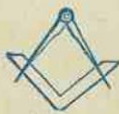


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AUCKLAND.

TUESDAY, 1st
 Ponsonby
 Papakura
 Abercorn
 Hobson
 Rotorua
 Waipu
 Maniapoto
 WEDNESDAY, 2nd
 Manukau
 Mangonui
 Ohinemuri
 Taupiri
 Piako
 Plunket
 Nau Mai
 THURSDAY, 3rd
 Te Aroha
 Alpha
 Tirau
 FRIDAY, 4th
 Hokianga
 Waipua
 SATURDAY, 5th
 Okarua
 MONDAY, 7th
 Waihi
 Te Marama
 TUESDAY, 8th
 Tawhiri
 Tūrangī
 WEDNESDAY, 9th
 *Ara (No. 1)
 THURSDAY, 10th
 *Albion
 MONDAY, 14th
 Franklin
 TUESDAY, 15th
 St. Andrew
 Sir Walter Scott
 THURSDAY, 17th
 Maungawhau
 MONDAY, 21st
 Wairoa
 TUESDAY, 22nd
 Auckland
 THURSDAY, 24th
 *Beta-Waikato
 Tauranga
 *Ara (I.C.)
 FRIDAY, 25th
 Whakatane
 MONDAY, 28th
 Whangarei
 WEDNESDAY, 30th
 *United Service

HAWKES BAY.

TUESDAY, 1st
 Waikaremoana
 WEDNESDAY, 2nd
 *Victoria
 Bedford
 MONDAY, 7th
 Lion
 TUESDAY, 8th
 Herekaunga
 WEDNESDAY, 16th
 *Seinde
 THURSDAY, 17th
 Rawhiti
 MONDAY, 21st
 Abercorn
 WEDNESDAY, 23rd
 Ruahine
 FRIDAY, 25th
 Ruataniwha

TARANAKI.

TUESDAY, 1st
 Hawera
 Ikaroa
 WEDNESDAY, 9th
 Patea Kil.
 FRIDAY, 11th
 Moa
 TUESDAY, 15th
 St. John's
 WEDNESDAY, 16th
 Stratford
 WEDNESDAY, 23rd
 Ngamotu
 MONDAY, 28th
 Kaponga

RUAPEHU.

TUESDAY, 1st
 Rangitikei
 Otahape
 Ngauruhoe
 WEDNESDAY, 2nd
 Otanaki
 THURSDAY, 3rd
 Kimbolton
 Hui
 MONDAY, 7th
 Waimarino

RUAPEHU—Cont.

TUESDAY, 8th
 Te Awahou
 THURSDAY, 10th
 Manawatu Kil.
 St. Andrew Kil.
 MONDAY, 14th
 Feilding
 WEDNESDAY, 23rd
 Rongotea
 THURSDAY, 24th
 Mouton
 FRIDAY, 25th
 Rangitira
 MONDAY, 28th
 *Manga-te-weka

WELLINGTON.

TUESDAY, 1st
 Puketot
 Installed Masters
 WEDNESDAY, 2nd
 Leinster
 Brooklyn
 Waihanga
 THURSDAY, 3rd
 Taranaki
 Horowhenua
 Tutaneke
 MONDAY, 7th
 Leinster
 TUESDAY, 8th
 St. Mark
 Otari
 WEDNESDAY, 9th
 Masterton
 Waiwhetu
 THURSDAY, 10th
 Hinemoa
 FRIDAY, 11th
 Eketahuna
 SATURDAY, 12th
 Whetu Kairangi
 MONDAY, 14th
 Waterloo
 St. John
 WEDNESDAY, 16th
 *Ulster
 MONDAY, 21st
 St. Andrew
 TUESDAY, 22nd
 Mokola
 THURSDAY, 24th
 *Greytown
 FRIDAY, 25th
 N.Z. Pacific
 SATURDAY, 26th
 Coronation

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WEDNESDAY, 2nd
 Motueka
 SATURDAY, 5th
 St. Cuthbert's
 THURSDAY, 10th
 Victory
 Unanimity
 WEDNESDAY, 16th
 Forest
 FRIDAY, 25th
 Havelock
 Waitohi
 TUESDAY, 29th
 *Wairau

WESTLAND.

TUESDAY, 1st
 Kumara
 WEDNESDAY, 2nd
 Westland Kil.
 Aorangi
 Rungata
 THURSDAY, 3rd
 Advance
 SATURDAY, 5th
 Mokihinui
 THURSDAY, 10th
 Mawhera
 MONDAY, 14th
 Kawatiri-Westport
 THURSDAY, 17th
 Robert Burns
 SATURDAY, 19th
 Torea
 MONDAY, 28th
 *Waro

CANTERBURY.

TUESDAY, 1st
 Unanimity
 Progress
 Lincoln
 Civic
 Acacia
 Elrene
 Tawera
 WEDNESDAY, 2nd
 Rakala
 Methven
 St. Augustine (99)

CANTERBURY—Cont.

THURSDAY, 3rd
 Southern Cross
 Mackenzie
 Avon
 MONDAY, 7th
 *Caledonian
 TUESDAY, 8th
 St. Augustine (4)
 WEDNESDAY, 9th
 St. George
 THURSDAY, 10th
 Ashley
 Waihora
 FRIDAY, 11th
 Phoenix
 TUESDAY, 15th
 Robert Burns
 WEDNESDAY, 16th
 Geraldine
 Thistle
 THURSDAY, 17th
 Canterbury Kil.
 FRIDAY, 18th
 Mairaki
 MONDAY, 21st
 Timaru
 TUESDAY, 22nd
 Christchurch
 Koranga
 WEDNESDAY, 23rd
 Concord
 THURSDAY, 24th
 Kaikoura
 Ahurera
 Ionic
 FRIDAY, 25th
 Erewhon

OTAGO.

TUESDAY, 1st
 Dunstan
 Otago
 WEDNESDAY, 2nd
 Hercules
 Cromwell Kil.
 Mount Ida
 THURSDAY, 3rd
 St. Bathans
 Otago Kil.
 Clinton
 FRIDAY, 4th
 Manuhirikia Kil.
 SATURDAY, 5th
 Teviot
 MONDAY, 7th
 Ngapara
 Maori
 WEDNESDAY, 9th
 Otago
 Waitaki
 THURSDAY, 10th
 St. John
 MONDAY, 14th
 Clutha
 Ionic
 WEDNESDAY, 16th
 Oamaru Kil.
 Oceanic
 MONDAY, 21st
 Haeremai
 TUESDAY, 22nd
 Wiram
 WEDNESDAY, 23rd
 St. Thomas Kil.
 THURSDAY, 24th
 Kurov
 FRIDAY, 25th
 Palmerston

SOUTHLAND.

TUESDAY, 1st
 Aparima
 Winton
 WEDNESDAY, 2nd
 Harvey
 Tutanere
 FRIDAY, 4th
 *Southern Cross
 Wairaki
 MONDAY, 7th
 Mataura
 *Waikaka
 WEDNESDAY, 9th
 *Fortitude
 THURSDAY, 10th
 Orepuki
 FRIDAY, 11th
 *Victoria
 TUESDAY, 15th
 Lake of Ophir
 THURSDAY, 17th
 Mokoreta
 FRIDAY, 18th
 St. John
 Wallace
 MONDAY, 21st
 Waihona
 MONDAY, 28th
 Taringatua
 Arrow Kil.

*Installation Meetings.

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1920 is Leap Year.

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THE TWENTY-FIFTH ANNIVERSARY OF "THE NEW ZEALAND CRAFTSMAN."

IN the eyes of youth a quarter of it century is an age to contemplate, to their elders the retrospection passes in quick review. Yet how many changes occur within this period. In the early part of 1895 two brethren discussed, almost in fear and trembling, the feasibility of establishing a Masonic publication in the City of Wellington likely to be of a lasting character. Doubts were warranted from the fact that all previous attempts—and there had been many—had ended in failure. All the cities had in turn essayed the task and failed pecuniarily. After consultation with other brethren, it was decided to form a limited liability company, and the NEW

ZEALAND CRAFTSMAN of the present series was the outcome. Of the original directors only one survives, and of the two promoters, the name of one—Bro. E. T. Gillon—who played so prominent a part in early Masonic history, is almost unknown to the brethren of this generation. So much for fame! Like many other institutions, the New Zealand Masonic Newspaper Co. has suffered divers vicissitudes of fortune, and to the pessimists it appeared as if doomed to suffer the fate of its sundry predecessors, but indefatigable executive administration in every instance saved the situation, and the many storms were weathered. Not the least of these was the great war, which shook the world to its foundations and shattered many industries. And the

recovery is not yet; indeed, to the newspaper world the outlook is becoming more serious, and not a few well-known journals have succumbed to the stress of the times. The cost of production becomes greater, and it is impossible to foresee the ultimate result. Though the newspaper press has increased its subscriptions by 100 per cent., the CRAFTSMAN has hitherto stood almost alone in maintaining its original tariff. The company has been especially hard hit recently owing to the increased rates in the printers' award, the heavy additional cost of the travelling representative, and an increased staff necessitated by larger circulation. Whether this will demand any increase in subscriptions will depend upon the balance-sheet, which is due during the present month. Up to May, 1919, the financial position of the company has been satisfactory, especially to share-holders. But the directors view the future with no little anxiety. With regard to the literary work, it is not meet that we should expatiate. It has always been our desire to uplift Freemasonry and promote its welfare in every possible way. We have not hesitated to express our opinions in courteous terms, even though knowing they would not meet with general acceptance. And the ultimate verdict has invariably been satisfactory. The N.Z. CRAFTSMAN stands alone throughout Australasia for the duration of its existence, and is quite singular in two other respects. Firstly that it has never missed publication on the first of every month for the whole twenty-five years of its existence. Secondly, the same head and hand has controlled the destinies of the company and the journal throughout the whole of that long period. Finally, this article would be incomplete did we not record our appreciation and thanks to all those who have contributed to fostering the growth and promoting the welfare of the NEW ZEALAND CRAFTSMAN.—[Since the foregoing was written the directors have decided to increase subscriptions by ls. per annum.]

THE GRAND LODGE OF NEW ZEALAND IN ANNUAL SESSION.

The thirty-first communication of this G.L. cannot by any stretch of imagination be regarded as one of its greatest successes, seeing that one-half of the jurisdiction was disfranchised through no fault of the representatives of North Island Lodges. When a similar contretemps occurred last year, from the same cause—industrial troubles—this journal suggested that some action should be taken to minimise, as far as possible, the result of similar trouble in the future. Of course, the scoffer was abroad, and one sapient opinion was expressed that a repetition affecting G.L. in the same manner could not take place in twenty years. Yet twelve months later we have a repetition in a worse form. Those who affect to despise the ramifications of industrial unions have not made themselves *au courant* with the burning questions of the day. It is an axiom of constitutional bodies that there shall be no taxation without representation. Yet for the past two years that condition has not been fulfilled so far as the North Island of New Zealand is concerned. And the South Island may at any time be placed in a precisely similar position. Thus, if the unity of the G.L. of New Zealand is to be maintained, some provision must be made to cope with what will always be at least a menace. The first step should be to enact what shall in future constitute a quorum of G.L., which should not be less than 40 per cent. of representatives from each island. Secondly, to make proper provision for adjournment, either from day to day or for a specific time according to the surrounding circumstances which may dominate the situation. Had a postponement of only one-half a day been made in Christchurch last year a full G.L. could have been constituted, and three days would have been sufficient in Invercargill. Objection will no doubt be taken on the score of the expense of postponement and the disturbance of local arrangements. But in future the business of G.L. must be pre-eminent, and it may be taken for granted that if the rights of Lodges and their representatives are not safeguarded in that future, a very much more serious question will ultimately have to be considered. Times are rapidly changing, both for institutions and individuals, and Freemasonry cannot long remain immune. Either it must bow to the gale or be broken in the storm. With regard to business discussed, unwittingly, perhaps, adopted what many politicians consider a most vicious practice in constitutional government, viz., the referendum. Two questions were remitted to Lodges : (1) The division of the Auckland District ; (2) the changing of the month for holding the annual communication. With all submission, we think both referendums are a mistake, and will be followed by that chaos and uncertainty which usually accompany this modern form of government by the transfer of responsibility. The first remit is too involved, and we understand that in the North exception is taken to the proposed divisional boundaries and also as to the wisdom of constituting separate districts, it being held that the appointment of Dep.Prov.G.Ms. would meet the case. But it is not at all clear that this opposition obtains in other parts of the district, so that a confused vote taken by referendum may further complicate the position. It would have been far better to have postponed consideration until next session, when an enlightened vote could have been given as the result of hearing arguments adduced. With regard to the change of month for holding the annual meeting, there again Lodges, to a large extent, will have to vote blind, and each will naturally give its

adhesion for that period which is presumed to best suit local environment. As a matter of fact, the question should be decided on the basis of the greatest good to the greatest number, plus the convenience and the smallest dislocation in the administrative department of G.L. To enable an intelligent vote to be given, an all-round discussion must be taken, which can only be in G.L. Hence the apparent desire to shift the responsibility on to the shoulders of a referendum did not evince that amount of perspicacity which we expect to find in the deliberations of the G.L. of New Zealand. The position of the Annuity Fund induced some discussion, and the opinion of the new G.Reg. should give the quietus to some pre-conceived ideas. V.W. Bro. Hay, G.Reg., moved : "That in administering the fund the annual expenditure in charity should not necessarily be limited to actual income raised." Bro. Hay further stated that the principle must be recognised that the needs of each year must be satisfied, even if it did involve trenching on the capital fund. We have always advocated the conservation of the capital of the fund up to a certain point, but we think that point is reached when there is a suspicion of a desire to hoard and enlarge the fund for the purpose of gratulation and the special benefit of posterity. It is always very nice to refer to the large accumulated fund, and such reference invariably invokes thunders of applause, but it is infinitely more charitable to be able to quote the good the fund has done, even if it has had to suffer depletion in the process. With regard to two proposals to increase the fund in a short time, one being to augment it by £100,000 in twelve months, and the other (which was carried) to add £10,000 within the same period, they both sacrificed practicality to optimism, and we have a shrewd idea that G.L. accepted the second proposal to shelve the question for the time being. The next annual meeting is to be held in Auckland in 1921, when several of the matters submitted in Invercargill will have to be determined.

THE VISIT OF THE PRINCE OF WALES.

Should the Prince of Wales desire to report the result of his visit to New Zealand, he could not do better than follow the example of Julius Caesar, who, in transmitting an account of his victory over Pharnaces, at Zela, in Asia -Minor, wrote the memorable words, " Veni, Vide, Vici" (" I came, I saw, I conquered "). The brevity of the report would fitly compare with the duration of the visit. There can be no gainsaying the fact that the Prince thoroughly captured the hearts of the people.. The manner in which they turned out *en masse*, and the exhilaration of their reception, was a striking testimony of their loyalty and a tribute to the many pleasing attributes manifested by the Prince. The one defect of the tour, apart from its brevity, arose from the fact that no opportunity was afforded him of meeting his Masonic brethren of the Dominion in open Lodge convened. Had such provision been made it would have resulted in the largest assembly of Freemasons ever assembled in the Dominion of New Zealand. We are assured it would have been quite compatible with the wishes of our brother, as he would have been assured of a dignified reception, which should have proved quite a relief from the over-boisterous nature of the greeting he received from a section of men in the Capital City, together with the rude confetti-throwing by a number of irrepressible and excited females. The Craft had to be contented with the presentation of an address, but even then a stipulation was made by the Minister in charge of the tour that no speech would be allowed. It will always be a matter of the deepest regret to the Freemasons of New Zealand that they have lost an opportunity which will never recur of foregathering with a brother who, if he lives, will at some future time occupy the position of G.M. of English Freemasonry.

MASONIC ADDRESS PRESENTED TO HIS ROYAL HIGHNESS THE PRINCE OF WALES BY THE. G.L. OF NEW ZEALAND.

A very handsome scroll address was presented at Dunedin by M.W Bro. T. Ross, G.I.L, and M.W. Bro. Malcolm Niccol, G.Sec., on Tuesday, 18th May. By special request of the Minister in charge of the Prince's tour, only a few words, accompanied the presentation. The address is very artistically designed on vellum. At the head is shown the all-seeing eye enclosed in the square-1 and compasses. The pillars at each side are entwined with lilies and pomegranate in their natural colouring, with richly-ornamented background; while Masonic emblems are neatly displayed in the borders. The New Zealand coat of arms is depicted at the foot of the scroll, the title and text are engrossed in pleasing colours, and the address is backed and edged with white silk and mounted on highly-polished honeysuckle rollers, with decorative silver mounts. The whole design is emblematic of the Craft, and has been executed with rare perfection and fidelity by Bro. G. Watts, of the firm of J. Wilkie and Co., Dunedin. The text is as under :—

"His Royal Highness Edward Albert Christian George Andrew Patrick David, PRINCE OF WALES, Earl of Chester in the Peerage of the United Kingdom, Duke of Cornwall in the Peerage of England, Duke of Rothesay, Earl of Carrick and Baron of Renfrew in the Peerage of Scotland, Lord of the Isles and Great Steward of Scotland, K.G., G.M.M.G., M.C., etc., etc.

"May it please Your Royal Highness :

"On behalf of the G.L. of Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons of New Zealand, we tender to you fraternal greetings and most cordial welcome to this Dominion, which is proud to be portion of the Empire over which your Royal Father reigns. As a member of our world-wide fraternity, we regard Your Royal Highness with the warmest feelings of friendship and esteem, whilst loyalty, fidelity and respect for authority ever characterized our institution. May T.G.A.O.T.U. preserve you in health and safety while you are journeying in our land, and may your brief stay amongst us prove pleasant and profitable.

"Given under our hand and Seal of G:L. at Dunedin, this 3rd day of May, 1920.

"THOMAS ROSS, G.M.

"M. NICCOL, G.Sec. "

News and Notes.

THE PRO-G.M. of England, M.W. Bro. Lord Ampthill, recently consecrated the Overseas Lodge at the Freemasons' Hall, London, and installed the officers. Notwithstanding he was suffering from a sprained ankle, he performed the whole ceremony of installation, including the delivery of the three concluding addresses.

THE seventy-eighth annual festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution of English Freemasonry was held in February last, when it was announced that the magnificent amount of £123,480 10s. 10d. had been contributed for the year. This fund is especially devoted to the relief of aged and distressed Masons and widows of deceased brethren.

THE annual convocation of the G. Chapter of Nevada was held in June, 1919. There was the usual report on foreign G. Chapters, including the New Zealand convocation held in Nelson on 31st January, 1918. The proceedings reached us on 20th April, 1920, two years and three months after the meeting reviewed was held.

THE " Masonic Sun " (Canada) in its February issue states that the War Benevolent Fund of the G.L. of New Zealand is 12,000 dollars, and its number of Lodges is 205. On 31st March, 1919, the balance credit of this fund was £13,342 12s. 2d. The excess of receipts over expenditure for the present year is £804 15s. 10d., which gives a total capital fund of £14,147 8s. (pounds, not dollars). The number of Lodges is now 216.

THE new Prov.G.M. of the Wellington Masonic District, R.W. Bro. G. Russell, paid his first official visit, to Eketahuna Lodge on the 13th ult., where he conducted the ceremony of installation. He also attended the May meeting of Lodge St. Andrew, Wellington.

THE M.W.G.M., Bro. T. Ross, purposes at some time in the future delivering a lecture at the Installed Masters' Lodge of Wellington, which will be illustrated with lantern slides.

A PETITION has been forwarded to the M.W.G.M., praying for the granting of a charter to open a new Lodge in the borough of Eastbourne, Wellington. The first W.M. will be W. Bro. P. Levi, a well-skilled brother and a lover of the whole Craft.

THE amount contributed at the Waitohi installation meeting (Picton) was £4 2s.

THE G.L. of New South Wales proposes to celebrate the centenary of Australian Freemasonry by the establishment of Australian Cottage Homes exclusively for the maintenance and education of orphan children of deceased Masons.

LODGE ST. ANDREW, Wellington, has decided to increase initiation fees to fifteen guineas, also that not more than eight candidates shall be admitted in any one year, and only one degree shall be worked each night.

A CONCLAVE of the Order of Secret Monitor has been opened in Christchurch, but only returned soldiers have so far been admitted as members.

IT is proposed to open a Preceptory of Knights Templar in Christchurch in the near future. The only one at present existing in the Dominion is located in Dunedin.

SOUTHLAND NOTES.

It has been the pleasing duty of your correspondent to record year after year the improvements made to the Lodgeroom at Waihopai. At each annual meeting some brother or brethren comes to light with a handsome gift to the Lodge. This year has proved no exception, and R.W. Bro. Haggitt, in making the presentation on behalf of Bro. S. K. Smith of a very fine pair of pillars, mentioned many of the gifts previously made. The pillars are on similar lines to those in the Freemasons' Hall, Auckland, and are very suitable in design and size for Lodge Waihopai. To Bro. Smith the thanks of the Lodge are heartily accorded for his gift, and the spirit of devotion to the Craft in general, and to his own Lodge in particular, which prompted his thoughtfulness.

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The installation meeting at Lodge Waihopai was followed by a social evening and dance, which was well enjoyed by a large number of brethren, wives, sisters and lady friends. During the proceedings R.W. Bro. Haggitt delivered a very fine address of welcome to the ladies, which was responded to by R.W. Bro. Wm. Smith, who on this occasion was regarded as a lady. Nuff sed !

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Installation meetings are now the order of the day. On 21st May, Bro. R. Hyslop was installed as W.M. of Lodge St. John, and on Friday, 4th June, Bro. H. J. Farrant will be placed similarly in Lodge Southern Cross. The installation meeting at Lodge Fortitude follows a few days later.

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Lodge Southern Cross held a " ladies' evening " on 7th May, which was very successful. After the general business of the Lodge, ladies were admitted. R.W. Bro. Wm. Smith delivered an interesting address. An adjournment was made to the refectory and a toast list honoured, with vocal and other musical items, after which the floor was cleared, and dancing till midnight concluded a very happy function.

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The veteran Sec. of Lodge Fortitude, W. Bro. E. Parker, is again on his feet after a somewhat serious illness. Bro. Parker was very disappointed at being unable to attend G.L. communication. His many friends will be pleased to hear of his recovery.

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Lodge Fortitude installation meeting takes place in June. At the last regular meeting W. Bro. R. C. Skipage, I.P.M., was farewelled. He has had a very pleasant year of office, and is commended to the kind care of his brethren in Lyttelton.

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G.L. COMMUNICATION.

Preparations for the communication entailed a lot of labour on the part of the several committees set up from the Southland Lodges.

The Accommodation Committee had a particularly strenuous time, Invercargill being a very poorly provided town so far as hotel accommodation is concerned. Consequently an appeal was made to citizens, and it was indeed gratifying to acknowledge the response to this appeal. To every application the committee was able to do justice.

A few brethren who had asked to be put up at the Grand or Club Hotels failed to understand why they were located elsewhere, but when it was explained that these two hotels offered only twenty-four beds between them, it was easily understood why over 170 could not be placed therein.

