.M. was inducted into the chair by his uncle, W. Bro. Dr. Blackmore. The W.Ts. in the different degrees were presented by W. Bros. R. C. Symes (Prov.G.Treas.), W. T. Doig (Christchurch Lodge), R. Yellowlees (Conyers Lodge, E.C.), and R. J. Thompson (Civic Lodge). The address to the W.M. was delivered by W. Bro. E. U. Just (D.Dist.G.M., E.C.); the Wardens invested by W. Bro. T. Kirker, Prov.G.Sec., and addressed by W. Bro. F. M. Collins, P.Prov.G.W. The investiture of the officers was performed by W. Bro. J. W. Roberts, Prov.J.G.W., and W. Bro. G. Yemm, P.G.D., addressed the brethren. The appeal on behalf of the Annuity Fund, made by W. Bro. R. W. S. Eastwood, Pres. Prov.B. of B., was liberally responded to. The officers invested were :—I.P.M., W. Bro. A. Hunter ; Dep.M., W. Bro. J. C. Watson S.W., Bro. W. E. Rogers; J.W., Bro. T. MacRae ; Chaplain, W. Bro. T. W. N. Wilson ; Treas.. Bro. J. Robinson; Sec., W. Bro. R. W. S. Eastwood ; D. of C., W. Bro. T. Kirker ; Assist.-D. of C., Bro. A. Ryland ; S.D., Bro. L. W. Armandy ; J.D., Bro. R. MacLachlan ; Organist, W. Bro. A. J. Meston; I.G., Bro. W. W. Newman ; Stewards, Bros. E. R. Rogers, A. J. Towns, W. Kemp, and W. H. Harris ; Tyler, R.W. Bro. H. F. Arnold. At the close of the ceremony, over 200 sat down in the refectory.—[Lodge Correspondent.]

Avon, No. 185.— The regular meeting was held in the Masonic Temple, Christchurch, on 7th August, when W. Bro. S. K. Bassett, W.M., occupied the chair, the work being to initiate two candidates. The W.M. was assisted after the Ob. by W. Bro. W. E. Scott, I.P.M., P.G.D. of C., who communicated the S., T., and W. The candidates, after being invested by the S.W., were addressed by W. Bro. Thompson (W.M. Civic Lodge). The N.E. Charge was in the hands of W. Bro. F. N. Collins, P.G.S.W., while W. Bro. E. H. Jecks

(W.M. Waihora Lodge, Leeston) presented the W.Ts. The Final Charge was explained by W. Bro. J. Hood, G.S. The attendance of brethren and visitors numbered 150.

An emergency meeting was held on the 15th ult., when 27 brethren of St. Augustine, No. 99, Waimate, journeyed by motor cars to Christchurch to work their famous Scotch Third on two candidates. The whole of the work was ably carried out in their own impressive way by their own officers and P.Ms. Christchurch brethren rolled up in force to welcome our South Canterbury brethren.— [Lodge Correspondent.]

Tawera, No. 188.—The regular meeting was held in the Masonic Hall, Oxford, on 5th August., the W.M. (Bro. T. L. Gainsford) presiding. Special interest was created by the visit of the W.M. of Lodge Mairaki (Bro. C. MacIntosh) and his officers, who initiated a candidate, the ceremony being performed in a manner exceptionally pleasing and impressive. To celebrate peace, a memorial oak had been planted in the centre of the Lodge grounds. It had been proposed to plant also an acacia, "mimosa nilotica," the shrub associated with an important event in Masonry, and which anciently grew in abundance in the neighbourhood of Jerusalem, but as this plant was not procurable, it was proposed to plant an acacia of some other variety. W. Bro. L. Watson referred to the peace settlement, and said that as a token of peace he had great pleasure in presenting to the Lodge the sword and poniard that had been in use since the inception of the Lodge. They had both been presented to him in pleasing circumstances, and he was glad of the opportunity to make them Lodge property. He had hoped also to present a heavy maul, but the instrument had not arrived from the hands of the operative. The hearty thanks of the Lodge were conveyed to the donor. A very pleasant hour was spent in the refectory, a brother from Lodge Concord giving the brethren assembled a superb entertainment.—[Lodge Correspondent.]

MARLBOROUGH AND NELSON.

Victory, No. 40.— An emergency meeting was held on Saturday, 2nd August, in the afternoon, when two candidates were passed. Opportunity was taken to say farewell to W. Bro. C. M. Whelan, transferred to the post office at Whangarei, and to welcome to Nelson Bro.. Brigadier-General G. S. Richardson, of Lodge Leinster, Wellington.

On 14th August the regular meeting was held, when there was the usual good attendance. W. Bro. Reynolds presided. Three candidates were initiated. Bro. A. A. Kirby, of Lodge Robert Burns, affiliated, and two other applicants were successfully balloted for. Two petitions were received for membership. —[Lodge Correspondent.]

Wairau, No. 42.— A good attendance is always inspiring to the officers of a Lodge, especially to those who have just assumed office. The regular meeting of Wairau on 29th July was attended by a large number of brethren, and the officers are hoping that the brethren will continue to take the same keen interest in the working of the Lodge, and by their regular attendance help to keep the meetings up to the same high standard that has been maintained in the past. Three candidates were presented for initiation, and the working of the degree was creditably performed. The W.M., W. Bro. T. E. Cleator, presided, and those assisting him in the ceremonial work were :—S. W. Bro. Nosworthy ; Investiture, Bro. A. Jellyman, S.W.; Address after Investiture, W. Bro. Boyce; N.E. Address, W. Bro. A. Gibson; E. of P., Bro. Williams, J.D. ; W.Ts., W. Bro. Tylor, I.P.M. ; Charter, B. of C., and By-laws, W. Bro. M. McKenzie; Final Charge, Bro. A. Jellyman, S.W. ; T.B., Bro. W. R. Mackintosh, J.W. During the evening W. Bro. Lucas presented W. Bro. Tylor with his W.M.'s certificate, and nine brethren with their M.M.'s certificates:. On behalf of the brethren, W. Bro. A. Gibson presented W. Bro. Tylor with a P.M.'s jewel, reference being made to the fact that W. Bro. Tylor's work during the past year was well deserving of this token of recognition. W. Bro. H. Boyce, who was unable to be present at the installation meeting, was invested at Dep.M. One candidate was accepted for initiation, and several were proposed. The annual balance-sheet., which showed the Lodge to be in a flourishing condition, was presented. After the meeting a pleasant hour was spent in the "Fourth."—[Lodge Correspondent.]

