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MASONIC DIGEST.—Brother D. W. Bain, Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of North Carolina, has under the direction of the Grand Lodge, prepared a complete digest of the laws, resolutions and edicts in force in North Carolina. This digest supplies a need long felt in the State and will be invaluable to officers and members. It is now in press and will be ready for delivery by the meeting of the Grand Lodge in December.

Tuesday night brother Mills gave an entertainment with his little orphans at the Presbyterian church in this city, to a very large and appreciative audience.

The exercises were opened with prayer by the Pastor, Rev. Dr. Smith, after which brother Mills gave a very clear and forcible account of the orphan work, which we are sure, has awakened a new interest, and given a greater impetus to this great State charity than has been felt in this community before.

At the close of brother Mills' address the little orphans,—six girls and three boys—were introduced, and highly entertained the audience with their beautiful songs and recitations, all of which were admirably rendered, and as we looked and listened we could but contrast their present with their former condition, and thank God for the Orphan Asylum.

A collection was taken and \$80 raised. Friends of humanity, let your hearts continue to be in this work.

## Masonry A Missionary Work.

Many professed Christians find fault with Masonry and set up their howlings against it with a long-faced sobriety that would do credit to the veriest mimic in creation.

They tell us that Masonry detracts from the interests of the church, financially and morally, and, therefore, should not be tolerated by Christians. That all the benevolent works of the Lodges should be performed by the church, and that Masonry cripples all these operations of the church, by its secret interference with prerogative operations.

Let us see. The leading tenets of Masonry are brotherly love, relief and truth, and while it does not arrogate to itself the special high calling of the Christian religion, it stands as a modest handmaiden to that religion in carrying out, in a substantial way, those pure principles which are the foundation of all religion.

We claim, farther, that a good Mason always makes the better Christian, because by the systematic training of the Lodge he is educated in those deeds of charity and beneficence which are embraced in a large hearted Godlike Christianity; hence Masonry is an advantage, pecuniarily, to the church, and an help meet in her schemes.

Again; the moral platform of our Order is near akin, if not equal to that of the church itself. Founded on faith in God, declared at the very threshold of the Lodge, the candidate is led on, step by step, and educated in "that purity of life and conduct" by which only all creeds and people can hope to enjoy the golden fruit that rests at the top of that theological ladder, the three principal rounds of which are denominated *Faith, Hope and Charity*.

Nor is this all. Masonry is a Missionary Work—going before, in the remotest corners, and rearing up altars "to the unknown God," and making the paths straight and easy for the sacrificing Missionary of the Cross, who comes after to interpret the Holy Light that rests upon those altars. Wherever the Order has been introduced altars to God have been erected and all the elements of Religion imparted. It is indeed a missionary field, though silently it performs its work.

It is urged that there are so many bad men in the Lodges. Aye; this unfortunately is true: and so there are in the church. And if the church cannot, or will not purge its membership, why censure us? Is there not enough charity in the church to give us credit for the good men that belong to Masonry? Christian brother, don't forget that little story of the *mote and the beam*.

THANKS.—To brother D. W. Bain, G. Recorder, for copies of the Proceedings of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of North Carolina, and the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters. We would be very thankful to other Grand Secretaries, &c., for Proceedings of their Grand Bodies.

THE ORPHANS.—What are the Lodges and individual Masons of this State doing for the Orphan Asylum? Soon the cold winter will be here, and shall they be unprovided?

Let the Lodge committees, and others go to work at once, and in earnest, and send in a full supply for the coming year.

CONTRIBUTIONS.—Bro. Thos. J. Sloan is receiving contributions of wheat, flour, bacon, lard, soap, clothing and anything that will be of benefit to the Orphans, and all persons who are kindly disposed to aid in this good cause are earnestly requested to send in their favors to him, at his store, by Saturday morning, and he will pack and forward the same to the Asylum.

Friends, don't neglect this, and let us send a large contribution from Greensboro.

## Prayer in the Lodge.

The immemorial landmarks are silent upon the subject of prayer, hence to them we cannot appeal for light. No particular form of prayer was used in the lodge about 120 years ago, when the Grand Lodge of England decreed the use of Christian prayers; but as this regulation was local in its nature, binding only upon subordinates in allegiance to the English Grand Lodge, none can claim for it the sanctity that necessarily abides in a landmark. Masonry, in its original formation, bore no evidence of sectarianism—belief in God and a just reverence for Him as the source of all light and truth, was the only requisite exacted of its initiates, nor is more now demanded. The Jewish and Christian Mason alike claim to honor, reverence and obey Jehovah; each regards the prayer made to Him as just and proper. The Jewish brother worships God as a unity; the Christian Mason worships him as a trinity. The latter, in praying through his Redeemer, thereby petitions, according to his theological views, the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob. When therefore, a Christian brother is called upon in a lodge for prayer, he is privileged by our Ritualistic teaching to follow in the light of his own conscience; and if he invokes the blessing through his Redeemer, he thereby violates no landmark, nor does he infringe upon any of the vital principles of our Order.—*Courant*.

