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Our Northern exchanges are considerably exercised about the large amount of well executed counterfeits in circulation up there. Any kind is so scarce down here that we take it and ask no questions—so it's green.

To SECRETARIES.—We respectfully solicit for publication, notices of marriages and deaths of the brethren—each to contain the Official relation, if any, which the party holds in his Lodge.

Please send us any other news matter connected with your Lodge.

Our numerous exchanges are continually saying kind and flattering words of our JOURNAL, all of which we highly appreciate, and for which we thank them. In any future notices which they may be pleased to make they will please state to their readers that the JOURNAL is an eight-page WEEKLY—the only MASONIC WEEKLY in the Southern States! Price only \$2 per year; 6 months \$1.25.

The "MASONIC CODE OF NORTH CAROLINA" is now in the hands of the binder, and will be ready for distribution in a few days. It was compiled by our esteemed friend, Grand Secretary D. W. Bain, by order of the Grand Lodge, and will prove of incalculable service to all who are interested in the Masonic jurisprudence of our State. All officers of Lodges, and private members who can, should get a copy, and familiarize themselves with the Law. Price \$1 per copy.

In his address to the Grand Chapter of Maryland, the G. H. P., expresses the following highly commendable language:

"It is not the chief end of Masonry to make Masons, notwithstanding a laudable desire to recognize among our numbers good and true men wherever they may be, and yet we find the feeling prevails with a great many that when there is no work there is no necessity of attendance on their part. No greater mistake than this could be made, as upon the attendance of the membership, and the interest engendered thereby, depends the very existence of the Chapters."

Too True.

"North Carolina has erected no monuments, and yet her history is full of great names."—Richmond *Enquirer*.

The above statement is a sad commentary upon the public spirit of our people, and so far as we know the statement is essentially correct. True, there is a small marble shaft in memory of Col. Lewis D. Wilson, of Edgecombe county, standing in a neglected condition in front of the Court House in Tarboro; and this is the only public memorial in the State of any of her native sons. Besides this, there is a bronze statue of Washington on the Capitol square at Raleigh.

This is all wrong; and though our people are poor, we certainly ought to have something of that patriotism and veneration for our "great names" to induce us to memorialize them in a substantial, yet unostentatious manner.

But a few weeks ago we called upon the Masonic Fraternity and the people at large of the State to contribute to the erection of a suitable shaft over the remains of Richard Caswell, North Carolina's first Constitutional Governor, and second Grand Master of Masons of the State, and as yet we have met with no response, nor has our State press, so notably foremost in the espousal of every good work, given us its encouragement.

Why is this? Our people have been notably liberal in their contributions to public enterprises in other States; and yet they neglect their own honored dead. We hope this will not continue, but that everybody will contribute what they can, and that as Masons we will take pride in substantially honoring our illustrious Grand Master, whose grave is not now marked by even a pine board.

Will not our brethren of the Press aid us in this noble work?

Our valued cotemporary, the Raleigh *Daily News* has repeatedly failed to "come to time," or to come at all, during the past two weeks. What's the matter, brother Stone? Stir up your mailing clerk.

The kind words and warm greeting to the JOURNAL from the good brother in the far off land of Idaho Territory, is warmly appreciated, and we hope he may soon send us the long list of subscribers.

Also the good brother "down East" will please accept our thanks for the words of cheer and substantial efforts in our behalf. We assure you that nothing shall be omitted on our part to make the JOURNAL all its friend would have it.

THANKS to Brother C. P. MacCalla, Editor of the *Keystone*, for a History of Concordia Lodge, No. 67. F. & A. M., of Philadelphia, Pa. It is a neat little book of 52 pages, and contains much valuable information respecting that "Ancient Lodge," and particularly to the introduction of organized Freemasonry in America, viz: "Philadelphia had the first Master Masons' Lodge in America, in the year 1730; the first Provincial Grand Lodge in America, in the year 1732; the first Masonic Hall in America, in 1754; the first Royal Arch Chapter in America, in 1767; and the first Masonic Periodical in America, "*The Freemasons Magazine*," in 1811.

Concordia Lodge, 67, of which this little book is a History, was chartered in August 26, 1795, by the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, brother Wm. Ball, G. M., and went regularly to work on Sept. 12th—80 years ago.

Until Dec., 1817, they elected officers semi-annually. The History shows a brilliant and prosperous career. May she always be "bright."

Grand Lodge.

Three weeks from next Monday the Grand Lodge of North Carolina will meet in Raleigh. Of course every subordinate Lodge will be represented by one or more, as this will be one of the most important sessions, in many particulars, that has been held since the war.

We have two suggestions which we desire to offer here. First, Brother Mills will be there, and let every Lodge in the State gladden his heart, and the dear little orphans whom he represents, by sending him a contribution by the Representatives. This will be an act in keeping with the spirit and principles of our Order.