The private housing of guests was very successful, and the secretary of the committee was more than pleased to hear hosts singing praises of their guests, and guests doing likewise of their hosts.

The railway strike affected the attendance considerably. Over 100 brethren failed to appear, and of this number only forty-seven notified that they were not coming down, the consequence being that in many cases hosts and hostesses were sitting up late with huge fires, warm suppers, etc., awaiting guests who failed to materialise.

The business of G.L. was completed about 3 p.m. on Monday, after which a mutual conference of members of Boards of Enquiry was held.

The installation ceremony on Monday evening was largely attended. To many brethren it was all quite new and very impressive, due in great measure to the dignified manner of the Directors of Ceremonies.

An oyster banquet followed. This was held in the refectory of the Freemasons' Hall, which is generally supposed to be crowded with 150 at an ordinary installation meeting. However, on this occasion Bro. Jno. Kingsland, who was given a more or less free hand, arranged seating for 324 guests. The sight of 324 large dinner plates of oysters on shell will never be forgotten by those who were fortunate enough to see it before the guests' arrival. Oysters were thereafter served in four different ways. Somewhere between six and seven thousand Stewart Islanders were safely lodged within the inner Mason.—[No wonder some northern brethren returned home in indifferent health.—ED.C.]

An overflow meeting was held in the adjoining hall, where 120 brethren were thoroughly catered for, though somewhat less formally than in the refectory. The writer of these notes was at the "overflow," and has no knowledge of what occurred, "inside," but he is quite satisfied with the versatility of W. Bros. W. Robison, F. Bonifant, N. J. Brokenshire and Bro. E. Lyon in the arranging of an impromptu programme, and seeing to the comfort generally of the brethren placed suddenly under their care. It is agreed on all hands that the overflow meeting was one of the most enjoyable Masonic gatherings ever held in Invercargill.

On Tuesday night a social and dance was held in Victoria Hall. This function was a great success, the scene being quite a brilliant one. Musical items and dances, cards, social chat, etc., were the means of intermingling the ladies with the brethren, and at a comparatively early hour all were one happy family.

Great credit is due to R.W. Bro. F. A. Steens (chairman) and Bro. E. Lyon for the excellent arranging of the entertainment; to M.W. Bro. M. Thompson (chairman) and Bro. H. J. Farrant (secretary) for their arduous attention to accommodation matters; to R.W. Bros. T. M. Rankin, A. le H. Boyles and their assistants for minute attention to details in connection with the ceremonial and musical portions; and to Bros. F. A. Webb and R. S. Cutfield for thorough general secretaryship.

The communication was a success from every point of view, except that of the unfortunate circumstance which prevented the attendance of so many northern brethren—and the weather.

MARLBOROUGH NOTES.

Both Blenheim Lodges have decided to raise their initiation fees—Wairau Lodge to eight guineas and Lodge Unanimity, to ten.

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The proposal to hold a "ladies' night" has been very warmly supported by the brethren of Lodge Unanimity. The entertainment will take place on the evening of the King's Birthday (3rd June).

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Advantage was taken of the presence of H.M.S. "Renown" in Picton on 10th May to invite the brethren from the battle cruiser to an informal meeting at Lodge Waitohi. Word was sent to Blenheim, and at short notice ten brethren, including the Dep.Prov.G.M. (W. Bro. R. P. Furness) and the W.Ms. of both Lodges (W. Bros. T. E. Cleator and W. M. Lambie) motored to Picton in order to be present. Only about fourteen of the "Renown" brethren were able to attend, but these were made very welcome. A Lodge of Instruction was held, the W.M. (W. Bro. E. J. Hazelwood) presiding. The W.M., R.W. Bro. W. W. de Castro, P.P.G.M., and the Dep.Prov.G.M. extended hearty greetings to the visiting brethren, and an adjournment was then made to the refectory, where a very pleasant time was spent. The "Renown" brethren contributed most of the vocal items, and one brother gave two most acceptable cornet solos. The W.M. expressed the pleasure which he and his officers and brethren felt at being able to welcome the visitors, and each brother spoke a few words in reply, appreciative of the hospitality extended to them by the members of Waitohi.

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Bro. T. Myles, S.W. of Lodge Waitohi, has missed the last two installation ceremonies through accidents. Last year he was in hospital recovering from the effects of a spill from a motor cycle, and this year somebody left a chisel where he couldn't help stepping upon it, and a lacerated foot was the result. Bro. Myles talks of staying in bed for a week or two prior to the next installation meeting, so as to be out of harm's way!

NOTICE TO SUBSCRIBERS TO THE " NEW ZEALAND CRAFTSMAN."

Notice is hereby given that from the 1st June inst. the rates of subscription to the N.Z. CRAFTSMAN will be increased by one shilling per annum, and will in future be 8s. 6d. paid in advance and 11s. booked. The directors of the Masonic Newspaper Co. regret that the increased cost of production has necessitated this step, but would point out the smallness of the increase, which is only ONE PENNY per month.

THE MALLET.

Perhaps no appliance or symbol is possessed of such deep and absorbing interest to the Craft as the Master's mallet, or gavel. Its name is derived from its shape, which is that of the gable, or gavel, end of a house. It comes from the German "giebel," or gipfel," gable or peak. Mackey says that its true force is that of the stone-mason's hammer, having a cutting edge, that it may be used to break off the corners of rough stones. No Masonic emblem can lay claim to an antiquity so remote. So early as the year 1462 its use as a Masonic symbol was clearly recognised ; it was also used as a religious symbol in the Middle Ages, and was made use of to establish proprietary rights over land and water. This was done by throwing the mallet at full swing, and all ground traversed was immediately acknowledged as the possession of the persons casting the hammer.

In very early stages the mallet was used as a signal, by which Gothic Courts were convened. When the judge ordered a tribunal to assemble, a mallet was carried round, and the people, seeing the emblem of judicial authority, instantly repaired to the appointed place. Grimm informs us that the hammer stroke with which the auctioneer concludes a sale is derived from this custom. In northern mythology Thor, the strongest of the Norse gods, was always represented with a mallet called Miolner, which possessed most wonderful properties and virtues. When belted with the moginjardir, or girdle of prowess, and armed with his hammer, the god was irresistible.

It will thus be seen that as an emblem of authority the mallet has been handed down through successive ages to our own day, and when, in the hands of a Master of a Masonic Lodge, it sounds the decision of any question, the blow is merely the re-echo of a power which has been current for centuries.

At the installation of the Master of a Lodge, he is presented with this implement of labour, and informed that it is an emblem of power and the outward symbol of his authority over the Lodge; and of the tenure by which he holds his office. Without it, he is impotent to rule and govern the assembled brethren. When it is wielded with skill, the Freemason within hearing of its knock at once bows with alacrity to the emblem of might. The Lodge is convened by its blow, which signifies that the Master has assumed the duties of his office, and calls to order and submission and as, when Thor lost his mallet, a portion of his divine strength was gone, so, when the Master lays his gavel aside, his authority is at an end.—" Masonic Voice Review,"

GRAND LODGE OF NEW ZEALAND.

ANNUAL COMMUNICATION.

PROCEEDINGS AT INVERCARGILL.

The attendance at the annual communication of the G.L. of New Zealand, held at the Victoria Hall, Invercargill, on 3rd May, suffered very materially through the strike in the railway service, which started in the North Island soon enough to prevent northern brethren, with the exception of several brethren from the Far North—from setting out for Southland, while the position in the South Island on the eve of the communication was such that large numbers of chosen representatives of Lodges stayed at home rather than risk being detained in Invercargill under siege conditions in case the southern railwaymen should join in the strike. Consequently much less than the usual number of brethren were present when G.L. opened. M.W. Bro. Maurice Thompson, P.G.M. occupied the throne, and the only other P.G.M. present was M.W. Bro. Niccol, G.Sec. R.W. Bro. J. W. Ellison, Prov.G.M. filled the chair of S.G.W., and R.W. Bro. E. A. Smith, P.G.W., that of J.G.W.

LETTER FROM RETIRING G.M.

After the formal opening of the proceedings, a communication was read from M.W. Bro. Mr. Justice Herdman, the retiring G.M., in which he expressed deep regret that the exigencies of public duty prevented him from taking part in the communication, and placed on record his thanks to the brethren for the cordial help given him during his term of office. M.W. Bro. Herdman stated that he would continue to watch with profound interest the growth of the Craft, upon the lofty purposes of which he enlarged at some length. Referring sympathetically to the death of M.W. Bro. Lord Plunket, M.W. Bro. Herdman said that had Bro. Lord Plunket lived he would, as representative of New Zealand near the G.L. of England, have acted as ambassador in steps which it was proposed to take to bring about, without friction or embarrassment, a fusion between E.C. Lodges in New Zealand and our own G.L. Proceeding, the writer said he held very strongly that there should be only one G.L. exercising jurisdiction in New Zealand, and there should be no Craft Lodges except those which owed allegiance to the G.L. of New Zealand. Speaking generally, the G.L. of New Zealand and Masons throughout New Zealand were on the friendliest footing with the members of the English, Scotch and Irish Lodges, but it must be plain to every brother that in the interests of the Craft union was desirable. At present the Masonic forces in New Zealand were disunited, and so energy was wasted and usefulness was impaired. But the day would certainly come when every Craft Lodge in the territory would come under the dominion of the G.L. of New Zealand. On one other matter, continued M.W. Bro. Herdman, he had formed a decided opinion. The removal of the G.L. office and staff and records from one centre to another at the end of every two years was inconvenient, wasteful and farcical. During the infancy of G.L., when it was struggling to make its way in the face of violent opposition, it may have been desirable that the G. Sec. should, in addition to transacting the ordinary business of G.L. in one of the principal centres, play the part of a missionary, but that time had gone by. "Hold your annual communication where you please," proceeded the writer ; "elect whom you please to be the business managers of your institutions; but, pray, do what other business institutions do—establish your place of business in one centre, and keep it there." M.W. Bro. Herdman also made hearty acknowledgment of the assistance given to the retiring G.M. by M.W. Bro. Niccol, G.Sec., and a warm eulogy of that M.W. brother's ability, and tact, great Masonic experience, kindness of disposition and invariable courtesy, qualities which proved him to be a Mason *par excellence*. That M.W. Bro. Niccol was soon to retire from the office he had filled with such credit and distinction meant that the Craft would sustain a heavy loss. His splendid example would no doubt be an inspiration to his successor, and into retirement our M.W. brother would carry the genuine personal regard and good wishes of thousands of Masons scattered throughout New Zealand. Concluding, M.W. Bro. Herdman said he would always remember with satisfaction and pride that had been his privilege to be the ruler of the G.L. for two years, and he would never forget the kindness and consideration of the brethren. Although out of office, he would continue to interest himself actively in the work of the Craft, and should his help be of any use in the days to come, it would be willingly undertaken and faithfully executed.

ELECTION OF G.M.

R.W. Bro. Thomas Ross, P.D.G.M., was unanimously elected G.M., on the motion of the M.W. Acting-G.M., seconded by M.W. Bro. Niccol.

OTHER ELECTIVE OFFICERS.

The scheme of distribution of office submitted by the B. of G.P. was as follows :—

OTAGO DISTRICT.—G. Chaplain, W. Bro. Rev. D. Calder; G. Treas., W. Bro. J. A P. Fredric; G.Reg., W. Bro. W. G. Hay ; Pres. of the B. of G.P., R.W. Bro. E. W. G. H. Watts; Pres. of the B. of B., R.W. Bro. J. J. Clark; G.D. of C., W. Bro. C. W. L. Lischner ; G.Ss., W. Bros. J. L. Davidson and G. B. Smith; Members of the B. of G.P., R.W. Bros. W. Jacobsen, J. Quayle, W. Bros. H. W. S. Hellyer, P. McCaskill and E. Lane; Members of the B. of B., W. Bros. E. T. Moller, A. E. Jenkins, W. Miller, G. G. Adess and J. Bissland.

AUCKLAND DISTRICT.—G.D. of C., W. Bro. J. S. Allan; S.G.D., W. Bro. J. S. Hope ; G.Supt. of W. W. Bro. W. J. Andrews; G.Purs., W. Bro. W. G. Allen; G.Ss. W. Bros. L. J. Matthews and A. M. Rust; Members of the B. of G.P., W. Bros. J. W. Webber and S. L. Spanhake; Members of the B. of B., W. Bros. C. Speight and C. M. Gummer.

CANTERBURY PROVINCE.—J.G.D., W. Bro. E. Nordon; G.B.B., W. Bro. R. W. S. Eastwood ; G.Sd.B., W. Bro. W. M. Duncan ; G.S., W. Bro. J. W. Roberts; Member of the B. of G.P., W. Bro. John Hurley; Member of the B. of B., W. Bro. Wm. Brown.

WELLINGTON DISTRICT.—S.G.D., W. Bm. A. A. George; G.Supt. of W., W. Bro. R. Wylie; G.S., W. Bro. A. D. McLeod ; Member of the B. of G.P., W. Bro. W. Quayle; Member of the B. of B., W. Bro. M. W. Thew.

SOUTHLAND DISTRICT—G. Chaplain. W. Bro. Rev. C. E. P. Webb ; G. Organist, W. Bro. P. B. Macdonald ; GS., W. Bro. J. J. Griffiths; Member of the B. of G.P., W. Bro. R. N. Todd; Member of the B. of B., W. Bro. C. H. Roberts.

RUAPEHU DISTRICT. — G.B.B., W. Bro. J. K. Hornblow ; G.Sd.B., W. Bro. A. J. Graham ; G.S., W. Bro. H. Mercer.; Member of the B. of G.P., W. Bro. J. E. Walker; Member of the B. of B., W. Bro. J. J. McDonald.

HAWKES BAY DISTRICT.—J.G.D., W. Bro. C. L. Thomas; G.S., W. Bro. J. Hobson : Member of the B. of G.P., W. Bro. T. Fothergill; Member of the B. of B., W. Bro. H. W. Whitton.

WEST COAST DISTRICT.—G.St.B., W. Bro. G. R. Harker ; G.S., W. Bro. W. H. Nicholas; Member of the B. of G.P., W. Bro. D. T. Gibbard; Member of the B. of B., W. Bro. J. T. Murphy.

NELSON AND MARLBOROUGH DISTRICT.—G.Purs., W. Bro. C. A. Eckford; G.S., W. Bro. W. C. Lucas; Member of the B. of G.P., W. Bro. W. G. Syder; Member of the B. of B., W. Bro. J. Williams.

TARANAKI DISTRICT.—G.St.B., W. Bro. J. McAllister; G.S., W. Bro. J. Phillips; Member of the B. of G.P., W. Bro. H. Priestley; Member of the B. of B., W. Bro. G. H. Buckeridge.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

The annual statement of accounts and balance-sheet showed that the cash balances of the several funds as at 31st March, 1920, were :—

	£	s.	d.
General Fund	6,066	9	3
W. and O. and A.M. Fund	37,794	15	1
Special War Benevolent Fund	14,147	8	0
Fund of Benevolence	3,379	9	3
Circular Appeal Funds	2,654	13	9
Representation Fund	851	9	10
Total	£64,894	5	2

The total funds of G.L. had been increased by the sum of £6,228, and the investments were now £57,700.

The statement was adopted without discussion.

BOARD OF BENEVOLENCE.

The report of this Board showed that payments from the Fund of Benevolence in the financial year had been made in 21 cases, the total amount being £427 10s. Details were given of the position of the various circular appeal funds, of which 17 are at present unexhausted, their credit balances amounting to £2,654 13s. 9d.

Three circular appeals made last year had raised £260, £270 and £252 respectively. Five new appeals had been made in the year just ended, and had respectively realised £341, £255, £285, £243 and £240.

The Board remarked:— It will be seen that whereas in last year's report the expenditure in grants amounted to £681 7s. 9d., this year the sum is only £427 10s. This is not due to over zealousness in conserving the funds of G.L., as no case coming before the Board with any semblance of merit has been over-looked or unassisted, but rather the comparatively small amount expended is chiefly owing to the continued prosperity in this Dominion, together with the generosity of the Government, in its dealings with those who suffered by the disastrous epidemic which swept over this country in the latter end of 1918, and to which latter is largely due the amount expended by this Board in 1919." The Board expressed appreciation of the unfailing courtesy and tact of the M.W.G.Sec.

On the motion of R.W. Bro. Seaton, Pres. of the Board, the report was adopted.

THE ANNUITY BOARD.

The tables attached to the report of this Board showed that 49 annuities had been renewed and continued, and 12 new annuities granted, making a total annual charge of £1,591 10s. upon the fund. The report proceeded:— The capital value of the Annuity Fund at present, taking into account accrued interest as at 31st March, 1920, is £38,607 16s. 5d., an increase of £3,957 17s. 3d. over the amount at the close of the financial year of 1919. The increase was made up as follows :—

	£	s.	d.
Voluntary Contributions from Lodges and brethren as per detailed tables here-with	2,347	16	5
Balance of Cheer-o Hutment Fund transferred	... 1,174	19	6
Interest capitalised after payment of Annuities	435	1	4
Total	£3,957	17	3

The recommendation carried at the last annual communication of G.L., that the Annuity Board should take into favourable consideration, in view of the higher cost of living, an increase in the annual grant to annuitants, had been exhaustively discussed by the Board. The question of using a certain portion of the capital sum had been considered, but the Board was strongly of opinion that the policy of the past should be adhered to, as being the safest and soundest, and that only the interest earned by the invested capital of the W. and O. and A.M. Fund should be used until such time as the fund had reached an amount considerably larger than at present. It was found that the amount available for the purpose of increasing annuities did not warrant any appreciable increase all round, and it became necessary to consider individual cases on their merits. This had been done and some increases made. The Board was convinced that the system of taking up a voluntary offertory at installation meetings was sound in principle and, if universally carried out, was capable of producing quite sufficient to maintain and increase the fund without imposing a burden on any member of the fraternity, and it recommended that each Prov.G.M. should be instructed to see that every Lodge in his district takes up a collection at the installation meeting. The Board had instructed the G.Sec. to make a special effort to increase the capital amount of the W. and O. and A.M. Fund during the forthcoming year. The fund has been benefited by a bequest from the late Bro. Joseph Hill Stock, of Otaki, who left his estate in four equal portions, one portion being for the benefit of the G.L. An interim payment of £170 had been received, and a further small amount would probably come to hand later. It had been found most difficult to get applicants for assistance from the Special (War) Benevolent Fund to observe the rule that the Government and the Patriotic Fund should as far as possible be first exhausted before application is made to the G.L. Fund. Quite a number of brethren who had asked for assistance from our fund had had to be refused on account of their failure to comply with this condition.

A statement of contributions to the Special. (War) Benevolent Fund showed that £14.147 stood to its credit. Also, to the credit of the Cheer-o Hutment Fund, there had stood £1,174 19s. 6d., which had now been transferred to the W. and O. and A.M. Fund, as decided by G.L. last year.

V.W. Bro. Essen, Pres. of the B. of G.P., who moved the adoption of the report in the absence of the chairman of the Board of Management, W. Bro. Harkness, said it was unfortunate that in the comparatively few appeals made to the Board with regard to the War Benevolent Fund hardly any applicants had complied with the conditions laid down by G.L. in 1918.

The principle then enumerated was that the relief afforded was to be regarded as supplementary to help from the public funds—that the Freemason soldier was to receive better treatment in the long run than those who were not Freemasons. The majority of the applicants to the Board had not taken advantage of the outside funds before applying, consequently their applications had been referred back to enable them to do so, and delay was unavoidable. Some applications had been for large sums, such as £2,000, £1,000 and £500. If grants were made on that scale the fund would soon be exhausted, and would benefit only a small number of people. The various patriotic funds were still in operation, so that the special necessity for operating upon this fund had hardly yet arisen. He had heard it suggested that the fund should be transferred to some one of the other funds, in the belief that it would not be required. He believed, however, that the fund would be required for many years, especially after the Government repatriation work was finished, to meet effects of the war that were not yet apparent. It was to be hoped that the information received by the Dunedin Board would enable it to deal more freely than had been the case with the Wellington Board. With reference to the annuities from the W. and O. and A.M. Fund, W. Bro. Esson pointed out that those who desired to increase the annuities claimed that it was not correct to regard the contributions to the fund as subscribed capital, although they had been treated as such. The suggestion was made that a certain portion of the annual contributions, instead of being capitalised, should be employed for the immediate benefit of approved annuitants. Other brethren, again, contended that the contributions were subscribed capital, and only their earning power should be employed. It was, he thought, a sound principle that the issue of annuities must be based upon income derived from accumulated funds securely invested, so that if any extension of the present benefits were decided upon, it should take the form of a percentage bonus, subject to a reduction if at any time the subscriptions, though they were now steady and increasing, should fall off. The Board recommended that only the interest earnings should be used for annuities.

W. Bro. Robertson, of Lodge Whetu Kairanga, announced that W. Bro. E. Morris, I.P.M. of the Lodge, had a scheme for raising the capital of the fund to £100,000. W. Bro. Morris was prepared to pay for all printing and stationery required for the launching of the scheme, and, on receipt of a telegram, would be prepared to put the preparations in the hands of the printers. He moved a resolution recommending to the Board of Management that an effort be made to raise the fund to £100,000 within twelve months, on the lines of W. Bro. Morris's scheme.

V.W. Bro. W. G. Hay discussed the question of the position of the contributions to the fund, contending that the principle must be recognised that the needs of each year must be satisfied, even if it did involve trenching upon the capital of the fund.

The M.W. Acting-G.M. thought the principle of keeping the capital of the fund intact was a wise one—at any rate the capital should not be touched in normal years. At present the country was so prosperous that this was no time to talk of touching capital—the capital ought rather to be added to.

In further discussion, R.W. Bro. Ellison, P.Prov.G.M., moved as an amendment that it be a recommendation of the Board that efforts be made to induce the Lodges of the Dominion to increase their contributions to the fund, with the view of securing £10,000 additional within twelve months.

Replying to a question as to the nature of W. Bro. Morris's scheme, the M.W.G.Sec. said he had gathered from Bro. Morris that it would be a direct appeal for about £5 per head of the brethren of the Dominion.

W. Bro. Hornblow moved a further amendment to the effect that the Board of Benevolence take into consideration a scheme whereby the W. and O. and A.M. Fund should be increased to £100,000.

Yet another amendment came from R.W. Bro. Haggitt, Prov. G.M., that it be a recommendation of the Board of Benevolence to confer with W. Bro. Morris, with a view to considering his scheme.

On a show of hands, W. Bro. Hornblow's amendment was negatived by 96 to 31, and that of R.W. Bro. Ellison was carried by 116 to 2.

When it was put as the substantive motion, R.W. Bro. Haggitt's proposal was treated as an amendment to it and rejected, and the motion of R.W. Bro. Ellison was then affirmed.

R.W. Bro. Bingham moved that it be a recommendation to the incoming Board that they take into consideration the advisability of using 25 per cent. of the surplus income of the Board for augmenting pensions.

