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THOS. S. KENAN,
 Grand High Priest.

The enterprise ought to succeed. We need a means whereby a more general Masonic communication may be had: a means for the more general diffusion of Masonic intelligence.

I hope every Mason will take the JOURNAL—every Lodge endorse it, and at once make it the Organ of Masonry in North Carolina. With such encouragement and support I am satisfied you can make it of incalculable worth to the Fraternity. GEO. W. BLOUNT,
 Grand Master.

All of which is endorsed by the Grand Lodge and Grand Chapter.

TO READ THE BIBLE advantageously it should be read systematically and regularly. It is also desirable that this great est of Books should be read through at least once a year—oftener if possible. To do so correctly it is necessary to read three chapters on every working day of the year and five on each Sabbath. This will exactly begin you with the first day of January, and end with the last chapter of Revelations on the thirty-first day of December, following.

WE CALL ATTENTION to the Address of Brother Chas. R. Jones, W. M. of Excelsior Lodge, No. 261, Charlotte N. C. to be found on 2nd and 3d pages, delivered at the public installation of the officers of Mt. Mourne Lodge, Iredell Co. N. C., June 24th. The resolutions of the Lodge asking for the publication of the address and Bro. Jones reply, furnishing the copy, was also received but is not given for lack of space. We feel that it will be read with deep interest by all, both initiates and profanes.

A VALUABLE RELIC DESTROYED.—At the recent fire at St. John's, P. of Quebec, the Lodge room of Dorchester Lodge with all its contents was destroyed. Among the relics was the Oriental Chair, which was used by His Royal Highness, the Duke of Kent, the father of Her Majesty Queen Victoria, when he was in Canada, at the close of the last century.—*Masonic Chronicle.*

The official organ of the Grand Orient of Egypt is published in the Italian language.

PIEDMONT LODGE, No. 94, I. O. O. F., was instituted at Reidsville last Friday, by Dep. Grand Master John Chamberlain of this city, with twenty-six charter members, all of excellent material. The following are the officers installed:

W. H. Thompson,—N. G.
 Jno. D. Staples,—V. G.
 Jno. A. Smith,—Sec.
 C. J. Mathews,—Treas.
 Benj. Jackson,—Warden,
 L. M. Totten,—Con.
 J. W. Kernodde,—I. G.
 G. P. Craddock,—O. G.
 J. B. Smith,—R. S. N. G.
 J. W. Duggins,—L. S. N. G.
 J. J. Verser,—R. S. V. G.
 J. P. Motley,—L. S. V. G.

We happened to be in that town at the time of the organization, and was pleased to learn that the gentlemen composing this Lodge are of the best material of the community. We congratulate that Fraternity in securing Bro. Chamberlain as the Deputy in this section, feeling that Odd Fellowship will be sure to prosper in his hands.

Reidsville is a live little town, full of business and prosperity. We had the pleasure of visiting the Masonic Lodge while there, and can truly say we never spent a more pleasant evening than with the Brethren there. So agreeable and kind, we felt that our visit to them was a blessing to us. They work harmoniously and well, and the lodge is in good condition. Long may Roman Eagle live and prosper.

Worthy of Emulation.

Mr. Wm. H. Markham, of St. Louis, Mo., son of Dr. Markham of Lynchburg, Va., is setting one of the best examples of unostentatious charity know to us. In his early life he served at a moderate salary, but being convinced that he could better his condition went into business on his own account. Having so decided he informed his employer who agreed to his plans, though loth to part with him, and as an earnest of his appreciation of the man presented Mr. Markham with a check for \$10,000 with which to begin life.

Mr. Markham then determined to put his wealth to good account, first accumulating a fund of \$300,000 for his own use, and all over to be expended in charity. Providence smiled upon him and he seems to have found it easier to accumulate than to judiciously apply his earnings. After numerous miscellaneous charities he determined upon something systematic and permanent, and at once erected and furnished an Orphan Home where he is feeding, clothing and educating 40 orphans at his own expense and under his own personal supervision, calling them by the endearing name of his "little family," and so systematic is he that when one of these is fitted to go out into business, another is put in the place, thus keeping the number up to the original 40.

At one time his surplus fund reached \$120,000 in one year, and to keep his standard and do good he built his favorite drayman a neat cottage, also one for his minister, and advanced various sums to aid worthy young men in their business.

Such noble example is worthy of emulation, as it is far better for the wealthy to see and direct the use of their money in these noble charities than to leave it to be managed by trustees, as is the Peabody fund. The privilege of mingling among that "little family" of parentless children and receive their guileless caresses far exceeds, in our humble estimation, the honors of a President or the diadem of a King.

May his noble example be followed by many.

ONE OF THE GREAT BEAUTIES of Masonry is its universality, and its ready adaptability to the various races, tongues and creeds of men the world over. The Jew and Gentile, the Arabian, Chinaman, Italian, Frenchman—all, all may meet on one common level and hold pleasant converse in our one mystic language, and with such clear intelligence that each may be clearly understood by the other. Even the poor Indian is not exempt from this high privilege. In this connection we refer with pleasure to Col. W. P. ADAIR, the Representative of the Cherokee Indians at Washington City, and a practicing lawyer in the Supreme Court of the United States, distinctions which are not so easily attained by the most favored and talented. But the greatest honor of all enjoyed by this dusky son of the forest is that of being a Companion Royal Arch Mason, in good standing in his Chapter and Lodge, and we learn there is no pleasure so great to him as that of meeting with his Brother Masons in the higher councils of the Lodge and Chapter.

