

**AUDITORS' REPORT.**

IN compliance with a resolution passed by the Quarterly Committee of the District, we have great pleasure in laying before our readers the Auditors' Report for the December Quarter, 1843, together with an Abstract of the Receipts and Disbursements for the past year, prepared by Corresponding Secretary Hughes.

*To the Deputies assembled in Grand Annual Committee.*

Adelaide, January 23, 1844.

GENTLEMEN AND BROTHERS—We the undersigned beg to state that we have audited the various accounts for the last quarter, and have carefully examined all vouchers connected with them, which we find correct. The receipts for the quarter we find to be as follows, viz. :

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Widow and Orphans' fund .....	36	12	0			
Mr. R. Trott donation .....	0	5	6			
				36	17	6
District fund £12 11s 11d, fines 10s, goods 12s.	13	13	11			
From Lodges to remit to England, &c. ....	17	0	0			
				30	13	11
Banner fund .....				4	2	0
				<u>£71</u>	<u>13</u>	<u>5</u>

And the payments to be—

District fund .....	£11	4	10 $\frac{1}{2}$			
Remitted to England .....	20	0	0			
Paid balance of loan .....	7	17	8			
				39	2	6 $\frac{1}{2}$
Banner fund .....				15	17	10 $\frac{1}{2}$
				<u>55</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>5</u>
Balance .....				<u>£16</u>	<u>13</u>	<u>0</u>

And the cash in the Treasurer's hands to be £15 10s. 1d., viz. :

Balance in hand last quarter .....	20	17	1
Balance as above .....	16	13	0
	<u>£37</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>1</u>
Deduct cash paid into the Bank this quarter to the credit of the Widow and Orphans' fund .....	22	0	0
	<u>£15</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>1</u>
Cash in Treasurer's hand ....			

It is gratifying to your Auditors to observe, that the Widow and Orphans' Fund continues to increase; a circumstance in itself most satisfactory, and it cannot but be matter of congratulation to know that a portion of our Institution so useful as that Fund, must eventually prove of benefit to the unprotected, and will be a lasting honor to the Order.

It appears to your Auditors very desirable to have a general District Funeral Fund which has been previously recommended, and we are of opinion should this be adopted, that it would tend to equalise the

expenses of burials, and presume it would be advisable in that case, to reduce the Lodge contributions, to meet the exigencies necessary for the formation of such a Fund.

Your Auditors observe with regret, the small amount subscribed by the Hope Lodge towards the Banner Fund, which they can only account for, from an oversight in the collection thereof.

The Auditors have much pleasure in stating that the C. S. has afforded them every assistance in the examination of the accounts, and the very clear and perspicuous manner in which those accounts have been kept, reflects upon him the highest credit.

The Auditors cannot close this report without congratulating you upon the very steady progress that Odd Fellowship is making, and confidently trust the excellent motto of "Friendship, Love, and Truth" will be ever uppermost in the heart of every member of the Order.

CORNELIUS BIRDSEYE, Adelaide Lodge.  
 CHARLES W. LITCHFIELD, Hope Lodge.  
 JOHN SLATTER, Adelaide Lodge.

Return of the total Receipts and Disbursements of the South Australia District of Odd Fellows' of the M.U., for the year 1843:—

Total Receipts of the District for 1843 :			Total Payments of the District for 1843 :		
	£	s. d.		£	s. d.
District Fund, including			District Fund, including re-		
Goods, &c. ....	85	5 0	mittances, goods, gifts,	90	9 3½
Widow and Orphans' Fund	125	3 4	loans, &c. ....	0	16 0
Donations—His Excellency			Widow and Orphans' Fund	17	0 4½
the Governor. £5 0 0			Banner Fund .....	40	0 0
P.G.M. Jones. 0 10 0			Adelaide Lodge, about....	20	0 0
Host, Trott.... 0 5 6			Hope " " ....	6	0 0
	5	15 6	Victoria " " ....	463	2 0
Banner Fund .....	8	3 6	Balance, being excess of re-		
Adelaide Lodge about ....	280	0 0	ceipts over expenditure		
Hope " " ....	110	4 0		463	2 0
Victoria " " ....	22	16 4			
	£637	7 8		£637	7 8
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Balance brought down ...	463	2 0	Total worth of Lodge, and		
District Funds—Cash in hand			District Funds as per		
13th January, 1843 ..	39	3 3	other side.....	638	0 0
Adelaide Lodge, ditto ....	71	0 1			
Hope Lodge, ditto.....	8	0 0			
Goods sold . ....	0	12 0			
Goods on hand .....	23	19 0			
Magazine Committee—ow-					
ing by .....	6	10 0			
Interest per Bank of South					
Australia.....	5	13 8			
District property, regalia, &c	20	0 0			
	£638	0 0		£638	0 0

W. A. HUGHES, C. S.

## LOCAL NEWS.

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[Acting in the spirit of the old proverb "Better late than never," we proceed to lay before our readers a variety of *old* news, which want of space obliged us to exclude from our last number.]