W. Bro. Hay urged that the whole of each year's interest earnings should be available for pensions. He moved as an amendment that, in administering the W. and O. and A.M. Fund, the annual expenditure in charity should not be necessarily limited to the actual income received. The Board knew from past experience that it could rely upon receiving a certain amount in the average contributions from the Lodges and from interest, and they should meet all cases of necessity that came before them, but there should be no hard and fast limit. In the last year the Board could have expended up to £4,000, whereas by limiting themselves to the interest income they had only £1,900 to spend, and, as a matter of fact, they had spent only £1,500 of that. The Board should understand that they could take the whole income of the year if it was required, and in the great majority of cases it would not be required.

The amendment was carried as against R.W. Bro. Bingham's motion, and the adoption of the Board's report was agreed to.

NECROLOGY.

On the obituary page of its report the B. of G.P. recorded the deaths of a number of P.G. officers. Referring to the death of M.W. Bro. Lord Plunket, it said : " For four years he guided the destinies of this G.L. so well and so wisely as to add materially to its already high reputation, and in his retirement he continued to take an earnest interest in Masonic affairs and to exercise a strong influence for good in regard to the Imperial side of Freemasonry."

NEW LODGES.

Three new Lodges, the Board reported, had been constituted during the year—Eirene (Little River), Ionic (Christchurch), and Mokoia (Wellington). The G.M. had been advised to issue charters for three new Lodges at Ohura, Apiti, and Taradale ; and it was understood that steps were being taken to form a Lodge at Eastbourne, Wellington.

FRENCH FREEMASONRY.

In accordance with the remit from G.L., the Board had given full and mature consideration to the above question, and it now reported as follows :-

"That French Freemasonry, as now practised, is inconsistent with the constitution and nature of Freemasonry, as understood in New Zealand; and that recognition should not be extended at present to any or either of the three G. bodies claiming jurisdiction in France."

The clause was agreed to without discussion.

OTHER POINTS IN REPORT.

It was recommended by the Board, and agreed to, that the next annual communication be held in Auckland, and that the representation levy for next year be 1s.

With the return of our soldier Freemasons to the Dominion the field of activity of the N.Z.E.F. Masonic Association had to a great extent disappeared. It had, however, been decided to continue the Association as a means of social intercourse, and a branch had been established in each centre.

The retirement was announced with regret of four Prov.G.Ms. : R.W. Bro. R. W. Sargent (Taranaki), after seven years' service ; R.W. Bro. D. J. F. McFarlane (Ruapehu) and R.W. Bro. R. H. Richmond (West Coast), each five years; and R.W. Bro. J. W. Ellison (Wellington), four years.

The appointment of Mr. Jas. Brown, F.I.A.,N.Z., of Dunedin, as auditor was recommended and agreed to.

SUBDIVISION OF AUCKLAND DISTRICT.

The Board expressed approval of the division of the Auckland District, and recommended G.L. to authorise the G.M., with M.W. Bro. Oliver Nicholson and the G.Sec., to act as a special committee to arrange details and report to next communication of G.L.; M.W. Bro. Oliver Nicholson to continue in charge of the district as at present, and to exercise general supervision until arrangements are completed; the G.M. to exercise his powers and issue commissions in favour of Prov.G.Ms. appointed by him to take charge of the separate divisions of the Auckland District which may be agreed upon by the special committee above-named.

An attack was made upon this clause by W. Bro. Holmes, who moved as an amendment that the recommendation of the committee be referred to the Lodges in the Auckland District, and the result be reported to the next annual communication of G.L. ; no appointment to be made until that communication. W. Bro. Holmes pointed out that before the Wellington District was subdivided the matter was thrashed out by the Lodges of the district, Auckland, he maintained, should be treated in the same way.

In the discussion which followed two brethren representing Auckland Lodges said that the Lodges of the district had not so far been consulted in the matter.

V.W. Bro. Esson, President of the Board, said the Board had no intention of making an arbitrary division of the district. It must not be supposed that it intended to act without consulting the Lodges. It was quite understood that the proposed committee would consult the Lodges.

R.W. Bro. Hoyles moved the insertion in the definition of the committee's duties the words, " to confer with the Lodges of the district," before the words, "to arrange details."

W. Bro. Holmes offered to accept this if the authority to issue commissions to officers to be given charge of the new districts was deleted.

On a division being taken, W. Bro. Holmes's amendment was carried, 85 votes being given in its favour ; while R.W. Bro. Holyes's amendment was defeated by 66 to 44. W. Bro. Holmes's amendment was then put and carried as a substantive motion.

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TIME FOR ANNUAL COMMUNICATIONS.

On the question of altering the time of year for holding the annual communications of G.L., the B. of G.P. submitted a special resolution in favour of an alteration from May to November.

Objection was at once taken to November as a month that would not suit the country districts, and one in which, in the year when G.L. met in Christchurch, accommodation in the city would be found much taxed already.

W. Bro. Farrant moved an amendment altering the month to February.

A show of hands resulted in favour of the amendment.

The suggestion was then made that, in view of the fact that the North Island Lodges were practically unrepresented, the decision of the question should be deferred until next communication.

The acting-G.M. suggested that in the meantime the matter be referred to the Lodges.

Reference to the Lodges was agreed to on division by 134 to 5.

ANNUAL CHARGE TO P.Ms.

At present (said another paragraph of the report) every member of G.L. is supplied with the various printed papers issued from the office of the G.Sec. These include the annual report of G.L. and certain other documents. With the increasing number of members the cost of such issue is becoming a serious tax. At the present time G.L. has 2,500 P.Ms. enrolled as members, and this number is naturally increasing; the only charge made upon these brethren is the registration fee of 10s. 6d. upon their enrolment. The Board is of opinion that the time has arrived when a small fee should be instituted to meet the cost of printing, postage, etc., and it recommends to G.L. the imposition of an annual charge of 5s. on that account. After a few words as to the method of collecting the fee—it was indicated that the intention was that it be collected from the Lodges—the paragraph was adopted.

THRIVING CONDITION OF THE CRAFT.

At the close of the financial year on 31st March, 1920 (stated the report), only one Lodge owed six months' dues, and this was received upon the day following. The financial condition of the Lodges is generally sound. Quite a number have raised their initiation fees and subscriptions to meet the altered conditions and increased cost of living. There has been a large increase in membership during the year.

SALARIES.

In consequence of the general increase in salaries, etc., the Board recommended that the G.Sec., whose salary at present is £600 with a bonus of £60 per annum, should have the amount raised to £800 per annum. To meet the altered conditions the Board had found it necessary to increase the salaries of the assistants in the office under the powers conferred on it by G.L. laws.

The opinion was expressed by R.W. Bro. Michel, P.D.G.M., and others that, while £800 would be a proper salary for the present veteran G.Sec., it was not desirable to fix that sum as the salary attaching to the office; that his successor should take the office, in the first instance, at a smaller remuneration.

On the motion of R.W. Bro. RosS, P.D.G.M., it was agreed, with the concurrence of the President of the Board, to amend the clause in the direction of describing the additional £200 as a bonus.

ADMINISTRATIVE WORK OF GRAND LODGE.

The Board also stated that it had had under consideration the question of the clerical work in the office of G.L., and had unanimously decided that the time had arrived when additional assistance should be provided. The G.Sec. instead of getting any relief with advancing years, had found his duties daily becoming more strenuous and exacting, and latterly he had had to devote himself almost exclusively to the office, and neglect those other duties which properly fell upon the holder of the G. Secretaryship. The Board recognised the fact that the G.Sec. should be free to carry out any duties required outside, and that the office work should go on uninterruptedly during his absence, and therefore felt justified in authorising the appointment of an assistant. This appointment G.L. was desired to confirm, and thus enable the services of M.W. Bro. Niccol to be retained, so that his extensive experience and matured knowledge would continue to be available for the benefit of the Craft throughout the territory. V.W. Bro. Esson, in moving the adoption of the clause, said he wished to make it clear that the additional assistance provided in the office was given without prejudice to what might be done should the office of G.Sec. become vacant. No promise had been given or implied that whoever became Assistant-G.Sec. should have a reversionary right to the higher office. The clause was agreed to.

The concluding paragraph of the Board's report warmly expressed the appreciation of the Wellington Executive of the manner in which the G.Sec. and his staff had carried out the work of G.L. office. The President of the Board supplemented these compliments with others from the dais of G.L., and the report of the Board as amended was finally adopted.

AMENDMENT OF LAW.

On the motion of M.W. Bro. Niccol, it was agreed that the word "annually" be deleted from the fifth line of Rule 19, B. of C. It was explained that, when a Prov.G.M. died recently, it was found that the G.M. had no power to appoint an officer in his place, outside the power to appoint Prov.G.Ms. annually. The amendment would provide for such an emergency.

ADDRESS TO THE PRINCE.

On the motion of V.W. Bro. Esson, it was resolved that an address be presented to H.R.H. the Prince of Wales in the course of his stay in New Zealand. The form of address submitted was approved, and the G.M. and G.Sec. were authorised to sign it and arrange for its presentation.

CENTRALISATION.

W. Bro. J. K. Hornblow tabled notice of motion that G.L. take into consideration the centralisation of G.L. office.

Votes of thanks to the G.L. officers of last year and the Presidents and members of the Boards concluded the morning session of the communication.

INSTALLATION OF GRAND MASTER.

G.L. resumed its sitting in the evening for the installation of M.W. Bro. Thomas Ross, of Dunedin, as G.M.-elect, and the investiture of other G.L. officers. M.W. Bro. M. Thompson again presided, and there was a large attendance of brethren.

M.W. Bro. Thompson acted as Installing G.M., and with due dignity installed M.W. Bro. Ross into the chair of G.L., the musical incidentals of the ceremony being admirably carried out by a local orchestra. V.W. Bro. G. Russell, G.D. of C. (up to the time of his own investiture as Prov.G.M.), and V.W. Bro. G. B. Perkins, G.D. of C., acted as G.Ds. of C.

The newly installed G.M. announced the appointment of R.W. Bro. Sydney Clifton Bingham, of Christchurch, as Dep.G.M., and that officer was invested and inducted.

The appointments of V.W. Bro. James J. Esson (Wellington; as S.G.W., and V.W. Bro. W. R. T. Leighton (Auckland) as J.G.W., were also presented, invested, inducted and saluted.

The Prov.G.Ms. for the year were announced as follows :— M.W. Bro. Oliver Nicholson, Auckland District ; R.W. Bro. George Russell, Wellington District ; R.W. Bro. F. C. B. Bishop Canterbury Province; R.W. Bro. Arthur Fieldwick, Otago District ; R.W. Bro. Ernest Warnes, West Coast District R.W. Bro. Robt. W. Stiles, Nelson and Marlborough District R.W. Bro. A. B. Haggitt, Southland District ; R.W. Bro. Ralph S. Chadwick, Hawkes Bay District ; R.W. Bro. H. N. Ewing, Taranaki District ; R.W. Bro. J. H. Perrett, Ruapehu District. Several of the R. W. brethren were present, and were invested.

Of the elective officers elected at the morning sitting a large number were present and were invested. All the other G.L. officers for the year, it was announced, would be invested by the Prov.G.Ms. of their several districts.

ADDRESS OF THE M.W.G.M.

M.W. Bro. Ross addressed the gathering as follows :—

"M.W., R.W., V.W., W. BRETHREN, AND BRETHREN ALL,— It is with feelings of the utmost gratitude that I acknowledge the great honour you have conferred upon me this day by placing me at the head of so important an institution as the G.L. of New Zealand. To be admitted head of a body numbering over 16,000 brethren is a distinction that should satisfy the cravings of the most ambitious; and I, brethren, although deeply cognisant of the exalted station to which I have been elected, am also fully conscious of the responsibilities devolving on so great and exalted an office. I trust that during my term I shall be enabled to carry out those high ideals that have been so successfully placed before us by the long list of eminent brethren who have filled this position for the past thirty years with so much distinction and credit.

"Let me assure the brethren that, however far short I may come to those M.W. brethren who have preceded me in this office, no effort will be spared on my part to justify the choice you have this day made."

After paying a tribute to M.W. Bro. Thompson and the brethren of the Southland District, the G.M. said "It is now some eight years since G.L. selected a G.M. for the southern part of New Zealand, when Bro. Maurice

Thompson was enthroned, and in the interval the brethren have had the privilege of being presided over by three eminent brethren of the learned professions, who have performed signal service to G.L. in presenting before us the ethics of Freemasonry and the duties incumbent on every Freemason. G.L. being again located in the southern part of New Zealand (where the Scottish element is understood to predominate), the suffrages of the brethren have once more fallen on one engaged in business. I trust, therefore, you will pardon me if in my remarks to you I shall mainly deal with the business side of G.L.

"You are aware that, no sooner is a business man placed in a position of trust in an organisation, than he at once, as it were, wants to take stock. He wants to find out how the concern he is called upon to conduct has been progressing, and how it stands when he comes to balance up. From the balance-sheets placed before you to-day you will see that G.L. has been in existence exactly thirty years. On the 30th of April, 1891, almost exactly twenty-nine years ago, we finished our first year's operations with 73 Lodges, 2,193 members, and a credit balance of £72. Today we finish our year with 16,019 members and 212 Lodges. These 16,000 brethren are recruited from the very best, morally and intellectually, of the manhood of New Zealand, while our Lodges extend from Mangonui, in the extreme north, to the most southern Masonic Lodge in the world. Our invested funds, invested mostly in municipal debentures and Government war loans, amount to-day to £63,000, producing no less a sum than £3,000 per annum in interest, while the total balances to credit of all our funds amount to £66,806 17s. 5d.

"There are many brethren here to-day — the accredited representatives of their Lodges—brethren whose time since taking an active part in Lodge matters have been mostly devoted to ritual work and the success of their individual Lodges, and who have not had either the time or opportunity to make themselves acquainted with the business of G.L. To these brethren, then, I would like to give an outline of the several funds of G.L. and how they are being applied."

The G.M. then explained in detail the operations and details of the various funds. Continuing, the G.M. said:—

"Brethren, when we thus review the work of G.L. and tabulate its charitable activities; when we see that during its short career of thirty years it has disbursed over £50,000 in the alleviation of the want and distress that has overtaken our unfortunate brethren or their dependants; is there not ample cause for a feeling of conscious pride that we belong to that great body which is doing so much to make Freemasonry all that it should be in this fair land of ours? Can we ever sufficiently appreciate our indebtedness to those eminent brethren who in 1890 came out from the welter of other constitutions and founded the G.L. of New Zealand—brethren who were imbued with the noble ideals of making Freemasonry a reality and a vital force in New Zealand? Those noble pioneers in the formation of our G.L., once having set their faces to bring to fruition all that is worth striving for in Masonry, never looked back, and to-day we can aptly say of them, 'they builded better than they knew.'

In an institution such as our G.L., which moves its headquarters from centre to centre of the jurisdiction every two years—a proceeding that necessitates a change of G.M., Presidents of Boards, Registrar, Treasurer, and all those officers who go to make up the executive of G.L.—we might expect a change of policy in thus going from one part of the territory to another. To our credit be it said, the policy of G.L. has been maintained unbroken since its formation, and this is owing largely to that veteran in Freemasonry, our M.W. brother who has held the office of G.Sec. so well and worthily and with so much distinction for over twenty years. In every successful concern the spirit of one man is to be found running through and animating the entire institution. M.W. Bro. Malcolm Niccol seems to have the rare faculty of infusing into the officers of G.L. that spirit of fidelity and unswerving devotion to not only do the right thing, but to do it with that kindness, courtesy, and amiability that characterises his whole life and every action. He was one of the band of pioneers who worked so zealously for the formation of G.L. He was selected as the second G.M. of G.L., and when, twenty years ago, he was appointed G.Sec., he brought to that office not only a wealth of Masonic experience and Masonic learning unequalled by any brother in the Craft, but, in addition to these qualifications, he also brought a business acumen and a knowledge of managing public business seldom found in one and the same individual. It was, indeed, a fortunate day for G.L. when so learned, so expert, and so conscientious a brother accepted the office of G.Sec., for he has been the connecting link which has kept the sound policy and high ideals of this G.L. prominently before its rulers and individual members. He has been the *deus ex machina* who has unfalteringly, in season and out of season, held up to each and all of us the great work lying to the hand of this G. body, and to-day he, above all others, must be gratified to see the successful outcome of the scheme initiated by those noble brethren when they laid the foundation stone of this G.L. thirty years ago.

"I have dwelt somewhat largely on this question of our material prosperity, and, however gratifying it may be to know the magnitude of the work this G.L. has accomplished since its formation and to realise the strong financial position we hold to-day, we must not lose sight of the fact. that Freemasonry is not a business concern, run primarily for eleemosynary ends, but a grouping together of men under the sacred bond of brotherhood, pledged to walk uprightly, honourably, and humbly in whatever sphere of life T.G.A.O.T.U. has placed us; sworn to bring the high and exalted precepts of Masonry into our everyday life, our business relations, and our homes. That is what Freemasonry teaches, that is what it requires of us and what we are bound by the most solemn obligations to observe. There are many subjects one would fain take up in addressing so representative a gathering as this.

THE UNATTACHED MASON.

"If we carefully analyse our books of proceedings we shall find that for years the difference between the numbers of those who are demitted and struck off our rolls for non-payment of dues and those who join up again shows a loss of considerably over one hundred every year. This means that in less than a decade something like one thousand brethren who have taken on the solemn obligations of Masonry have so far lost their enthusiasm as to become unresponsive to the sacred claims of brotherhood, and have drifted into the great army of the unattached. Let me urge upon the Masters, Wardens and Secretaries of Lodges to see that the interest of the newly made brother is kept alive. If he is of an intelligent, inquiring turn of mind, show him that there is more in Masonry than the routine of ritual work; let him know there are stages beyond the three symbolic degrees where there is much that is instructive and interesting to appeal to the earnest student of Freemasonry. Prove to him by example that our precepts are capable of calling into action all that is best in as morally and intellectually. Guard well the social side of your after meetings, that no offence be given to the initiate whose soul has been exalted by the sacred character of our ceremonies.

"Then there is the antiquity of Freemasonry, for I hold that not only our principles and teachings, but even much of our ceremonies, may be traced back to a period coeval with our earliest civilisations.

"There is also the necessity of using every precautionary measure to admit into our ranks only those of intelligence and sound morals, ever bearing in mind that the best is none too good for our ancient and honourable order.

"As it is my intention to visit every district in the territory during my term, I shall on these occasions take the opportunity to bring these and cognate subjects before the brethren. To-day we live in a world seething with unrest, when religions, morals, and century-old customs are in a state of flux, when the crying needs of humanity are the practical exposition of those great cardinal virtues of our institution—Brotherly Love, Relief and Truth. Let each one of us, then, resolve to do our share to conduce to a better understanding among our fellow-men by living in conformity with the great fundamentals of Freemasonry—the Fatherhood of God and the Brotherhood of Man."

At the conclusion of the ceremonial proceedings, after the representatives of other G.Ls. had offered their congratulations to the G.M., the communication was formally closed.

SOUTHLAND HOSPITALITY.

The thanks of G.L. were expressed to the brethren of Southland for the liberal manner in which they ministered to the comfort and convenience of the visitors. Hotel accommodation in the no-license town is notoriously limited, and, after providing for quarters to the extent available in the private hotels, billets were found in private hotels for the remainder. The weather was capricious, but arrangements were made for driving the visitors to places of interest in the district. The ladies who accompanied the representatives were hospitably entertained by the lady friends of local brethren.

An oyster supper was held in the refectory of the Freemasons' Hall, Forth Street, after the close of the installation ceremony on the Monday evening, when the special fare of the district was served up in the variety for which Invercargill is famed, and a very hearty evening was spent, probably the more enjoyable for the heavy rain which could be heard thundering on the roof at times during the proceedings. A social evening and dance in the Victoria Hall on the Tuesday evening provided congenial entertainment for the not large number of visitors from a distance who by that time remained in Invercargill.

BIOGRAPHICAL.

THE NEW OFFICERS.

R.W. BRO. SYDNEY C. BINGHAM, D.G.M.

R.W. Bro. Sydney C. Bingham was initiated into our fraternity in Lodge Christchurch, No. 91, on 20th December, 1894. At the meeting following his raising he was appointed Organist, holding the position for three years, when he was elected S.W., and stilled as W.M. on 22nd November, 1898. He subsequently held the offices of D. of C. and Preceptor on several occasions. Attaining G.L. rank in 1900 as Asst.G.Sec., he had a seat on the B. of G.P. for some years, and was appointed G.Supt. (equivalent to the modern rank of Prov.G.M.) of the Province of Canterbury in 1906, resigning the office in 1910 on the formation of the Prov.G.L. of Canterbury, after taking an active part in the preliminary steps for its establishment. He was a founder, and first Sec., of the M. and P.M. Lodge, No. 130 (the first literary Lodge erected in Australasia), was in the chair in 1911, and has been Sec. since 1913, and editor of its Transactions, of which the third volume is approaching completion. He was also a founder of Civic Lodge, No. 157, and is at present its Treas. and Preceptor. At the last meeting of his Lodge he was unanimously elected an honorary member. During the years 1914-15 he held the important office of Pres. of the B. of G.P., and has been the representative of the G.L. of Maryland in New Zealand since 1899. He is also a member of the Authors' Lodge, No. 3456, London, and an honorary member of Constitution Lodge, No. 3392, Manchester. In 1914 the G.L. of Iowa, U.S.A. conferred upon him honorary membership with the rank of P.S.G.W. In R.A. Freemasonry our brother has been particularly active. Exalted in St. Augustine Chapter, No. 1, he passed through all the offices, and was installed as 1st Prin. in 1900, elected for a second term in 1901, and again in 1917. In G. Chapter he has been G.Supt. of W., G. Chancellor, G.Supt. of Canterbury, and was enthroned as G.Z. in 1909. He has also filled the chairs in subsidiary degrees of Mark Master, R.A. Mariner, Red Cross Knight, and represents the G. Chapter of Illinois in New Zealand. In the reconstitution of the Prince of Wales Chapter, No. 31, in 1910, he became a member, and was also one of the founders of the Rose and Thistle Chapter, No. 35, Ashburton. He was received into the Otago Preceptory of the Order of the Temple in 1901, and two years later honoured with the grade of K.C.T. in the Chapter General in Edinburgh, being also a Kt. of Malta and of the Priestly Order of the Temple. Perfected in the Sphinx R.C. Chapter, No. 23, Dunedin, in 1902, and admitted to the 30deg. in the Edinburgh Consistory, No. 1, subsequently becoming a charter member of the Zealandia Consistory, No. 10. In 1904 he affiliated to the Beckett R.C. Chapter, No. 135, became M.W.S. in 1910, and has been Recorder since 1912. Admitted into the Royal Order of Scotland in the G.L. at Edinburgh in 1902, and has recently received his patent as Prov.G.M. of the R.O. in New Zealand, constituting a Prov. G.L. for the Dominion in Invercargill early in May. He is also a member of the Edinburgh Council of R. and S.M., No. 1, Burdett Conclave 1a of the R.C. of Constantine and Cryptia Council, No. 1, Allied degrees, and was initiated into the Order of the Eastern Star in Home Chapter, Chicago, in 1902. He has attained the 8 deg. grade in the Society Rosicrucian in Anglia, establishing a College in Christchurch in 1905, and is also a member of several quasi Masonic orders of an esoteric nature. Always a keen student of the literary and study side of our fraternity, he has been a member of the C.C. of Lodge of Research, Leicester, for some years, also the Quatuor Coronati, of which he is honorary local secretary, and was honoured with an invitation to become a charter member of the National Masonic Research Society of the United States. As a founder, first secretary, and for the last seven years president of the Boards of Enquiry and Casual Relief in Canterbury, much good work has been done for the Craft, whilst his services as chairman of the Christchurch Masonic Hall Co., Ltd., have, in conjunction with the energy and enthusiasm of the late secretary, W. Bro. Nordon, brought to a successful conclusion one of the finest buildings in the Dominion devoted to the use of the fraternity, now quite free of debt.

