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“ Our laws are good, our precepts truly pure—
Hope is our beacon, our success is sure ;
Friendship we cherish, and our minds improve—
Truth is our motto, and our bond is love ;
Well may the *world* imagine we are odd—
We love our neighbour, and we love our God.”

OUR readers are already aware that the primary object of this Magazine is—to assist in carrying out the principles, and in promoting the extension of the Order, of which, in this province, it professes to be the organ ; and though we are anxious to render it acceptable, as a literary work, to the public at large, we consider it our duty to endeavor to make it peculiarly so to the members of the Order of Odd Fellowship. We do not, therefore, think any apology necessary, for devoting a large proportion of our space to matters connected with the Order ; particularly, as we feel convinced, that all information on the subject of the Institution whose principles and regulations they have pledged themselves to support, will be interesting to our recently initiated brotherhood in this Colony.

In our first number, we gave a brief outline of the system of morality and benevolence upon which our Institution is founded, and of the good effects which may naturally be expected to result from the extension, and general adoption and practise, of its principles. We now proceed to lay before our readers a brief sketch of the rise and progress of the Order in this land of our adoption ; which we have the greater pleasure in doing, as it affords us an opportunity of placing on record the names of those who first unfurled the banner of Odd Fellowship on these shores.

In October, 1840, an advertisement appeared in the Adelaide papers,

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calling a meeting of Odd Fellows, at Ephraim Randell's, then of the Rose Inn, Sturt-street, for the purpose of forming a Lodge. This call was responded to by brothers W. H. Harris, T. Jones, and J. Holmes, between whom a discussion arose, as to whether the Lodge they proposed to found should be opened in connexion with the London Order of Odd Fellowship, or with the Manchester Unity. On the question being put to the vote, it was carried in favor of the Manchester Unity—W. H. Harris being the only one of the meeting who was a member of the London Order.

At a subsequent meeting, likewise called by advertisement, brothers James Potter, B. Clark, C. G. Germain, G. Mills, W. Schofield, and G. Lea, attended, in addition to those above mentioned—making in all nine members; when it was resolved, that a Lodge of Emergency should be opened on the twenty-third November, 1840. On that day, the Lodge was accordingly opened, under the title of "Jones's Well-wisher, No. 1, Grand Lodge of South Australia," in compliment to brother Thomas Jones, who acted as Noble Grand; brother James Potter acting as Vice Grand.

On the first January, 1841, the brothers of the Order who had been members of Lodges in England—ten in number—met for the purpose of preparing an application, to be forwarded to Manchester, for a Dispensation. The names of these brothers were—Thomas Jones, James Potter, Benjamin Clark, John Holmes, R. Burfield, W. Schofield, G. Mills, G. Lea, Thomas Hall, C. G. Germain; each of whom subscribed £1, making a total of £10, which was sent home to defray the necessary expenses.

In the mean time, the march of Odd Fellowship was gradually progressing. In the month of July, 1841, the number of members had increased to thirty, and in January, 1842, to seventy-one. It was then considered expedient to open a second Lodge of Emergency, which was accordingly established on the twenty-eighth February, at the suburban village of Thebarton, under the name of "The Hope Lodge"—first N. G., Elias Hall; V. G., Henry Pope; Secretary, H. Dorrington.

This Lodge was afterwards removed to the house of brother Samuel Payne, Auction Mart Tavern, Hindley-street, where it still continues to hold its meetings.

The following is a statement of the progressive increase of the number of the members of the Order, since its establishment in the Colony:

No. 1 LODGE.—January, 1841, fourteen; July, thirty; January, 1842, seventy-one; July, eighty-five; January, 1843, ninety-seven; July, one hundred and thirty.

No. 2, HOPE LODGE.—July, 1842, twenty-four; January, 1843, forty-nine; July, seventy-two.

In April of the present year, the No. I. Lodge removed to the Music Saloon (since named the Odd Fellows' Hall), in Byron Place, South Adelaide, and continued to meet there as a Lodge of Emergency, until the tenth July, when it was opened, under the Dispen-

sation recently received; the name of the Lodge having been altered by the Grand Master and Board of Directors of the Manchester Unity to the "Adelaide Lodge"—being No. 3014 in the Unity List of Lodges. On this occasion, the Lodge business commenced at eight, P.M., and did not terminate till ten at night—one hundred and seven members of the Lodge of Emergency having been re-admitted (out of one hundred and thirty on the books), in addition to the ten original members, or founders; and, since that time, the numbers admitted have increased to upwards of one hundred and fifty.

