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SUBSCRIPTIONS are coming in quite freely from all sections of the country, for which we return thanks to the friends who are so industriously working for us. If all the Lodges and brethren individually will bestir themselves rightly, we will soon have the JOURNAL along side of any paper in the country.

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ENCOURAGING.—The prospects of the JOURNAL are brightening every day. Almost every mail brings new lists of subscribers, and already the first and second issues are entirely exhausted notwithstanding the large editions printed of those numbers.

In the future all subscriptions will begin with the date succeeding the order for the paper.

Work on, brethren, and we'll try to give you, the best Masonic paper in the United States.

THANKS.—We are indebted to Companion Geo. Frank Gouley, Committee on Correspondence, for the advance sheets of his admirable Report to the approaching Convocation of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Missouri. It contains reviews of thirty six Grand Chapters, among which we are sorry not to find North Carolina, Connecticut, Rhode Island and Oregon; Proceedings from those Grand Chapters not having reached him in time, if at all, to be included. The Report contains much valuable information which, from time to time, we shall be pleased to draw upon; and when, like brother Gouley, we differ with the "other doctors," we'll freely "speak out in meeting."

Will not others place us under similar obligations?

## "A Good Enough Morgan."

Under this significant heading Thurlow Weed seeks to revive a long forgotten slander upon the Masonic Fraternity—that of the abduction and murder of William Morgan—Mr. Weed excusing himself for resurrecting this slander by the flimsy statement that he had been solicited to do so by the New York *Herald* and Albany *Argus*, two papers noted, perhaps, above all others in this country for their fondness for discord and strife.

But to Mr. Weed's statement.

He sets out by acknowledging that at the time of the alleged kidnapping he was publishing, in Rochester, "an anti-Masonic Journal," and was a member of an investigating committee; yet in the next breath he declares that he "entertained favorable opinions of an institution to which Washington, Franklin and La Fayette belonged." Of course such contradictory declarations place Mr. Weed in a very unenviable light, especially as he was an acknowledged political champion of the anti-Masonic party.

Again, Mr. Weed's statement is entitled to far less weight because it is all founded on hear-say—flying reports intensified by the heat of political excitement. Is there a sane man who can believe that a human body can lie at the bottom of a river (or lake Ontario) for "more than a year," as Mr. Weed states it, and then be brought forth and identified? No!

Mr. Weed further acknowledges that the body claimed as that of Morgan "more than a year" after his alleged drowning, was identified by the wife of Timothy Monroe as that of her unfortunate husband who was known to have been drowned eleven days before; the searching examination to which she was subjected by the anti-Masonic investigating committee and the minute description she gave of clothings, &c., proving conclusively to the jury that it was none other than the unfortunate Canadian, Monroe, who went over the Falls eleven days before. But as Mr. Thurlow Weed, for purposes to be adjudged by the public, sees fit to resurrect this old story, and at the close of his discrepant article declares his shattered faith in it, for his and the public's information we append the following from the St. Louis *Dispatch* as to the whereabouts of this notorious William Morgan, and his subsequent life in Van Dieman's Land:

"Years ago the story of Morgan's murder by the Freemasons was effectually disposed of by no less a person than Morgan's own son. Instead of being mysteriously butchered, the father lived nearly thirty years after his abduction, and finally died, in corpulence and contentment at Van Dieman's Land, where he was the editor of a newspaper called the *Advertiser*, which still survives him, and where in a pleasant way he used to refer to the stories told of his horrible killing in the United States, and the various modes of torture that had been accorded to his executioners as the means whereby he was taken out of the world.

"According to the statement of young Morgan, his father was arrested after the exposure of Masonry came out, and held some time a prisoner, and finally released upon the condition that he should leave the country forever. He accepted with alacrity the propositions made to him, and was accompanied by Masons as far as Quebec. Here he entered the British navy, and in two months sailed direct for England. Morgan in some way got a discharge from the service, and settled in Van Dieman's Land. His son was a resident of San Francisco at the time this information was communicated concerning his father's whereabouts. Once every two years the son visited the father, and for a while after this official and emphatic statement was published, the story of the father's murder died out. At intervals, however, it breaks out afresh and goes the rounds of all the newspapers."

## What They Say.

To show our friends what is being said of the JOURNAL, we append a few extracts from some of the many notices that we have received:

The JOURNAL is a handsome eight page paper filled with useful and instructive "Craft" reading, as well as news and miscellaneous matter.—*Winston Sentinel*.

We wish this enterprise great success. There is no telling the good which is done by a family newspaper, which inculcates correct sentiments, as we have no doubt this one will do.—*Danville Times*.

It is well gotten up both editorially and typographically, and we very cheerfully commend it to the favor and patronage of the public, and especially to the Masonic Fraternity.—*Orphan's Friend*.

Well printed and full of matter of much interest to the Craft. It is edited and published by Rev. E. A. Wilson, at Greensboro, N. C. It should receive a liberal support at the hands of all good and true Masons.—*Christian Sun*.

MASONIC JOURNAL: A Masonic and Family Weekly, E. A. Wilson, Editor and Proprietor.

The first number of this new candidate for public favor and especially for that of the Masonic Fraternity, has been received. It is an eight page journal, neatly printed and well filled with the best reading matter. We congratulate Bro. Wilson on his new paper and wish him success.—*Christian Advocate*.

