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Thanks to our esteemed friends of the Statesville *Landmark* and Raleigh *Christian Advocate* for their compliments to the JOURNAL and especially to the Address of Companion Jno. N. Staples. We think other journals might benefit their readers by giving them the valuable historical matter contained in that address.

## Remember the Honored Dead.

RICHARD CASWELL, North Carolina's first Constitutional Governor, and the second Grand Master of Masons in this State, lies in an unmarked and almost unknown grave, near his old homestead in Lenoir county, two miles from Kinston.

We have frequently passed the desolate spot, and our heart would tingle with something akin to shame for a people and State that would permit a great and good man, one who has done so much for his people and for Masonry, and whose praise has been sung in song and story, as has Richard Caswell, to lie neglected and forgotten until, perhaps, there is none but one old negro who can with any precision point out the exact spot where lies the honored dead.

As there are no immediate relatives who are able to take this work in hand, and as it is such a shame to have our Governor and GRAND MASTER be thus neglected, we call upon the Masonic Fraternity and all patriotic citizens of the State to aid in raising a suitable shaft over his grave.

In the absence of any organized plan for carrying out this desire we suggest that, from now until the meeting of the Grand Lodge in December, all contributions be forwarded to brother Thos. A. Harvey, W. M. of Kinston Lodge, 316, Kinston, N. C., who, we are sure, will take pleasure in doing all in his power to further this noble work and in reporting the same through these columns.

We sincerely hope every Lodge in North Carolina will act upon this matter promptly, and that all our people will do what they can to aid in placing a fitting monument over our loved and honored dead. Also that the Press of the State, always ready for every good work, will aid us in carrying out these plans.

DANVILLE.—It has been our good pleasure to make a flying visit to our neighboring city of Danville, Va., and to form the acquaintance of many of her clever citizens, among whom we take pleasure in mentioning our prominent Masonic friends and brethren Ed. M. Pace, proprietor of the "Star" tobacco warehouse, Dr. C. M. Flinn, Druggist, and Frank S. Woodson, brother to "our Woodson" of the Raleigh *News*.

During our short stay we saw much of Danville, its people and business, and were well pleased at the thrift and enterprise appearing on every hand.

We were deprived of much of our anticipated pleasurable association with our esteemed brother Ed. M. Pace, his time being almost wholly occupied in furnishing and arranging his new mansion by the time of the return of his good lady who was off to the Springs, and in performing the grave duties of Superintending the laying off and adornment of the city cemetery.

We attended a tobacco sale at Graves' warehouse, and witnessing the animated proceedings for some time concluded that that auctioneer could say more in a given time than any man we ever saw.

There are two Lodges in Danville, and we were pleased to learn that both are in fine condition. The Hall is a noble edifice—the result of the zeal and energy of our good brother, Rev. Dr. Dame, P. G. H. P., and a few other noble spirits, but shows evidence of the need of some repair.

It was pleasant to learn that the JOURNAL is so popular among the Danville Craft, and that such efforts are being made to extend its circulation and usefulness.

We, of course, called upon the Press, and found them all to be a body of courteous and clever gentlemen, at their posts and busy as editors generally are.

Being thus so well pleased we shall gladly avail ourselves of the pleasure of a more extended visit at an early day.

LISTS.—We tender our thanks to our many kind brethren who have enlisted themselves in the interest of the JOURNAL by sending us large lists of subscribers from their various sections, among whom we take pleasure in mentioning our esteemed friends and brethren, Ed. M. Pace, of Danville, Va., W. T. Caho, of Stone-wall, Pamlico co., N. C., A. H. White, of Rock Hill, S. C., J. J. Combs, of Hayesville, Clay co., N. C., Geo. S. Baker, of Louisburg, N. C., and Dr. R. D. Hay, of Madison, N. C.

If the brethren in the various States and communities of the South will continue to aid us thus we will soon be squarely on our feet. Send in the Lists, and don't forget the CASH.

## Masonic Journalism.

Under this heading the New York *Square* has an article from which we extract the following paragraph, which contains a volume of meaning to be seriously reflected upon by every well-meaning Mason. Already our JOURNAL is reaching thousands who are not yet subscribers, but who, appreciating the laborious yet noble work in which we are engaged, we hope soon to add to our list. Let every subscriber on reading this kindly show the paper to his neighbor and induce him to subscribe. Here is the paragraph that explains what we are doing:

"The fraternity in general know very little of the difficulties which beset the pathway of a Masonic editor, and render his task a very laborious one. And to the profane world Masonic journalism is a mystery as deep as Freemasonry itself.

Let us assure the craft that every Masonic journal is worthy of their warmest support; it is to the Masonic press that the craft are most indebted for the exalted position now occupied by the fraternity. The press is a bulwark of freedom; and when storms of persecution rise about the institution, it is the Masonic press that stands ready to defend it from the assaults of its enemies."