Unanimity, No. 106.—Ninety-four brethren signed the attendance-book on 14th August., when the installation meeting was held, 24 being P.Ms. there was an especially large muster from Wairau Lodge. M.W. Bro. C. J. W. Griffiths, P.G.M., presided, and was assisted by the following acting-G.L. officers :—S.W., W. Bro. J. Brown ; J.W., W. Bro. B. P. Furness ; D. of C., W. Bro. G. J. Logan; S.D., W. Bro. H.

Boyce; J.D., W. Bro. J. M. Lightfoot; I.G., W. Bro. C. A. Eckford ; S.B., W. Bro. F. Thomas. Bro. William M. Lambie, S.W., was duly installed as W.M. according to ancient custom. W. Bro. Brown delivered the address to the W.M., W. Bro. W. J. Girding addressing the Wardens, and M.W. Bro. Griffiths the brethren. W.Ts. were presented by W. Bros. W. C. Lucas (I.M.), T. E. Cleator (M.M.), F. Thomas (F.C.), and T. Allport (E.A.); and W. Bro. Furness presented the warrant, etc. An orchestra, consisting of Bros. Cheek, Hardin, and Tunnicliffe, supplied appropriate music, and the trumpet-calls were played by Bro. C. A. Forrest. The following officers were invested by the W.M., assisted by W. Bros. T. E. Cleator (W.M. of Wairau Lodge, No. 42), H. R. Bagge. I.P.M., and T. F. Bull :— I.P.M., W. Bro. H. R. Bagge ; S.W., Bro. W. G. Rudd; L.W., Bro. T. Halligan ; Treas., M.W. Bro. C. J. W. Griffiths; Sec., W. Bro. F. W. Smith; S.D., Bro. C. Rabbits; J.D., Bro. H. Leslie ; D. of C., W. Bro. G. J. Logan; I.G., Bro. W. H. Brown ; Stewards, Bros. A. T. Cartwright, L. F. Bell, and A. M. Thomson; Tyler, Bro. J. H. Foster. The collection in aid of the W. and O. and A.M. Fund realised £8 11s. The accommodation of the refectory, like that of the Lodgeroom itself had been, was fully taxed at the banquet, and a very pleasing couple of hours was spent. Songs were contributed by Bros. C. Plum, S. Croft, and E. March, a monologue by Bro. Croft, and a violin solo by Bro. J. M. Hardin, Bro. Cheek playing the accompaniments. Taken altogether, the installation meeting of 1919 was one of the nest successful ever held in Lodge Unanimity. — [Lodge Correspondent.]

HAWKES BAY.

Scinde, No. 5.— The regular meeting was held on 15th July, the W.M. presiding over an average attendance of brethren and visitors. The W.M. expressed gratitude to T.G.A.O.T.U. on the restoration of peace, which it was hoped in the near future would become universal, after which the brethren expressed their loyalty by singing the National Anthem. One candidate for initiation was elected. The W.M. then proceeded with the ceremony of initiation, and was assisted in the work as follows :—Secrets, W. Bro. J. W. Ritchie; N.E. Corner, R.W. Bro. H. L. Harston ; R. for P., W. Bro. J. Bowes ; W.Ts., Bro. A. Hobson, S.D. ; Investiture and Final Charge, Bro. R. V. C. Harris, S.W. All the officers acquitted themselves creditably, the work of Bros. Harris and Hobson being exceptionally praiseworthy. Notice of motion by W. Bro. E. Eales, to pay off a mortgage of £400 to the Presbyterian Church, was carried. The Lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to the refectory, where a pleasant hour was spent, much enjoyment being derived from the company of W. Bro. Cameron, of Lodge Otago, No. 7, and other visitors.—[Lodge Correspondent.]

AUCKLAND.

United Service, No. 10.— The monthly meeting was held on 30th July, and, in spite of the very wet weather, the W.M., W. Bro. Mark Berry, presided over a good number of members and visitors. The W.M. moved a sincere vote of sympathy to W. Bro. J. C. Pelham in the great loss sustained by the death of his wife. W. Bro. Pelham, who was present, feelingly acknowledged the vote. W. Bro. J. W. Swales, who on account of illness was prevented from attending the annual communication, was invested by the W.M. as D. of C. of the Lodge. The Second Degree was conferred on two brothers. The W.M. obligated and imparted the Secrets ; W. Bro. Fuller (W.M. of Lodge Eden, No. 1530, E.C.) gave the Address in the S.E. Corner ; the J.W. (Bro. H. T. Parrett) presented the W.Ts.; the S.W. (Bro. A. C. Hallett) rendered the Final Charge. W. Bro. William Tailby, G.S.B., gave a very interesting report of the doings of G.L. at the recent communication. In the refectory a very pleasant social hour was spent in song and story, an item by Bro. Gladding. S.W., of Lodge Eden, being much appreciated. All were delighted to see Bro. H. Jolly present, and the opportunity was taken to congratulate him on his recovery from the effects of his recent severe accident. A happy evening was brought to a close by toasting and congratulating Bro. A. V. Swales on his recent marriage.—[Lodge Correspondent.]