THE HAND.—The elegant lecture in the first Symbolic degree, relative to the hand in its application to Masonry, will recur to every brother whose eye catches this title. The hand conveys what the heart prompts. The hand is the carrier of the heart's message, and a faithful Mercury it is. The hand is the Senior Deacon of the head; for with the hand we demand, we promise, we call, dismiss, threaten, entreat, supplicate, deny, refuse, interrogate, admire, recon, confess, repeat; express fear, express shame, express doubt; we instruct, command, unite, encourage, swear, testify, accuse, condemn, acquit, insult, despise, defy, disdain, flatter, applaud, bless, abuse, ridicule, reconcile, recommend, exalt, regale, gladden, complain, afflict, discomfort, discourage, astonish, exclaim, indicate science, and what not, with a variety and multiplication that keeps pace with the tongue. How, then, can any suppose that a man can be made a Mason without a hand? Both hands are needed in Masonry. The left as much as the right; nay, the left before the right.—*F. W. Tisdall*.

## How to Cook Beefsteak.

He took the thin, long handled frying pan from its nail, and putting it on the stove heated it quite hot. In this he put the piece of steak, previously pounded, but to their surprise he did not put a particle of butter in the pan, and did not salt the steak. He allowed the steak merely glazed over, and then turned it quickly to the other side turning it several times in this manner it was done. Four minutes were not employed in the operation, but a juicier steak was never eaten. It was when done laid on the platter, previously warmed, and was buttered and salted and set a moment in a hot oven. Allowing the steak to heat but a moment on each side, helped it to retain all its sweet juices, and putting the salt on at the last moment after it was on the platter drew out its juices.

There are 543,474 Master Masons and 40,410 Knights Templar in the U. States.

## MOSAICS.

Will not friends from all sections of the country send us articles for this Department? Gather them up and send along postal cards, letters, clippings—any thing that will be *Masonic News*.

## A. and A. Rite.

We are much pleased to learn that the new rooms of the A. and A. Rite 1052 St. Catherine Street west, are rapidly approaching completion, and it is purposed that "Hochelaga Lodge of Perfection," "Council of Princes of Jerusalem" and "Chapter of Rose Croix" shall recommence work, after the summer recess early in September.

"Montreal Consistory of Sublime Princes of the Royal Secret" was duly inaugurated in June last and the following officers elected and installed, viz.:

Ill. Bro. W. H. Hutton, C. C.  
" " E. M. Copeland, 1st. L. C.  
" " H. B. Mc. L. Moore, 2nd "  
" " D. R. McCord, G. S.  
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" " J. H. Stearns, G. M.  
" " Rich'd Ball, G. C. of M. G.

This beautiful rite has only been established a short time in the city of Montreal, but has already made a wonderful amount of progress, under the able and zealous management of the Ill. Brethren to whom its guidance has been committed.

Steps have already been taken to inaugurate Lodges of Perfection in Ottawa and Quebec, and we feel quite sure that when the beauties of the ritual and the admirable precepts of the rite become more widely known, that a large number of the Craft, who have a desire for a deeper research into the Arcana of Freemasonry than is afforded by the Blue Lodges, will eagerly avail themselves of the opportunity now afforded to them.—*Canadian Masonic News*.

A Commandery of Knights Templar will shortly be instituted in this city.

A Royal Arch Chapter will shortly be instituted at Franklinsville, Randolph county. Chorizin Chapter, of this city, has been invited to do the honors of the occasion, and a full delegation will go down.

Brother Mills, with his little orphans, exhibited at Salem on last Monday night, to a large audience, and receiving a contribution of \$82. That was good; but, brethren, hold the ten cents shrapnel to buy cigars and candy, and throw in the dollars for the orphans. That's CHARITY.

The Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Quebec will be held (D. V.) at the British Masonic Chambers, 359 Notre Dame Street, Montreal, on Wednesday, Nov. 22nd, at noon. Important business is to be transacted, and representatives are requested to attend.

The Supreme Council, Scottish Rite of Masons, closed its session August 20, at Portland. Seven subordinate lodges were chartered. Gen. William Sutton, of Massachusetts, and George O. Tyler, of Vermont, were elected active members. The next session will be held in New York, on the third Tuesday of August, 1876.

The oldest authentic Masonic portrait in the world—that of Bro. Sir Walter Hawksworth, Knight and Baronet, who was "President" of the Lodge of York, England, in A. D. 1713— one hundred and sixty-two years ago, now adorns the York Lodge.