R.W. BRO. J. J. ESSON, S.G.W.

R.W. Bro. Esson was initiated in Lodge St.-Andrew, No. 32, in 1899, the ceremony of initiation being conducted by the late R.W. Bro. Robert Fletcher, P.D.G.M., a close personal friend of the initiate. R.W. Bro. Esson has been an active Freemason from the date of his admission to the Craft, as his occupation of the

following positions indicates :— W.M. Lodge St. Andrew, No. 32, 1903; 1906; member B. of G.P., 1911-12 W.M. Lodge Otari, 1912; representative G.L. of Prince Edward Island, 1912 ; W.M. Installed Masters' Lodge, 1917 ; Pres.B. of G.P., 1918-19; S.G.W., 1920. His interest has not been confined to Craft Masonry, for in the R.A. and higher degrees he is equally well known. Twenty years ago he was received in the Waterloo R.A. Chapter, of which he became Z. in 1909, and after occupying various offices in G. Chapter, he was by the unanimous choice of the companions elected 1st G.Prin. in 1914. R.W. Bro. Colonel Esson has been connected with our citizen forces for many years, having commanded the well-known Wellington City Rifles, and latterly the 5th Wellington Regiment, but is at present attached to the headquarters staff of the New Zealand Military Forces as honorary financial adviser, in which capacity his experience and organising ability are valued by his colleagues. At the outbreak of war our brother volunteered for active service, and was appointed to an important position on the headquarters staff of the N.Z. Expeditionary Force, with the rank of lieutenant-colonel. He was assistant quartermaster-general to the famous Australian and New Zealand Division on Gallipoli, and later commandant with the rank of full colonel in Egypt. Did duty in Egypt, Gallipoli, Sinai and France, was mentioned in despatches, and awarded the C.M.G. for his services. Much to his disappointment he was recalled to New Zealand, before the conclusion of the campaign, for special duties connected with war organisation and finance, and at present is in charge of the New Zealand Treasury, one of the most important of our State departments. R.W. Bro. Esson has many warm Masonic friends who rejoice at the recent recognition of his Masonic services. Although a busy man, his love of the Craft is in no way diminished, and his contributions to our Masonic literature are as warmly welcomed as is his presence in our Chapters and Lodges.

R.W. BRO. W. R. LEIGHTON., G.J.W.

R.W. Bro. Leighton was initiated in Lodge Waitakerei, No. 170, Henderson; on 20th May, 1910, passed 17th June, raised 15th July of same year, I.G. 1911, J.D. 1912, and J.W. 1913, installed. W.M. 16th March, 1914, and held that office for two years ; made life member at the beginning of this year. He is also life member of Lodge Titirangi, No. 204. Elected G.D. of C. in 1916, re-appointed 1917, G.J.W. 1920. As W.M. of Lodge Waitakerei, he visited every Lodge in the province with the exception of Hokianga and Ohaeawai. Since then he has always accompanied M.W. Bro. Oliver Nicholson, P.G.M., Prov.G.M., or represented him at country installations. R.W. Bro. Leighton joined the Auckland Prov.R.A. Chapter, No. 9, in 1914, and at present fills the 2nd Prin.'s chair. He is also a member of the 18th Degree, holding the office of 1st Gen. in Southern Cross Chapter, No. 88.

Correspondence.

AN EXPLANATION WANTED.

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TO THE EDITOR.

DEAR SIR AND BRO.,— The CRAFTSMAN is one of my cherished readings. I generally peruse it from cover to cover, and have often wished to congratulate you on the many excellent articles you publish in its esteemed pages. Your last number of 1st May, just to hand, is, I think, particularly good, especially " Some Everyday Masonic Problems," but I have just laid it down to more particularly enquire of you the probable meaning of that effusion in it over the signature of " C." Does the writer want us to start and prepare for the awful time when the British Empire will be a Republic? Does he want us to start topics of religions or political discussion in the Fourth Degree? Whatever is the matter with "The King and the Craft" ? I have drunk it now for a good many years, and could see nothing more wrong in it than that one couldn't get a smoke until it was off the board. I have read all sorts and sizes of Masonic literature during the past fifty years, and have tried to understand most of it. It has been hard work sometimes, but this is about the limit of my comprehension. What does it mean at all? Can one now be a prohibitionist and yet not a teetotaller ? I know that you will sit on me and say that you are not answerable for the opinions of your correspondents, but, I say, what is this? — Yours fraternally,

I.C.

THE WORD "INDITE."

TO THE EDITOR.

DEAR SIR AND BRO.,— In the May issue of your excellent publication, "Pentalpha" (whose writings I always read with interest), under the heading of "Some Observations," says that the word "indite" should be omitted from our ritual because its use after the word "write" is tautological, and is merely repeating with a word coming through the old French, the word from the Anglo-Saxon just previously used. Much might be said of the effective use of tautology (or the repetition of the same word, or use of several words conveying the same idea, in the same immediate context) in literature, especially by the great English writers of the early part of the eighteenth century, but space will not permit in this letter. I only wish to point out here that the word "indite" is not the same as the word "write," nor does it come through the Old French from that word. Indite is from Middle English, *enditen*; Old French, *enditer*; and Latin, *utare*, *utale*. "Write" was in Old English and Anglo-Saxon *writan*, and in Middle English *writen*. Both words, therefore, were in use at the same period, and many passages from the classic writers could be cited in proof. Such being the case, the main contention of "Pentalpha" falls to the ground. Should he, however, still claim that on the score of tautology the word "indite" should be deleted from our ritual, then he must also delete the words, "carve, mark and engrave," and thus mar the beauty and take away the force of a great line. -Yours fraternally,

PENTACLE.

"THE GOOD THAT WE CAN DO."

TO THE EDITOR.

DEAR SIR AND BRO.,— Herewith I enclose an extract from a letter received by Ara Lodge, No. 348, I.C., from one of its brethren who has just returned from a holiday trip to England. As his remarks so ably uphold the tenets of the Craft, I thought that possibly the publishing of same through the columns of your valuable paper would prove an object lesson, as well as a strong incentive to others to study and snake themselves conversant with the teachings of the Order, thereby enabling them to practice those virtues which they are taught to admire. Trusting that am not encroaching on your valuable space and time,— Yours fraternally,

R. J. LUSHER, P.M., Sec.

[EXTRACT.]

DEAR BRO. SEC. Your kind letter to hand, for which I thank you and the brethren of Ara Lodge, No. 348, I.C., and for the expressions therein. It is, indeed, a great blow to myself and children, and a sad ending to what had been a most enjoyable holiday. Briefly, we had been fortunate enough to secure a berth on the s.s. "Orsova" for Sydney, and sailed from London in good health and spirits, until about two days from land, when we struck very bad weather, and every one of the passengers was down with sickness. My wife took it very badly, and as days passed she did not improve, so on the advice of the ship's surgeon we put ashore at Gibraltar. After careful attention, and despite everything being done that could be done, my wife passed away to that glorious mansion above. I would just like to remark here that if it had not been for the kindness and splendid treatment I obtained at the hands of the several Lodges of F. and A.M. at Gibraltar, I really do not know how I would have fared. For instance, the following Lodges sent floral wreaths, and representatives from each Lodge left their business and assembled and formed a procession :— Calpe Lodge (No. 325, I.C.), Connaught Lodge (E.C.), Al Mogreb al Aksa (S.C.), St. John's (No. 115, E.C.), St. Thomas Lodge (No. 576, S.C.), Inhabitants (No. 153, E.C.), United Service (No. 3813, E.C.). The corpse was carried shoulder high by four brethren, all being members of the Calpe Lodge, No. 325, I.C., and headed by the Dean of Gibraltar, all this being arranged entirely by the members of the different Lodges, delegates of each Lodge meeting and arranging every item and carrying out each detail with precision and characteristic of the tenets of the Craft. Dear Sir, please let me say right here that although a member of the Craft for about twenty years, until that day I had not the least conception of what Freemasonry really did mean, and I can assure you and the brethren of the Ara Lodge, 348, that although I have often drank to the toast "to all poor and distressed Masons, etc.," it was not until I found myself landed in Gibraltar with a sick wife and not knowing a single person; it was then that the full meaning came home to myself; and I feel that I can never repay those brethren of the different Lodges in that far off and lonely spot better than sing their praises for the manner in which they came to my rescue and aid.

WELLINGTON UNITED BOARD OF ENQUIRY.

The annual meeting of the Wellington Board of Enquiry was held in the Masonic Hall, Boulcott Street, on Tuesday, 20th April, when there was a full attendance of delegates from the various Lodges affiliated to the Board. After the usual business had been disposed of the election of President was proceeded with, and W. Bro. R. J. Shakes was elected for the ensuing year. W. Bro. G. Jones was elected Vice-President, and W. Bro. Henry Hobbs was re-elected Secretary. The balance-sheet was considered and passed.

A PROPOSED PRESENTATION.

A presentation from the brethren of the Lodges in the Wellington District will be made to R.W. Bro. J. W. Ellison, P.P.G.M., at the meeting of Leinster Lodge on the 7th June, when it is hoped there will be a large gathering.

ENQUIRIES ON MATTERS OF MASONIC INTEREST.

Q.— The winding staircase consists of fifteen steps, divided into three flights, of three, five and seven steps, thus symbolising the three who rule a Lodge, five who hold a Lodge, and seven who make it perfect. Who are the three who rule a Lodge, the five who hold a Lodge, and the seven who make it perfect?

A.— (1) The W.M. and two Wardens; (2) the W.M., two Wardens and two F.Cs.; (3) two E.As. added to the former number.

Q.— Where did the F.Cs. receive their wages in the early stages of the building of the Temple, that is, before the middle chamber was completed?

A.— So far as the writer is aware, it is not historically recorded.

CHILDREN'S SOCIAL.

The annual children's social of the Christchurch Lodge this year was undoubtedly one of the finest functions the Lodge has held. The programme was of a varied character, a marked feature being the excellent Scottish dances. As usual, juvenile performers supplied the entertainment, and the grown-ups showed their appreciation by well-merited applause. Full justice was done to the supper provided, and after the usual presentation of toys to the younger children, an hour's free-and-easy brought the function to a close.

ORDER OF THE SECRET MONITOR.

A conclave of the Order of the Secret Monitor was opened at Wellington on the 20th April, under the title of the Aotearoa Conclave No. 44 on the register of the G. Conclave of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland and the Colonies and Dependencies of the British Crown. The foundation members are brethren who received their degrees in England while on war service, and Major A. L. Gray, of Christchurch, is the first Supreme Ruler. A number of additional brethren were inducted at the meeting, and it may be mentioned that so far the membership consists entirely of returned soldiers.

THE NUMBER SEVEN.

The universal veneration for this number, which is to be observed in every system of antiquity, tends to prove that it proceeded from some common cause. It was regarded as a sacred number in all religious systems, and Dr. George Oliver assumes that this veneration arose from the institution of the Sabbath, but Higgins ascribes it to the number of days of the week being coincident with the number of planetary bodies. Among the Pythagoreans it was regarded as a perfect number, because it was made up of the numbers three

and four, which represented the triangle and the square, and two perfect figures. They also called it a virgin number, without a mother, and they compared it with Minerva, a motherless virgin, because it could not by multiplication produce any number within ten, it being the first prime number which, when multiplied, produced a multiple greater than ten.

The number seven has occupied a very important part in all the ancient systems of mythology and religion. There were seven ancient planets, seven Pleiades, and seven Hyades; seven altars burned continually before the god Mithras; the Arabians had seven holy temples; the Hindus had seven deities—the Sun, the Moon, Tuisco, Woden, Thor, Friga, and Seatur, from whose names are derived the names of the seven days of the week. In the Persian mysteries there were seven spacious caverns, through which the candidate had to pass; in the Gothic mysteries the candidate met with seven obstructions, which were called the "road of the seven stages," and sacrifices were always regarded as possessed of the greatest efficacy when the victims were seven in number. Seven figures largely in the Jewish ritual, and the meaning of its root, "shabang," is perfection, or fullness, so that to both Hebrew and Pythagorean the number was looked upon as perfect. Oaths were confirmed either by seven witnesses or by seven victims offered in sacrifice, as we read in the covenant of Abraham and Abimelech (Genesis xxi., 28), and both Old and New Testaments contain frequent references to the number. The Sabbath was the seventh day; Noah received seven days' notice of the commencement of the Deluge, and was commanded to select clean beasts and fowls by sevens; seven persons accompanied him into the ark; the ark rested on Mount Ararat in the seventh month; the intervals between despatching the dove were, each time, seven days; the walls of Jericho were encompassed seven days by seven priests, bearing seven rams' horns; Solomon was seven years building the Temple, which was dedicated in the seventh month, and the festival lasted seven days; the candlestick in the tabernacle consisted of seven branches.

Seven is the sacred number in Masonic symbolism, and this has always been the case. In the earliest rituals it was said that seven were required to make a perfect Lodge, and the seven liberal arts and sciences are, according to an ancient legend, the foundation of the Craft.

The number seven played an important part in the architecture of temples and palaces. The famous pagoda, Churingham, is surrounded by seven square walls, painted in seven different colours, and in the middle of each wall a seven-storied pyramid, just as in the antediluvian period the temple of Borsipp, now the Birs-Nimrod, had seven stages, symbolic of the seven concentric circles of the seven spheres, each built of tiles and metals to correspond with the colour of the ruling planet of the sphere typified. Nearly all the ancient religious systems had their seven gods and their seven heavens. There were seven vases in the seven temples of Upper Egypt, seven holy fans of the Arabians, seven islands, mountains, and rivers of India, seven Gothic deities, seven worlds of the Chaldeans and their seven spirits, seven splendours of the Jewish Sephiroth, seven states of purification and progression in the Egyptian doctrine of metempsychosis, and seven stages of progressive development of the disembodied soul in Buddhism, allegorised by the seven stories and umbrellas of their pagodas.

In the Ramayana of India seven yards are mentioned in residences of the Indian kings, and seven gates generally led to the famous temples and cities of old, while the Frieslanders in the tenth century of the Christian era strictly adhered to the number seven in dividing their provinces, and insisted upon paying seven plumings of contribution.—"The Freemason," London.

THE ROYAL ORDER OF SCOTLAND.

The inaugural convocation of the Prov.G.L. of the Royal Order of Scotland was held in the Masonic Hall, Invercargill, on 4th May last. The Lodge was duly consecrated and declared open, by R.W. Bro. Col. G. Barclay. R.W. Bro. S. C. Bingham, Prov. G.M., after declaring the appointment of officers, duly obligated and inducted them. The Lodge was opened in due form, and ten brethren were advanced and promoted. The office-bearers are as follows :—Prov.G.M., R.W. Bro. S. C. Bingham; D.Prov.G.M., R.W. Bro. Col. G. Barclay; Prov.S.G.W., M.W. Bro. T. Ross; Prov.J.G.W., V.W. Bro. F. C. B. Bishop; Prov. G.S., Prov.G.T. and Prov.G. Chaplain, W. Bro. Major A. L. Gray; Prov.G.S.B., W. Bro. James Dreaver; D.Prov.G.S.B., W. Bro. W. A. Gribble; Prov.G.B.B., W. Bro. Wm. Fleming; Prov.G.Mar., Bro. J. W. Bright; D.Prov.G.Mar., W. Bro. G. Yemm; Prov.G.S., W. Bro. R. McIndoe; Actg.Prov.G.Ss., R.W. Bro. G. B. Perkins, V.W. Bro. Geo. Russell, W. Bros. J. E. Wade and E. M. Lyon; Prov.G.D. of Music, Bro. C. E. Bell; Prov.G.G., W. Bro. R. V. King; D.G.G., W. Bro. S. C. K. Smith. It is proposed to hold the next meeting in Dunedin in about three months' time, followed by one shortly afterwards in Christchurch, and it is anticipated that meetings

will be held in Wellington and Auckland in the near future. Indications for the success of this order in New Zealand are excellent, and it bids fair to become very firmly established in New Zealand. The Prov.G.Sec. of the Order for New Zealand is W. Bro. Major A. L. Gray, Box 877, Christchurch, who will be pleased to afford any information that is required on application.

GUARD YOUR TONGUE.

Be careful what, you say, particularly in the Masonic fraternity, because every time you comment on some member there is always someone in the party who waddles off to inform the party concerning whom you spoke, just exactly what you said and if you have some bit of Masonic information that you want spread, hunt up some brother and tell him, absolutely on the square, and you will be amazed at the amount of advertising that you will derive from this simple procedure.—" Temple Bulletin."

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THE DEGREE FACTORY.

Have you ever stopped to think seriously of the work the hundreds and thousands of Lodges in the United States are doing to-day ?

I fear we are taking in men by the hundreds and thousands regardless of their fitness or honest convictions, the only condition being that the candidate put up the necessary amount to pay for the degrees.

Have you ever stopped to enquire whether or not the candidate was worthy?

Have we ever asked ourselves whether or not we would want to take the candidate into our homes and have him associate with our sons and daughters?

Have you ever stopped to ask yourself whether or not it was possible to make of the candidate a Mason ? If you have, you must admit that in some cases you had grave doubts.

For the past two years Masonic Lodges have been working day and night and overtime. Many Lodges have done nothing else than manufacture degrees, grinding them out by the hundreds, apparently regardless of the material, and for all this Masonry must suffer. If you think over the matter seriously you must come to that conclusion ; you cannot possibly reach any other.

It was not always so with Masonry. It is only of recent years, very recent, too, that the bars were let clown, and all, or practically all, the applicants elected.

Masonry is becoming too popular for its own good, and not until we get back to true Masonry, Masonry in all its purity and simplicity, will we breathe as freely as we once did when surrounded by members of the Craft.

I contend that more mistakes are made with white balls than with black ones.

When I go to the ballot-box, I vote for the good of Masonry as charged by the Master of the Lodge. I lay aside all malice and prejudice, if I have any, and vote my honest sentiments regardless of what others may say or do.

If I honestly believe the candidate is not a proper subject for the degrees, I do not hesitate as to what my duty is to Masonry, though the candidate be my friend or foe, brother or neighbour.

Every man must have conviction along the line of one's fitness; he cannot help it if he has a thought about him as high as a brickbat.

The time has come now when this increasing membership indiscriminately should be stopped. Only men of moral fitness, honesty, and integrity should be accepted. It is a serious question, I know; but study it from any angle, and you can come to but one conclusion.—Robert A. Turner, in "Virginia Masonic Journal. "

Reports.

[Secretaries and Scribes are requested to. forward Reports.]

CRAFT LODGES.

SOUTHLAND.

Taringatura, No. 100.—Although the weather was somewhat boisterous on the night of the monthly meeting on 26th April, there was a good attendance of brethren. The ceremony of initiation of one candidate was conducted by W.M. Bro. G. Finlay, assisted by P.Ms. Bros. G. F. Johnson, S. E. Griffiths, H. Beer, Todd (Lodge Amuri) and J.W. Bro. H. Ewen. The W.M. welcomed Bro. A. Allan back to the Lodge. Bro. Allan is the last of the soldier brethren to return. The customary hour in the refectory passed most pleasantly.—[Lodge Correspondent.]

Waihopai, No. 189.—An emergent meeting was held on 29th April, when the W.M. (W. Bro. T. Bird) presided over a splendid attendance. The business was raising four F.Cs. The Ob. was given by the W.M.; the Secrets were explained by W. Bro. Edmonds; the Exhort. was delivered by the D. of C., W. Bro. V. Smith ; while the acting-J.W., Bro. Wm. Bird, delivered the Light of a M.M. W. Bro. Petrie, of Lodge Victoria, very kindly filled a gap, and gave the T.H. Bro. W. Mitchell, S.W., invested the candidates; Bro. Conner, Chaplain, presented the W.Ts. ; and the W.M. delivered the Final Charge. The Lodge was closed and an adjournment made to the refectory, where a pleasant hour was spent.

The installation meeting was held on the 17th May, and was very largely attended, including representatives from many parts of the Dominion. W. Bin. J. D. Campbell was installed as W.M., the ceremony being conducted by R.W. Bro. A. B. Haggitt, Prov.G.M., and G.L. officers. Bro. T. Bird was invested as I.P.M. ; Bro. W. Mitchell, S.W. ; Bro. Jas. Stobo, J.W. ; Bro. T. Conner, Chaplain ; W. Bro. R. N. Todd, Treas. ; W. Bro. A. B. Edmonds, Sec. ; Bro. S. K. Smith, S.D. ; Bro. H. R. Andrews, J.D. ; W. Bro. V. Smith, D. of C. ; Bro. C. Watt, Organist: Bro. W. R. Copland,, I.G. ; Bro. P. C. Spry, Tyler; and Bros. J. McDonald, J. A. Cushen and Geo. Connor, Stewards Those assisting in the ceremony were :—R.W. Bros. W. Smith, T. M. Rankin, F. A. Steans, and W. Bros. C. Campbell, T. Bird, L. L. Padget, J. Manson and A. J. Geddes. The important duties of Director of Ceremonies were most efficiently performed by W. Bro. J. A. Clapp. The whole ceremony was pleasing and impressive, and the reply from the W.M. was sincere and to the point. W. Bro. Campbell has recently returned from the front, and he takes over the government of Lodge Waihopai with a full assurance of the confidence and loyal support of his brethren.—[Lodge Correspondent.]

Tuatapere, No. 210.—An emergency meeting took place on 14th April, W. Bro. Charlton and later W. Bro. Kemp, W.M., in the Chair of K.S. The business was to pass two brethren. The W. M. was assisted in the ceremony by W. Bros. Charlton and Nicholas and Bros. Rillstone, W. Young, and Stancombe. Bro. Rillstone explained the T.B. Brethren were reminded of Lodge Orepuki's installation on the 15th April. H.G.W. were received from the G. Organist-elect (W. Bro. Macdonald, of Lodge Victoria, No. 147), who also kindly assisted at the organ on this occasion.