Whakatane, No. 198.— The installation of the W.M. took place on the 7th August under the most favourable conditions, and was attended by 80 brethren. Official visits were paid by brethren from Lodges Opotiki, Rotorua, and Tauranga. The ceremony of installing Bro. John Peebles was conducted by W. Bro. T. Alexander. The remaining officers for the ensuing year were invested as follows :—I.P.M., W. Bro. L. Buddle ; S.W., Bro. J. Franklin; J.W., Bro. A. Read ; Treas., Bro. H. Fortune; Sec., Bro. Arthur Jackson; D. of C., Bro. Harlow; Chaplain, W. Bro. Snell ; Organist, Bro. Morrison ; S.D., Bro. Keith ; J.D., Bro. Suckling ; I.G., Bro. Sloane ; S.S., Bro. Niccol; J.S., Bro. Stone ; Tyler, Bro. Strong. The collection in aid of the W. and O. and A.M. Fund amounted to £6 16s. 6d. The retiring W.M. was presented with a jewel to mark his term of office. The whole ceremony was pleasing and impressive. The light banquet which followed was

heartily partaken of, the speeches and musical items being all of a high order and worthy of the occasion. About midnight "Auld Lang Syne" was rendered, which brought a most successful and enjoyable evening to a close.— [Lodge Correspondent.]

TARANAKI.

Moa, No. 110.— The regular meeting was held on 8th August, the W.M. (Bro. J. Johnston) presiding. Two candidates were initiated by the W.M., assisted by W. Bros. Surrey, Young, and Taylor, and Bros. Hutton (S.W.) and Sutherland (J.W.). The ceremony was of interest in that one candidate was a brother of our late Bro. Caldwell, who obtained his promotion to the G.L. above at the time of the epidemic, while the other is a brother of our J.W. As a mark of respect to the late W. Bro. T. E. Hamerton, the Lodge is in mourning for a period of three months. His familiar figure will be missed at our meetings. A man with the courage of his convictions, he was always ready to give his opinion on matters brought before the Lodge, and although one did not always agree with him, it was felt, that in all he said he had the Craft and its welfare in his heart. In the "Fourth" a welcome home was extended to Bros. Vetch and Hodges, who were making their first appearance at Lodge since their recent return from active service. Both the brethren are looking well, and we are pleased to say that they both settled down to their ordinary duties and avocations without delay.—[Lodge Correspondent.]

RUAPEHU.

St. Andrew Kil., No. 79.— At the monthly meeting, held at the Masonic Hall, Wanganui, on the 14th August, the principal business was raising two candidates. The Lodge was under the control of the W.M., (W. Bro. John McFarlane). Assisting him in the ceremony were W. Bros. Calman, Richardson, Armstrong, and Craig, and the P.Dep.G.M., R.W. Bro. J. H. Keesing. The J.D. (Bro. Stephenson) moved to make an annual levy of 6s. per annum for the payment of the refectory expenses in lieu of the present method of passing round the plate in the "Fourth," and the motion was carried. During the evening the Prov.G.M., R.W. Bro. D. McFarlane, took the opportunity of investing W. Bro. W. Haydon Maclean (P.M. of Lodge Rangitira) as G.S. R.W. Bro. Keesing referred to the loss the Lodge had sustained in the death of W. Bro. J. L. Stevenson, and moved that letters of sympathy be sent to R.W. Bro. John Stevenson and Mr. Morel Stevenson, the brother and son respectively of our deceased brother, and the only near relatives. The late W. brother's record is unique, he having been twice W.M. of the Lodge, and also having acted for a period of over 40 years as a most efficient Treas. Several ballots and other business detained the Lodge until a late hour, and the time in the refectory was correspondingly shortened.— [Lodge Correspondent.]

Huia, No. 171.— An emergency meeting was held on the 31st. July for the purpose of passing two brethren to the F.C. Degree.

The ordinary monthly meeting took place on the 7th August. The ceremonial work consisted of raising two candidates to the Third Degree, the work being distributed as follows :—Ob. and Signs and Secrets, by the W.M. ; Retro., W. Bro. Turner; T.H., W. Bro. Spooner; Additional Secrets, W. Bro. Graham ; W.Ts., W. Bro. Manning ; Final Charge, the W.M. At the conclusion of the meeting the W.M. duly announced his intention of paying an official visit of officers and members of Huia Lodge to the United Manawatu, E.C., on the 15th of the present month, and expressed a wish that a good attendance would accompany him on that occasion. The W.M., officers, and brethren of Lodge Huia desire to express their appreciation of the pleasure afforded them by the cordiality of Lodge Waterloo at the recent visit we paid to Waterloo. We trust we may in some measure reciprocate the kindly feeling when their representatives pay us a visit. The inevitable result will be to establish and strengthen the cordial relationship, individually and collectively.—[Lodge Correspondent.]

Moutoa, No. 195.—The month of July was a particularly busy one for Moutoa. An emergency meeting was held on the 16th to raise two brethren, the regular meeting being held on the 24th. W. Bro. F. Bourne, W.M., presided. Ballots were taken for three candidates. Two brethren were raised. A pleasant time was spent in the refectory. W. Bro. Munro proceeded a step further with his lectures on his experiences in Palestine.

An evening for the ladies was held on the 31st July. W. Bro. F. Bourne, W.M., presided over a good attendance of brethren and ladies, who were entertained in Lodge for an hour. Addresses were given by R.W. Bro. D. McFarlane, Prov.G.M., and R.W. Bro. J. H. Keesing, P.Dep.G.M., whilst the unveiling ceremony of

a memorial to the late Bro. Jas. McKinnon was ably carried out by W. Bro. D. Munro. At the conclusion of the ceremony an adjournment was made to the Town Hall, where a pleasant time was spent, dancing and musical items being the order of the evening. One and all accorded the evening a great success, and W. Bro. Bourne is to be congratulated upon the result of his efforts.—[Lodge Correspondent.]

WELLINGTON.

