

Index to
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Masonic Schools Welfare Committee	New South Wales	<i>Prepared, printed and sold by the authority of the...</i>	Inside Front Cover
Bailey	W.F.	Author; November 11, 1928	32
Bazaar		<i>Just twelve months ago a great Bazaar was held in Sydney Town Hall, every article being donated. One hundred and fifty Lodges conducted the stalls, and after four days' effort, £9,200 were added to the Welfare Fund, without advertisement or appeal to the public – phenomenal Masonic achievement.</i>	28 & 29
Beale	Bro. S.	Cropping the Children's Hair...The hairdressers comprise... <i>Four of Sydney's dentists – viz., Bros. H.D. Jennings, E.R. Wansborough, L.S. Beckett and E.G. Moon – visit the School every Saturday and attend to the children's teeth.</i>	24
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Breeze	Bro. R.	Cropping the Children's Hair...The hairdressers comprise...	24
Brucknell	Bro. T.	Cropping the Children's Hair...The hairdressers comprise...	24
Campbell	Bro. W.	<i>Near the entrance gate are the classrooms proper, and it is here that the children attend daily and receive lessons. As the number of scholars increased more classrooms had to be built, so that an extra outlay of £1,600 was entailed.</i>	27
Class Rooms Cottage		Photograph	13

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Crellin Bro. Ron 21 & 23

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Cropley Mrs. 20

Cropley Right Wor. Bro. 31

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“Sixty-five thousand of them,” proudly replied the Superintendent.

“And how many “Masonians” do you print ?” queried the boy.

“About twelve thousand each quarter,” was the answer.

“Then what are the other fifty-three thousand Masons doing ?” the boy retorted quickly.

“Oh, well,” said Rt. Wor. Bro. Cropley tactfully, “we hope that some day we shall be able to print enough to supply every member of a Masonic Lodge.”

Cropley Right Wor. Bro. Are you, brother reader, a subscriber ? 32

		<i>I cannot conclude without expressing my regard, and thanks of the brethren, to the Superintendent, Wor. Bro. Cropley, and his good wife. They are just another example of the magnificent enthusiasm that is prevailing today. They are undertaking the honorary responsibility of superintending this School. Wor. Bro. Cropley has relinquished a successful business career, at a time when it was open to greater reward, to give his services to the cause of the fatherless.</i>	10
Cropley	Wor. Bro.		
		<i>Two milking cows were purchased six years ago. Later a bull and fifteen cows were presented to the School by various brethren, and to-day the herd totals forty-two.</i>	20
Dairy			
		Cropping the Children's Hair...The hairdressers comprise...	24
Davidson	Bro. M.		
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Dental Care			
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Dickson	Br. R.		
		<i>When the School was founded, electricity for lighting was generated on the premises. This was not always satisfactory or reliable. Recently the City Council mains were extended to Baulkham Hills, and now the whole School is supplied from this service.</i>	26
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Evans	Bro. A.		

Ferguson	Bro. R.McM.	<i>A fife an drum band was formed about three years ago, and now it numbers twenty performers. The instruction was voluntarily supplied by Bro. R. McM. Ferguson, of Parramatta, who also conducts the children's choir.</i>	20
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Flynn	Bro. I.	<i>Cropping the Children's Hair...The hairdressers comprise...</i>	24
Fruit & Vegetables		<i>About ten acres are occupied by fruit and vegetable gardens, and sufficient is grown to supply the whole of the population at the School throughout the year.</i>	21
Gallagher	Bro. C.	<i>Cropping the Children's Hair...The hairdressers comprise...</i>	24
Girl's Gymnastic Display		Photograph	17
Girls' Dining Hall		Photograph	Inside Back Cover
Girls' Studying		Photograph	Outside Back Cover

		<i>There are two large gymnasiums – one at the Schools, the other at the Hostel – where the children are taught physical culture by the resident instructor. The boys and girls from the bungalows exercise on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays, while the Hostel boys get their instruction on Monday and Wednesday nights and Saturday mornings. The benefit of this form of athletics is indicated by the robust condition of the pupils.</i>	19
Gymnasium			
Hankinson	Bro. T.	Cropping the Children's Hair...The hairdressers comprise...	24
Haurigan	Bro. M.	Cropping the Children's Hair...The hairdressers comprise...	24
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Hostel			
Howells	Bro. J.	Cropping the Children's Hair...The hairdressers comprise...	24
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Johnstone	Bro. M.	Cropping the Children's Hair...The hairdressers comprise...	24

