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Our Journal.

Recognizing the great need of an Organ of Freemasonry in the South whose weekly visits should brighten the fire-sides of thousands of homes, and make glad the hearts and strong the hands of our declining Brotherhood, has induced us to undertake the arduous, yet pleasant task of publishing a *Weekly* Masonic and Family newspaper.

As a mouthpiece and counsellor the JOURNAL will do all in its power to foster and encourage the pure principles of primitive Freemasonry, to disseminate a standard of morality in keeping with the tenets of the Order, to establish truth, expose error and perpetuate the glorious, yet silent deeds of our "Mystic Rite."—Thus we shall strive to make each number of inestimable value to the Craft. Its News, Literature, and other departments will make it of equal value and interest to the general reader.

Determined to devote our whole time, talents and energy to the interest of all classes of our readers, without any flourish of trumpets, or vain-glorious boasting we submit our JOURNAL to the consideration of a candid public and the Masonic Fraternity, and solicit their co-operation and support, looking to the Supreme Architect for his approbation and reward.

As a work of reference containing valuable matters of law pertaining to the Order, papers on Jurisprudence, decisions of the Grand Masters and of the Grand Lodges, every Lodge should at once subscribe for a copy of the JOURNAL to be placed on file in the Lodge. Several Lodges have already done so in advance, and we hope many others, if not all will do so at once. We intend to make it worthy of a place in any Lodge or family in the land.

We take pleasure in announcing that we will lay before our readers, next week, the able and eloquent Masonic address of Companion, John N. Staples, of this city, delivered before the Lodge at Wentworth, N. C., June 24th, 1875. We have read the manuscript with great pleasure and promise our readers a real treat in its perusal. A larger edition will be printed with the view of furnishing any with extra copies who may desire them. Order early.

EDITIONS.—Patrons desiring their subscriptions to begin with the first number of the JOURNAL will please so state in their orders, as we shall issue an extra large edition for the first few weeks for the purpose of accommodating all who may wish to begin at the beginning with us.

AFTER THIS WEEK we shall endeavor to give a spicy Local Department for the benefit of our readers in the city and vicinity, and which will also be read with interest by many at a distance.

We will thank our friends for any items of news for this department, either from town or country—or from anywhere.

FILES.—Owing to the value of the JOURNAL as a work of reference, we have adopted the quarto form as the most convenient for filing and binding, and we earnestly request every subscriber to carefully preserve every number until the end of the volume, when it can be bound at a small cost, making a handsome and valuable book of 416 pages.

SPECIMENS.—We send specimen copies of this issue to every Lodge in this State, and as extensively as we can, from the lists at hand, to every other State, especially in the South where there is no other weekly Masonic paper. Of course, this initial number falls far short of what the JOURNAL shall be when we get our exchange list arranged and we are in full working trim, which will be in a short time—at most, in one or two more weeks.

COURTESIES.—We gratefully acknowledge the uniform courtesies and kindness shown us by our brethren of the Press, North and South, many of whom have taken occasion to say very kind words of us personally, all of which we assure you, brethren, is warmly appreciated, and it will afford us great pleasure to reciprocate your favors in any way possible.

Especially does it afford us pleasure to note the special kindness shown us by the city press of Greensboro, who, coming among them as a stranger, "took us in" and treated us as a brother.

TO ADVERTISERS.—The high standard adopted for the JOURNAL is such as to make it a first-class medium for advertisers. Its circulation will be general throughout the Southern States, reaching a class of readers that are always valuable to business men, and as a mutual protection to the paper, its readers, and the business public, no advertisements will be admitted to its columns the business of which does not meet with our unqualified endorsement, and should an advertisement be admitted which afterward proves objectionable it will be promptly withdrawn and the contract cancelled.

It is hoped that legitimate business men will appreciate such protection and favor us with their patronage.

OUR WISH.—This our initial number is far below the standard we intend for our JOURNAL, the lack of exchanges and other needed material being the cause. In a few weeks we will be all right in this particular.

We have mapped out a systematic division of our work so as to meet the demands in the various departments of Literature or family reading, Gleanings, Memorials, General News, Correspondence, on various subjects, Jurisprudence, "Mosaics" or Masonic Intelligence, and answers to Correspondents under the significant heading of "More Light."

We invite and urge our brethren in all the States to communicate with us freely, especially for the two last mentioned departments, and thus aid us in disseminating the "pure light" in Masonry to our less informed brethren.

To our Readers.

We take pleasure in acknowledging the receipt of a large number of names, from this and other States, as permanent subscribers to the JOURNAL, and others are being constantly added, thereby indicating the lively interest which the brethren feel in the permanent establishment and success of the paper as an Organ of Masonry.

Our success will depend, to a great extent, upon the individual interest which is taken in extending our circulation among the brethren. Let each brother on reading this number, feel himself an authorized agent and at once go to work to secure us a large list of subscribers, with the cash, and we will insure you a paper of which every Mason may justly be proud.