Waterloo, No. 13. — An event which gave a great deal of pleasure and gratification to the brethren of the Lodge was the renewal of the interchange of visits between Lodges Huia and Waterloo by the visit of the W.M. and officers and brethren of Huia to Wellington on the 9th July to work the Third Degree at an emergency meeting held on that evening. As a result of the war these visits ceased some four years ago, but now that peace is with us once more the W:Ms. of the two Lodges thought that an early commencement would be a fitting way to celebrate this auspicious occasion. W. Bro. Parton, in welcoming the visitors, said how pleased he was that it should fall to his happy lot to extend a hearty welcome on behalf of Lodge Waterloo to W. Bro. Stubbs and his officers and brethren, and in handing him the gavel trusted that they would derive pleasure and profit from the visit. Two candidates were raised to the degree of a M.M., W. Bro. Stubbs being assisted in the ceremony by-Bros. S. B. Lauchlan (S.W.), J. Oliver (J.W.), W. Bro. B. W. Turner (D. of C.), Bros. H. J. Canton (Chaplain), W. Oliver (S.D.), W. Sinclair (J.D.), P. Stubbs (L.G.). In returning the gavel to W. Bro. Parton, NV, Bro. Stubbs, in a very happy speech, said that the visit, would long remain in his memory, and thanked the members of Lodge Waterloo for the kindly reception they had given him and his officers. An adjournment was made to the large hall, which had been most artistically decorated by Bro. Mather, S.W. of Lodge Waterloo, and a very pleasant hour was spent. After the usual loyal toast had been honoured, W. Bro. Erskine, D. of C., in his usual eloquent manner, proposed the toast of the W.M., officers, and brethren of Huia Lodge, which was responded to by W. Bro. Stubbs. The following toasts were also honoured :—"Absent Brethren," by W. Bro. R. A. Scott ; "Visiting Brethren," by W. Bro. C. E. Smith, and "Newly-raised Brethren," by R.W. Bro. A. Veitch. The pleasure of the brethren was added to by well rendered musical items by W. Bros: Smith, Connell, Bros. Thomson, Scannell, Boyes, and an elocutionary item by Bro. Fraser Thomson.—[Too late for insertion in last issue.—ED.C.]

The monthly meeting was held on 14th July, at 7 p.m. The business was to raise two brethren, which ceremony was performed by the P.Ms. of the Lodge. The chair was occupied by W. Bro. G. E. Smith, who was assisted by W. Bro. Simm, I.P.M. (Charge after Investiture), W. Bro. Palmer, S.W. (W.Ts.), W. Bro. McMorrان, J.W. W. Bro. Robinson, D. of C. (Final Charge), W. Bro. Erskine, S.D. (Retro.). W. Bro. Scott, J.D. (Secrets), W. Bro. Gordon, I.G. (T.B.), R.W. Bro. Veitch (Exhort.). After answering the usual questions, the candidates were raised to the high and sublime degree in a manner which showed that the P.Ms. had not lost any of their old form. On returning the gavel to the W.M., W. Bro. Smith thanked him and the members of the Lodge, on behalf of the P.Ms., for the opportunity, of doing the work. W. Bro. Parton suitably responded. Nominations of officers for the ensuing year were taken, and the result will appear in the installation report. After the Lodge was closed, an adjournment was made to the refectory, where a very pleasant hour was spent. The usual loyal toast having been duly honoured, R.W. Bro. Veitch, in a very happy speech, proposed the health of W. Bro. McMorrان, and in doing so referred to Bro. McMorrان's long connection with the Lodge, and to the fact that he was retiring from public life to a well-earned rest. Bro. C. Cathie endorsed the remarks made by R.W. Bro. Veitch. Reference was made to the fact that while these remarks were being made, a troopship with W. Bro. McMorrان's soldier son on board was coming to an anchorage in the harbour. W. Bro. McMorrان suitably responded.—[This report came to hand too late for insertion in last issue.—ED.C.]

The monthly meeting was held on 11th August, at 7 p.m. W. Bro. Parton presided, and there was a very large attendance of visitors and members. The visitors included M.W. Bro. Williams, P.G.M., and several G.L. officers, amongst others being W. Bro. Nordon, of Christchurch. The W.Ms., officers, and brethren of Lodges Pacific, St. Andrew, Leinster, Tutaneikai, and Lodge Wellington, E.C., were also present. The principal business was to initiate one candidate, the W.M. being assisted in the ceremony by M.W. Bro. Williams, P.G.M., who gave the Charity Charge ; W. Bro. Shakes, Observations after Investiture; Bro. Wallace, S.D., R. for Prep. ; Bro. Berry, J.W. W.Ts. ; Bro. Mather, S.W. Final Charge. The election of officers resulted in those brethren nominated being elected. The W.M. selected Bro. Boyes as his Auditor, and W. Bro. Scott and Bro. Chegwidde were elected as Lodge Auditors. W. Bro. Parton announced that a social would be held in conjunction with the members of Lodge Pacific on Friday, 29th instant, and expressed the hope that all members would make it convenient to attend. A hearty welcome was extended to the visitors and to Bro. R. C. O'Connor, who is again taking up his residence in Wellington, and in conveying

the same the W.M. thanked M.W. Bro. Williams for so ably assisting in the ceremony. There being no further business offering, the Lodge was closed at 10 p.m. A very pleasant hour was spent in the refectory, when the following toasts were proposed and honoured :— "Absent Brethren," by R.W. Bro. Veitch, P.G.S.W. ; "Visitors," by W. Bro. Scott, P.M. ; "Candidate," by W. Bro. Erskine, P.G.S.— [Lodge Correspondent.]

Masterton, No. 19.— A lengthy agenda paper was handled at the regular meeting held on 9th July, and it was after eleven o'clock when the Lodge closed. Bro. C. M. Perrin, W.M., presided, and there was an unusually large attendance. Four joining members and three candidates were elected. Two brethren were raised, and the ceremonial work was carried out impressively by the officers, assisted by worshipful brethren. The annual report and balance-sheet were adopted. It was disclosed that the membership had increased from 120 to 127. There were seven affiliations and four initiations, while two members drew their demits and there were two losses by death. A satisfactory financial position was shown, the assets amounting to £1,152 2s. 3d., being £969 15s. 1d. in excess of liabilities. The Benevolent Fund was £149 18s. 3d., the disbursements for the year therefrom totalling £67 2s. The opportunity was taken to present W. Bro. Henry, who has been promoted to an inspectorship of the Bank of New Zealand and has removed to Wellington, with a handsome jewel of the office of D. of C. The W.M., V.W. Bro. Hunn, and W. Bro. Chapman referred eulogistically to the interest and zeal displayed by W. Bro. Henry in advancing the cause of Freemasonry during his twelve years in Masterton, to his never-failing tact and courtesy, and to the high ideals at which he aimed, emphasising that the excellent work he had done would long be remembered by the Lodge. While regretting his departure, the speakers heartily congratulated W. Bro. Henry on his promotion. The gift and the accompanying expressions of goodwill were feelingly acknowledged by W. Bro. Henry. A cordial welcome was extended to Bro. Lieut. S. Temple, recently returned from abroad, and also to Bro. Hart (the Brigadier-General, of Carterton), who was S.W. in St. Mark's Lodge before joining up early with the Expeditionary Forces, and has now taken up his residence in Masterton. The Lodgeroom furnishings have been further improved by handsome presents—two Warden's chairs from W. Bro. O. Pragnell, a Deacon's chair each by the W.M. and W. Bro. Hughes, and a Chaplain's chair by the P.Ms. A chair to match for the I.G. is being subscribed for from the "floor" members. The chairs are high-backed, in solid rimu, and neatly upholstered. Subsequently, in the "Fourth," the toast of W. Bro. Henry was enthusiastically honoured, as was also that of Bros. Temple and Hart.

