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As promised last week we have the pleasure of presenting in this issue the Address of Grand Master Blount, delivered before the Grand Lodge at Raleigh Dec. 6th. We are sure our readers will peruse it with interest and profit, and we hope its many valuable suggestions, adopted by the Grand Lodge, will meet the approval and cooperation of the entire Craft of the State.

The festive season of Christmas is again at hand, and with it closes the cares and turmoils of another year. Desiring to keep up an unbroken issue, and at the same time allow our printers some short respite from the treadmill life of type setting, we will give our readers only a half-sheet next week. Appreciating the untiring devotion of these faithful types and ourself in our daily toil for your enjoyment, we feel warranted in this arrangement, believing that each of you, dear readers, will greet us as we do you—

A MERRY CHRISTMAS TO YOU ALL.

Bro. Mills' trip to the Grand Lodge has spoiled him. He stopped at the famed National Hotel and the abundant good things of Col. Brown's board (mince pie not excepted) have entirely unhinged him for Oxford catering. The proof, did you say? Here it is:

## Good till Christmas.

The ORPHANS' FRIEND will be sent, one year, to any address, for

ONE TURKEY,  
delivered at Oxford or Mars Hill.

One of the quietest men at the Grand Lodge was Rev. E. A. Wilson, Editor of that excellent paper, the *Masonic Journal*. He says his paper is doing well; but he ought to make some fuss about it.—Bro. Mills in *Orphans' Friend*.

Yes; we were quiet. "The still sow drinks the swill," you know is the old adage, and since we have come to compare notes we find it holds good in this case. But aside from this, we didn't see the advantage to be gained by prolonging the session by useless "blowing" when there were so many present who were always ready to do more than a full share whenever opportunity offered. And, besides, it was thought by some that drumming would be more successful in the ante room—and so we made no "fuss."

MASONIC CODE.—We have carefully examined this work, prepared by brother D. W. Bain under the direction of the Grand Lodge, and can give it our unqualified approval as being the book for every Lodge in North Carolina desiring to know the law in our Jurisdiction. For a description of the book we cannot do better than to reproduce what brother Bain says of it in his preface:

"This work is designed for the use, and to meet the wants and demands, of the Fraternity in this Grand Jurisdiction. It embraces the Constitution and Laws of the Grand Lodge, Ancient Constitutions and Charges, all public ceremonies and necessary blank forms used by Lodges. Much care has been taken in its preparation with a view to make it entirely reliable. It is published in pursuance of the authority given by the Grand Lodge at its Annual Communication, December, 1874, after having been examined and approved by the committee appointed by the Grand Lodge for that purpose."

Besides it contains a Historical Synopsis that is invaluable to every student of Masonic History, especially in this State, and should not only be in every Lodge but also in the hands of every reading Mason in our Grand Jurisdiction. It contains all necessary Forms and is so conveniently indexed that any subject embraced can be easily and readily referred to. Price \$1 per copy.

## WORK.

Will it be asking too much of our readers to request each one to send us at least one new subscriber, with the cash, as a Christmas present to the JOURNAL? We feel sure that a few words from each in behalf of the paper will accomplish the work. If you like the JOURNAL, and we have heard nothing but praise of it, make an effort to extend its circulation and usefulness by sending us as many new subscribers as possible to begin with the new year.

Quite a number have signified their intention to subscribe at the beginning of the year, and this will be an excellent season for its friends to work for it. Remember, every new subscriber sent us is that much done for the good of Masonry and the great charities which it promotes. Bestir yourselves, brethren, and give the JOURNAL a substantial send-off that will at once put it on its feet.

Secretaries of Lodges, Chapters and Councils will please do us the kindness to send us the lists of newly elected officers for the ensuing year, together with any other Masonic news that they may have, and we will take pleasure in publishing the same. We ask all to aid us in making the JOURNAL as interesting to its readers as possible, and don't fail to send us every subscriber you can get. Notices of deaths and marriages of the brethren are also desired for publication. Write the facts and we'll put them in shape for the printer.

## Supplied.

The Orphan Houses at Oxford and Mars Hill are now abundantly supplied with the following articles:

Baby shoes and caps, dolls, baby rattles, chewing gum, jewsharps, fire-crackers, brass rings, Grant-and-Colfax breast-pins, painted candy, beads, marbles, and worn-out shirts. In fact we would be very glad to exchange these articles for bacon, pork, beef, fat fowls, molasses, flour, meal, feathers, new cloth, and blankets, or comforts.—*Orphans' Friend*.

Don't fail to send us a few new subscribers every time you write.

Freemasonry is like the Holy Bible—a subject for perpetual study, always opening up to the student of its mysteries, fresh truth and beauty. You may always study it, and yet never know it all.—*Ex*

The ballot in the Lodge should be wise, just, pure and free. As a Mason, in the exercise of the ballot in any grades or bodies, be careful to do nothing to affect its purity, but let your integrity be clear to your own consciousness. The secrecy of the ballot will not save your own conscience, if you do wrong in your use of it. If an entire stranger to you should be proposed for initiation in your Lodge, the fact that he is proposed by a brother, and well recommended by the committee, is reason enough for your clear ballot in his favor. But if you know him personally, are not on friendly terms with him from some personal misunderstandings between you which do not involve questions of morality, or of good standing in the community, you are not to allow your personal feelings to control you when, as a candidate, you are to deposit a ballot in his case. Your conscience will demand a good reason for your black ball.—*Masonic Review*.