The sixteenth regular meeting was held on 5th May, the W.M. (W. Bro. F. A. Kemp) in the chair. The evening was arranged for the raising of two brethren. The W.M. welcomed four distinguished visitors, who assisted in the ceremony. The W.M. obligated and communicated the Secrets; W. Bro. Clark (W.M. of Lodge Pacific, Wellington), portion of Investiture, and addressed the newly raised brethren ; W. Bro. Scott (of Lodge Pacific) delivered a special address at the close to the new W.M. ; W. Bro. Palmer (of Lodge Pareora), the Exhort. ; W. Bro. Aston (of Lodge Southern Cross, and late of Lodge Whetu Kairangi) kindly presided at the organ; W. Bro. Charlton (of Lodge Tuatapere, No. 210), T.H. ; Bro. J. J. Hinchcliff, S W . invested ; Bro. P. Hamilton, the Mortality Charge ; Bro. J. A. Weavers and W. Bro. Nicholas, the Five Secrets; W. Bro. Charlton presented the Vs.S.L. to the newly raised brethren. A hearty vote of thanks was

passed to the brethren who, in last report, presented the "Crusader Swords" to the Lodge, and it was agreed that the swords be suitably inscribed. W. Bro. Charlton, delegate to G.L., reported on his visit, and was heartily thanked for his lucid report. There were two propositions—one for affiliation and the other for membership. The W.M. reported having visited, with two car-loads of brethren, Lodge Orepuki installation. At refreshments later the toasts usual to the occasion were heartily given and received.—[Lodge Correspondent.]

OTAGO.

Hiram, No. 46.—The monthly meeting was held in the Lodgeroom Cargill Road, at 7.30 p.m. on the 27th April, W. Bro. J. McNaughton presiding over a good attendance. Three candidates were initiated, being obligated by the W.M., assisted by W. Bro. W. H. Turley, Secrets; Bro. A. Gardner, N.E. Charge ; Bro. Rev. C. J. Bush King, M. of Prep.; Bro. H. Rayner, W.Ts. ; Bro. W. Honan, Final Charge ; W. Bro. Parker, T.B. M.Ms.' diplomas were presented to Bros. Suters, Eades, and Smith by W. Bro. Laing. Bro. J. S. Johnson was farewelled on his departure for Auckland. Three candidates were proposed for initiation. A feature of the evening was the attendance of the Masonic band, whose musical items were much appreciated, and greatly contributed to the beauty and solemnity of the ceremony. The Lodge closed at 9.50 p.m., a pleasant time being subsequently spent in the refectory.—[Lodge Correspondent.]

Cromwell Kil., No. 98.— The Lodge had a very busy night on 5th May, when two candidates were initiated and a visiting brother was passed. On account, of W. Bro. Partridge, W.M., being at G.L. in Invercargill, W. Bro. Shore, I.P.M., occupied the Chair of K.S., and conducted the whole business in a very able and skilful manner, showing he had lost none of his Masonic cunning for conducting ceremonial. The passing was done first, when the following brethren-assisted the acting-W.M. : W. Bro. Campbell, W. Bro. Bradley, Bro. Halliday, and W. Bro. Parcell. For the initiation the following brethren assisted : W. Bro. Shore, W. Bro. Parcell, Bro. Yeoman, Bro. Mechaelis, Bro. D. Jolly, and W. Bro. Campbell. A successful ballot for two candidates for affiliation was held. The members have long felt the need of a refectory, and it was decided at the same meeting to lay aside a certain sum every year for a building fund, and also for the artistic and comfortable furnishing of the present Lodgeroom. Members seem very keen on the proposed improvements, and it is to be hoped that their efforts will soon be crowned with success. It was decided to hold the annual social for lady friends on the 8th June, when a very pleasant evening of cards, song, and recreation is being eagerly looked forward to.—[Lodge Correspondent.]

Otago Kil., No. 143.— The regular meeting was held on the 6th May at Moray Place, Dunedin, when a large attendance of brethren was present. The visitors included a considerable number of W.Ms. and P.Ms. — many from long distances — who had attended the G.L. communication at Invercargill and were taking the return journey in easy stages. The ceremonial work consisted of passing three brethren. This was carried out by the W.M. and his officers in their usual markedly efficient manner. An early adjournment was made to the refectory, where ample justice was done to the good things provided. Various toasts were proposed and felicitously responded to, the function being brought to a close by the usual Tyler's toast. — [Lodge Correspondent.]

Clinton, No. 183.— An emergency meeting was held on 22nd April, W. Bro. R. G. Shepstone, W.M., presiding over a large attendance. The business was raising one brother. The candidate is the second son of Bro. D. B. Wallace (one of the fathers of Lodge Clinton) to take the Third Degree in this Lodge. After taking the other degrees Bro. Wallace left for the front, and, after serving there for two years, found his way back to Lodge Clinton, where he was cordially welcomed.

The regular meeting was held on 6th May; W. Bro. R. G. Shepherd, W.M., presiding. The business was the raising of three brethren. The brethren are now making strenuous efforts towards obtaining a home of their own, and it is hoped that these efforts will be successful in the near future. W. Bro. Wm. Brown, who represented the Lodge at G.L. communication, gave an account of that meeting in his usual bright manner.—[Lodge Correspondent.]

CANTERBURY.

Unanimity, No. 3.— The regular meeting was held on 4th May, W. Bro. Smith, I.P.M., presiding over a full attendance. A brother was raised. The work was ably carried out by the acting-W.M., who was assisted by Bro. Drury, W. Bro. C. Flavell, W. Bro. Blackmore, and W. Bro. J. N. Carson. Bro. F. L. Davis, Steward, presented the Lodge with a fine flag ; and W. Bro. Furneaux, Bros. Owen, S.W., and Whitford, Treas., presented a flag-pole. These gifts are highly appreciated by the W.M. and brethren. Bro. W. J. Twomey, the oldest member of the Lodge, was present, he having been initiated on the 27th May, 1880. The brethren were very pleased to have him with them again on this, his fortieth year in Masonry. A pleasant hour was afterwards spent in the refectory.— [Lodge Correspondent.]

St. Augustine, No. 4.— The regular meeting was opened in the Christchurch Masonic Hall on 11th May. W. Bro. J. Baxter opened his Lodge with a splendid attendance, and carried out a lengthy business programme. Consideration of the balance-sheet did not provoke much discussion, but a proposition to increase initiation fees and annual subscriptions was thoroughly discussed, the eventual resolution increasing subscriptions even more than the Finance Committee had recommended. The B. also decided that a brother having paid dues for twenty-five years should have the option of paying only a nominal subscription of 10s. per annum. Three ballots proved clear, and a proposition for membership was read. Several visitors were received, including the W.M. of No. 2, whose visit was much appreciated. The Third Degree was conferred on two brethren, the W.M. being assisted by several of his P.Ms. : R.W. Bro. Ronaldson (Exhort.), W. Bros. McGregor B. Wright (Raising), Jno. Richardson ("Let me beg "), G. F. Whiteside (Secrets), T. H. Ker (T.H.), A. A. Locke (T.B.), Salek, W.M. Avon (Charge after Invest.), and G. A. Blackmore, W.M. Robert Burns (W.Ts.). The Deacons' work (substitute) was well done, and augurs well for their future essays. The refectory proceedings were necessarily curtailed owing to the extended business in the earlier part of the evening, but ample justice was given to the fare; mental and material. — [Lodge Correspondent.]

Ashley, No. 28.— The regular meeting was held on 8th April, with a good attendance. The W.M. (W. Bro. T. Shankland) presided. Two candidates were initiated. The ceremonial work was carried out by the W.M., assisted by his officers, and was performed in a very able manner. After H.G.W. had been received, the Lodge closed and adjourned to the refectory, where a pleasant hour or so was spent.

On 22nd April an emergency meeting was held, when three candidates were initiated by the W.M., assisted by his officers and W. Bro. Colin Macintosh (W.M. of Lodge Mairaki). H.G.W. were received and the Lodge closed, an adjournment being made to the refectory, where the customary toasts were duly honoured. — [Lodge Correspondent.]

Christchurch, No. 91.— The monthly meeting was held in the Masonic Hall, Christchurch, on the 27th April, W. Bro. L. Newth, W.M., presiding. The ritual work was the raising of four brethren. The W.M. obligated and raised two of the brethren, W. Bro. F. L. Adams, P.M., obligating and raising the other two. The Secrets were communicated by W. Bro. Yemm ; the Charge after Investiture was delivered by the J.W., Bro. Dickson; W. Bro. Parks, P.M., related the T.H. ; the T.B. was explained by W. Bro. Roberts, P.M. ; the W.Ts. were delivered by W. Bro. Doreen (W.M. Crown Lodge) ; the Final Charge being given by W. Bro. G. McLean, P.M. After the Lodge had been closed in due form, a pleasant hour was spent in the refectory.- [Lodge Correspondent.]

St. Augustine, No. 99.— The regular meeting was held on the 12th April, the W.M. (W. Bro. C. Manchester) presiding over a good attendance. The W.M. apologised for the non-attendance of Lodge Kurow, owing to sickness amongst their brethren. The ceremony of initiation of two brethren was the work of the evening. The W.M. obligated, and was assisted by W. Bros. Beckett, Fulton, J. Manchester, A. Hoskin, Colville, and Bro. Creaser, S.W. The W.M. gave the brethren a splendid description of his visit to G.L., and especially mentioned the kindness of the brethren of Invercargill for the splendid manner in which they catered for the visitors. The Lodge closed at 9.45 p.m., and the brethren adjourned to the refectory, where the usual toasts were honoured, interspersed with musical and elocutionary items. The W.M. suggested holding a ladies' night, and on a show of hands it was passed unanimously. W. Bro. Colville stated that it was twenty-seven years since Lodge St. Augustine, No. 99, had held a ladies' night. The brethren of the Lodge are very proud to have amongst its numbers Bros. Wilson and Tonkin (one of whom was newly initiated that night), both of whom had splendid careers in the late war. Bro. Wilson told the brethren that it

was Major Tonkin who, with a few New Zealanders, held one of the gaps when the Germans broke through the Fifth Army. — [Lodge Correspondent.]

MARLBOROUGH AND NELSON.

Unanimity, No. 106.— There was a splendid attendance at the regular meeting held on 13th May. Two candidates were elected. It was unanimously decided to increase the initiation fee from five to ten guineas. A "ladies' night" in June was carried. Two candidates were given their Second Degree, the W.M. (W. Bro. Lambie) being assisted by W. Bros. Bagge and Furness and Bros. Rabbits (S.D.) and Leslie (J.D.). Five M.Ms.' certificates were presented. H.G.W. were tendered by visitors from ten different Lodges. The musical programme at the "Fourth" reflected great credit on the Stewards, and was very enjoyable. — [Lodge Correspondent.]

Waitohi, No. 111.— The installation meeting was held at Picton on 30th April. Four car-loads went through from Blenheim, Lodge Wairau being particularly well represented. Several brethren from Lodge Unanimity, including the W.M., I. P.M., and J.W., who had intended being present, had to cancel the engagement at the eleventh hour. The ceremony was conducted by W. Bro. R. P. Furness, Dep.Prov.G.M., assisted by W. Bros. W. J. Girling and W. C. Lucas as acting G.Ws., W. Bro. G. J. Logan as acting-G.D. of C., and Bro. W. L. Williams as acting-G. Organist. Bro. Ernest Joseph Hazelwood was installed into the chair with the usual impressive ceremonial. The address to the W.M. was delivered by W. Bro. Girling, that to the Wardens by W. Bro. J. M. Carnahan, and that to the brethren by W. Bro. Furness. The W.Ts. were presented by W. Bros. Lucas (I.M.), Cleator, Tylor, and Logan. The W.M. was assisted in the investiture of his officers by W. Bros. Carnahan and Ashley. The officers for the year are as follows : I.P.M., W. Bro. T. Allport ; Dep.M., W. Bro. R. R. Ashley ; S.W., Bro. T. Myles; J.W., Bro. W. H. Aubry ; Chaplain, Bro. G. S. Johnson ; Treas., W. Bro. J. M. Carnahan ; Sec., W. Bro. T. W. Bragge; S.D., Bro. G. H. Baxter ; J.D., Bro. W. Mutton ; I.G. Bro. O. E. Barron; Stewards, Bros. G. Aubrey and C. H. Jackson; Tyler, Bro. J. Young. On the conclusion of the ceremony the brethren partook of supper in the refectory, an excellent repast being, as usual, provided. The customary loyal and Masonic toasts were honoured, and several songs and choruses contributed towards making the evening a thoroughly enjoyable one. — [Lodge Correspondent.]

HAWKES BAY.

Scinde, No. 5.— The regular meeting was held on the 20th April, the W.M. presiding over a good attendance. The ceremonial work was to raise one brother, the W.M. being assisted by his officers and P.Ms. On the motion of W. Bro. Thomas it was decided to purchase an organ for the Lodgeroom for £100. Nominations were taken for the W.M. and officers for the ensuing year, one brother only being nominated for each office. In the refectory much pleasure was derived from the company of a number of visiting brethren, many of whom were in Napier to attend a chemists' conference.

An emergent meeting was held on the 13th May, the W.M. presiding. The business was to raise three brethren, in which ceremony the W.M. had the assistance of his officers and P.Ms. The brethren were much pleased to have on the dais W. Bro. Wilson, P.M. of Lodge Ara, No. 348, I.C. As Bro. Wilson did not stay for the proceedings in the refectory on account of indifferent health, we trust he will have a speedy recovery, and that we shall see more of him in the future. — [Lodge Correspondent.]

Abercorn, No. 30.— The installation ceremony was attended by representatives from all the Lodges in the province. The service was impressively conducted by R.W. Bro. R. S. Chadwick, assisted by the following officers :— G.D. of C., W. Bro. C. H. Critchley ; S.G.W., W. Bro. J. H. Morrison ; J.G.W., W. Bro. H. Hunt ; S.G.D., W. Bro. J. A. Miller J.G.D., W. Bro. L. S. Cooper ; G.Sd.B., W. Bro. L. Wright; G.I.G., W. Bro. L. Freedman ; G. Organist, W. Bro. Scholes; G. Trumpeter, W. Bro. A. Parkin. The address to the newly-installed W.M. (Bro. E. E. Bott) was given by W. Bro. Gillespie, W. Bro. Miller addressed the Wardens, and the R.W. Installing Master addressed the brethren The W.Ts. were presented by W. Bros. J. W. Elliott, W. Dobson, A. J. Turville and H. Hobson. After the ceremony an adjournment was made to the Municipal Concert Hall, where the brethren were entertained at an appetising supper, and the usual loyal and fraternal toasts were honoured.

Last month the members of Abercorn paid a fraternal visit to Bedford, at Waipukurau, and worked two Third Degrees. The business made a rather heavy night of it, and left little time for social intercourse. The visit was

repaid on the 17th May, when Bedford officers attended at Abercorn and passed a candidate to the Second Degree. W. Bro. Gay and his officers showed marked proficiency, and everything went with a swing. A very enjoyable hour was subsequently spent in the refectory.— [Lodge Correspondent.]—[Names of new officers not furnished.—ED.C.]

AUCKLAND.

United Service, No. 10.— The monthly meeting was held on 28th April, W. Bro. M. Berry, W.M., presiding. The Lodge again had the pleasure of the company of quite a large number of visitors, including representatives from H.M.S. "Renown." The labour set down for the evening was rather formidable, the First and Second Charges being worked. The W.M. during the evening utilised the services of W. Bros. Swales, Tailby, and Cliffe, and Bros. Hallett and Garrett. After the Lodge was closed the brethren took full advantage of the Lodge being now out of mourning, and by united endeavour made the time spent in the refectory happy and harmonious.— [Lodge Correspondent.]

Wairoa, No. 55.— The installation meeting was held on the 15th April, when a record attendance assembled to honour the W.M.-elect (W. Bro. A. C. Hill). M.W. Bro. O. Nicholson, Prov.G.M., P.G.M., who acted as installing Master, and several G.L. officers were admitted at 8.15 p.m. The presenting officers were R.W. Bro. Allingham (R.W.M. of Lodge Ponsonby, No. 708, S.C.) and W. Bro. W. M. Fyfe (W.M. of Lodge Manukau, No. 24). Forty-five P.Ms. were present at the B. of I.M. The W.Ts. were presented by W. Bro. A. N. McKelvey (W.M. of Lodge Auckland), W. Bro. J. H. von Sturmer (W.M. of Lodge Titirangi), and W. Bro. F. L. Connolly (W.M. of Lodge St. Andrew, No. 8). The address to the W.M. was delivered by R.W. Bro. F. Kearsley, P.D.G.M. ; the address to the Wardens by W. Bro. M. A. Benney, P.G.B.B. ; and the address to the brethren by M.W. Bro. O. Nicholson, Prov.G.M., P.G.M. The officers invested were : I.P.M., W. Bro. G. V. Westbrooke; S.W., Bro. G. P. J. Bracewell; J.W., Bro. S. M. Knight.; Chaplain, W. Bro. A. J. S. D'Ewes; D. of C., W. Bro. H. Nutt ; Sec., Bro. J. W. Gosset; Organist, Bro. A. S. Burrows; S.D., Bro. E. McDonald ; J.D., Bro. P. S. Wallis ; I.G., Bro. F. G. Alpe; S.S., Bro. O. A. Darby ; J.S., Bro. G. W. Haire; Assist.-S., Bros. R. T. Walls and G. Caulder ; Tyler, Bro. A. Hadfield. Bros. Gosset, Sec., and Bro. Wallis, J.D., were absent through illness. Bro. Wallis, I am glad to say, has recovered, but Bro. Gosset, our able Sec., is still in hospital. I trust that he may be restored to health. A handsome P.M.'s jewel was presented to W. Bro. G. V. Westbrooke, the retiring W.M. The presentation was made by the M.W.I.M. The W.M. presented W. Bro. H. Nutt with a gold signet ring from the brethren, in recognition of services rendered, especially as Preceptor. A liberal response was made to the appeal on behalf of the Annuity Fund. After the closing of the Lodge the brethren retired to the Parish Hall, where refreshment was provided, also a very fine musical programme by the brethren of Lodge Manukau, this being the mother Lodge of our new W.M. Lodge Wairoa looks forward to a very pleasant and prosperous year under the guidance of W. Bro. A. C. Hill, who has all the qualifications necessary to ensure the same.—[Lodge Correspondent.]

RUAPEHU.

St. Andrew Kil., No. 79.— The monthly meeting was held on the 13th May. The business was the initiation of two candidates and the nomination of officers for the ensuing year. Fourteen nominations were received for the position of I.G., which is the trying-out post in the Lodge. At the request of G.L., R.W. Bro. D. McFarlane conducted the investiture of his successor, R.W. Bro. Perrett (of Bulls), the newly-appointed Prov.G.M. of the Ruapehu District. R.W. Bro. McFarlane relinquishes his office after having ruled for five years, and R.W. Bro. Keesing, P.D.G.M., certainly voiced the sentiments of the brethren throughout the district when (in the refectory) he congratulated the retiring Prov.G.M. on the way in which he had carried out the responsible duties of his important office. The remarks of the incoming Prov.G.M. were very appropriate, and he sounded a note of high ideal in the standard he set for himself and the Lodges under his jurisdiction. A very enjoyable "Fourth" was held, and it was in the "wee sma' oors " before some of us reached our homes.— [Lodge Correspondent.]

Otaihape, No. 142.— On the 12th May we had the privilege, of having R.W. Bro. Perrett as Installing Master, and it is putting it quite mildly to say that he made a good impression. He was assisted by many visiting P.Ms. in the work of installing Bro. L. B. H. Delatour as W.M for the ensuing year. The following brethren were invested :— S.W., Bro. P. Wakeman; J.W., Bro. E. Loader; Chaplain, W. Bro. G. Wrightson ; Sec., Bro Leighton ; Treas., Bro. G. Lyndon ; Organist, Bro. C Henrichs; Tyl;er, Bro McCombie. W Bro

Jaggard excelled himself as D. of C. Directing is truly his vocation. Among the visitors, W. Bro. Cameron, of the CRAFTSMAN, played no unimportant part. It should result in profit to the CRAFTSMAN, as it did to those who enjoyed his company. The number of the visitors should very nearly constitute a record for a "country" Lodge. But we are in our element here when putting up records. From remarks passed by many visitors, we are supposed to chiefly excel in ourselves, not visiting.—[Lodge Correspondent.]

Huia, No. 171.—The monthly meeting was held on 6th. May. Owing to the absence of the W.M., the work was presided over by W. Bro. Stubbs, I.P.M. Four candidates were elected. The ceremonial work consisted of raising. The various portions of the work were carried out by W. Bro. Stubbs, ably assisted by W. Bros. Snell and Graham. Six M.Ms.' diplomas were presented by W. Bro. Lyall (Lodge United Manawatu, E.C.), who expressed pleasure at having such a privilege extended to him, especially so as he had personally known the various recipients for a period of over twenty years. He felt assured they were the right type of persons to whom the ideals of the Craft would appeal. The representative of the CRAFTSMAN (W. Bro. Cameron) was present. The present writer would kindly suggest to the junior officers to give more attention to details, with more concentration, in order to maintain the high standard which has been one of the salient features of the Lodge in the past. A short adjournment to the festive board, with the usual toasts receiving due honours, concluded the meeting.—[Lodge Correspondent.]

Moutoa, No. 105.—The installation meeting was held on the 22nd April. A very good attendance of brethren, including many visitors, was present. W. Bro. N. P. Svensen carried out the duties of Installing Master in a thorough manner, ably assisted by the following B. of I.Ms. :—S.W., W. Bro. Deem ; J.W., W. Bro. McBeth; S.D., W. Bro. Symes; J.D., W. Bro. Bowater ; I.G., W. Bro. Veitch. R.W. Bro. D. McFarlane was in attendance for the last time in his official capacity as Prov.G.M. He gave the address to the brethren with such penetrating effect that it will long be remembered. After due honours had been paid to the newly-installed W.M., Bro. Joseph C. Arnold, the following officers were installed by W. Bro. G. G. Bullock :—S.W., Bro. C. Runnerstrum ; J.W., W. Bro. C. L. Cornish : Treas., W. Bro. Bourne; Sec., W. Bro. Svensen ; Chaplain, W. Bro. Bowater, D. of C., W. Bro. Munro ; S.D., Bro. C. C. Moutray ; J.D., Bro. A. Senior ; I.G., Bro. F. Hayward ; Tyler, Bro. G. D. Duncan; S.S., Bro. G. Goodwin ; J.S., Bro. C. S. Dickinson. A very happy time was spent in the refectory, the usual toasts being honoured with enthusiasm. Eulogistic reference to the excellent services rendered to the district by R.W. Bro. D. McFarlane during his term of Prov.G.M. was very deservedly made. The Lodge orchestra rendered excellent help, both in the ceremonial work and during the social hour.—[Lodge Correspondent.]

WELLINGTON.

Waterloo, No. 13.—The monthly meeting was held on the 10th May. The Lodge was tyled at 7 p.m., the W.M. (W. Bro. F. H. Mather) being in the chair. There was a large attendance of visitors and brethren, amongst the former being the W.Ms., officers and brethren of Lodges Mokoia, Coronation, Hinemoa and Huia. Two ballots for admission to the Craft were successful, as were three ballots for affiliation. Included in the latter are the two latest recruits to the Wellington pilot staff, and this means that all the Wellington pilots, from the harbourmaster down, are members of Lodge Waterloo. We warmly greet our newly-joined brethren. The principal business was to initiate Bros. W. A. Keeble and E. R. Pamplin, the W.M. being assisted in the ceremony by the W.M. of Lodge Hide and several P.Ms. and officers of Waterloo. A pleasant hour spent in the refectory concluded a successful meeting. —[Lodge Correspondent.]