A Lodge of instruction has been inaugurated, and the opening night was well attended. W. Bro. Henry was tine Preceptor, and the work done and his explanatory address were of a practical character, interesting as well as instructive. The opening part of the F.D. was dealt with, and it is proposed to proceed with a section of the ritual each night.—[Lodge Correspondent.]—[Arrived too late for last issue.—Ed.C.]

St. Andrew, No. 32.—The monthly meeting was held on 18th August, the circular convening the same presenting a formidable appearance, including five ballots and the initiation of five candidates. To enable the task to be grappled with, Lodge was tyled at 6.15 p.m., and the P.M.s. set to work to initiate two candidates. W. Bro. A. T. Wells was in the chair, W. Bro. A. Schmidt as S.W., V.W. Bro. G. Russell as J.W., W. Bro. W. Simpson as S.D., W. Bro. J. C. Riddell as J.D., W. Bro. F. C. Broomhall as D. of C., W. Bro. O. Neilson as Chaplain, and W. Bro. T. Jaffray as I.G. These worthy brethren conducted affairs to the N.E. stage, when a halt was called, and proceedings were resumed at 7.15 p.m., with a very satisfactory attendance, W. Bro. R. Hutcheson, W.M., presiding. Correspondence and general business, including ballots, were disposed of, and the W.M. and his officers proceeded with the business of initiation, being assisted by W. Bro. J. Rod (Secrets), W. Bro. A. W. Rowlands (Investiture Address), Bro. W. Thompson (N.E. Address), Bro. W. T. Johnson (R. for Prep.), Bro. Moyes (W.Ts.), W. Bro. T. Jaffray (Final Charge). During the evening the W.M. took occasion to welcome Bro. A. J. Mack, who was present with his father and brother (all members of the Lodge), having just returned from a lengthy period of active service. Bro. Mack's record at the front was one of sterling merit, and the members were glad to see him home again. Before Lodge closed a member present informed the brethren that the date of meeting was the anniversary of the natal day of the G.Sec., M.W. Bro. Malcolm Niccol, who, it was incidentally mentioned, had served 53 years in the Masonic cause, 47 of them as W.M. and P.M. A motion of congratulation to the brother concerned was proposed and, needless to say, heartily accepted. Brethren retired at quite a normal hour to the refectory, where a brief period of speeches and musical effort was enjoyed.—[Lodge Correspondent.]

Hinemoa, No. 122.— The annual meeting was held on 14th August. There was a large gathering, including six sitting W.Ms., accompanied by numerous brethren. The R.W.Prov. G.M. was in charge of the ceremony, and was assisted by V.W. Bro. Russell (G.D. of C.), V.W. Bro. Veitch (P.G.W.), V.W. Bro. Neilson (G.Reg.), V.W. Bro. Bridge, V.W. Bro. Knowles-Smith (P.G. Chaplain), W. Bros. Preston, O. Neilson, Martin, George, and Robinson. After the W.M.-elect (Bro. George Jones) had been presented, assented to ancient charge, and received the Ob., M.Ms. retired. A B. of I.M. was formed, there being 41 present. Bro. Jones was installed into the chair of K.S., and Board closed. After proclamations, the W.Ts. were delivered respectively by W. Bro. Shakes (W.M. Lodge Leinster), W. Bro. Hutcheson (W.M. Lodge St. Andrew), and W. Bro. Martin (W.M. Lodge Tutanekai). The address to the W.M. was given by W. Bro. S. Martin (Hinemoa Lodge), to the Wardens by W. Bro. Preston (Hinemoa Lodge), and to the brethren by V.W. Bro. Neilson (G.Reg.). The Masonic Quartette contributed Beethoven's "Creations Hymn." W. Bro. George (Hinemoa Lodge) invested the Wardens and assistant officers in a very graceful manner. The whole proceedings were marked with dignity, solemnity, and interest. The splendid gathering, the heartiness of the meeting, the cordial spirit displayed tending to make it one of the most successful functions held for some time. At the conclusion of the ceremony an adjournment was made to the Newtown Public Library Hall, where supper was served to over 200 brethren, and an enjoyable hour spent in music, song, and mirth, the contributors being W. Bro. Connell, Bro. George, Robertson, Perry, and others noted for their enjoyable items. The following were the officers invested :S.W., Bro. S. L. Russell; J.W., Bro. P. Reid ; Chaplain, W. Bro. Neilson; Treas., W. Bro. George ; Sec., W. Bro. Martin; D. of C., W. Bro. Preston ; S.D., Bro. A. Roberts; J.W., Bro. Flanagan; I.G., Bro. Halliday; S.S., Bro. McArdle J.S., Bro. Jackson; Tyler, Bro. Vine.— [Lodge Correspondent.]