THE MASONIC JOURNAL.—The first number is dated Sept. 16th. The paper is of excellent quality, and the mechanical part is well done.

The JOURNAL has a lively, fresh appearance, and the style of the editor is easy, clear and to the point. He has learned the art of compressing a great deal into a few words, and that of itself is a virtue not to be overlooked. We like the JOURNAL, and give it a hearty greeting.—*Central Protestant*.

MASONIC JOURNAL.—Rev. E. A. Wilson, formerly editor of the *Kinston Gazette*, has just commenced the publication of a new paper, in Greensboro, with the above name, the first number of which is before us. It is a large eight page paper, handsomely printed and generally well arranged. Every Mason in the State should subscribe for it. We wish Mr. Wilson abundant success in his new enterprise.—*Roanoke News*.

The MASONIC JOURNAL made its first appearance last week and is in every respect what the publisher professed to make it—first-class. It is handsomely arranged, neatly printed, carefully edited and is such a journal as the Craft may welcome as an Organ, and the public ought to liberally support. We congratulate Bro. Wilson on the success of his first number and trust it is an augury of a brilliant and prosperous future.—*Greensboro Patriot*.

THE MASONIC JOURNAL.—The first number of this paper published at Greensboro by Rev. E. A. Wilson, has been received. The paper is a model of neatness, the print is faultless, and the original and selected articles, show that great labor and care have been given in getting it up. We feel a great interest in the *Journal*, having once been connected with the present publisher, but for good and sufficient reasons, closed out our interest to him. Not that we did not have faith in the ultimate success of the *Journal*, for we believed then, and since the reception of the first copy of the paper our faith has been strengthened, and now say and think that every Mason who can, ought to subscribe at once and show that the effort of Bro. Wilson, to give them a good, first class Masonic and family paper (and we here say that the paper is strictly first-class) is appreciated by them,—give him your help brethren, and our word for it, he will help you. There is a great need for Masonic Literature in our State and in the Southern States, and the *Masonic Journal* will supply that need. We pledge ourselves to do all we can towards spreading the circulation of the *Journal*, and we hope the Lodges throughout the State will endorse and adopt the *Journal* as the organ of the Fraternity in the State, and that each individual Mason will do all he can to hold up the hands of the Editor and send him subscribers outside of the Order.—*Franklin Courier*.

## MOSAICS.

Of the original cedars of Lebanon only seven now remain. They cover a space of not over a half mile upon the mountain side. They are more than a thousand years old. Indeed, it is believed that some of them were planted by Solomon.

James B. Walker has been nominated as the Anti-Masonic candidate for President in 1876. He stands one chance in fifty millions of being elected. He is a native of Philadelphia, and is about seventy-five years old.

Virginia Lodge, No. 3, of Virginia city Nevada, having lost their hall by fire, followed the example of our ancient brethren and opened a Lodge on the top of Mt. Davidson, Nev., 7,827 feet above the level of the sea.

The Egyptian hieroglyphic representing charity is a naked child, with a heart in his hand, giving honey to a bee without wings. The child represents the humility of charity; the heart in its hand, the cheerfulness of charity; giving honey to a bee without wings, the worthiness and helplessness of the object of charity.

The Brethren in Smyrna, Turkey, celebrated the election of the Prince of Wales as M. W. G. M of England, by holding a special meeting at which congratulatory addresses were delivered in the Italian, French, Turkish, American and Greek languages, and after a delightful evening, the Lodge closed in peace and harmony.

On St. John's Day last, the Fraternity in Louisville and vicinity celebrated the day at the Park, and collected \$10,000 towards the completion of the Masonic Widows' and orphans' Home of Louisville which was so disastrously wrecked by a wind-storm several months ago. There are at present fostered by this great Public Masonic Charity, 134 children and 9 Widows.

The Grand Orient of Portugal has forty-eight Lodges affiliated with it, some of them in Portugal and others in Spain.

St. John's College, at Little Rock, Ark., was largely attended by the brethren, at Commencement on St. John's day. These Masonic institutions of learning are calculated to infuse a better feeling for Masonry and its great work of Charity than it would otherwise obtain.

HEALTH OF THE ASYLUM.—We are happy to be able to announce that the health of the children here is very good indeed. At the time of writing this paragraph, (Tuesday morning) we have but one name on the sick list—a little girl—and she is rapidly improving. We have been remarkably blest in this respect the present season.—*Orphan's Friend*.

The Baroness Burdett-Coutts has not, like the most of her sex, that antipathy to the Freemasons which is generated by the secrecy of their proceedings. She has, on the contrary, recognized the charitable disposition of the craft, and is going to work with them for the common good. In return for a present of 'chairs of order' to the Lodge which bears her name, she is to be invited to a banquet; and this, we are assured, will be the first occasion in England on which a lady has been present when Lodge furniture as such will be used.

Mr. Mills gave an entertainment with his orphans at Winston last week, and, just like that people, who never do things by halves, they made a contribution of \$180.04. This liberal donation speaks volumes in praise of Winstonian charity, and is commendable to all people. We are informed there were eighteen gentlemen in the audience who contributed \$5 each.