Kerr	Bro. H.E.	Cropping the Children's Hair...The hairdressers comprise...	24
Lewis	Bro. A.G.	Cropping the Children's Hair...The hairdressers comprise...	24
		<i>This Lodge was formed soon after the commencement of the Schools, and on the first Saturday in each month, the members meet in the classroom near the entrance gates. The main object of the Lodge is to encourage brethren to visit the Schools, and afterwards attend the Lodge, where they are urged to become the missionaries of the Masonic Schools, and thus assist to stimulate a greater interest among the fraternity. It is not unusual for three or four Lodges to visit Fortitude each meeting, and on one occasion, not so long ago, just on two hundred visitors crowded into what is regarded as the smallest Lodge room in New South Wales.</i>	
Lodge Fortitude			27
		The Swimming Bath. <i>This pond of fresh water is seventy-five feet long and twenty-five feet wide. It cost £600, of which £300 was subscribed by Lodge Leinster Marine.</i>	
Lodge Leinster Marine			19
Lund	Bro. K.	Cropping the Children's Hair...The hairdressers comprise...	24
MacGrory	Bro. W.	Cropping the Children's Hair...The hairdressers comprise...	24
March past on Schools Sports Day		Photograph	7
		<i>In the public tea-room, service is given by those girls who have taught cooking by the instructress. All the scones, cakes, and sandwiches are prepared on the premises...The takings total, each year, in the vicinity of £300. Half the amount is presented to the Masonic Schools Welfare Fund, and the remainder is divided among the girls who attend at tables. This money is banked for them, and when they complete their period of education at the Schools, the bank-book is presented to them. Thus each girl receives a fair start in business life, and it is calculated that by these means she sets out with about £25 or £30 to her credit.</i>	
Masonic Schools Welfare Fund			25 & 26
Matthews	Bro. H.H.	Cropping the Children's Hair...The hairdressers comprise...	24
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Memorial Avenue			24 & 25

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Moon	Bro. E.G.		
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Morris	Bro. C.		
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North	Bro. R.		
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Parramatta Schools			
		Cropping the Children's Hair...The hairdressers comprise...	23
Parsons	Bro. W.J.		
		<i>So rapidly did the work advance [construction of the school at Baulkham Hills], under the guidance of Right Wor. Bro. C.C. Paterson, that seven months later after the laying of the Foundation Stone] (November 11, 1922) the finished building was opened and dedicated by the Grand Master.</i>	5
Paterson	Right Wor. Bro. C.C.		

		<i>We have had magnificent and generous response to our appeal on behalf of the fatherless Very Wor. Bro. Stowe has given his services unstintedly. It was he who supervised the erection of these Schools, charging nothing except his out-of-pocket expenses. I must also express the deep appreciation of the services rendered by our builder Rt. Wor. Bro. Paterson, in the discharge of his duty. His charges to us have been based on the very minimum.</i>	9
Paterson	Rt. Wor. Bro.		
Perry	Bro. I.G.	<i>Cropping the Children's Hair...The hairdressers comprise...</i>	24
		<i>The Welfare Executive subsidises, up to thirty shillings a week, the salaries of those boys and girls living at home. The boys residing in the Welfare Hostel at Petersham...are especially well cared for. The house is well furnished and the meals of the best quality. The boy earning fifteen shillings per week is boarded free, but he banks ten shillings as a provision for the purchase of clothes, the remainder (five shillings) is for his weekly expenses. All his earnings over fifteen shillings a week he pays for his board and lodging, with a maximum of £1 per week. Thus the boy apprenticed at fifteen shillings and sixpence only pays sixpence a week for his board, while the boy receiving thirty-five shillings per week is expected to pay £1.</i>	
Petersham Hostel			29
		<i>This fine old home, with its half-acre of ground, situated at the corner of Eltham Street and The Boulevarde, was purchased last year by the Welfare Executive for £3,00. The furnishing and alterations, as well as the construction of a large tennis court for the boys, ran into another £1,000.</i>	
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Picture Show			21
Pie	Bro. J.	<i>Cropping the Children's Hair...The hairdressers comprise...</i>	24
		<i>The Superintendent buys suckers, fattens them on the offal from the kitchen, and when they reach the selling age, disposes of them to a factory. Ready-cured bacon is received in exchange.</i>	
Piggery			20

Pinkerton	Bro. W.	<i>Cropping the Children's Hair...The hairdressers comprise...</i>	24
Reynolds	Bro. J.W.	<i>Cropping the Children's Hair...The hairdressers comprise...</i>	23
Rogers	Bro. P.	<i>Cropping the Children's Hair...The hairdressers comprise...</i>	24
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Routine	Boy's Hostel		14 & 15
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Routine	Sunday		18
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Rising bell, 6.30 a.m. Children then strip
beds, wash, dress, make beds, and perform
their various duties in their cottages until 7.30,
when they prepare for breakfast. 7.30,
assembly in dining-room, where breakfast is
served (porridge, bread, butter and jam, or
honey, and a cup of tea or milk.) 8, march
back to cottages, until 8.30, when bell rings
for prayers in Assembly Hall. Each child takes
his or her turn to say prayers and give a
speech in the hall, both morning and evening.*

*8.45, march
to School, and disperse to their various
classrooms. Lessons proceed until 10.45,
when a break of fifteen minutes is given.*