Tutanekai, No. 156. — The regular meeting was held in the Masonic Hall, Berhampore, on 7th August, when the W.M. (Bro. C. W. Martin) presided over a very large attendance of brethren and visitors. There were also present quite a number of brethren lately returned from the front. After routine business had been disposed of, the ceremonial work was proceeded with, when a candidate was raised to the sublime degree of M.M. The W.M. was responsible for the obligation, :W. Bro. Whitelaw delivered the Exhort. ; W. Bro. Ivory gave F.F. and raised the candidate; Bro. Key, S.W., explained the Signs ; W. Bro. Shand gave the T.H. ; Bro. Morton, S.D., presented the W.Ts. ; while the Final Charge was delivered by Bro. Read, J.W. Bro. Rev. Shirer presented the candidate with the V.S.L. on which he had taken his obligations. The Lodge closed at 10.15, when the usual adjournment was made.

The emergency meeting on the 20th August will live long in the memories of those who were present. The gathering took the form of a special "Military Night.," and there were present in uniform a large number of members of the Expeditionary Force and distinguished representatives of the home military forces who have done such excellent and unselfish service in the training of the fighting men. The Commandant of the Forces, Bro. Sir A. W. Robin, was among the military visitors. Most branches of the service were represented, including the Air Force. There, were in addition many other distinguished visitors, including M.W. Bro. H. J. Williams and R.W. Bro. J. W. Ellison. After routine business had been transacted the W.M. (Bro. C. W. Martin) invited R.W. Bro. Lieut.-Col. G. Barclay, P.G.W., to preside for the initiation, by military brethren, of a candidate who was an ex-member of the N.Z.E.F.; and other office-bearers also temporarily handled over their offices to other military brethren who had been selected for the occasion. The resulting ceremony was unique, interesting, and most enjoyable. The Officiating brethren were :— W.M., W. Bro. Col. Barclay; S.W., Bro. Col. Purdy; J.W. Bro. Capt. Brown; S.D., Bro. Capt. W. M. Bell; J.D., V.W. Bro. Col. Esson, I.G., Bro. Lieut. Ray ; S.S., Bro. Capt. Vine; J.S., Bro. Major Andrew. The charges were given as follows :— Ob., W. Bro. Col. Barclay ; Investiture, Bro. Col. Purdy; Apron Charge, V.W. Bro. Jones; N.E. Corner, Bro. Major McCristel; -Prep., Bro. Capt. Vine; W.Ts., Bro. N. Brown; Final Charge, Bro. Col. Purdy. The work throughout was of a very high standard indeed, and showed the thoroughness with which Freemasonry has been preserved among the N.Z.E.F. The gathering subsequently, at which the W.M. presided, was no less enjoyable. The Lodge in its arrangements did full justice to the occasion. The toast of the R.W. Prov.G.M. was proposed by W. Bro. J. P. Shand, P.M., and R.W. Bro. J. W. Ellison replied, referring in the course of his remarks to the uniqueness of the present gathering. Bro. Rev. W. Shirer, himself in uniform, proposed the health of the candidate in an interesting speech, and the newly-initiated Bro. C. Dickenson briefly and feelingly responded. "Military Brethren" was in the hands of W. Bro. H. Ivory, P.M., who did full justice to the toast, concluding his remarks by presenting W. Bro. Colonel Barclay with a miniature Union Jack. W. Bro. Colonel Barclay, the founder of the N.Z.E.F. Lodge, made an interesting reply, stating in the course of his remarks that the English G.L. had, at the request of the N.Z.E.F. Lodge, agreed to submit to it for

approval before their acceptance into English Lodges the names of all candidates from the Expeditionary Force ranks. It had been suggested that Canada and Australia should do the same, but this had not come about. Brief speeches were delivered by other military brethren present. The toast of "The Visitors " was in the charge of W. Bro. P. C. Watt, P.M. Musical and other items were rendered by Bro. H. Dunn, Bro. P. Latham, and military visitors. After the Tyler's toast, the singing of "Auld Lang Syne " brought a memorable evening to a conclusion.—[Lodge Correspondent.]

Waiwhetu, No. 176.— The monthly meeting was held at the Lower Hutt on 13th August. There was a good muster of members and visitors present, including the W.M. and officers of Lodge N.Z. Pacific. Correspondence was read, and one demit was granted. Two guineas were donated to an appeal. Notification from G.Sec. that By-law 15 as altered was approved, which means that the dues are now £2 10s. a year. Three candidates were proposed for initiation. The work was the initiation of one candidate. W. Bro. Harman obligated ; W. Bro. McLachlan communicated the Secrets; Bro. Carver, S.W., invested and gave the N.E. Charge; W. Bro. Tamblin gave the Apron Charge ; R.W. Bro. Peterkin presented the Warrant, B. of C., and By-laws; Bro. Purdy, J.W., gave the Charge after Initiation ; and W. Bro. Hobbs presented the W.Ts. The W.M. welcomed Bro. Captain McClure back from the front. A pleasant hour was spent in the refectory.— [Lodge Correspondent.]

Whetu Kairangi, No. 201.—The regular meeting of this popular seaside Lodge was held on 7th August. The W.M. (W. Bro. E. Morris, junr.) presided. Although the attendance of visiting brethren was not up to the usual standard, an enjoyable and instructive evening was spent. The Second Degree was conferred on two candidates, who were obligated by the W.M. ; the S., T., and W. were communicated by W. Bro. T. O. Fox, I.P.M. ; the Charge after Investiture was given by W. Bro. McLaren, of Lodge Leinster, and the address in the S.E. corner by Bro. Bennett, S.D. The explanation of the W.Ts. was rendered by Bro. G. F. Brown, J.W., and the Final Charge was allotted to Bro. T. Robertson, S.W. Among the visitors in the East were the following W. brethren :—D. C. Cameron (of Dunedin), Nordon (of Christchurch), and Wright (of Canada). After the Lodge was closed, an adjournment was made to the refectory, where a very pleasant hour was spent. W. Bro. Cameron, representative of the CRAFTSMAN, was not idle, and appeared to be taking full advantage of the golden opportunity by adding to the list of subscribers. During the evening an interesting little ceremony was performed, Bro. Mildenhall, our I.G., being the recipient of a handsome silver cake basket on the occasion of the twenty-fifth anniversary of his wedding.— [Lodge Correspondent.]

ROYAL ARCH CHAPTERS.