The Hope Lodge was re-opened under a Dispensation granted by the Quarterly Committee of the District, on the seventeenth July of this year; on which occasion, about fifty members were re-admitted; at present, the number on the books amounts to seventy.

The various funds connected with the Order are—the District Fund, the Widow and Orphans' Fund, and Lodge Fund.

The relief allowed, in cases of sickness or distress, to members whose names have been six months enrolled, is sixteen shillings per week; the funeral expenses of members are defrayed by the Lodge, but no specific sum is fixed. Donation to widows of members who have been on the books twelve calendar months, from the Widow and Orphans' Fund, not less than £10 each.

The demands upon the Lodge Funds, in such cases, have hitherto been remarkably few, as will appear by the following statements, furnished by the Secretaries of the respective Lodges:

ADELAIDE LODGE.—Number of cases relieved in sickness, seventeen—amount, £32 16s. 6d.; cases of distress relieved, three—amount, £12 16s. 6d.

HOPE LODGE.—Cases of sickness relieved, four—amount, £15; cases of distress, two—amount, £4; making the total amount of relief administered by both Lodges, £60 13s.

The number of deaths in connexion with the Order, since its foundation in the Colony, have been as follows;—**ADELAIDE LODGE**, one man, one woman, six children—total, eight; **HOPE LODGE**, one man, three children—total, four.

The principal officers of the Order in the Colony, at present, are the following:

DISTRICT OFFICERS.—Thomas Jones, Provincial Grand Master; James Potter, Provincial Deputy Grand Master; W. A. Hughes, Provincial Corresponding Secretary.

ADELAIDE LODGE OFFICERS.—James Potter, Noble Grand; Benjamin Clark, Vice Grand; Charles G. Germain, Secretary.

HOPE LODGE.—T. M. Walker, Noble Grand; James George Nash, Vice Grand; Robert Hall, Secretary.

On the twentieth ultimo, a new Lodge was opened, under the name of the "Victoria," at the house of Mr. J. T. Haynes. Commercial Inn, Port Adelaide. Ten members of the Adelaide Lodge have joined the Victoria, and two new members have been initiated into it, making, with the five founders, a total of seventeen members. The

officers of the Victoria Lodge, at present, are—Robert Burfield, Noble Grand ; G. Hedley, Vice Grand ; Henry Chandler, Secretary.

By the above summary it appears, that from the time of the first meeting of the little band of brothers, in Sturt-street, up to the present moment, a period of scarcely three years, our numbers have increased to nearly two hundred and fifty.

To all the well-wishers of Odd Fellowship, and more especially to those who first *raised* the spirit—which, we trust, will never again be *laid* amongst us—this rapid extension of the Order will, we doubt not, be matter of sincere gratification : not the gratification of mere selfish pride in the advancement of a cause with which they are personally and individually identified, but that which springs from a conviction of the benefit which may result from the extension of those principles of active benevolence, and brotherly sympathy, which are so peculiarly adapted to ameliorate the condition, and improve the character, of mankind, and to unite them together in the bonds of one common brotherhood.

May the members of the Order never forget that the eye of Providence is over them in the world, as well as in the Lodge ; and that the principles which they have pledged themselves to support, are intended to influence and improve their character and conduct as members of society. May they maintain among their fellow men the good character which has procured them admission into the Order ; distinguishing themselves by the steadiness and sobriety of their deportment ; and proving, by their benevolence, morality, and respect for all the ordinances of religion, and the legitimate distinctions of society, that they are sincerely desirous to carry out, in all its bearings, the great Apostolic injunction—“Honor all men, love the brotherhood, fear God, honor the King.”

TO ODD FELLOWS.

As old Mother Earth, 'neath her mantle of mould,
Hides many a precious gem, silver, and gold,
So under a rugged exterior we meet
Sound sense, towering intellect, judgment, and wit.

But unless we endeavour to raise and refine
These rich gifts, they lie useless like gold in the mine ;
Then be it our aim to unveil latent worth,
And draw from its darkness the hid talent forth.

To aid our design, may each Brother begin
To essay his young powers in this Magazine,
And the “*utile et dulce*” conjoin, to impress
On our embryo Work the broad seal of success.

AN O. F.

ABRIDGED CORRESPONDENCE BETWEEN THE SYDNEY (NEW SOUTH WALES) AND THE SOUTH AUSTRALIA DISTRICTS.