## Centennial Masons.

We recently introduced, topically, to our readers, "Holiday Masons" by way of contrast, and not for example—for such Masons are not formed of the stuff that makes the model Mason. We have no hesitancy in stating, at the onset, that we firmly believe that those who take the *Keystone* are not holiday Masons—for they that wear the garb only of Freemasonry, without enlisting in charitable deeds and conscientious study of its mysteries, are not those that subscribe and read a Masonic paper. The two are quite incompatible. We should not be afraid to endorse the *true* Masonry of the subscribers not only to the *Keystone*, but also to every Masonic newspaper. The drones in the Lodges are those who never read, never hear, and never know anything. Every reading Mason is, necessarily, an intelligent, and therefore an active working Mason. He uses his eyes as well as his ears, and he considers the three dollars well spent which supply him with a year's entertaining and instructive Masonic teaching, to polish his mind—his immortal part—and fit it for a higher sphere in this life, and probably a higher position in other spheres in the great hereafter. So much, Brother readers, for our honest opinion of yourselves, and our work.

But, you will ask, what have "Holiday Masons to do with "Centennial Masons?" Much. The two classes may coalesce in to one class. We are afraid they will. We shall shortly be led into temptation, and there is need for the use of the "model prayer." The coming year will introduce Freemasons to the world, as no other year has done. All manners of men, and business, and societies, will be drawn to the front. "It is only once in a hundred years, you know, it will never occur again in our lives"—such will be the plea, and probable it will be successful. We have no fear that the Lodge rooms, will be opened to the public, but the congregated Craft may be improperly on exhibition somewhere outside of the Lodge. Of course the Knights Templar will air themselves; but that will not excite surprise, for they are not Masons pure and simple, but Masons who have doffed for a time their aprons, and donned the garb of Knighthood; and whom King Solomon, if he should appear suddenly, and look for his craftsmen clad in Masonic aprons, might in no wise recognize.

We do not refer to the Knights but to the Brethren, who represent the corner-stone, the super-structure and the cap-stone—the complete spiritual Temple of Ancient Free and Accepted Masonry. Several times, already, we have observed the question asked, abroad: What preparations are the Craft in Philadelphia making for the Centennial celebration; what will the Grand Lodge do about it? We are but a fraction of the Grand Lodge, and will not presume to answer for it authoritatively, although we are inclined to think that, following the conservative example of Ancient Craft Masonry in general, and of Pennsylvania Masonry in particular, we shall likely not indulge in any ambitious public display of mere holiday Masonry. We never believed in mixing things, even at a funeral, and we certainly should be sorry to see a harlequin procession of Red Men, Knights of Pythias, Sons of Malta, et id omne genus and Freemasons, all together in a line on the Fourth of July! We can celebrate the "Fourth" duly, without wearing our aprons on the public streets, either alone or in company—good, bad, or indifferent; and those of Masons, whether at home or abroad, who look for a great holiday Masonic display then, we think will be disappointed. They certainly deserve to be. We want no centennial Masonry of the description. We do not propose to turn the whole Craft into Holiday Masons, even for a day. We may meet in our tyed Lodges, and celebrate that day, or any other day, as we please, and gather with us all of the Brethren from near and from far who will come, and banquet them, if you please, afterwards. All this is proper and Masonic—but street parades, except upon strictly Masonic occasions, and especially in company with other organizations, are unquestionably unmasonic and the idea of such a course should not be, and we are convinced will not be entertained.

During the past year, in our Lodge as in the world, the times have not been as propitious as during preceding years. Centennial year will probably introduce a change in this respect, Masonically as well as generally. The applications of candidates for Freemasonry will doubtless largely increase in number during the year 1876; and for the reason that not a few of the applicants may be desirous of becoming only Centennial Masons for show, their characters should be scanned with unusual care. Let us make no holiday Masons. They will add no strength to the Craft, but only weaken it, and be a burden upon us, in fact and in reputation, as long as they live.

There is a way in which we can all prove ourselves good Centennial Masons, and that is by cordially and fraternally welcoming to our Lodges the many strange Brethren who shall come to visit us. Most will depend upon the Masters of Lodges, in this respect; but the Brethren should individually remember that they have a duty to perform, and each one should consider himself one of a committee, to see that every visitor thoroughly enjoys himself and feels at home while in the Lodge. Let there be no waiting for introductions. There are no strangers in Masonry. We all are Brethren. Let the fraternal grasp, the hearty welcome, and the ready conversation of the members of our Lodges, exhibit to visitors that sincere fraternal spirit which should invariably animate Craftsmen. Centennial year if it should accomplish no other good, Masonically, than to unite more closely the Brethren of the Mystic Tie will have wrought a valued result; and should we all be such Centennial Masons, we may be proud of the name.—*Keystone*.