Timaru, No. 15.— The regular convocation was held on 16th July. The business was the acknowledgment of one brother. The ceremony, which went very smoothly indeed, was in the hands of E. Comp. A. McKenzie, H. He was assisted by Comp. J. W. Souter, who delivered the Lecture. Before closing in the E.M. Degree, Comp. W. M. Hindmarsh. V.E.Z., addressed the Lodge in the following terms : "We are, of course, aware that the Peace Treaty has been signed and ratified by Germany, and we also know that the terms of that treaty are just, and not one whit more drastic than they should be. By Royal command, peace celebrations are to be held throughout the British Empire, and Timaru is to do its part towards making history by holding two days' festivities. I consider it is right and proper that we as a nation should express our pride and happiness at the victorious conclusion of the long and terrible conflict, even if it were for the sake of the young people of the Empire only. The celebrations will impress them and help them in days to come to look back with loyalty and pride to the herculean feats accomplished by our soldiers, sailors, and statesmen, and to the noble and heroic work done by all classes of British men and women. Companions, most of us have made sacrifices and suffered bereavements, but we have at the present juncture a great many reasons for rejoicing, not the least of which are that the war has cemented the bonds of loyalty and affection between the Old Motherland and her children ; that it has shown us once more that we belong to a great, brave, and just nation : and that we are the subjects of a noble and most lovable King." At the conclusion of these appropriate remarks the brethren sang "God Save the King."— [Chapter Correspondent.] (The foregoing report did not reach us until the August CRAFTSMAN was in print. The last paragraph was excised as no longer applicable.—ED. C.]

Waimate, No. 16.— The 24th July saw the admission to the true light of two brethren. The opportunity was embraced for an exchange of fraternal working, Waitaki Kil. Chapter having accepted the invitation of our

1st Prin. to work the degree of the R.A. The various chairs were filled as follows: Z., V.E. Comp. C. A. La Roche; H., E. Comp. J. Crombie; J., E. Comp. W. Brown; 1st Soj., E. Comp. T. Herron; 2nd Soj., E. Comp. G. Puttick; 3rd Soj., E. Comp. P. Leddingham; D. of C., V.E. Comp. W. Miller. The Ob. was given by the V.E.Z.; the Signs and Explanations by R.E. Comp. Lane, G.Supt. of Otago; the Pedestal Altar Lecture by V.E. Comp. Cathcart; and the Final Address by V.E. Comp. W. Miller. A very interesting hour was afterwards spent in the refectory.

On 13th August the Chapter met for nomination and election of officers. The complete list will appear next issue, I hope.—[Chapter Correspondent.]

Wanganui, No. 23.—The monthly convocation was held on 7th August, V.E. Comp. F. Symes in the chair. After routine business the Chapter adjourned for the purpose of conferring the side degrees on ten companions present. A Council of Red Cross Knights was duly opened by Sir Knight G. W. Palmer, acting as President (in the absence of the President., Sir Knight G. S. Gordon, who was absent owing to sickness in his family), and was ably assisted by V.E. Comp. G. G. Bullock, Conductor throughout the three side degrees. On resuming in the R.A. the election of officers for the ensuing year was taken, and although several companions stood for the junior offices, no voting was necessary.—[Chapter Correspondent.]

Brooklyn, No. 24.—The regular convocation was held on 13th August, when V.E. Comp. S. Arcus, Z., presided. The ceremonial work consisted of advancing a candidate, over which E. Comp. A. Schmidt, 1st Prin.-elect, presided as W.M.M. The candidate was obligated by W. Bro. Arcus; S. T. and W., W. Bro. Burgess; W.Ts., W. Bro. Parsons; Investiture, W. Bro. Futter; Charge after I., W. Bro. Schmidt; and Final Charge, V.W. Bro. Russell. After closing the Chapter the refectory room was reached at 9.45, and justice done to the good things provided in E. Comp. Richardson's inimitable style.—[Chapter Correspondent.]

ORDER OF THE TEMPLE.

Preceptory of Otago.—The regular meeting was held at Freemasons' Hall, Moray Place, "Dunedin, on Tuesday, 30th July. There was a very full evening's work, six candidates being admitted as novices and knights. The Preceptor took occasion to extend a welcome to Frater Colonel Barclay, who was present, and who had recently returned from active service.

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

United Service, No. 10.—Founded 1864, meets in Freemasons' Hall, Princes St., Auckland, last Wednesday in month, 7.30 p.m. Installation June. W.M., Bro. M. Berry; S.W., Bro. A. C. Hallett; J.W., Bro. H. T. Garrett; Sec., Bro. W. Talby, P.M., 62 Wellesley St., Auckland.

Beta-Waikato, No. 12.—Founded 1865, meets Masonic Hall, Hamilton, Waikato, second Monday in each month, 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. W. Bongard, P.M.; S.W., Bro. H. Cordes; J.W., Bro. A. G. Durbin; Sec., Bro. R. E. Rudman.

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. R. H. Gibbons; S.W., Bro. W. M. Fyfe; J.W., Bro. H. McAdam; 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. C. L. Jewell; S.W., Bro. G. Bourne; J.W., Bro. D. G. Thornton; Sec., W. Bro. F. H. Housell, P.M., 68 Calliope Road, Devonport.

Te Aroha, No. 62.—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 Rd., Ponsonby, first Tuesday in month, 7.30 p.m. Installation first Tuesday in July. W.M., W. Bro. W. J. Stancombe; S.W., Bro. F. S. Shell; J.W., Bro. F. Bell-Booth; Sec., W. Bro. Chas. E. Dutton, P.M., 406 Queen St., Auckland.

Wairoa, No. 55.—Meets in Lodgeroom, Arthur St., Ellerslie, third Monday in month. Installation April. W.M., Bro. G. V. Westbrooke; S.W., Bro. A. C. Hill; J.W., Bro. G. P. S. Bracewell; Sec., W. Bro. J. W. Gosset, 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 Feb. W.M., W. Bro. A. A. Potter; S.W., Bro. W. H. Kirkpatrick; J.W., Bro. J. P. Hansen; Sec., W. Bro. H. A. Williams, P.G.S., P.O. Box 18, Kohukohu.