Masterton, No. 19.—The regular meeting was held in the Lodgeroom on the 14th April. Wardens' reports were received in respect of two joining members from a sister Lodge, and two new members were initiated. The annual election of officers took place, Bro. S. H. Conder, J.W., being elected to the chair for the ensuing year.

An emergency meeting was held on the 21st April, when two F.Cs. were raised. The following brethren took part in the ceremony :—W. Bros. Pragnell (First Secrets), Griffiths (Exhort.), V.W. Bro. Hunn (Charge and Secrets), W. Bros. Hyde (15 F.C.), Chapman (Final Secrets).—[Lodge Correspondent.]

Waiwhetu, No. 176.— The monthly meeting was held on the 12th May when there was a good attendance. Two candidates and one brother were elected. Two candidates were raised to the degree of M.M. W Bro.

Carver obligated, W. Bro. Teagle communicated the S., T. and W., Bro. Purdy (S.W.) invested, W. Bro. Dempsey gave the Charge after Investiture, W. Bro. Hobbs gave the T.H., and W. Bro. Tamblyn explained the S., T. and W. Bro. Purdy (S.W.) presented the W.Ts. W. Bro. Leighton presented the V.S.L. on which the candidates were obligated. One brother was proposed for affiliation. Several apologies were received from various brethren who were either laid up or away from home. The Lodge was closed at 10.20.—[Lodge Correspondent.]

Mokoia, No. 213.—The monthly meeting was held in the Masonic Hall, Newtown, on the 27th April. There was a large attendance of brethren. The W.M. (Bro. L. A. George) was in the chair. Four candidates were initiated. The degree work was performed by the W.M., assisted by the following :— W. Bros. R. Hutchinson, C. W. Martin, H. B. Futter, Bros. H. Flanagan, J. E. F. Perry and R. Binns. One affiliating member and two further propositions were announced. A pleasing function took place in the refectory after the above ceremony, when W. Bro. R. Hutcheson, accountant of G.L. office, was presented with a silver flower stand as a mark of appreciation, prior to his departure for Dunedin.

On the 8th May an emergency meeting was held. Two brethren were raised. As one of the brethren to be raised was the son of a P.M. of the Lodge, the gavel was given to W. Bro. C. H. Dement., who worked the degree, assisted by the following W. brethren, P M., members of Mokoia Lodge :— S.W., W. Bro. J. Rod ; J.W., W. Bro. R. H. Wilson ; D. of C., W. Bro. A. A. George, S.G.D. ; S.D., W. Bro. A. Schmidt; J.S., W. Bro. H. B. Futter ; Chaplain, W. Bro. O. Neilson.— [Lodge Correspondent.]

ROYAL ARCH CHAPTERS.

St. Augustine, No. 1.—The regular convocation was held in Christchurch on the 12th May. Despite counter attractions, a good attendance of companions assisted V.E. Comp. H. Hopkinson in the business portion, which included one ballot (clear) and a proposition for membership. The V.E.Z. then handed his sceptre to V.E. Comp. G. B. Perkins, P.G.D. of C., who assumed the throne and appointed M.E. Comps. Bingham and Andrews as H. and J., V.E. Comps. T. W. Lee 1st Soj., W. H. Cheeseman 2nd Soj. and H. F. Arnold 3rd. Soj, H. Hopkinson S.E. and J. A. Stables D. of C. The ceremony of exaltation was very creditably carried through, the work of the 1st Soj. especially so. Amongst the visitors were representatives from Nos. 2 and 3, and a companion from the Straits Settlement, who complimented the P.Zs. on their performance. The usual refectory proceedings concluded an enjoyable evening.—[Chapter Correspondent.]

Waikato, No. 22.—The regular convocation was held at Hamilton East on 18th May, V.E. Comp. S. B. Sims, Z., presiding over a very good attendance of companions, when two brethren were exalted, the 1st Prin. being assisted in the ceremony by V.E. Comps. Andrews and Speight. The officers and companions are looking forward to a long promised visit to Paeroa on the 25th to exalt four brethren for the Ohinemuri Chapter. The usual harmonic hour was spent in the refectory.—[Chapter Correspondent.]

Wanganui, No. 23.—The week from the 12th to 19th April was a rather strenuous time for R.A. Masonry in Wanganui district. The ordinary monthly meeting was postponed in order that the annual visit between Egmont and Wanganui Chapters should take place, and on the 12th some twelve companions of Egmont Chapter, under V.E. Comp. McAllister, visited Wanganui. Preparations had been made for their reception. The Chapter tyled at 4 p.m. V.E. Comp. Higginbottom, Z., was assisted by E. Comp. Foster, H., and E. Comp. Longshore, J. Routine business was disposed of and Chapter suspended, resuming at 7 p.m., when visitors were admitted. A Lodge of E.Ms. was opened by the visitors, and the Excellent Degree conferred on a candidate. The Excellent Lodge was then closed, and the Chapter resumed. After H.G.W. the Chapter was closed at 8.40 p.m., and an adjournment made to the refectory, where the wives of visiting and local companions were waiting. This function proved a great success, some 80 persons being seated at the decorated tables. An ordinary "Fourth" was carried through and V.E. Comp. Higginbottom, in proposing Egmont Chapter referred to the very cordial relations existing amongst the various Chapters, and expressed pleasure at the very splendid attendance of the ladies. The toast of the ladies was proposed by R.E. Comp. Gordon in a very appropriate speech, and responded to by E. Comps. Mueli and Winfield. At 11 p.m. "Auld Lang Syne" was sung. It was indeed a happy gathering, and one that will do R.A. Masonry a great deal of good in the district. On the following day the visitors were entertained at an up-river picnic, and a good attendance of some 60 persons were taken to Hipango Park. A shower or two of rain did not dampen the ardour of the party, and the park was reached at 12.30. A capital lunch was provided, and a stroll round was

taken. Anchor was cast at 3.15, and town reached at 5 o'clock, ending what was a very enjoyable day. Such visits as these make many friendships and cement the ties of companionship, and clear away a lot of misunderstanding by the other sex on Masonry.

On Thursday ten companions of Wanganui Chapter visited Hawera to take a share in the annual convocation of Ruapehu Chapters, and on Friday our V.E. Comp. Higginbottom represented Wanganui Chapter at the installation ceremony of Egmont Chapter at Inglewood.—[Chapter Correspondent.]

A. AND A. RITE.

Murihiku, No. 36.—A meeting of exceptional interest eventuated at Invercargill on the 1st May, on the occasion of the regular quarterly meeting. Owing to there being a large number of visiting brethren in Invercargill in connection with the G.L. communication it was only to be expected that a greatly increased attendance would be the outcome. A splendid muster of members of the Chapter was also in evidence, practically every companion signing the attendance book. A number of English brethren were present. The S.G.I.G., Ill. Bro. Geo. Barclay, 33deg., was received with fitting honours. Two candidates presented applications, and were elected. The ceremony of perfection was then conducted by the M.W.S., Ill. Bro. T. M. Rankin, being ably assisted by Bro. Wm. Smith (Chancellor), who explained the preliminary degrees; Bro. A. Scott (M. of C.), Bro. W. Rusden (S.W.), and Bro. J. Kerse (J.W.). The M.W.S. administered the Ob., explained the Secrets, invested the candidates and delivered the first lecture. The Dep.M.W.S., Bro. A. le H. Hoyles, assisted by the S.W., Bro. W. R. Rusden, gave the second lecture. Bro. F. A. Steans as High Prelate was splendid. Previous to the closing, the S.G.I.G., Ill. Bro. Barclay, exemplified the 17th Degree. He was assisted by Ill. Bro. Bingham. This degree, although only outlined in a brief manner, served to illustrate the further beauties of Masonic teaching. Bro. Barclay presented a number of certificates. Ill. Bro. T. Ross, on behalf of Sphinx Chapter, performed a similar duty. After greetings had been extended by representatives from Sphinx, Zealandia,

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Southern Cross, Waikato, Wellington and Becket Chapters, an adjournment was made to the refectory, where a couple of pleasant hours were spent. Representatives from half a dozen Chapters responded to the toast of the visitors, one and all expressing themselves as being surprised at the splendid rendering of the Perfection Ceremony. The brethren from the Sphinx Chapter extended an invitation to the Murihiku Chapter to conduct the ceremony of Perfection in Dunedin in the near future. The companions dispersed at 11.30 p.m., thus bringing to a close a memorable meeting.—[Chapter Correspondent.]

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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. F. L. Connelly; S.W., Bro. F. Herbert; J.W., Bro. R. D. Gardner; 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. Talbot, P.M., 62 Wellesley St., Auckland.

Beta-Walkato, No. 12:—Founded 1866, meets Masonic Hall, Hamilton, Waikato, second Monday in each month, 7.30 p.m. Installation Thursday on or after 24th June. W.M., Bro. R. English; S.W., Bro. E. A. Bryant; J.W., Bro. H. B. Jenkin; Sec., W. 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. W. M. Fyfe; S.W., Bro. H. McAdam; J.W., Bro. J. Bates; Sec., Bro. J. E. Cowell, P.M.

Albion, No. 45:—Founded 1888, 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. E. H. Hounsell, P.M., 68 Calliope Road, Devonport.

Te Aroha, No. 52:—Meets Masonic Hall, Te Aroha, Thursday nearest full moon, 7.30 p.m. Installation March. W.M., Bro. H. W. Dalton; S.W., Bro. A. H. Caudwell; J.W., Bro. J. D. Mackay; Sec., Bro. J. E. Barber, P.O. Box 19, Te Aroha.

Ponsonby, No. 54:—Founded 1890, meets Masonic Hall, Jervois Rd., Ponsonby, first Tuesday in month, 7.30 p.m. Installation first Tuesday in July. W.M., Bro. 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. A. C. Hill; S.W., Bro. G. P. J. Bracewell; J.W., Bro. D. M. Knight; 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. W. Crawford; S.W., Bro. A. Wallis; J.W., Bro. G. Busby; Sec., W. Bro. H. Willis, P.M., P.O., Papakura.

Franklin, No. 58:—Founded 1885, meets Masonic Hall, Pukekohe, second Monday in each month. Installation Nov. W.M., Bro. C. F. Shipperd; S.W., Bro. T. S. Shipperd; J.W., Bro. W. Wyatt; Sec., Bro. C. Cooper, P.M., Box 20, Pukekohe.

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

Abercorn, No. 76:—Founded 1886, meets Abercorn Hall, Ormond Rd., Gisborne, first Tuesday in month. Installation Sept. W.M., Bro. G. R. Grant; S.W., Bro. F. Foote; J.W., Bro. W. R. Oxenham; 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. Clarke; S.W., Bro. A. Logan; J.W., Bro. L. H. Bell; Sec., Bro. Fred H. S. Matthews, P.M., Box 7, Kaitia.

Alpha, No. 81:—Founded 1881, meets at Masonic Hall, Cambridge, Wednesday on or before full moon. Installation March. W.M., Bro. G. Holland; S.W., W. Bro. T. F. Richards; J.W., Bro. P. C. N. Petersen; 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.

Ohaeawai, No. 101:—Meets Masonic Hall, Ohaeawai, Saturday nearest full moon, 7.30 p.m. Installation Feb. W.M., Bro. C. F. Reed; S.W., Bro. J. A. Cook; J.W., Bro. F. T. Goodhue; Sec., W. Bro. J. Mackereth, Okaihau.

Whangarei, No. 102:—Meets in Freemasons' Hall, Walton St., Whangarei, Monday nearest full moon in each month. Installation April. W.M., Bro. W. J. M. Dawson; S.W., W. Bro. M. G. King; J.W., Bro. T. P. Benton; 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. B. Gwilliam; S.W., Bro. E. A. Chester; J.W., Bro. G. A. Chappell; Sec., Bro. C. B. Gentil, P.M., Paeroa.

Waihi, No. 112:—Founded 1898, meets Masonic Hall, Waihi, Monday nearest full moon in month. Installation April. W.M., Bro. T. Larsen; S.W., Bro. J. Whitehead; J.W., Bro. T. G. Short; 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. R. T. Hill; S.W., Bro. G. A. Shaw; J.W., Bro. C. Leyland; Sec., W. Bro. F. Harris, Box 14, Huntly.

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., W. Bro. A. Young; S.W., Bro. L. G. Armstrong; J.W., Bro. J. G. B. Gifford; Sec., Bro. C. G. Downes, Box 35, Te Awamutu.

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

Tauranga, No. 125:—Founded 1902, meets at Lodgeroom, First Avenue, Tauranga, Thursday on or before full moon each month, 7.30 p.m. Installation Aug. W.M., Bro. E. E. Hammond; S.W., Bro. M. Ashton; J.W., Bro. W. H. Gifford; Sec., W. Bro. W. L. Foxcroft, Tauranga.

Hikurangi, No. 140.

Rotorua, No. 153:—Founded 1907, meets Masonic Hall, Fenton St., Rotorua, Tuesday nearest full moon, 7.30 p.m. Installation Aug. W.M., W. Bro. W. T. Pakes; S.W., Bro. J. F. Reeve; J.W., Bro. F. H. Barnard; Sec., Bro. W. Montgomery, P.O. Box 2, Whakarewareware.

Plako, No. 160:—Founded 1908, meets Masonic Hall, Morrinsville, Wednesday on or after full moon, 7.30 p.m. Installation Mar. W.M., Bro. J. W. Clark; S.W., Bro. R. C. Allen; J.W., Bro. W. H. Robertson; Sec., W. Bro. S. S. Allen, Morrinsville.

Plunket, No. 163:—Founded 1910, meets Masonic Hall, Te Kuiti, Wednesday on or before full moon, 7.30 p.m. Installation April. W.M., Bro. R. Ormsby; S.W., Bro. C. Boles; J.W., Bro. H. L. Tempest; Sec., W. Bro. C. B. Lever, P.M.

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. F. Truman; S.W., Bro. A. C. Dimmock; J.W., Bro. A. Moody; Sec., W. Bro. F. W. Luxford, P.O. Box 58, Hamilton.

United Masters', No. 167 (Auckland).

Maungawhau, No. 168:—Founded 1909, meets Lodgeroom, Woodside Rd., Mt. Eden, third Thursday in month. Installation Nov. W.M., Bro. F. R. Trevithick; S.W., Bro. W. I. Stenson; J.W., Bro. S. Orbell; Sec., Bro. J. Vugler.

Nau Mai, No. 177:—Founded 1910, meets Lodgeroom, Hakiaha St., Taumarunui, first Wednesday in month. Installation Nov. W.M., Bro. R. Beeche; S.W., Bro. C. C. Wilson; J.W., Bro. R. Taylor; Sec., Bro. F. E. Otto, Taumarunui.

Marsden, No. 169 (Maungaturoto).

Waitakerei, No. 170 (Henderson).

Waipu, No. 179:—Meets Masonic Hall, Waipu, Tuesday nearest full moon in each month. Installation April. W.M., Bro. A. Boldero; S.W., Bro. D. McInnes; J.W., Bro. A. E. Snaith; Sec., Bro. A. Senth, P.O., Waipu.

Onewa, No. 182 (Northcote).
Te Marama, No. 186:—Founded 1911, meets Masonic Temple, Ngaruawahia, Monday nearest full moon. Installation Oct. W.M., W. Bro. H. M. Thorpe; S.W., Bro. E. H. Todd; J.W., Bro. R. E. Bell; Sec., W. Bro. H. J. Sampson, c/o Sampson Bros., Ngaruawahia, Waikato.

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. 198:—Founded 1914, meets Masonic Hall, Whakatane, Friday 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. J. C. Griffiths; S.W., Bro. D. L. Ross; J.W., Bro. H. C. Searle; Sec., W. Bro. S. L. Spanhake, Dargaville.

Titirangi, No. 204:—Meets in St. Jude's Hall, Avondale, second Tuesday in each month, 7.30 p.m. Installation Sept. W.M., W. Bro. J. H. von Sturmer; S.W., Bro. —; J.W., Bro. A. E. Taylor; Sec., W. Bro. W. N. Ingram, Manakau Road, Avondale.

Manapouri, No. 206:—Founded 1916, meets Lodgeroom, Otorohanga, Tuesday on or before full moon, 8 p.m. Installation Oct. W.M., Bro. J. Heerdagen; S.W., Bro. J. A. Ormsby; J.W., Bro. C. H. Lord; Sec., Bro. H. G. Corbett.

Ruawai, No. 207 (Ruawai).

Ohura, No. 214 (Ohura).

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.

PROVINCE OF HAWKES BAY: 11 LODGES.

(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. Turville; 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. G. F. W. Gay; S.W., Bro. J. H. Wilkins; J.W., Bro. P. J. Ryan; Sec., Bro. J. 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 Mar. W.M., Bro. E. E. Bott; S.W., Bro. G. M. Nielsen; J.W., Bro. N. 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. R. W. Jones; S.W., Bro. W. R. Wright; J.W., Bro. J. R. Foot; Sec., Bro. T. Morgan, P.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, Waikare, H.B., Tuesday nearest full moon, 7.30 p.m. Installation first Tuesday in December. W.M., Bro. J. P. Moore; S.W., Bro. R. Boyd; J.W., Bro. R. E. Jefferson; Sec., Bro. E. L. Thomson, Box 1, Waikare, H.B.

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

Omaranui, No. 216 (Taradale).

PROVINCE OF TARANAKI: 8 LODGES.

(R.W. Bro. H. N. Ewing, Prov.G.M.)

Patea Kil., No. 18:—Founded 1873, meets second Wednesday in month. Installation March. W.M., Bro. E. C. Wood; S.W., Bro. F. G. Davies; J.W., Bro. W. C. Glenn; Sec., W. Bro. J. J. Holtham, P.M.

Hawera, No. 34:—Founded 1880, meets in Temple, Union St., Hawera, first Tuesday in month, 7.30 p.m. Installation July. W.M., Bro. Colin Brown; S.W., Bro. J. L. Martin; J.W., Bro. W. S. Gibson; Sec., W. Bro. H. D. Caplin, Box 125, Hawera.

Ngamotu, No. 48:—Founded 1883, meets Masonic Hall, Robe St., New Plymouth, fourth Wednesday in month (except Dec., second Thursday), 7.30 p.m. Installation Sept. W.M., W. Bro. E. Bary; S.W., Bro. R. J. Pentecost; J.W., Bro. A. C. St. Paul; Sec., Bro. R. N. Renaud, P.M., Dawson St., New Plymouth.

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

St. John's, No. 95:—Founded 1892, meets Masonic Hall, Eltham, third Tuesday in month, 7.30 p.m. Installation Feb. W.M., W. Bro. C. B. Martin; S.W., Bro. G. Koefoed; J.W., Bro. E. E. Carter; Sec., Bro. N. E. Drayton, Box 19, Eltham.

Moa, No. 110:—Founded 1896, meets in Freemasons' Hall, Inglewood, second Friday each month, 7.30 p.m. Installation March. W.M., Bro. G. H. Hutton; S.W., Bro. J. R. G. Sutherland; J.W., Bro. W. M. Ross; Sec., W. Bro. E. E. Olson, Inglewood.

Ikarua, No. 115:—Founded 1898, meets Lodge-room, Opunake, Tuesday nearest full moon, 7.30 p.m. Installation Nov. W.M., Bro. D. Penny; S.W., Bro. A. F. Neilson; J.W., Bro. J. Young; Sec., Bro. G. W. Rogers, P.M., P.O. Box 19.

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

RUAPEHU DISTRICT: 17 LODGES.

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

Rangitikei, No. 38:—Founded 1880, meets Masonic Hall, Bulls, Tuesday before full moon. Installation Oct. W.M., Bro. A. K. Drew; S.W., Bro. R. Chisholm; J.W., Bro. G. Wilson; Sec., Bro. J. E. Walker, P.M., Box 25, Bulls.

Feilding, No. 41:—Founded 1881, meets Masonic Temple, Feilding, second Monday in month. Installation July. W.M., Bro. W. W. Andrews; S.W., Bro. A. J. Geary; J.W., Bro. J. S. Tingey; Sec., Bro. G. W. Shrimpton, P.O. Box 114, Feilding.

Manawatu Kil., No. 47:—Founded 1883, meets Masonic Hall, Church St., Palmerston North, second Thursday in month. Installation April. W.M., Bro. E. R. G. Tucker; S.W., Bro. E. V. West; J.W., Bro. W. Mundy; Sec., W. Bro. C. S. Rush, P.M., Box 92, Palmerston North.

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

Rangitira, No. 71:—Founded 1891, meets Masonic Hall, Huntville, Rangitikei, Friday on or before full moon. Installation Mar. W.M., Bro. R. Dukeston; S.W., Bro. C. R. Dear; J.W., Bro. A. Livingston; Sec., Bro. W. Hayden Maclean, P.M.

St. Andrew Kil., No. 79:—Founded 1866, meets Freemasons' Hall, Wanganui, second Thursday in month (excepting Dec., first Thursday). Installation second Thursday in July. W.M., Bro. J. McFarlane; S.W., Bro. P. Evans; J.W., Bro. I. Stephenson; Sec., Bro. L. Craig, P.M., P.O. Box 296 Wanganui.

Kimbolton, No. 123:—Founded 1902, meets Masonic Hall, Kimbolton, Thursday nearest full moon. Installation Feb. W.M., Bro. F. S. Savage; S.W., Bro. R. W. Southey; J.W., Bro. D. Banks; Sec., Bro. C. J. Steel, P.O., Kimbolton.

Ruapehu, No. 128 (formerly No. 2317, E.C.):—Founded 1885, meets Masonic Hall, Marton, Thursday nearest full moon. Installation Feb. W.M., Bro. R. A. Upchurch; S.W., Bro. J. S. McDonald; J.W., Bro. F. C. Christensen; Sec., Bro. J. Mogridge, P.M.

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

Otaihape, No. 142:—Founded 13th Dec., 1905; meets in Masonic Hall, Taihape, Tuesday on or before full moon, 7.45 p.m. Installation May. W.M., Bro. L. B. H. Delatour; S.W. Bro. P. Wakeman; J.W., Bro. E. Loader; Sec., Bro. — Leighton.

Rongotea, No. 146:—Founded 1906, meets Masonic Hall, Rongotea, Wednesday before full moon. Installation April. W.M., Bro. E. Gardner; S.W., Bro. J. R. McCall; J.W., Bro. P. Vallender; Sec., Bro. N. L. Ingpen.

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

Waimarino, No. 175:—Founded 1910; meets Masonic Hall, Ward St., Raetihi, Monday nearest full moon, 7.30 p.m. Installation Oct. W.M., Bro. A. C. Drury; S.W., Bro. T. McArthur; J.W., Bro. W. M. Fraser; Sec., Bro. W. H. Sandford, Duncan St., Raetihi.

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

Moutoa, No. 195:—Constituted 24th April, 1913, meets Masonic Hall, Gonville, fourth Thursday in month (excepting Dec., third Thursday). Installation fourth Thursday in April. W.M., Bro. J. C. Arnold; S.W., Bro. E. Runnerstrum; J.W., Bro. C. L. Cornish; Sec., Bro. N. P. Svenson, P.M., 43 Gonville Avenue, Gonville.