[WE have much pleasure in publishing the following correspondence between the Secretaries of this district, and that of Sydney. We have been obliged to curtail it considerably to suit our space; but, even in its present abridged form, we doubt not it will be highly interesting to our readers, as one proof, among many, of the good effects of Odd Fellowship in uniting in the bonds of a common sympathy, men who are separated by distance and by circumstances. We have given this correspondence a prominent place in our pages, because we think it is peculiarly calculated to gratify those whom it is our first wish and aim to interest and to please—the brethren of the Order. We trust that, at some early period, we shall be able to cater still more agreeably to the taste of our general readers; but they must excuse us, if at present we devote our columns principally to matters connected with Odd Fellowship.]

To the Corresponding Secretary of the South Australia District of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows of the M.U.

SYDNEY, August twelfth, 1843.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER—

I have been requested by the Grand Quarterly Committee of the Sydney District, held on the twenty-ninth of June last, to address a few lines to you, for the purpose of opening a brotherly and mutually beneficial intercourse, and of promoting and spreading those philanthropic principles, which constitute the basis and the motto of our Order—"Friendship, Love, and Truth."

It was with feelings of the greatest pleasure, that we were informed that the standard of Odd Fellowship has been raised in South Australia; and the anxious desire of the brethren of this district to cultivate your acquaintance, and to strengthen and draw closer those bonds of union which connect us with our beloved Fraternity, wherever scattered, may date its existence from the day that the pleasing intelligence reached our ears. We have seen your advertisement respecting the Magazine in our provincial papers; and were apprised of the forwarding of a Dispensation for you, by C. S. Rourke, of the Liverpool district, from whom I had the pleasure to receive a long and important letter on the second of June, together with three Dispensations, &c., to the value of forty-five pounds, for the use of the Lodges in this district—for here, also, the tree of Odd Fellowship, like our native oak, has taken firm root, and is flourishing upon a foreign soil. So early as March, 1840, a number of the brethren

of the Order opened the "Stranger's Refuge" Lodge, at the house of Mr. Edwards, the "George the Fourth" Inn, Clarence-street, Sydney, which is now flourishing with the vigor inherent in our matchless Institution; and its members are uniting together in the holy mission of relieving the distresses, and alleviating the woes, of suffering humanity. Four other Lodges have since been opened in this district—namely, two additional ones in Sydney, being the "Fountain of Refuge," and "United Brothers," Lodges; one in Paramatta, eighteen miles distant from Sydney, called the "Fountain of Friendship" Lodge, and one in Newcastle, in the county of Northumberland, entitled the "Union" Lodge; and all, notwithstanding the unparalleled depression of the times, are steadily progressing, and giving the promise, with the earliest dawn of rising prosperity in the Colony, of advancing with that celerity which our principles and organization rarely fail to acquire. We have also the prospect of applications being made for Dispensations, from the country districts and towns, where our enterprising and zealous members have become located.

In full participation in that spirit, according to which, as it is cherished or neglected, our Order must inevitably flourish or decline, I beg, on behalf of my brethren of this district, to express our warmest wishes for your welfare and prosperity, and to offer you our services, whenever they may conduce to your advantage; and, in return, have to solicit a reciprocity of feeling, and the favor of such intelligence respecting your rise, progress, present state, and future prospects, as you may deem proper to make known to us. I have also to request the favor of thirty copies of your Magazine, the payment for which to be made in such form as you may devise.

Although the limited population of this Colony prevents the philanthropic principles of our Order from shining with that benevolence which characterises its bright footsteps in the land of our birth, yet the present deplorable condition of a large portion of our laboring population, has, to a considerable extent, called into activity those feelings, and that line of conduct laid down for our guidance in our excellent lectures; and has, in a limited degree, realised those scenes so often witnessed in our Lodges at home. Sincerely do I hope that your portion of this vast continent may be spared the visitation of commercial embarrassment; and that, whilst the will and the power to relieve the distressed may be ever present with you, the calls for exercising that power may be few and far between.

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Previous to the arrival of the Dispensation, &c., our G. M., Mr. Williams, quitted this country for the land of his birth, in the month of March; on which occasion, I transmitted by him a long and important communication to the G.M. and Board of Directors, giving them the fullest information respecting this district, and embodying some important requests for its benefit.

I have the pleasure to inform you, that the brethren of New Zealand have communicated with me on the subject of the Order; and that, by the advice of the district officers here, I have recommended, and they have accordingly made, application to Manchester for a Dispensation.

I think I have now exhausted every topic of information that can be in-

teresting to you ; and so, reiterating on the part of my brethren our earnest prayers for your uninterrupted prosperity and happiness, and that you may be guided in the administration of the business of the Order, by the spirit of wisdom, and be endowed with the grand attributes which constitute the pillars of Odd Fellowship, I beg to subscribe myself, on behalf of the brethren of the Sydney District, your brother in the Order, and in friendship, love, and truth,

SAMUEL CLEMESHA,
Prov. C. S.

