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THANKS to our Masonic and other exchanges for their many kind notices. Will they all please tell their readers that our JOURNAL is the only MASONIC WEEKLY published in the Southern States? Eight pages, \$2.00 per year.

Our good brother, of the Deckertown, (N. J.) *Independent*, failed last week to give any credit to an editorial copied from this paper. "Honor to whom honor, &c.," you know.

Our friend, Capt. Tom Evans, recently on the Vicksburg *Herald*, has again accepted a position on the Richmond *Enquirer*, and went on last week to renew his labors on that journal. Tom is a valuable acquisition to any paper.

The Suffolk *Christian Sun* came to us last week embellished with an engraving claiming to be a likeness of Rev. R. L. Abernethy, President of Rutherford College, N. C., but so far as our optics can reach we are unable to discover in it any resemblance to Mr. A. The accompanying sketch of his life is very interesting.

PROCEEDINGS.—Bro. Bain, our worthy and efficient Grand Secretary has kindly consented to furnish us with a full synopsis of the Proceedings of our Grand Lodge, in session last week, and we therefore refrain from giving anything more than generalities in this number. We are also able to promise our readers, next week, a rich treat in the Address of our worthy Grand Master Blount, which has been kindly furnished us for publication.

GRAND MASTER'S ADDRESS.—Next week we shall lay before our readers the full text of the able Address of Grand Master Geo. W. Blount, of Wilson, delivered at the opening of the Grand Lodge of North Carolina, in Raleigh, Dec. 6th. We desire to print a larger edition for that week, and hope all wishing extra copies will immediately send in their orders, so that we may be able to fill them. Price 75 cents per dozen, single copy 10 cents, postage paid; the money to accompany the order.

Verily, verily, we say unto thee, that it is easier for a one-legged man to join the Masons than for a dead-head, non-paying man to get his name upon the subscription books of the JOURNAL.

The Journal.

That our friends may be informed of the status of the JOURNAL, we give the subjoined recommendation and endorsement by our recent Grand Lodge:

"We recommend the MASONIC JOURNAL published by brother E. A. Wilson at Greensboro. The paper is neatly printed, well conducted and will be a good medium through which the principles of our Order may be disseminated in our midst."

Grand Lodge.

Last week we attended the 89th Regular Communication of the Grand Lodge of North Carolina, at Raleigh, the Proceedings of which will be furnished us by the Grand Secretary, brother D. W. Bain, so we will only refer to it incidentally in this article.

We left home at the "we sma' bour of morning," and boarded the cars where we found a full delegation from our western counties bent on the same mission as ourself. Nothing of interest occurred to break the monotony of the trip until our arrival in the "oak city," where we were kindly taken in charge by our young friend, Mr. Brown, and conducted to the excellent National Hotel and turned over to the tender mercies of mine host, Col. C. S. Brown, its worthy Proprietor, who received us with a cordiality proverbial to that gentleman.

The Session not opening until Monday night, we devoted the day to visiting old friends, making acquaintances, sight-seeing, &c. It was gratifying to find the JOURNAL so popular among its readers, and to learn that it has been regularly domiciled as an institution in so many households.

The opening session of the Grand Lodge was quite full, and the next morning swelled the list to over two hundred, among whom it was our pleasure to see a large number of our old friends. The meetings were very harmonious throughout, and a larger amount of important business was transacted than at any previous session.

George W. Blount was re-elected Grand Master, notwithstanding his request to the brethren to not vote for him. J. H. Mills was unanimously re-elected Superintendent of the Orphan Asylum. D. W. Bain was unanimously re-elected Grand Secretary and W. T. Anderson was unanimously re-elected Grand Treasurer. These were merited compliments. The new Hall leased jointly by the Grand Lodge, Hiram Lodge, Wm. G. Hill Lodge and Raleigh Chapter, is spacious and elegantly fitted, and its walls are ornamented by splendid oil paintings of the following Grand Masters to which we add the date of office of each:

Sam'l F. Patterson, 1834-5. Dead
Jno. H. Wheeler, 1843-4.
P. W. Fanning, 1845 6-7.
W. F. Collins, 1848-9-50. Dead
A. T. Jerkins, 1851-2-3.
C. H. Jordan, 1854-5. Dead.
P. A. Holt, 1856-7.
Alfred Martin, 1858-9.
L. S. Williams, 1860-1.
Wm. G. Hill, 1862.
E. F. Watson, 1863-4.
Jno. McCormick, 1865.
Edwin G. Reade, 1866-7.
R. W. Best, 1868.
R. B. Vance, 1869-70.
C. C. Clark, 1871-2.
Jno. Nichols, 1873-4.
Geo. W. Blount, 1875—and present incumbent for 1876.

These faces carry us back, step by step, to the anti-masonic age, when the Order was not so popular as now, and the

Morgan excitement was in its tury in the North.

In the rear of the Grand Secretary's desk hangs an oil painting of that venerable old landmark, W. T. Bain, who for 24 years so faithfully filled the responsible office of Grand Secretary, and whose mantle now rests so worthily upon the shoulders of his son, the present incumbent.