Ngauruhoe, No. 205:—Constituted 25th May, 1916, meets Masonic Hall, Mire St., Ohakune, Tuesday nearest full moon, 7.30 p.m. Installation May. W.M., W. Bro. M. Vance; S.W., Bro. Dr. W. J. Feltham; J.W., Bro. W. J. Trask; Sec., W. Bro. T. P. Firman, P.M., Box 6, Ohakune Junction.

Oroua, No. 215, Apiti.

PROVINCE OF WELLINGTON: 24 LODGES.

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

N.Z. Pacific, No. 2:—Founded 1842, meets Masonic Hall, Wellington, fourth Monday in month, 7.30 p.m. No meeting Dec. Installation Mar. W.M., Bro. G. W. A. Clark; S.W., Bro. P. C. Connell; J.W., Bro. J. R. Thomson; Sec., W. Bro. J. H. Worboys, P.M., Kilbirnie.

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

Masterton, No. 19:—Founded 1873, meets Masonic Hall, Bannister St., Masterton, second Wednesday in month, 8 p.m. Installation third Thursday in May. W.M., Bro. C. W. Perrin; S.W., Bro. S. D. Pearce; J.W., Bro. S. H. Conder; Sec., V.W. Bro. F. J. Hunn, P.G.D. of C., P.O. Box 81, Masterton.

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

St. John, No. 37:—Founded 1880, meets Masonic Hall, Wakefield St., Featherston, second Monday in month, 7.30 p.m. Installation October. W.M., W. Bro. G. A. Campbell; S.W., Bro. J. McKeown; J.W., Bro. H. Tutbury; Sec., Bro. J. H. Fieldhouse.

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

St. Mark, No. 53:—Founded 1884, meets in Freemasons' Hall, Carterton, second Tuesday in month, 7.30 p.m. Installation April (St. Mark's Day). W.M., Bro. J. J. Knox-Smith; S.W., Bro. A. J. Lindop; J.W., Bro. R. Smith; Sec., W. Bro. A. Phillipotts, Box 7, Carterton.

Ulster, No. 62:—Founded 1888, meets Masonic Hall, Petone, third Wednesday in month. Installation June. W.M., Bro. Y. G. Carver; S.W., Bro. D. M. Armstrong; J.W., Bro. R. A. Scott; Sec., W. Bro. T. Mather, 9 Stilling St., Lower Hutt.

Taranua, No. 67:—Founded 1890, meets Masonic Hall, Pahiatua, Thursday nearest full moon. Installation Nov. W.M., Bro. F. Burrell; S.W., Bro. G. D. H. Smith; J.W., Bro. G. W. Chatwin; Sec., Bro. W. H. Purdie, Main Street, Pahiatua.

Otaki, No. 72:—Founded 1891, meets Masonic Hall, Otaki, Wednesday nearest full moon, 8 p.m. (Sept. meeting Tuesday). Installation Nov. W.M., Bro. A. G. Williams; S.W., Bro. St. George; J.W., Bro. A. Johnston; Sec., W. Bro. H. Freeman, P.M., Box 3, Railway Station, Otaki.

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

Eketahuna, No. 92:—Founded 1893, meets in Masonic Hall, Bengston Street, Eketahuna, second Friday in each month (except May, Installation second Thursday), 7.30 p.m. W.M., Bro. W. Duff; S.W., Bro. W. Crocker; J.W., Bro. H. E. Greathead; Sec., Bro. W. P. Carter, Box 16, Eketahuna.

Linemosa, No. 122:—Founded 1901, meets Masonic Hall, Wellington S., second Thursday, 7.30 p.m. Installation Aug. W.M., Bro. G. Jones; S.W., Bro. S. L. Russell; J.W., Bro. P. Reid; Sec., Bro. S. T. S. Martin, P.M., 11 Millward St., Wellington S.

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

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

Horowhenua, No. 135:—Founded 1906, meets Druids' Hall, Levin, Thursday nearest full moon, 8 p.m. Installation Wednesday nearest in Sept. W.M., Bro. R. G. Wall; S.W., Bro. J. F. Young; J.W., Bro. J. Whitaker, P.M.; Sec., W. Bro. J. Bagrie, P.M., Box 8, Levin.

Puketoi, No. 149:—Founded 1907, meets Masonic Hall, Pongaroa, Tuesday on or before full moon, 7.30 p.m. Installation Feb. W.M., Bro. G. H. Gillies; S.W., Bro. E. W. Clemens; J.W., Bro. C. R. Burling; Sec., Bro. J. T. Steel.

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

Tutanekai, No. 156:—Founded 1908, meets Masonic Hall, Adelaide Rd., Berhampore, first Thursday in month (except Jan., when Lodge meets second Thursday), 7.30 p.m. Installation Feb. W.M., Bro. G. W. Key; S.W., Bro. F. J. Reid; J.W., Bro. W. T. J. Morton; Sec., W. Bro. J. P. Shand.

Waiwhetu, No. 176:—Founded 1910, meets Masonic Hall, Huia St., Lower Hutt, second Wednesday in month, 7.30 p.m. Installation Oct. W.M., Bro. A. Carver; S.W., Bro. J. R. Purdy; J.W., Bro. J. W. F. McDougall; Sec., W. Bro. Henry Hobbs, 141 Tasman St., Wellington.

Otari, No. 190:—Founded 1912, meets Freemasons' Hall, Ngalo, second Tuesday in month. Installation July. W.M., Bro. W. A. Tanner; S.W., Bro. J. Craig; J.W., Bro. H. E. Anderson; Sec., W. Bro. E. Meek, P.M., Te Kāinga, Khandallah.

Installed Masters' Lodge, No. 194:—Founded 5th October, 1912; meets Freemasons' Hall first Tuesday in Nov., *Feb., *April, *June, *Aug., *Oct. Installation Oct. *W.M., R.W. Bro. H. H. Seaton; S.W., V.W. Bro. C. W. Neilsen; J.W., W. Bro. C. Morice; Sec., Bro. A. Schmidt, 2 Corunna Ave. (*Open to visiting M.Ms.)

Whetu Kairangi, No. 201:—Founded 1914, meets Masonic Hall, Seatoun, second Saturday each month, 7 p.m. Installation Oct. W.M., Bro. T. S. Robertson; S.W., Bro. G. F. Browne; J.W., Bro. C. E. Bennett; Sec., W. Bro. T. O. Fox, P.M., Miramar.

Mokoia, No. 213:—Consecrated 6th Dec., 1919; meets Masonic Hall, Wellington South, fourth Tuesday in month, 7.30 p.m. W.M., W. Bro. L. A. George; S.W., Bro. H. H. Flanagan; J.W., Bro. J. E. F. Perry; Sec., Bro. J. D. Eves, 54 Leraud St., Wellington South.

SOUTH ISLAND.

MARLBOROUGH AND NELSON: 8 LODGES.

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

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

Wairau, No. 42:—Founded 1881 (formerly 663, S.C.; joined N.Z.C. 1890), meets Masonic Hall, Andrew St., Blenheim, last Tuesday in month, 7.30 p.m. Installation June. W.M., Bro. T. E. Cleator; S.W., Bro. A. E. Jellyman; J.W., Bro. W. R. Mackintosh; Sec., W. Bro. W. C. Lucas, Redwood St., Blenheim.

Havelock, No. 104:—Founded 1896, meets Masonic Hall, Havelock, Friday on or before full moon, 7.30 p.m. Installation Mar. W.M., Bro. J. B. Torrance; S.W., Bro. A. E. Barrowclough; J.W., Bro. S. J. Ball; Sec., W. Bro. W. A. Russell, Flat Creek, Marlborough.

Marlborough Unanimity, No. 106:—Founded 1869 (formerly 1236, E.C.), joined N.Z.C. 1896, meets Masonic Hall, Charles St., Blenheim, second Thursday in month, 7.30 p.m. Installation Aug. W.M., Bro. W. M. Lambie; S.W., Bro. W. G. Rudd; J.W., Bro. T. Halligan; Sec., Bro. F. W. Smith, P.M., Box 161, Blenheim.

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

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

Motueka, No. 117:—Founded 1900, meets Lodgeroom, Motueka, Wednesday nearest full moon. Installation Oct. W.M., Bro. W. Nicholson; S.W., Bro. C. Knapp; J.W., Bro. J. M. Thompson; Acting-Sec., W. Bro. T. J. Griffen, Motueka.

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

PROVINCE OF WESTLAND: 12 LODGES.

(R.W. Bro. E. Warnes, Prov.G.M.)

Robert Burns, No. 50:—Founded 1883, meets Burns' Masonic Hall, Kelly St., Reefton, third Thursday in month, 7.30 p.m. Installation 25th Jan. W.M., W. Bro. Stewart; S.W., W. Bro. Rivers; J.W., Bro. Prentice; Sec., W. Bro. Auld.

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

Kumara, No. 65:—Meets in Freemasons' Hall, Seddon St., Kumara, Tuesday nearest full moon, 8 p.m. Installation Feb. W.M., Bro. J. E. Wade; S.W., Bro. R. J. Burrell; J.W., Bro. J. Hurren, P.M.; Acting-Sec., Bro. S. G. Peters, P.M.

Westland Kil, No. 88:—Founded 1867, meets in Freemasons' Hall, Hokitika, Wednesday nearest full moon, 7.30 p.m. Installation St. Andrew's Day. W.M., Bro. Geo. Veale; S.W., Bro. R. F. Ward; J.W., Bro. A. A. Rowe; Sec., Bro. W. E. Richards, P.M., P.O. Box 79, Hokitika.

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

Mokihini, No. 96:—Founded 1896, meets in Masonic Hall, Seddonville, first Saturday in month, 7.30 p.m. Installation Dec. W.M., Bro. W. E. Mosley; S.W., Bro. Thos. Thomson; J.W., Bro. T. Brownlie; Sec., W. Bro. C. M. Johnston, Mokihini.

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

Mawhera, No. 136:—Founded 1904, meets Masonic Hall, Tainui St., Greymouth, second Thursday in month. Installation Nov. W.M., Bro. G. Heinz; S.W., Bro. W. P. Hambleton; J.W., Bro. D. McGregor; Sec., Bro. J. McIndoe, P.O. Box 29, Greymouth.

Kawatiri-Westport, No. 152:—Founded 1907, meets in Masonic Hall, Russell Street, Westport, second Monday in month, 8 p.m. Installation May. W.M., Bro. E. L. S. Skilton; S.W., Bro. W. A. Tulloch; J.W., Bro. R. Brown; Sec., Bro. G. W. Jones, P.M., 137 Queen Street, Westport.

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

Waro, No. 173:—Founded 1910, meets in the Oddfellows' Hall, Hilton St., Blackball, Tuesday nearest full moon. Installation 28th June. W.M., Bro. H. L. Neilson; S.W., Bro. J. Sinclair; J.W., Bro. E. Dumbleton; Sec., Bro. T. Sneddon.

Connaught, No. 187 (Karamea).

PROVINCE OF CANTERBURY: 38 LODGES.

(R.W. Bro. F. C. B. Bishop, Prov.G.M.)

Unanimity, No. 3:—Founded Oct., 1851, meets Masonic Hall, Sumner Rd., Lyttelton, first Tuesday in month, 7.30 p.m. Installation Feb. W.M., W. Bro. F. H. Law; S.W., Bro. C. E. Owen; J.W., Bro. W. P. Olsen; Sec., Bro. F. H. Law, 77 Petrie St. North, Richmond, Christchurch.

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

Southern Cross, No. 6:—Founded 1858, meets Masonic Hall, Kaiapoi, first Thursday in month, 7.30 p.m. Installation Dec. W.M., Bro. J. E. Monk; S.W., Bro. L. C. B. Fuldseth; J.W., Bro. P. G. Hunt; Sec., Bro. W. H. Stark, North Road, Kaiapoi.

Caledonian, No. 16:—Founded 1871, meets in Caledonian Masonic Hall, Sophia Street, Timaru, first Monday in month, 7.30 p.m. Installation June. W.M., Bro. J. T. Collins; S.W., Bro. J. T. Hunt; J.W., Bro. R. R. Randle; Sec., Bro. J. Simpson, 138 North St., Timaru.

Progress, No. 22:—Founded 1876, meets Masonic Hall, Southbridge, Tuesday on or before full moon each month, 8 p.m. Installation regular night in Dec. W.M., W. Bro. J. W. A. Walker; S.W., Bro. W. C. Hickman; J.W., Bro. A. H. Weavers; Sec., Bro. E. F. Chapman, c/o Chapman Bros., general storekeepers, Southbridge.

Canterbury Kil, No. 23:—Founded 2nd Nov., 1875; meets Masonic Hall, Canterbury St., Lyttelton, third Thursday in each month, 7.30 p.m. Installation July. W.M., Bro. J. N. Carson; S.W., Bro. E. W. Brown; J.W., Bro. H. H. J. Barnard; Sec., Bro. G. Rutherford, Winchester St., Lyttelton.

Geraldine, No. 27:—Founded 1890, meets Masonic Hall, Geraldine, third Wednesday in month. Installation March. W.M., Bro. G. R. Knibb; S.W., Bro. J. P. Cliff; J.W., Bro. T. J. Paterson; Sec., Bro. W. A. Sherratt, P.M., Geraldine.

Ashley, No. 28:—Founded 1878, meets Masonic Hall, Rangiora, second Thursday in month, 7.30 p.m. Installation March. W.M., Bro. T. Shankland; S.W., Bro. H. A. Archdall; J.W., Bro. D. A. Innes; Sec., Bro. E. Blackett, Box 12, Rangiora.

St. George, No. 29:—Meets Masonic Hall, Wilkin St., Temuka, second Wednesday in month. Installation Dec. W.M., Bro. W. J. Keys; S.W., Bro. Rev. A. H. Norris; J.W., Bro. J. A. Johnson; Sec., Bro. F. A. Joynt, P.O. Box 40, Temuka.

Rakaia, No. 31:—Founded 1879; meets in Masonic Hall, Rakaia, first Wednesday in each month, 7.30 p.m. Installation April. W.M., Bro. C. H. Evison; S.W., Bro. J. W. Halliday; J.W., Bro. D. Newman; Sec., W. Bro. C. H. Evison, P.O. Box 15, Rakaia.

Lincoln, No. 33:—Founded 1880, meets in Masonic Hall, Lincoln, first Tuesday in month. No meeting in January. Installation October. W.M., Bro. W. L. Morgan; S.W., Bro. R. G. Forbes; J.W., Bro. T. Vogan; Sec., Bro. —

Concord, No. 39:—Founded 1881, meets in Masonic Hall, Papanui, fourth Wednesday in month. Installation May. W.M., Bro. J. W. Beanland; S.W., Bro. G. F. Drury; J.W., Bro. J. M. Gow; Sec., W. Bro. T. H. North, P.M., 34 Aikman's Road, Christchurch.

Phoenix, No. 43:—Meets second Friday in month in Masonic Hall, Jolie St., Akaroa, 7.30 p.m. Installation Sept. W.M., Bro. T. E. McKenzie; S.W., Bro. W. E. M. Jacobson; J.W., Bro. C. Stewart; Sec., V.W. Bro. Rev. A. H. Julius, G.C., the Vicarage, Akaroa.

Metnven, No. 51:—Meets Masonic Hall Methven, Wednesday on or before full moon. Installation May. W.M., Bro. H. Maginness; S.W., Bro. S. Smith; J.W., Bro. J. Osborne; Sec., W. Bro. H. H. Pawson, Box 31, Methven.

Kaikoura, No. 60:—Meets Thursday on or before full moon. Installation February. W.M., Bro. H. J. Stanlake; S.W., Bro. A. S. Robinson; J.W., Bro. J. H. Walter; Sec., Bro. R. Gibson, West End, Kaikoura.

Christchurch, No. 91:—Founded 1893, meet in Masonic Hall, Christchurch, fourth Tuesday in month, 7.30 p.m. Installation Nov. W.M., Bro. W. L. N. Newth; S.W., Bro. T. C. Hill; J.W., Bro. H. Dickinson; Sec., V.W. Bro. H. Hopkinson, P.M., 33 Clifton St., Addington, Christchurch.

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

St. Augustine, No. 99:—Established 1876; meets Lodgeroom, Leonard St., Waimate, Wednesday on or before full moon. Installation Aug. W.M., Bro. C. E. Manchester; S.W., Bro. R. Creaser; J.W., Bro. W. E. Evans; Sec., W. Bro. A. J. Hoskins, P.M.

Thistle, No. 113:—Meets Masonic Hall, Havelock St. W., Ashburton, third Wednesday in month, 7.30 p.m. Installation 30th Nov. W.M., Bro. W. Christmas; S.W., Bro. A. T. Smith; J.W., Bro. E. W. Easterbrook; Sec., W. Bro. C. Campbell, P.M., P.O. Box 6, Ashburton.

Cheviot, No. 124.

M. and P.M., No. 130 (Christchurch). Mairaki, No. 131:—Founded 1903, meets Masonic Hall, Cust, third Friday in month. Installation April. W.M., Bro. Colin McIntosh; S.W., Bro. F. E. Fairweather; J.W., Bro. H. Tallott; Sec., Bro. E. W. Cooper, P.M.

Pareora, No. 134 (St. Andrew's).

Crown, No. 138 (Christchurch). Robert Burns, No. 139:—Founded 1877; meets Masonic Temple, Gloucester St., Christchurch, third Tuesday in month, except Dec., 7.30 p.m. Installation Aug. W.M., Bro. G. A. Blackmore; S.W., Bro. W. E. Rogers; J.W., Bro. T. McRae; Sec., W. Bro. R. W. S. Eastwood, 39 Coronation St., Woolston.

Waihora, No. 141:—Founded 1905, meets Odd fellows' Hall, Leeston, second Thursday in each month, 8 p.m. Installation April. W.M., W. Bro. W. O. Rennie; S.W., Bro. Dr. Voickman; J.W., Bro. G. W. Purser; Sec., Bro. R. M. Robertson.

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

St. Martin, No. 162 (Pleasant Point).

Ahurewa, No. 181:—Founded 1911, meets Schoolroom, Dunsandel, fourth Thursday in each month. Installation Oct. W.M., Bro. C. H. Chapman; S.W., Bro. F. E. Owers; J.W., Bro. J. H. Williams; Sec., W. Bro. F. Lill, P.M., Box 1, Dunsandel.

Amuri, No. 184 (Culverden).

Avon, No. 185:—Meets Masonic Hall, Christchurch, first Thursday in month. Installation Sept. W.M., Bro. B. Falck; S.W., Bro. J. W. Hillary; J.W., Bro. H. Hatch; Sec., W. Bro. W. E. Scott, c/o H.B.s., Christchurch.

Tawera, No. 188:—Founded 1912, meets in Masonic Hall, Oxford, first Tuesday in each month, 7.30 p.m. Installation March. W.M., Bro. L. Watson; S.W., Bro. T. C. Horn; J.W., Bro. C. F. Hall; Sec., Bro. Geo. Smith, Oxford.

Timaru, No. 196:—Founded 1913, meets Caledonian Masonic Hall, Sophia St., Timaru, third Monday in month (except Dec. and Jan.). Installation Apr. W.M., Bro. F. Stowell; S.W., Bro. S. L. Freeman; J.W., Bro. D. A. Morgan; Sec., Bro. J. C. Moore, Hassall St.

Koranga, No. 197:—Founded 1913, meets Caledonian Masonic Hall, Sophia St., Timaru, fourth Tuesday in month, 7.30 p.m. Installation Aug. W.M., W. Bro. J. Moyes; S.W., Bro. W. G. Cooper; J.W., Bro. G. Murdoch; Sec., W. Bro. J. W. Souter, Box 160, Timaru.

Erehwon, No. 200:—Consecrated 20th Aug. 1914; meets Masonic Hall, Mt. Somers, Friday on or before full moon, 7.30 p.m. Installation Oct. W.M., Bro. J. Hood; S.W., Bro. W. J. Robertson; J.W., Bro. W. J. Smith; Sec., Bro. E. C. Wood, Mt. Somers.

Acacia, No. 209:—Founded 1918; meets in County Council Chamber, Waikari, Tuesday on or before full moon. Installation Oct. W.M., Bro. W. J. Cadman; S.W., Bro. Rev. A. I. Cantor; J.W., Bro. R. J. Lewis; Sec., Bro. W. T. Lindsay, P.O. Box 1, Waikari.

Eirene, No. 211:—Founded 1919, meets in School Room, Little River, Monday nearest full moon in each month, 7.30 p.m. W.M., Bro. G. Morris; S.W., Bro. C. W. I. MacLaverly; J.W., Bro. J. W. Humphries; Sec., Bro. W. Aitken Little River.

Ionic, No. 212:—Founded 1919, meets Masonic Hall, Gloucester St., Christchurch, fourth Thursday in each month, 7.30 p.m. Installation Aug. W.M., Bro. J. E. Dunstan; S.W., Bro. O. W. B. Anderson; J.W., Bro. A. Rose; Sec., Bro. E. R. Caygill, 183 Cachel St., Christchurch.

PROVINCE OF OTAGO: 27 LODGES.

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

Otago, No. 7:—Founded 1860, meets in Freemasons' Hall, King St. (opp. Museum), Dunedin, second Wednesday in month, 8 p.m. Installation Oct. W.M., V.W. Bro. Rev. H. O. Fenton; S.W., Bro. J. McCormack; J.W., Bro. E. J. Thomson; Sec., Bro. H. E. Barth, P.O. Box 362, Dunedin.

Waitaki, No. 11:—Founded 1869, meets Masonic Hall, Wansbeck St., Oamaru, second Wednesday in month, 7.30 p.m. Installation May. W.M., Bro. A. N. Glass; S.W., Bro. J. G. Wallace; J.W., Bro. A. Hamilton; Sec., Bro. C. A. La Roche, Harbour Board office.

Clutha, No. 14:—Founded 1869, meets Masonic Hall, Douglas St., Balclutha, second Monday in month, 8 p.m. Installation Sept. W.M., Bro. G. H. Henderson; S.W., Bro. R. Henderson; J.W., Bro. S. V. White; Sec., Bro. E. Moore.

Palmerston, No. 26:—Founded 1876, meets Masonic Hall, Palmerston St., Friday on or before full moon, 8 p.m. Installation Aug. W.M., Bro. J. Moodie; S.W., Bro. W. C. Arkle; J.W., Bro. R. Cameron; Sec., Bro. G. B. Smith, jun., P.M., P.O. Box 24, Palmerston, Otago.

Hercules, No. 36:—Founded 1880, meets in Masonic Hall, Tapanui, Wednesday nearest full moon, 7.30 p.m. Installation Apr. W.M., Bro. G. A. Fowler; S.W., Bro. J. Clouston; J.W., Bro. J. W. Beattie; Sec., Bro. J. W. Nicholson, Tapanui.

Hiram, No. 46:—Founded 1883, meets in Masonic Hall, Cargill Rd., South Dunedin, fourth Tuesday in every month, 7.30 p.m. Installation Oct. W.M., Bro. J. McNaughton; S.W., Bro. G. G. Cardno; J.W., Bro. W. Homan; Sec., Bro. Rev. Chas. J. Bush-King, St. Matthew's Buildings, Hope Place, Dunedin.