SOUTH AUSTRALIA DISTRICT.

ODD FELLOWS' HALL, BYRON PLACE,
Adelaide, August thirty-one, 1843.

To Mr. Samuel Clemesha, C.S., of the Sydney District of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows of the M.U.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER—

It was with feelings of the liveliest pleasure, that, on the twenty-ninth instant, I received your letter of the twelfth, which arrived so opportunely by the Dorset ; as it had been determined by the district officers, about a month since, that a communication should be opened with the Sydney branch of the Order, if it should be found that our Institution had been established there, of which we were not entirely aware, till your letter arrived with the intelligence of such being the case. Having shewn your letter to my brother officers of the district, it is with their hearty concurrence that this correspondence is continued ; and on their behalf, as well as my own, I have to request that you will convey to your brother officers, and accept, yourself, our acknowledgment of the pleasure we feel in the expression of your desire to open a brotherly correspondence, in order that the spreading of the principles of our Order may be encouraged, and our noble Institution extended far and wide ; and, also, for your promptitude and zeal in commencing such communication with this district.

On the third of July last, we received the Dispensation for the "Adelaide" Lodge, from Manchester, by way of Liverpool, per the Joseph Albino. The letter which we received on that occasion from Mr. Rourke, C.S. of the Liverpool District, did not enter into particulars, nor did he inform us that he was forwarding to Sydney.

I despatched a rather lengthy communication to the G.M. and Board of Directors in March last, giving full particulars of our progress here, and requesting various information, &c., which we have, since, in part received.

The standard of Odd Fellowship was reared in South Australia on the twenty-third of November, 1840 ; previous to which a meeting of members of the Order, in the Colony, was called by advertisement, and a lodge was opened on the above day, named, in honor of our present Provincial G.M., "Jones's Well-wisher" Lodge, but which name has since been altered by the G.M. and Board of Directors to that of the "Adelaide" Lodge. On the first of January, 1841, a determination was come to, to apply to Manchester direct for a Dis-

pensation, which happily and safely arrived on the third ultimo ; after a long and anxious period of two years and a half had elapsed, without our having received a single line in the interim. But any feelings of disappointment or despondency which we might, and perhaps did, entertain, were removed by the arrival of a brother of the Dudley District, about Christmas last, who brought with him a copy of the new General Laws, and a Unity List for the year 1842, in which list we had the pleasure to see the South Australia District, and "Adelaide" Lodge mentioned. Thus you see, that, although in the year 1840, we were a Colony of but four years' standing, we were *almost* as forward in the glorious cause of Odd Fellowship as New South Wales. So true is it, that the principles of our Order, being of so high and pure a character, can rarely, if ever, be eradicated from the minds and feelings of the members of this useful and honorable Institution. May they long, very long, continue to be engraven upon the hearts of our brethren, accompanying them wherever they go, and being present with them "when they lie down, and when they rise up, and when they walk by the way." And when you and I have bid adieu to this our earthly Lodge, to enter, as I trust, a heavenly one, where those principles shine even to perfection, and without blot or stain, may our truly great and valuable Society advance with even a greater degree of celerity, than it has hitherto done, till it fills the world with its knowledge, and teaches man, that friendship, brotherly love, and charity, combined with truth, form the greatest blessing we can here enjoy; and that the cultivation of these virtues will, in the beautiful language of a part of our system, "give to the conduct of him," who determines to practice them with simplicity, and in a right mind, "the serenity resulting from a clear conscience, and point out to him the bright beams of hope and happiness in another and a better world."

It is astonishing with what rapidity the principles of Odd Fellowship are propagated and extended where they once become known, and which is further evidenced by the statement in your letter, that five Lodges of the M.U. have been established in New South Wales, and that there is a probability of others being shortly required; and also by the advance made in this Province. When the Order was established here, it consisted of about *five* members; on the first of January, 1841, when the Dispensation was applied for, they had increased to *ten*; and now, in little more than two years and a half, we number about TWO HUNDRED AND THIRTY. Thus we have proceeded; and it is gratifying to remark the feeling that is abroad respecting the Order. Individuals of all ranks and classes are uniting themselves with us, and Odd Fellowship appears, from the notice it has lately attracted, to have become, in a great measure, the ORDER of the day.