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MANY of our readers will remember that on the 9th November, 1842, a deputation, consisting of six Brothers from the Adelaide, and four from the Hope Lodge, waited upon the Governor to request His Excellency to forward to the Queen an address from the Society of Odd Fellows in this Province, congratulating Her Majesty upon her escape from the attempt which had been made upon Her Majesty's life. On the 17th November last, Corresponding Secretary W. A. Hughes received a letter on the subject from W. L. O'Halloran, Esq., Private Secretary to His Excellency the Governor, of which the following is a copy:—

Private Secretary's Office, Adelaide,  
17th November, 1843.

SIR—I am directed by the Governor to lose no time in acquainting the gentlemen who placed in His Excellency's hands, on the 9th November, 1842, a congratulatory address to Her Majesty on the occasion of the attempt upon Her Majesty's life, that Lord Stanley has received the Queen's commands to express the gratification which Her Majesty has experienced at receiving that address.

I have the honor to be

Sir, your obedient servant,

W. L. O'HALLORAN,  
Private Secretary.

To Mr. W. A. Hughes,  
Corresponding Secretary of the  
Independent Order of Odd Fellows.

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THE Brothers of the Hope Lodge were agreeably surprised, a few Lodge nights since, by seeing a handsome painting of the Arms of the Order suspended over the chair of the Noble Grand and; another representing the Eye of Providence, encircled by the motto "Love, Friendship, and Truth," surmounting that of the Vice Grand. Both paintings were presented to the Lodge by Brother George, Painter and Glazier, of King William-street, and were universally acknowledged to do great credit to his skill as an artist; while the quiet and unobtrusive manner in which they were presented enhanced the value of the gift. Brother George had been so silent on the subject, and had conveyed the paintings so quietly to the Lodge, that the members were taken quite by surprise, and were unanimous in their expressions of gratification. A vote of thanks to Brother George was recorded in the Minute Book of the Lodge.

WE hinted in a former number of this Magazine that it was likely that a Lodge in connection with the Manchester Unity of Odd Fellowship, would shortly be opened in Hobart Town. We are now happy, in being enabled to state, that a Lodge of emergency, called the "Southern Star" Lodge, has been established at the White Horse Hotel, Liverpool-street, in that city, and that application has been made and granted for a Dispensation for such Lodge, which has been sent for to Manchester. This will make the fourth Lodge in connection with the South Australian District; but when the officers of the "Southern Star" Lodge are enabled to carry on the affairs of a District themselves, it is, we believe, understood that they shall be allowed to become a District distinct from our own.

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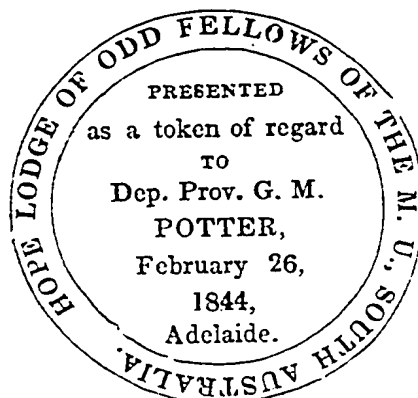
THE School which has been for some time in contemplation was opened on Easter Monday, the 8th instant, and a full account of the proceedings will be found in our preceding pages; and we only mention the subject here that we may introduce to our readers the gentleman who is appointed to conduct the school. The individual selected to fill this important trust is Mr. James Disher, late of Mount Barker, a person, we feel confident, well qualified for the work, as his testimonials (which we have seen) abundantly testify. It appears that he was educated in Mr. Cleesby's Academy, Glasgow, where he received many valuable prizes, and was afterwards assistant in the High School of Edinburgh, and from the strong recommendations which he produced from many gentlemen in this colony, we doubt not he will prove a valuable acquisition. The Teacher of the female branch of the School is Miss Mackennall, of Thebarton, also strongly recommended, and under such instructors we trust that the institution will realise the most sanguine expectations of its projectors, and we heartily wish it every success.