*11, lessons until
12.15 p.m. Children then return to cottages
and prepare for dinner at 12.30 (hot meat and
vegetables, followed by a pudding – varied
daily, such as baked rice, apple pie and
custard, sago, bread and butter pudding,
boiled rice and prunes, suet pudding either
with custard or syrup; on Sundays, always
plum pudding.) 1 p.m., back to*

*School, and at 3 p.m. They march back to
cottages, and enjoy a recreation of one hour
and three-quarters, in which time they are
free to follow whatever their inclination leads
to – the boys play football, cricket, etc., and
the girls do sewing, reading, ball games, etc.*

*4.45, bell rings to get ready for tea,
when children clean shoes or boots, wash
and tidy hair.*

*5.15, gong summons them to tea (soup,
bread, butter and jam, and cocoa.)
5.45, again assemble in Hall, where speech is
given and hymns sung for the following
Sunday at Church are practised, closing with
“Abide With Me.”*

*The children then return to their cottages,
where the elder ones do homework. Those
under the age of twelve retire at 7.45, while
the remainder are allowed to remain up an
hour later. A hot bath every night is
compulsory, and all lights are out at 8.45.*

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Routine

***Cropping the Children's Hair...The
hairdressers comprise...***

Roy

Bro. E.

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School

Photograph: Panoramic View of the Schools

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School

Bungalow

Photograph

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Smith	Bro. E.	<i>Cropping the Children's Hair...The hairdressers comprise...</i>	24
Smith	Bro. W.D.	<i>Cropping the Children's Hair...The hairdressers comprise...</i>	23

The children are encouraged in friendly rivalry in sport throughout the year, and at intervals there are inter-cottage competitions for shields, silver cups, as well as honours for cottage flags. A special prize is awarded in December for the best all-round boy and girl at sport...Early in November all roads lead to Baulkham Hills, when the annual sports are held on the sports area. As many as five thousand Masons and relatives witness the events, and great excitement prevails. The competitions comprise athletics, badminton, vigoro, cricket, swimming, tennis, high jumping, relay races, and football.

Sport			18 & 19
Steadman	Bro.	<i>Cropping the Children's Hair...The hairdressers comprise...</i>	24
Steam Laundry		<i>One of the recent additions to the School adjuncts is the steam laundry. Washing and ironing are carried on daily by a staff of five and an average of fourteen thousand articles are treated each week.</i>	20
Stelzer	Bro. A.E.	<i>Cropping the Children's Hair...The hairdressers comprise...</i>	24

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Thompson

Bro. Archie

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Thompson

Most Wor.
Bro.

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...dream was realised when he watched the first batch of fatherless children – forty-eight boys and girls – safely and tenderly housed for care and education at the noble institution that bears his honoured name...

Thompson

Most Wor.
Bro.

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Thompson	Most Worshipful Bother		3
Thompson	Most Worshipful Bother William	<i>The idea for a school for the education and upbringing of sons and daughter of deceased Masons was nurtured in the mind of Most Worshipful Brother William Thompson from the tome he became Grand Master in 1914, but it was not till 1921 that his plans began to materialise...his country home at Windsor...</i>	1
Thompson	Most Worshipful Bother William		4
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*The Welfare Executive subsidises, up to thirty shillings a week, the salaries of those boys and girls living at home. The boys residing in the Welfare Hostel at Petersham...are especially well cared for. The house is well furnished and the meals of the best quality. The boy earning fifteen shillings per week is boarded free, but he banks ten shillings as a provision for the purchase of clothes, the remainder (five shillings) is for his weekly expenses. All his earnings over fifteen shillings a week he pays for his board and lodging, with a maximum of £1 per week. Thus the boy apprenticed at fifteen shillings and sixpence only pays **sixpence** a week for his board, while the boy receiving thirty-five shillings per week is expected to pay £1.*

Welfare Fund

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Just twelve months ago a great Bazaar was held in Sydney Town Hall, every article being donated. One hundred and fifty Lodges conducted the stalls, and after four days' effort, £9,200 were added to the Welfare Fund, without advertisement or appeal to the public – phenomenal Masonic achievement.

Welfare Fund

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As the Schools were to be a Mecca of Masonry, Most Wor. Bro. Thompson conceived the idea of establishing a fund that would be devoted to the after-care of the children starting out in the world. He was determined that they should do here what no other similar school in the world is doing, and that was to find the best employment for the boy or the girl, and assist them until they had attained the full age of twenty-one years....In pursuance of this, all Lodges were asked to send a representative to a meeting at the Masonic Temple, Castlereagh Street, Sydney, in February, 1923, under the presidency of Most Wor. Bro. Thompson. A very large number of brethren attended, and...the New South Wales Masonic Schools Welfare Fund was established. The Executive takes control of all the children after they finish their education at the School, and places them in occupations. Up to the last month (October), positions had been secured for about sixty boys and girls, in banks, insurance offices, and similar businesses, while others have been apprenticed to skilled trades. The fund is provided by subscriptions from Lodges, as well as from the results of amusements organised by Masons and their wives.

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Williams

Bro. C.J.

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Bro. L.

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