

Two weeks later a Ladies' Night was held and at the entertainment which was given, speeches were made by the Hon. Alex. Keith, (President of Legislative Council) Grand Master, Hon. H. W. Smith Atty. General, Hon. Wm. Garvie and Hiram Blanchard, Q. C.

Another public occasion of interest in which the Lodge took part was the laying of the cornerstone of the County Academy building by Col. J. Wimburn Laurie, G. M., July 17, 1878, when the Lodge attended in a body.

Occasionally we read of a musical and literary program during a Lodge meeting. For example at the regular meeting in Nov. 1878, the Lodge was called to refreshment and a program of eleven numbers was rendered under the direction of Prof. Sam'l Porter. Another such occasion occurred at the Feb. Meeting in 1882, when refreshments were served in the Lodge room while the Lodge was at ease, after which labor was resumed.

On the occasion of the Queen's Jubilee celebration in 1887, a procession of the City Lodges took place to St. Paul's Church where a service was held, the organist being Prof. Porter, and the preacher Rev. D. C. Moore, Grand Chaplain. On this occasion an anthem was sung, written by W. R. Cogswell the Secretary of the Lodge. Sometime during 1876, the Halifax Brethren established a reading room and library in the new building which was well supported by the Lodge, both financially and otherwise. A reference to this library is noticed as late as Oct. 1884, but shortly after this the Craft lost interest, fortunately most of the books are still preserved in the office of the Grand Lodge Secretary and doubtless the library will some day be reestablished.

In Dec 1887, we note the recent formation of the Freemasons' Recreation Club, which may be said to have continued to the present day.

One of the most important visits made by the Lodge was that to Mount Olivet Lodge, Cambridge, Mass., in October 1905. Accompanied by Brethren of Virgin Lodge No. 3, the members left by special train Oct. 3rd, arriving in Boston the following day. The Ancient and Honourable Artillery Company of London, Eng., visited that city about the same time and were royally entertained. The Masonic Brethren were thus able to witness festivities of great international interest. The exemplification of the work, the entertainments in our honor, the pleasure of the journey itself, going