We learn that there are several Lodges in the Nation and that they are bright, zealous, work on the square, and are doing their utmost to be honest, intelligent, industrious and useful citizens.

The Masonic Temple.

This Association will soon hold a meeting for the purpose of deciding upon the proper course to be pursued in reference to building the proposed Masonic Temple in the city of Raleigh. We hope wise councils will prevail and that the project will be abandoned for the present; not that we are opposed to a Temple, but that we are more in favor of doing everything possible to first place our Orphan Asylum on a sure foundation. It has become self-evident that the present uncertain system of supporting that Institution is not at all satisfactory, and that some more permanent and reliable plan must be adopted. Our plan has always been for an endowment, a scheme which can be effected if the Grand Lodge and individual Masons will turn their whole attention to it.

To do this we propose to abandon the idea of building a Temple, (the present elegant Hall being amply sufficient for the Grand Lodge) sell the property and pay off all indebtedness and tender a return of all sums paid into the fund by stockholder to them, first giving the opportunity of converting such paid up stock to the Orphan Asylum fund. We have not spoken with any of these Brethren on this subject without finding them anxious to make the change. They don't want the money back, but do desire to see it doing some practical good. And more, we are satisfied that a proper representation of the matter will induce a majority of those who have not paid their bonds to the Association, to do so for the Assylum fund; in either event nothing can be lost by abandoning the Temple, and much can be gained for the Assylum.

It is to be hoped that the wise councils of Brethren will prevail in the interest of our great charity work—the ORPHAN ASYLUM.

The legitimate work of Masonry is to last forever; the material on which we labor is destined for the erection of a spiritual temple, which will know neither decay nor dissolution. How inexpressibly important, then, that our work should be well done.

The Freemasons of Belfast have purchased 5,000 feet of land for a new masonic block on the corner of Main and High streets, paying \$7,500.

Let the Truth be Spoken.

Bro. and Rev. Stephen H. Tyng, in the course of his sermon, preached in the Gospel Tent, 34th Street and Sixth Avenue, on last Sabbath evening, paid a glowing tribute to Masonry. Speaking of the Holy Bible as a Great Light, he took occasion to say that undoubtedly many Masons were present, and who would confirm what he was about to remark, which was, that a Masonic Lodge, to be in proper order, must display the Holy Bible as the Great Light in Masonry, and to which the attention of the brethren was continually directed; that the form of a lodge was nearly square and that brethren were always required to sit facing the Holy Bible. They were taught to regard it as the beacon light of their light and hope.—*N. Y. Square.*

Crypto-Phobia.

There has been a recent development of an old disease north of us, in Ohio, which we will designate by the above title—*crypto-phobia*, a word which we have coined for the purpose of indicating the nature of the malady. We derive the word from the Greek words *kryptos*, secrecy, and *phobos*, fear; a fear of secrecy or secret societies. The disease is not prevailing to any very alarming extent and has not yet become epidemic, there being only a few sporadic cases among persons whose minds have become enfeebled by confinement within the narrow bounds of their own mental vision, or who have lived in an atmosphere tainted by the noxious influence of blind prejudices. When the person is first attacked he exhibits a sort of tremor in his system when the words "secret societies" are pronounced in his presence. As the disease progresses he has fearful foreboding of a terrible conspiracy against the peace, harmony and liberty of the people; the ghastly forms of murdered men seem to be floating before his vision, and he fancies that he hears voices in the air crying "Morgan! Morgan!" The disease finally terminates in a raging mania against Masonry, which indicates the last stage. Having diagnosed the disease we now propose the remedy. We would advise those who may be so unfortunate as to contract the above malady to make a compound of common sense, learning and charity, in about equal parts, thoroughly mixing them, and take liberal portions every day. He should take much exercise during the day by visiting Masonic widows' and orphan's homes and other similar charities. Before he retires for the night, in addition to bathing his feet, we would advise that as a sedative he read a few verses in the Psalms or some other portion of that great Light of Masonry and then engage in prayer. If the treatment we have suggested does not effect a cure the patient may be considered hopeless.—*Louisville Masonic Journal.*

If there is one thing which we admire in our English brethren more than another, it is their sociability. None of that stiffness exists in their lodges which too often characterizes our communications. Masons meeting as such in the lodge room require no formal introduction to each other, any more than the brethren of a family would. They are supposed to meet upon the same level, and to be sociable and unrestrained in social intercourse.—*N. Y. Square.*

According to the *Keystone*, the Craft in North Carolina fail to render a very generous support to their Orphan Asylum, which is one of the glories of Masonry in that jurisdiction, having one hundred and fifty children in charge. Out of two hundred and twenty nine chartered Lodges in the State, one hundred and thirteen have given nothing toward this public Masonic charity.—*Freemason's Repository.*