## Drones.

Masonry, like all other institutions, civil, social and religious, is sorely troubled with a full supply of worthless, restless and unhappy class of members known technically as drones. As a class they are, perhaps, the most undefinable of any with which society is burdened, and yet there are two classes of them so conspicuously observable in their connection with the Lodge that we cannot refrain from giving them a passing notice.

The chronic grumbler is one of the most conspicuous of this great bee family, always on hand, rain or shine, in doors or out, with his everlasting opposition to every scheme of the Lodge and fault-finding with his brethren, until it is more of a bore than pleasure to attend the Lodge or to engage in any Masonic work. Our advice to all Lodges thus afflicted is, take example by the honest and thrifty little bee, and kill them out. One of these chronic grumblers will work more evil against Masonry by his complainings and implied slanders, than a dozen good men can overcome.

These men can be easily detected by their lack of prudence, for in their complainings and fault-findings they are sure to let slip the declaration that "Masonry has been no benefit to them," thereby revealing the mercenary considerations that led them to the Order.

We have seen a tree that seemed to struggle manfully against season and storm for an existence, taking advantage of each straggling sunbeam and shower to catch new warmth which shall send out the fresh life sap to all its various parts; but it is so heavily encumbered with dead branches that life with it was only a question of measured time and it must soon give place to another of hardier growth. So, also, we know Lodges. They are so encumbered with these dead branches,—men who never attend the meetings or take any interest in the Order until they have become an incubus upon it and are working a sure and measured death to their Lodges.

Brethren, have you any such dead branches upon your Masonic tree, cut them off—prune closely and at once, or soon the whole tree will be dead. The disease is infectious and unless it is promptly checked at the first appearance, other branches will become diseased and death to your Lodge will inevitably ensue. Go through your Lodge roll and cut them off, rather than die from their ill effect.

## Kind Words.

We cannot refrain from giving a few more of the kind words spoken of us and our JOURNAL which serve to stimulate us to still greater efforts to please:

We have received the first number of the *Masonic Journal*, published at Greensboro, N. C., Bro. E. A. Wilson, editor and proprietor. It is quarto in form, and will be issued weekly, at two dollars per year. The number before us is neat in appearance and well filled with matters of interest to the craft. We gladly place it on our exchange list, and wish it abundant success.—*Masonic Advocate*.

No. 1 and No. 2 of the *Masonic Journal*, published at Greensboro, N. C., by

E. A. Wilson, \$2,00. The general "make up" of this journal is excellent.

Mr. Wilson is a good writer, a bright Mason and is now supplying a want that has long been felt in the Southern States. We trust that this enterprise will be crowned with brilliant success. We take pleasure in commending this paper to every Mason in Western N. C., for it is the "one thing needful" to give "more light" on Masonry.—*Piedmont Press*.

Now will not the Brethren say a few kind words for the JOURNAL among their friends, and help us to build up the largest subscription list of any paper in the South? It can be done by every one doing his part.

"In this glorious calling,  
Work till day is o'er;  
Work till evening falling,  
Thou canst work no more;  
Then thy labor bringing  
To the King of Kings,  
Lay thy sheaves before him,  
Lay them at his feet.  
Hear thy master saying  
From his heavenly throne,  
When thy wages paying  
LABORER, WELL DONE!"

## Masonic Digest.

The following extracts from a letter from the Grand Master, addressed to brother D. W. Bain, Grand Secretary, will fully explain the object and importance of this work, ordered by the Grand Lodge to be published. Bro. Bain informs us that the book will be ready for distribution early in November, and we agree with the Most Worshipful that the Lodges, officers and members of Lodges should at once possess themselves of copies. The price is only \$1, and brother Bain desires all wishing it to send in their orders at an early day, so that he may know how large the edition shall be:

"I am in receipt of the advance sheets of the "Masonic Code of North Carolina," and have given it such examination as to satisfy myself of its merits. It is a work for which there has been ever before almost imperative demand, and one which no Lodge, officer or member, who wishes to be posted, can afford to be deprived of. We have here in systematic arrangement the law of our Jurisdiction in a neat, handy, well printed edition, together with the Ancient Constitutions, the various public ceremonies used by Lodges—Uniform Code of By-Laws—Installation ceremonies of Grand and Subordinate Lodges—Opening and closing Prayers, forms of petitions, dimitts—and indeed everything needed to make the book desirable to the Fraternity. It is hoped that the Lodges and officers of Lodges will avail themselves of the opportunity of getting at once, a *Vade Mecum*—a hand book—which will save them the necessity of asking, and Grand Masters the trouble of answering, many questions as to law and usage, which, heretofore, could only be found by laborious research through pamphlet copies of Proceedings of the Grand Lodge.

I am satisfied from the experience of this year as Grand Master that, in the future, the labor of Grand Masters will be much relieved, and the Fraternity largely benefitted. This book, with the enlightening influence of the MASONIC JOURNAL, cannot fail of good results."

Yours very truly,

G. W. BLOUNT,  
Grand Master.

The European powers, except France, have changed their ideas regarding the financial situation and policy of Turkey. They see no grounds for remonstrance.