Second, we earnestly request every Master, Warden and Representative who may attend, to make an earnest effort in his Lodge in behalf of the MASONIC JOURNAL and carry us a good List of subscribers to Raleigh. This is a voluntary enterprise for the good of the Craft, and depending mainly upon the Masons in North Carolina for its success. It has received the unanimous endorsement of the Press of the whole country and the enthusiastic commendation of our Grand Master, and we do hope and believe that the Fraternity in the State will give it a handsome support. It has already received flattering encouragement, but is not yet self-sustaining, and we hope all will come promptly to our aid in making it the best MASONIC WEEKLY in the United States.

The Roman Catholic journals are just now in the prophetic vein. A journal in Rome intimates to the Prince of Wales that the downfall of Charles X., Louis Phillipe, and Louis Napoleon, was owing to their being Masons, and tells him to take warning and follow the example of the Marquis of Ripon. It is a pity the Romanists will persist in wasting so much time in the useless endeavor to bring Masonry into disrepute.—*Canadian Masonic Craftsman*.

Col Arthur Ginn has a ten acre orange grove on Lake Monroe, Fla., which contains 700 trees, yielding from \$10,000 to \$13,000 per year.

The lost steamer *Pacific* has been heard from. She had on board 75 passengers besides her regular crew. All was lost, save one. The following is the dispatch announcing his safety:

SAN FRANCISCO, Nov. 9.—Henry L. Jelly, the survivor from the steamship *Pacific*, floated on the pilot house from 8.30 on Thursday night to 10 o'clock on Saturday morning. His companion died from exposure, and was cut loose by Jelly. Several boats were launched but all foundered. The passengers, some seventy-five in number, were from Puget's Sound and Victoria. Jelly is too low to give further particulars.

GEN. GEORGE WASHINGTON'S OPINION OF SWEARING.—In Spark's writing of Washington he cites the following: "The General is sorry to be informed that the foolish and wicked practice of profane cursing and swearing, a vice heretofore little known in an American army, is growing into fashion. He hopes the officers will, by example, as well as influence, endeavor to check it, and that both they and the men will reflect that we can have but little hope of the blessing of Heaven on our arms, if we insult it by our impiety and folly. Added to this it is a vice so mean and low, without any temptation, that every man of sense and character detests and despises it."

Gounod, the composer, fell down stairs. at the seventh stair he yelled "*fortissimo!*" and as he struck the last octavo he looked like one trying to play a duet.

A Noteworthy Institution.

M. Maximilian Littre, one of the most distinguished scientists and philologists of France, and upward of 75 years of age, has been initiated into the Lodge *Clemente Amitie*, which has created great excitement and rejoicing in that country. Commenting upon this valuable accession to the Order in France, the *Voice of Masonry* giving a description of the attendant ceremonies, says:

"Everything was conducted with unusual splendor and the journals of Paris, Masonic and profane, were filled for days afterwards with notices of the initiation and for the most part with congratulations, for the glory which Masonry had thereby achieved. In fact, the initiation of M. Littre has produced about the same amount of excitement in France, that the installation of the Prince of Wales as Grand Master did in England. In both instances, there perhaps was a little too much adulation—but in the latter case it was the adulation of rank, in the former, the adulation of intellect.

In America all this very naturally creates some surprise. Here we frequently initiate great men, statesmen, scholars, men in high civil or military rank and not the slightest public notice is ever taken of the fact. President Johnson very quietly received the degrees of the Scottish Rite at the White House, and a few years before a Vice-President temporarily left his chair as Presiding Officer of the Senate to be vested with the dignity of the thirty-third degree by the Supreme Council then in session at Washington, and yet in neither case did the newspapers give the incident the honor of a paragraph. We have an opinion here that when a great man becomes a candidate for Masonry, he does just what a wise and good man should do, and if he is received, the honor is for him and not for the Order, which derives its glory from its principles only.

But in France, there are, just at this time causes operating, which render such men as Littre, learned and popular as he is, important accessions to the strength of the Order, of which therefore, it has the right to make the most that it can.

There is a bitter contest now waging in France between the Freemasons and the Ultramontane priesthood. At the head of these latter is Monsiegnieur Dupanloup, Bishop of Orleans, one of the most learned and influential prelates of the Gallican church. He has written a book entitled *A Study of Freemasonry*, ("Etude sur la Francmaconnerie") the refutation of which is incessantly occupying the writers in the Masonic journals of Paris.

When, therefore, a man like Littre, a member of the Institute and of the Chamber of Deputies, distinguished for his scholarly attainments, and occupying the very highest position as a man of science and a philosopher, comes at the verge of a long life which has been consecrated to the intellectual elevation of man, to lay all his honors on the altar of Masonry, and to declare his belief in the virtue and utility of the Institution, which has been so maligned, it is not strange that the Masons should prize as of inestimable value, this reinforcement of their army in the very hour of its need.

And so M. Hubert, the editor of the *Chaine d'Union*, says of this initiation that "it is a witness, an honor, a forte in which all the members of the Institution should rejoice, in view especially of the renewed attacks of which for some time past Masonry and Masons have been the object."

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