We have at present two Lodges—the "Adelaide" and the "Hope;" the latter of which was opened under the Dispensation of the former. Application has been made, which has also been granted, for a Lodge to be called the "Victoria" Lodge, to be opened at Port Adelaide; and another, for one of the out townships, will shortly be required. We are now about to write for two or three Dispensations, and a supply of goods, of which we before had but a small allowance.

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We are exceedingly obliged for the offer of assistance you have been pleased to make to us; and I have only to say, that, when need requires, we shall not fail to avail ourselves of your proffered kindness; and I trust, that, should you at any time require our aid, in any matters in which we can be of service, you will remember that you are treating with brothers, not in name only, but in deed and in truth; and that you will, therefore, forward your wishes, which, I think I can promise you, shall be faithfully attended to.

New Zealand, then, it appears, is desirous of being united with us under the banner of Odd Fellowship, as well as Hobart Town, whence an application has been received by the district officers here, which is in course of being replied to.

I must now conclude; but, before I do so, permit me to say, that I sincerely trust the Sydney branch of our noble Institution may outstrip all other Societies established in New South Wales; and prove to the world, being conducted in that spirit of wisdom which ever characterises the Order, that there is something in Odd Fellowship more than the name; that its principles are good, being of a truly philanthropic and humane character, and also such as to deserve the support and merit the esteem of all good men. With these feelings, and again proffering the advice and assistance of myself and brother officers of the district, at all times, and on [all occasions, when required, with our best wishes for your advancement and prosperity,

I remain, Dear Sir and Brother,
Your's fraternally in the bonds of F. L. and T.,
W. A. HUGHES,
C. S. South Australia District.

[The following was written by Mr. Hone, on a blank leaf in his pocket Bible. On a particular occasion he displaced the leaf, and presented it to a gentleman, who correctly copied it for publication.]

LINES

WRITTEN BEFORE BREAKFAST, 3RD JUNE, 1834, THE ANNIVERSARY OF
MY BIRTH-DAY IN 1780.

The proudest heart that ever beat
Hath been subdued in me;
The wildest will that ever rose,
To scorn thy cause, and aid thy foes,
Is quell'd, my God, by Thee.

Thy will, and not my will, be done;
My heart be ever thine;
Confessing Thee, the mighty Word,
I hail Thee Christ, my God, my Lord
And make thy Name my sign.

W. HONE.

LETTERS ON SOUTH AUSTRALIA.—No. I.

TO A FRIEND IN ENGLAND.

Adelaide, October 1st, 1843.

MY DEAR ———

You have constantly displayed a desire that I should, in my letters, give you a more detailed description of this country than is ordinarily conveyed by communications of that kind. Of course I cannot but feel pleased at the interest which you take in the country in which I live; and now that I have some leisure, it is my intention to gratify your curiosity, by giving sketches of those parts of it which I have visited.

The City of Adelaide is situated on the Torrens, about six miles from the eastern shore of St. Vincent's Gulf, on a rise about 120 feet above high water mark.

The strata, immediately about Adelaide, belong to the tertiary series, and consist of horizontal layers of limestone, and calcareo argillaceous deposit, in which fossils are abundant, more especially *natica*, *trochus*, *conus*, *murex*, *uritella*, *terrebratula*, *ostrea*, *pectans*, *radiata* of several species, with many others which are principally found in the tertiary formation of other countries.

These strata have been penetrated to considerable depths in sinking wells; and generally at about 70 feet below the surface, or about 30 or 40 above the present level of the sea, beds of oysters have been found in as undisturbed a state as if they were still resting in their briny bed. Below the more indurated beds of the tertiary formation, at about 80 feet from the surface, there are fine beds of pipe clay, white, and pink; and of a greenish, or greyish clay, in which I have noticed pyrites (iron) crystalised in cubes.

An unctuous variegated clay occurs also, immediately above the fossiliferous strata; and this is in some cases covered with a magnesian limestone, in thin lamina, conforming to the slopes, over which is a coating of stiff red soil.

About four miles eastward of Adelaide, the Mount Lofty range rises abruptly from the plains. The slope from the sea to the base of this range is almost imperceptible; but the range itself has a slope of from one to one, to one to six. The base of the range is generally clay slate; and above is a quartzose sandstone, covered superficially with loose bog iron ore. The tertiary stratum, as I before stated, is nearly horizontal; but the slates and other rocks on which it rests, are much broken; and I have observed that the dip, which is great, is to the S.S.E., S., or S.W.; showing that the power which caused their elevation was violent, and must have been from the northwards, or inland; whereas during the elevation of the tertiary series, the power