It affords us real pleasure to add our testimony to the superior management of the National Hotel by its present proprietor, Col. C. S. Brown, than whom a more genial and accomodating landlord is not to be found. His rooms are well furnished, neatly kept, conveniently arranged, and attended by polite and trusty servants. His tables are a marvel of attraction to the wayfarer, they being supplied with everything afforded by the home market and the liberal contributions of distant cities. Being conveniently located near the Capitol, and for homelike comfort and kind attention we cheerfully recommend the National Hotel and its gentlemanly proprietor, Col. C. S. Brown.

We once thought, years ago, that the two last places in America for outdoor comfort were Raleigh and Enfield, but under the guiding hand of reform and advancement Raleigh has been thoroughly redeemed. Her streets and walks are nicely paved, and the latter under the jet of fashion are kept cleanly swept. A passing glimpse at Enfield revealed the fact that she has put on the garb of a neat, cleanly little town, and is blessed with abundant prosperity.

The Grand Lodge closed, and our business over, we returned home—and to work.

[FRO THE MASONIC JOURNAL.]

Dream Life.

BY A DREAMER.

A woman sat by a flickering fire and listened to the weird night wind as it wailed a ghostly tune. It was a dark some, dismal night, and she shivered as she drew her chair nearer to the fire.

Softly she rocked herself to and fro, as her mind dreamily wandered amid scenes of the beautiful past. She was as a child once more. An only child, loved and caressed surrounded by all the luxuries that wealth could give, or love suggest, is it a wonder that life was all sunshine, and that not a thought of pain or sorrow ever shadowed her heart?

Time flew on rapid wings, and though in years a child, a woman's love and woman's fate were hers. Transplanted to another home, life still was bright and beautiful, and joy alone was hers. Nor did a thought of other's woes ever sadden her.

And the years rolled on!

The war had ended, and like the multitude, our dreamer was bereft of many friends—wealth had taken wings and flown away, and poverty as cruel as the grave, had banished comfort from her home. Did she repine? Ah! no, for she had still her best beloved left, and a sunny heart and willing hands. She only worked, and as she worked with heart and hands, dreamed beautiful dreams of, not a happier, but a brighter future. Before her, in her dreams, a broader, grander life arose. A life no longer devoted to self, but to the good of others. She saw before her, many whose young lives seemed to have no brightness; and others still, who in some "thoughtless hour" had cast a shadow over their hearts; and reaching forth her hand, she sought with tears and prayers, to aid the fallen, and comfort the distressed. Her sym-

thetic soul reached after all, hoping—believing—with only one object in view, that of doing good to others.

Aias, for such a hopeful misunderstood and misconstrued, a darkness falls upon the dreamer's heart.

Dreamland, the beautiful, fades from view. The weary heart grows chill and hopeless, life has no further aims, and dream life ends forever.

Kind Words.

Our friends of the Press, North and South, continue their kind words for the JOURNAL for which we thank them, and hope by diligence and devotion to make our paper all that its readers and the Press of the country may require of it.

We again make a few extracts that our many friends may see what is being said of our JOURNAL:

The SQUARE takes great pleasure in introducing to the notice of its many readers, a new aspirant for editorial honors, the *Masonic Journal*, of Greensboro, N. C. It should find a welcome in every Mason's household.—*N. Y. Square*.

THE MASONIC JOURNAL, published at Greensboro, North Carolina, comes to us full of Masonic information. We hope our brethren of the South will abundantly sustain the enterprise. It is a bright page paper published weekly at \$2 per annum.—*Weekly Courier*, (Pa.)

The *Masonic Journal* published at Greensboro, N. C. at \$2.00 per annum and the only Masonic Weekly South of Baltimore comes regularly to hand and is a valuable Masonic exchange.—*Jack-crown*, (N. J.) *Independent*.

We have received several copies of the MASONIC JOURNAL published at Greensboro N. C. which is full to the brim with excellent Masonic and family literature. It is always a welcome visitor to our sanctum and deserves a liberal support from every Mason in the Southern States. Send to a specimen copy and subscribe for it.—*Early Co. (Ga.) News*.

MASONIC JOURNAL.—We were glad to see the editor of this able and well conducted masonic journal in our office yesterday. Brother Wilson is here as a delegate to the Masonic Grand Lodge. We are glad to see that the merit of the *Journal* is appreciated by the fraternity to the extent that their committee periodicals give it a hearty recommendation. It is one of the ablest exponents of Masonry in the South, and should be encouraged and fostered by the Order.—*Raleigh Sentinel*.

Brother Wilson, we are glad to learn, is on the full tide of success in his new enterprise at Greensboro. And deservedly so, for the *Masonic Journal* is one of the best advocates of Masonry ever published in the South. That large, imposing and ancient fraternity, exerting its beneficent influence so widely through the land, deserves a worthy organ through which its works and its principles can be disseminated. This it finds in the *Journal*. We hope our friends now in attendance on the meeting of the Grand Lodge will remember themselves and Brother Wilson at the same time.—*Ral. News*.

At a regular communication of Wm. G. Hill Lodge, Raleigh, N. C. the following officers were elected for the ensuing Masonic year:

J. R. Williams,	W. M.
D. S. Waitt,	S. W.
W. R. Cox,	J. W.
Wm. Simpson,	Treas.
W. P. Wetherell,	Sec.

To be installed Dec. 27.

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