Abercorn, No. 76.—Founded 1886, meets Abercorn Hall, Ormond Rd., Gisborne, first Tuesday in month. Installation 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. J. T. Douce; S.W., Bro. G. H. Ollard; J.W., Bro. H. Vause; Sec., W. Bro. G. H. Wallace, Box 46, Cambridge.

Auckland, No. 87.—Founded 1893, meets in Masonic Hall, Eden Ter., fourth Tuesday each month. Installation May. W.M., W. Bro. A. N. McKelvey; S.W., Bro. F. J. Rea; J.W., Bro. T. Stanley, jun.; Sec., W. Bro. W. S. Williams, 12 Wynyard Rd., Mount Eden.

Waiuku, No. 90.—Founded 1893. Ohacaui, No. 101.—Meets Masonic Hall, Ohacaui, Saturday nearest full moon, 7.30 p.m. Installation Feb. W.M., Bro. R. S. Cleave; S.W., Bro. J. A. Cook; J.W., Bro. C. S. Foster; Sec., W. Bro. J. Mackereth, Kawa Kawa.

Whangarei, No. 102.—Meets in Freemasons' Hall, John St., Whangarei, Monday nearest full moon in each month. Installation April. W.M., Bro. W. H. Gillespie; S.W., Bro. A. L. Oakley; J.W., Bro. W. J. M. Dawson; Sec., Bro. A. D. Lambly, Kensington Rd., 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 Oct. W.M., Bro. F. Harris; S.W., Bro. R. T. Hill; J.W., Bro. G. A. Shaw; 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, Aratapu, Tuesday on or before full moon. Installation 29th Jan. W.M., Bro. J. H. McCarron; 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.

Rotorua, No. 133.—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. E. Reeve; Sec., Bro. W. Montgomery, P.O. Box 2, Whakarewarewa.

Piako, No. 160.—Founded 1908, meets Masonic Hall, Morrinsville, Wednesday on or after full moon, 7.30 p.m. Installation Mar. W.M., Bro. R. J. McCausland; S.W., Bro. F. A. Pickett; J.W., Bro. C. B. Sims; Sec., Bro. J. W. Clark.

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

Karioi, 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. Flyger; 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). Maungawhau, No. 168.—Founded 1909, meets Lodgeroom, Woodside Rd., Mt. Eden, third Thursday in month. Installation Nov. W.M., W. Bro. D. Smith; S.W., Bro. F. R. Trevithick; J.W., Bro. W. Stenson; Sec., W. Bro. D. B. Wallace, Masonic Club, Auckland.

Nau Mai, No. 177.—Founded 1910, meets Lodgeroom, Hakiha St., Taumarunui, 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, Taumarunui.

Marsden, No. 169 (Maungaturoto). Waitakeri, 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 63, Ngaruawahia.

Tirau, No. 193.—Founded 20th March, 1913; meets Masonic Hall, Tirau, Thursday nearest full moon. Installation March. W.M., Bro. A. J. Tong; S.W., Bro. R. G. Southby; J.W., Bro. R. Carruth; Sec., W. Bro. F. Shannon, Box 11, Tirau.

Whakatane, No. 108.—Founded 1914, meets Masonic Hall, Whakatane, Thursday on or before full moon, at 7.30 p.m. Installation Aug. W.M., Bro. J. Peebles; S.W., Bro. J. Franklin; J.W., Bro. A. Read; Sec., Bro. A. Jackson, Taneatua, Bay of Plenty.

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.

Tihrangi, 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., W. Bro. W. G. Fletcher; S.W., Bro. J. E. Morten; J.W., Bro. E. Ashby; Sec., W. Bro. R. J. Lusher, P.M., 2 Market Rd., Remuera.

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(R.W. Bro. R. S. Chadwick, Prov.G.M.)

Scinde, No. 5.—Founded 1858, meets Masonic Hall, Tennyson St., Napier, third Tuesday in month. Installation Wednesday following third Tuesday in June. W.M., Bro. A. J. Tarville; S.W., Bro. R. C. E. Harris; J.W., Bro. J. Merling; 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. H. Bates; S.W., Bro. H. Funke; J.W., Bro. H. Hill; Sec., Bro. J. Sinclair.

Bedford, No. 25.—Founded 1878, meets Masonic Hall, Waipukurau, first Wednesday in month, 7.30 p.m. Installation Apr. W.M., Bro. H. Hobson; S.W., Bro. G. F. Gay; J.W., Bro. J. H. Wilkins; Sec., Bro. John Warren, Wallace Road, 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. J. Milburn; S.W., Bro. E. E. Bott; J.W., Bro. W. V. Verran; Sec., Bro. S. W. Strang, P.O. Box 33, Waipawa.

Rawhiti, No. 66.—Founded 1890, meets Freemasons' Hall, High St., Dannevirke, third Thursday in month, 7.30 p.m. Installation May. W.M., Bro. W. Dobson; S.W., Bro. G. H. Harris; J.W., Bro. W. Beedie; Sec., Bro. C. T. Brown, P.O. Box 165, Dannevirke.

Heretaunga, No. 73.—Founded 1878, meets Masonic Hall, Hastings, second Tuesday in month, 7.30 p.m. Installation second Wednesday in July. W.M., Bro. E. W. Jones; S.W., Bro. W. R. Wright; J.W., Bro. J. R. Foot; Sec., Bro. T. Morgan, J.G.W., 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. J. Elder; S.W., Bro. R. A. Offwood; J.W., Bro. Rev. R. Gardner; 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. L. Wright; S.W., Bro. W. Chadwick; J.W., Bro. W. Gunning; Sec., W. Bro. D. Wilson, Box 12, Ormondville.

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

Ruataniwha, No. 172.—Founded 1910, meets Masonic Hall, Takapau, Friday on or before full moon, 7 p.m. Installation third Wednesday in August. W.M., Bro. J. W. Watkins; S.W., Bro. W. Hobson; J.W., Bro. R. B. May; Sec., Bro. E. Johnson, P.M., Takapau.