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WE are happy to call the attention of our readers to the following proofs of the pacificatory tendency of the regulations of our Order. In a recent case of dispute between two Brothers of the Hope Lodge about a small sum of money, a committee was appointed at the request of the complainant, to enquire into the merits of the case, and to endeavour to bring the matter to an amicable arrangement. In a spirit of praiseworthy obedience to the rules of the Order, the disputing parties bowed to the decision of the committee, each of them exhibiting a feeling of liberality and benevolence, creditable to himself as a Christian and an Odd Fellow,—he who lost the cause, by frankly offering the hand of good fellowship to his more fortunate brother, and expressing a hope that all ill feeling between them was at an end,—and the latter by cordially closing with the proffered reconciliation, and by immediately presenting the sum which he had just recovered, to the fund for the benefit of the Widows and Orphans of the Order. A similar friendly arrangement was effected between two Brothers, one of the Adelaide, the other of the Hope Lodge.

They were on the point of going to law with each other, when the complainant bethought himself of laying the matter before the District Committee, by whom the business was satisfactorily arranged; and we are happy to say, that the parties, although previously, they had not even spoken to each other since the dispute occurred, have been, from the time the settlement took place, on the best of terms, and have constantly dealt with each other in business ever since.

WE have much satisfaction in announcing to the Brothers of the Order in this colony, that a handsome medal, which was voted on the 26th February last, to D. P. G. M. Potter, by the members of the Hope Lodge, was presented in their name to that Officer, by Noble Grand J. G. Nash, as a token of their appreciation of the untiring attention, which, for upwards of two years, he has bestowed upon this Lodge; fulfilling the offices of N. G. and P. G. with a zeal and courtesy combined with decision, which are seldom to be met with. The medal reflects much credit upon the artist, Mr. Bock. It is circular, considerably larger than a crown piece, tastefully rimmed on the inside. The face bears the following inscription:—



On the obverse are the symbols of the Order, encircled by a wreath. The beaming Eye of Providence surmounts the whole, reminding the possessor that there is an eye observant of his every act, and that he has but to look with the eye of faith to the God of Providence, to be directed, comforted, and sustained, in every position of life. On presenting this medal to D. P. G. M. Potter, Brother Nash, N. G. of the Hope Lodge, addressed him to this effect:—"Brother Potter, the pleasing duty devolves upon me of thanking you, in the name of the Brothers of the Hope Lodge, for your unremitting attention to their interests, and to those of the Order in general,—and I feel great pleasure in presenting you, in their name, with a medal voted to you by the unanimous voice of the Lodge, as a token of respect for your character as a man and a Brother. May you long live to wear it, and to merit a continuance of the good opinion of which you have hitherto proved yourself so worthy."

Brother Potter replied in a neat and feeling speech, returning his

grateful acknowledgments to the Lodge for the very handsome proof of their regard which had just been presented to him, and for the flattering expression of kindness and good will with which it had been accompanied. He must, he said, henceforth, consider himself their debtor; and though he feared his humble abilities would never enable him to make an adequate return for their kindness, they might rest assured that he would always be happy to do his utmost, on every occasion, to be of service to them. He again thanked them for their tribute of respect, and hoped many, very many, times to take his place among them. The speech was very cordially received, and at its conclusion the worthy Brother was greeted with Lodge honours.

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We are happy to be able to report to our friends, that in the brief interval which has elapsed since the opening of the school, the number of children engaged to attend has increased to eighty;—and there is good reason to expect an addition of twenty to the number before the termination of another week.

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THE number of friends who have been initiated into the order of Odd Fellowship in this colony during the past quarter, is as follows:—At the Adelaide Lodge, 24; Hope Lodge (including one honorary member), 14; Victoria Lodge, 7; Total 45.

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THE number of members of the Order now belonging to the South Australia District, is thus estimated:—Adelaide Lodge, 184; Hope Lodge, 88; Victoria Lodge (Port Adelaide), 35; Southern Star Lodge (Hobart Town), 20; Total 327.

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#### BIRTHS.

FEBRUARY 18.—The wife of Brother Henry Dean, of the Victoria Lodge, of a son.

FEBRUARY 21.—The lady of J. G. Nash, Esq., N. G. of the Hope Lodge, of a daughter.

#### MARRIAGES.

DECEMBER 31, 1843.—Brother W. Dawson, of the Hope Lodge, to Elizabeth Parkyn.

MARCH 6, 1844.—At Trinity Church, by the Rev. James Farrell, Brother William Savage, to Sarah Pike.

APRIL 5.—By the Rev. James Farrell, Brother Emanuel Spiller, of the Hope Lodge, to Miss Elizabeth Hamlyn.

#### DEATH.

APRIL 5.—James, the son of Brother Henry, Deputy Host of the Hope Lodge, aged 6 years.