In this connection we hope all who have given us their names will, promptly upon the receipt of this number, forward to us the subscription price for the same, according to the agreement in our circular to the Lodges. As a sure means of safety we have determined to conduct the business upon a strictly cash basis, and after this date no name will be entered unless accompanied by the cash, nor the paper sent longer than the time paid for.

The Orphan Asylum.

"The design of the orphan Asylum shall be to protect, train and educate indigent and promising orphan children, to be received between the age of six and twelve, who have no parents, nor property nor near relatives able to assist them. They shall not be received for a shorter time than two years. In extraordinary cases the Superintendent may receive children outside the ages specified."—*Proceedings of the Grand Lodge.*

Was there ever a grander, nobler work than this? To "protect, train and educate indigent and promising orphan children," a work upon which angels might look with delightful approbation.

From the beginning the orphan work has been a grand success, based upon the purest principles of that sublime Masonic CHARITY which is the capstone of our noble Order. Unendowed, and not confining its benefits to homeless and friendless little ones of Masons alone, it goes out into the broad harvest of the State and gathers in of all classes the most needy and promising; and depending for support upon the generous liberality of the public at large, and the stated contributions of Lodges Churches, Sunday Schools and other Societies and institutions, it has never failed, though frequently in a strait and its numbers constantly augmenting, it has become the grandest institution ever known in North Carolina.

They to be "between the ages of six and twelve, who have no parents, nor property nor near relatives able to assist them." These are the defenseless little ones whom the Grand Lodge is gathering up and placing under the humane protection of this blessed Orphan Home. And these are they who are appealing to the warmest sympathy of your purer nature for the means of subsistence and education, until they are prepared to battle with the realities of life unaided.

Friends, the bleak winds and frosts of winter will soon beat upon these little ones, God's Charity lambs, as well as you; will you not contribute liberally of your means, in cash and kind, that they may have warm clothing and nourishing food as well as your little ones, remembering that many of them, too, were born in luxury, but by the fickle hand of fortune were made what they are.

All Secretaries of Lodges are author-

ized agents to receive and forward contributions, either to Oxford or Mar's Hill.

We append the following from the *Wilmington (N. C.) Presbyterian* as expressive of our feelings:

"We have little space allowed us, but must express our delight at the performances of the children of the Orphan Asylum at their exhibition in this city on Wednesday night last, and avow increased interest in that institution.

The large and appreciative audience assembled on that occasion would unite with us in this. Mr. M's object we believe is fully accomplished here; for no parent could look upon these little ones, bereft, and not feel his heart yearn most tenderly towards them; no one could contemplate these orphans, representatives of so many of their class, without contrasting the bright possibilities of their future, with the deeply dark certainties that would be theirs, but for the intervention of this charity; and surely no Christian present could fail to thank the Father of the fatherless for what has been done, and pray for a continuance of His blessings to this noble cause.

The Orphan Asylum, beyond all question, deserves encouragement and support, and such exhibitions of good accomplished cannot fail to secure them.

A collection was taken, and \$117 realized.

Encouraging.

We feel that we are committing no breach of privacy in laying before the Lodges and individual Masons in North Carolina the following endorsement of our enterprise from Grand Master, Geo. W. Blount, and hope the Fraternity in the State—and in the Southern States—will feel, with him and us, the need of a "means whereby a more general Masonic communication may be had," and go to work, for its success, with a zeal commensurate with the importance of the undertaking.

Let brethren everywhere send in lists of subscribers and communicate to us freely and promptly everything that will be of value to the Craft. Never mind the bad spelling, writing or grammar, we'll attend to that—send us the facts.

WILSON, July 19, 1875.

Brother:—I am glad to see that you are about to start a Masonic Journal.—The enterprise ought to succeed. We need a means whereby a more general Masonic communication may be had: a means for the more general diffusion of Masonic intelligence.

I hope every Mason will take the Journal—every Lodge endorse it, and at once make it the Organ of Masonry in North Carolina. With such encouragement and support I am satisfied you can make it of incalculable worth to the Fraternity.

Yours very truly,
G. W. BLOUNT,
Grand Master.

We have set apart a place in the JOURNAL as a standing Directory of Lodges, Chapters, Councils and Commanderies,—giving the name, number, location, time of meeting and the two principal officers, for which we will charge the nominal sum of \$4 per year. The advantage of this to the Lodges and individual members is obvious. Changes occur and your Lodge desires to know them. The large majority of the Lodges elect officers after the meeting of the Grand Lodge, and, consequently, the Reports are incorrect. Brethren travelling desire to know when and where they may attend the Lodges. To all such the Directory will be invaluable, and the cost nominal—barely enough to pay the expense of keeping it up.

Where a Lodge or Chapter has its Directory inserted and also subscribes for the JOURNAL, only \$5 will be charged for the two.