Ngapara, No. 63:—Founded 1891, meets Masonic Hall, Ngapara, Oamaru, Monday on or preceding full moon, 7.30 p.m. Installation Oct. W.M., Bro. W. J. Taylor; S.W., Bro. A. Murray; J.W., Bro. G. Pringle; Sec., Bro. H. Webber, P.M., Ngapara.

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

St. Thomas Kil., No. 83 (originally No. 659, S.C.):—Meets in Masonic Hall, Kaitangata, every fourth Wednesday from 25th June, 1919. Installation Feb. W.M., Bro. J. Oliver; S.W., Bro. J. Richardson; J.W., Bro. L. L. Grimshaw; Sec., W. Bro. W. D. Paterson, P.M.

St. John, No. 84:—Constituted E.C., 1885; joined N.Z.C., 1893; meets second Thursday in each month in Oddfellows' Hall, Gordon Rd., Mosgiel, at 7.30 p.m. Installation Nov. W.M., Bro. Rev. D. Calder; S.W., Bro. C. H. Leith; J.W., Bro. J. Mitchell; Sec., Bro. J. Williamson, P.O. Box 23, Mosgiel.

Mount Ida, No. 97:—Founded 1868 (originally No. 1282, E.C.), meets Masonic Hall, Naseby, Wednesday nearest full moon. Installation Feb. W.M., Bro. E. Carey; S.W., Bro. T. C. Hore; J.W., Bro. S. McFerran; Sec., Bro. A. E. Brown, Levin Stret, Naseby.

Cromwell Kil., No. 98:—Founded 1873 (originally No. 535, S.C.), meets Masonic Hall, Cromwell, Wednesday nearest full moon, 7.30 p.m. Installation Feb. W.M., Bro. F. W. Partridge; S.W., Bro. D. C. Jolly; J.W., Bro. W. R. Michaelis; Sec., W. Bro. W. Campbell, Box 27, Cromwell.

Dunstan, No. 103 (originally No. 407, S.C.):—Founded 1869, joined N.Z.C. 1895; meets Town Hall, Clyde, Tuesday on or nearest full moon, 7.30 p.m. Installation Feb. W.M., Bro. D. C. McInnes; S.W., Bro. R. Bringsans; J.W., Bro. H. E. Stevens; Sec., W. Bro. J. E. Menzies, Council Office, Clyde.

Maori, No. 105:—Meets Masonic Hall, Ravensbourne, Dunedin, first Monday in month, 7.30 p.m. Installation Mar. W.M., Bro. T. H. Harbridge; S.W., Bro. D. McPhail; J.W., Bro. J. Baird; Sec., W. Bro. E. Tomkinson, P.M., Harbour Board, Dunedin.

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

St. Bathans, No. 126:—Founded 11th Nov., 1902, meets Masonic Hall, Becks, Thursday nearest full moon, 8 p.m. Installation Feb. W.M., Bro. J. Owens; S.W., Bro. J. Clouston; J.W., Bro. G. T. Alexander; Sec., Bro. Rev. A. V. G. Chandler, P.M., P.O., Becks.

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

Teviot, No. 148:—Founded 1907, meets Masonic Hall, Roxburgh, Saturday on or nearest full moon, 8 p.m. Installation March. W.M., W. Bro. L. Faigan; S.W., Bro. A. H. Williamson; J.W., Bro. H. Henderson; Sec., W. Bro. J. R. Gilmour, Box 18, Roxburgh.

Oceanic, No. 154:—Meets in St. Kilda Masonic Hall, Dunedin, third Wednesday each month, 7.30 p.m. Installation Oct. W.M., Bro. H. F. Harris; S.W., Bro. M. J. Pierce; J.W., Bro. W. H. Riddell; Sec., Bro. W. Jacobsen, P.M., Musselburgh.

Haeremal, No. 155:—Founded 1907, meets in Masonic Hall, Great King St. (opp. Museum), Dunedin, third Monday in month, 7.45 p.m. Installation April. W.M., Bro. R. Johnson; S.W., Bro. G. Winter; J.W., Bro. G. Waldie; Sec., W. Bro. J. D. King, P.M., 2 Dudley Place, Maori Hill, Dunedin.

Masters, No. 161.

Kurow, No. 164:—Founded 13th May, 1909; meets in Masonic Hall, Kurow, Thursday on or before full moon, 7.30 p.m. Installation Sept. W.M., Bro. J. Pringle; S.W., Bro. G. P. Martin; J.W., Bro. F. W. G. Quaife; Sec., Bro. W. W. Mercer, Kurow.

Owaka, No. 180:—Founded 1911, meets Masonic Hall, Owaka, Tuesday nearest full moon, 7.30 p.m. Installation Mar. W.M., Bro. R. Barr; S.W., Bro. G. W. Geddes; J.W., Bro. J. Logan; Sec., Bro. W. N. Haywarde, P.O. Box 13, Owaka.

Clinton, No. 183:—Founded 1911, meets Oddfellows' Hall, Clinton, Thursday nearest full moon, 7.30 p.m. Installation Mar. W.M., Bro. R. Shepherd; S.W., Bro. R. McIndoe; J.W., Bro. R. C. Cairney; Sec., Bro. W. T. Dark.

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

Morning Star, No. 192 (Mornington).

Strath-Taieri, No. 199 (Middlemarch, Otago Central).

PROVINCE OF SOUTHLAND: 18 LODGES.

(R.W. Bro. A. B. Haggitt, Prov.G.M.)

Southern Cross, No. 9:—Founded 1864, meets Masonic Hall, Forth St., Invercargill, first Friday in month, 7.45 p.m. Installation June. W.M., Bro. L. L. Padgett; S.W., Bro. H. J. Farrar; J.W., Bro. B. J. Grancefield; Sec., W. Bro. C. H. Roberts, Box 214, Invercargill.

Harvey, No. 49:—Founded 1883, meets in Masonic Hall, Gore, Wednesday nearest full moon, 7.30 p.m. Installation second Wednesday in April. W.M., Bro. T. J. Sherborne, jun.; S.W., Bro. R. P. Boyne; J.W., Bro. W. Kirker; Sec., W. Bro. D. D. Steadman, East Gore.

Mokoreta, No. 63:—Founded 1888, meets in Masonic Temple, Wyndham, third Thursday every month, 8 p.m. Installation fourth Wednesday in Sept. W.M., Bro. W. A. Allison, jun.; S.W., Bro. R. Richardson; J.W., Bro. I. C. MacRae; Sec., Bro. S. Rice, P.O. Box 27, Wyndham.

Fortitude, No. 64:—Founded 1888, meets in Masonic Hall, Bluff, second Wednesday in month, 7.30 p.m. Installation June. W.M., Bro. R. C. Harbord; S.W., Bro. J. C. Imlay, P.M.; J.W., Bro. J. G. Jory; Sec., Bro. E. Parker, P.M., Hazlewood, Bluff.

Aparima, No. 77:—Founded 1876, meets Masonic Hall, Riverton, Tuesday nearest full moon, 7.30 p.m. Installation Aug. W.M., Bro. S. L. McNeil; S.W., Bro. D. M. Tweedie; J.W., Bro. E. B. Patrick; Sec., Bro. E. B. Gee, P.M., Riverton.

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

Arrow Kil., No. 86:—Meets Monday on or before full moon at Masonic Hall, Arrowtown. Installation Feb. W.M., Bro. D. R. Barron; S.W., Bro. S. George; J.W., Bro. C. C. O'Callaghan; Sec., Bro. F. F. Dunlop, P.M., P.O. Box 48, Arrowtown.

St. John, No. 94:—Meets at Masonic Hall, Invercargill, third Friday in month. Installation May. W.M., Bro. J. Manson; S.W., Bro. R. Hyslop; J.W., Bro. J. R. Fraser; Sec., Bro. E. van Lyon, P.O. Box 235, Invercargill.

Taringatura, No. 100:—Founded 1887, meets Masonic Hall, Lumsden, Monday on or before full moon. Installation third Wednesday in Nov. W.M., Bro. Geo. Finlay; S.W., Bro. R. W. Edgar; J.W., Bro. H. Ewen; Sec., Bro. R. N. Wilson, Box 4, Lumsden.

Winton, No. 108:—Founded 1896, meets Masonic Hall, Park St., Winton, Tuesday on or before full moon. Installation Oct. W.M., Bro. Rev. C. E. P. Webb; S.W., Bro. H. Liddell; J.W., Bro. T. King; Sec., W. Bro. T. Walker, Box 7 Winton.

Wallace, No. 129:—Founded 1904, meets Masonic Hall, Otautau, third Friday in month, 7.30 p.m. Installation meetings every Friday. Installation Oct. W.M., Bro. C. McIntosh; S.W., Bro. G. Georgeson; J.W., Bro. H. F. Hill; Sec., Bro. E. Matheson, P.O. Box 10, Otautau.

Orepuki, No. 137:—Founded 1905, meets Masonic Hall, Orepuki, second Thursday in month, 7.30 p.m. Installation third Wednesday in April. W.M., Bro. J. H. Sorensen; S.W., Bro. C. L. Pont; J.W., Bro. J. W. McIvor; Sec., Bro. L. F. Clapp, P.M., P.O. Box 7, Orepuki.

Wairaki, No. 145:—Founded 1906, meets in Masonic Hall, Nightcaps, Friday on or nearest full moon, 7.30 p.m. Installation Mar. W.M., Bro. W. Dixon; S.W., Bro. J. B. Stroud; J.W., Bro. J. C. Wilson; Sec., W. Bro. D. Cameron, P.O., Nightcaps.

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

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

Mataura, No. 174:—Founded 1910, meets Masonic Hall, Mataura, Monday nearest full moon, 7.30 p.m. Installation second Wednesday in July. W.M., Bro. F. W. Brown; S.W., Bro. D. R. Howden; J.W., Bro. D. McK. McDonald; Sec., W. Bro. P. J. De La Mare, P.M., P.O., Mataura.

Waihopai, No. 189:—Founded 1912, meets in Masonic Hall, Grey St., Gladstone, Invercargill, third Monday in month, 7.30 p.m. Installation May. W.M., Bro. J. D. Campbell; S.W., Bro. W. Mitchell; J.W., Bro. J. Stobo; Sec., Bro. A. B. Edmonds.

Tuatapere, No. 210:—Founded 1919, meets in Lodgeroom, Tuatapere, Wednesday nearest full moon, 7.30 p.m. Installation Feb. W.M., Bro. F. A. Kemp; S.W., Bro. J. J. Hinchcliff; J.W., Bro. W. Young; Sec., W. Bro. C. C. Nicholas, P.O. Box 12, Tuatapere.

ENGLISH CRAFT LODGES.

Pacific, No. 1453, E.C.:—Founded 1873, meets Masonic Hall, Reefton, Tuesday nearest full moon. Installation July. W.M., W. Bro. C. Tolley; S.W., W. Bro. N. Lawn; J.W., Bro. A. A. Rouse; Sec., Bro. F. Knight, Black's Point, Reefton.

Wellington, No. 1521:—Founded 1874, meets Masonic Hall, Wellington, third Wednesday in each month except in Jan., Feb., and March. Installation June. W.M., Bro. J. H. G. Rowley; S.W., Bro. E. W. Cardale; J.W., Bro. F. J. Hardwicke; Sec., Bro. J. Courtney Greer, Box 474.

BOARDS OF ENQUIRY.

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

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

WELLINGTON.—Meets Masonic Hall, Boulcott St., third Tuesday in month, except December. Pres., W. Bro. R. J. Shakes; Vice-Pres., W. Bro. G. Jones; Sec. and Treas., W. Bro. H. Hobbs, 141 Tasman St., Wellington.

NORTH CANTERBURY.—Meets Masonic Hall, Gloucester St., Christchurch, first Monday in month, 7.30 p.m. Pres., R.W. Bro. S. C. Bingham; Sec., W. Bro. J. A. Stables, Box 79, P.O., Christchurch.

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

OTAGO.—Meets in Board Room, No. 15 Empire Buildings, Princes Street, Dunedin, third Thursday each month. Pres., W. Bro. W. G. Hay; Sec., W. Bro. T. W. O'Driscoll, 155 Dundas Street, Dunedin.

ANCIENT AND ACCEPTED SCOTTISH RITE. GRAND LODGE OF FRANCE.

Veritas, No. 384.—Founded 1907, meets Freemasons' Hall, Mission St., Papeete, fourth Saturday in month, 7.30 p.m. Installation Dec. W.M., Bro. V. Gooding; S.W., Bro. F. Homes; J.W., Bro. C. H. Norris; Sec., Bro. A. J. Barbarel. [This Lodge, working in English, cordially invites brethren from New Zealand.]

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

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NEW ZEALAND CHAPTERS.

St. Augustine, No. 1.—Founded Nov., 1869; meets St. Augustine Hall, Christchurch, second Wednesday in month, 7.30 p.m. Installation Oct. Z., Comp. H. Hopkinson; H., Comp. G. Yemm; J., Comp. R. McFarlane; S.E., Comp. J. Gillanders, 133 Hill's Road; St. Albans.

Waterloo, No. 2.—Founded 1875, meets Masonic Hall, Boulcott St., Wellington, fourth Wednesday in month. Installation Sept. Z., Comp. J. McLachlan; H., Comp. R. J. Shakes; J., Comp. E. J. Guinness; S.E., Comp. G. W. A. Clark, 16 Sussex St., Wellington.

Southern Cross, No. 3.—Meets in Masonic Hall, Invercargill, fourth Friday in month, excluding December. Installation September. Z., Comp. A. B. Haggett; H., Comp. W. F. Irvine; J., Comp. W. E. Smith; S.E., Comp. J. H. Boccock, Box 135, Invercargill.

Victoria, No. 4.—Founded 1879, meets Masonic Hall, Munroe St., Napier, last Thursday in the months of Oct., Nov., Jan., Feb., March, April, May, July, Aug., and Sept. Installation Sept. Z., Comp. A. J. Turville; H., Comp. W. A. Wilkie; J., Comp. R. N. C. Harris; S.E., Comp. J. Redshaw, P.O. Box 196, Napier.

Albert Edward, No. 6 (Lyttelton).—Meets third Tuesday in Sept., Nov., Jan., March, May, July, and Aug. Installation Sept. Z., Comp. A. H. Thorpe; H., Comp. C. E. Owen; J., Comp. J. Carson; S.E., Comp. Rev. E. E. Chambers, P.G.Z.

Otago, No. 7.—Meets Oceanic Masonic Hall, St. Kilda, Dunedin, first Saturday in month, except Dec. and Jan. Instruction meeting last Saturday in month. Installation Nov. Z., V.E. Comp. J. Pringle; H., E. Comp. J. A. McPhee; J., E. Comp. D. Serrymour; S.E., Comp. M. J. Pierce, 233 King Edward St., Dunedin.

Waitaki Kil., No. 8 (being Otago Chapter, No. 8, and Waitaki Chapter, No. 13, which were amalgamated 9th Oct., 1901).—Meets Masonic Hall, Wansbeck St., Oamaru, fourth Wednesday in each month. Installation Sept. Z., Comp. J. Crombie; H., Comp. W. Brown; J., Comp. T. Herron; S.E., M.E. Comp. J. M. Brown, P.G.Z.

Auckland Prov., No. 9.—Founded 1892, meets third Wednesday in month, except Dec. and Jan. Installation Sept. Z., Comp. A. E. Bagnall; H., Comp. W. R. T. Leighton; J., Comp. R. Gardner; S.E., Comp. J. W. Probert, corner Park and Carlton Gore Roads.

Wairarapa, No. 10.—Founded 1892, meets Masonic Hall, Masterton, first Friday in Jan., March, May, July, Sept., Nov. Installation 23rd Sept. Z., Comp. O. N. C. Pragnell; H., Comp. F. J. Hunn; J., Comp. R. J. King; S.E., Comp. S. H. Conder, Box 95, P.O., Masterton.

Manawatu, No. 11.—Founded 1892, meets Masonic Hall, Palmerston N., third Thursday in month. Z., E. Comp. J. W. Sinclair; H., E. Comp. C. F. Spooner; J., E. Comp. J. Y. Oliver; S.E., V.E. Comp. A. J. Graham, P.Z.

Victory, No. 12.—Founded 1892, meets Masonic Hall, Nelson, fourth Tuesday in month as required (except in Dec. and Jan.). Installation fourth Thursday Sept. Z., Comp. L. Reynolds; H., Comp. A. G. Shrimpton; J., Comp. T. D. Milne; S.E., V.E. Comp. R. W. Stiles, Box 105, Nelson.

Marlborough, No. 14.—Founded 1892, meets Masonic Hall, Charles St., Blenheim, third Thursday in the months of Oct., Dec., Feb., April, June, and Aug. Installation 23rd Sept. Z., Comp. C. A. Eckford; H., Comp. T. E. Cleator; J., Comp. W. C. Lucas; S.E., Comp. G. J. Logan, Walter St., Blenheim.

Timaru, No. 15.—Meets Chapter-room, Sophia St., Timaru, third Wednesday in every month, 7.30 p.m. Z., V.E. Comp. A. McKenzie; H., V.E. Comp. G. J. Wallace; J., E. Comp. J. Moyes; S.E., V.E. Comp. J. W. Souter, Box 160, Timaru.

Waimate, No. 16.—Founded 1891, meets St. Augustine Masonic Hall, Waimate, first Wednesday after full moon in months of Sept. (Installation), Nov., Jan., March, May, and July. Z., Comp. E. R. Beckett; H., Comp. C. E. Manchester; J., Comp. J. R. Creeser; S.E., Comp. J. Menzies, Box 34, P.O., Waimate.

Ohinemuri, No. 17.—Founded 1901, meets Masonic Hall, Paeroa, first Wednesday after full moon in Sept., Oct., Dec., Feb., April, June, Aug. Installation Sept. Z., Comp. S. S. Allen; H., Comp. C. F. Sims; J., Comp. F. A. B. Cameron; S.E., Comp. W. D. Nicholas.

Inangahua, No. 18.—Founded 1892, meets Burns' Masonic Hall, Kelly St., Reefton, second Tuesday in month. Installation Sept. Z., E. Comp. W. H. Nicholas; H., E. Comp. F. W. Robinson; J., Comp. N. Law; S.E., E. Comp. N. M. Rivers, Broadway, Reefton.

Ruapehu, No. 19.—Founded 1902, meets Masonic Hall, Marton, Tuesday on or after full moon when required. Z., V.E. Comp. W. R. Snellgrove; H., E. Comp. H. T. Cameron; J., E. Comp. W. W. Thomas; S.E., V.E. Comp. E. Lloyd, P.Z., P.O. Box 14, Marton.

Cromwell Coronation, No. 20.

Kawatiri, No. 21.—Founded 1904, meets Masonic Hall, Westport, third Wednesday in month. Installation Sept. Z., V.E. Comp. G. A. Simpson; H., E. Comp. G. Hutton; J., E. Comp. E. L. S. Skilton; S.E., M.E. Comp. J. H. Harkness, P.G.Z., 65 Queen St., Westport.

Waikato, No. 22.—Founded 30th Jan., 1905; meets Masonic Hall, Hamilton, Tuesday on or before full moon in Sept., Oct., Dec., Feb., April, June, Aug. Installation Sept. Z., Comp. S. B. Sims; H., Comp. R. English; J., Comp. E. A. Bryant; S.E., Comp. J. W. Hodd, c/o Hannah's, Hamilton.

Wanganui, No. 23.—Founded 1906, meets Masonic Hall, Wanganui, first Thursday in month, except Dec. and Jan. Installation Sept. Z., Comp. P. Higginbottom; H., Comp. J. R. Foster; J., Comp. W. E. Longshaw; S.E., Comp.

Brooklyn, No. 24.—Founded 1906, meets Masonic Hall, Brooklyn, second Wednesday in the months of Feb., April, June, Aug., Oct., Dec. Installation Sept. Z., Comp. A. Schmidt; H., Comp. W. J. Westwood; J., Comp. H. V. Futter; S.E., Comp. J. E. F. Perry, 63 Bidwell Street.

Hinemoa, No. 25.—Founded 1906, meets Masonic Hall, Daniel St., third Thursday in month. Installation Sept. Z., Comp. J. W. Sexton; H., Comp. F. C. Broomhall; J., Comp. P. C. Watt; S.E., Comp. J. Melville.

Whangarei, No. 27.—Founded Sept., 1907, meets Masonic Hall, John St., Whangarei, fourth Thursday in Feb., March, April, May, June, July, Aug., Sept., Oct., and Nov. Installation Sept. Z., Comp. A. McPhee; H., Comp. R. McLennan; J., Comp. — McBeth; S.E., Comp. W. A. Parker.

Maori, No. 28.—Founded 1907, meets Masonic Hall, Ravensbourne, fourth Wednesday in month except Dec. Installation Nov. Z., Comp. C. F. I. Bell; H., Comp. J. Dreaver; J., Comp. A. Jordan; S.E., Comp. J. Robb, Union St., Ravensbourne.

Westland Kil., No. 29 (Hokitika).

Rawhiti, No. 30.—Founded 1908, meets Masonic Hall, Dannevirke, first Monday in month, 7.30 p.m. Installation Sept. Z., Comp. J. C. Davidson; H., Comp. J. J. K. Gilmour; J., Comp. J. Brown, P.Z.; S.E., Comp. W. Dobson, P.Z.

Prince of Wales, No. 31 (Christchurch).

Takahoa, No. 32.—Founded 1912, meets Thursday nearest full moon (Dec. and Jan. excepted) at Patea, Eltham, and Hawera alternately. Installation Sept. Z., V.E. Comp. R. W. Sargent; H., E. Comp. J. Bleakley; J., E. Comp. G. H. Buckridge; S.E., Comp. H. Priestley, P.Z., P.O. Box 9, Kapenga.

Iwikatea, No. 33.—Founded 1912, meets Masonic Hall, Douglas St., Balclutha, last Monday in each month. Installation Nov. Z., E. Comp. A. Stenhouse; H., E. Comp. R. McGillivray; J., V.E. Comp. B. Whiting, P.Z.; S.E., E. Comp. G. J. Downes, Balclutha P.O.

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Gisborne, No. 36.—Meets in Abercorn Hall, fourth Tuesday in months of Feb., April, June, Aug., Sept., Oct., and Dec. Installation Sept. Z., Comp. A. T. Hookey; H., Comp. T. Corson; J., Comp. F. J. Rowley; S.E., V.E. Comp. G. T. Bull, P.Z., P.O. Box 208.

Egmont, No. 37.—Founded 25th Mar., 1915; meets Masonic Hall, Stratford and Inglewood, alternately, 7.30 p.m., second Monday in month, except Dec. and Jan. Z., Comp. W. H. Besley; H., Comp. G. Smart; J., Comp. W. Power; E., Comp. J. McAllister, P.O. Box 103, Stratford.

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Bedford, No. 39.—Founded Sept., 1916; meets Masonic Hall, Waipukurau, last Wednesday in each month, 7.30 p.m. Installation Sept. Z., Comp. J. Hobson; H., Comp. D. Milne; J., Comp. J. W. Elliott; S.E., Comp. E. E. Bott.

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