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JOURNALISTIC.

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THE LOUISVILLE, Ky., Freemasons subscribed \$50 in one night's sitting for the yellow fever sufferers of Savannah.

GEN. L. V. PEARCE, Past Grand Master of Ohio, died at his residence at Akron, on Saturday, Nov. 11th, aged 75 years.

OMAHA is getting dignified and now wants a Masonic Temple, to cost \$15,000. This is all very good; but then we wonder if they have an Orphan home?

THE PHILADELPHIA *Chronicle* says that during the six months ending Saturday, Nov. 11th, 125,850 visitors were admitted to the Philadelphia Masonic Temple.

JAS. L. RIDGELY, Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of the United States, I. O. O. F., is now seventy years old, and has held his present official position since 1839. Few officers have been so faithful to their duty as this venerable brother.

THE UNITED GRAND LODGE of England has had but four Grand Masters since 1813: the Duke of Sussex for 29 years; the Earl of Zetland; 26 years; the Marquis of Ripon, 4 years; and the Prince of Wales, up to the present time, 2 years.

THE NAME of Daniel Coxe deserves perpetual remembrance as being the first Grand Master of Masons in America, being placed in that honorable, and responsible position in the year 1730. In 1734 he was Associate Justice of the Supreme Court of New Jersey and died in 1739.

AN EXCHANGE says: "A piece of stone from the foundation of King Solomon's Temple, and some salt from the Dead Sea, were deposited in the corner stone of a new Masonic Temple to be erected at Gold Hill, Nevada, at a cost of \$30,000." Now, will the brother please inform us if it was the piece of stone, the salt, or the Masonic Temple that cost the \$30,000.

PHILADELPHIA, it seems, will never cease receiving Masonic honors, or at least having those she has numerously brought to light. It has some time since been an established fact that American Freemasonry had its birth in that city in 1730, and now another important fact has been established,—that fifty out of the fifty six signers of the Declaration of Independence were members of the Masonic Order.

SECRETARIES are requested to act as agents for the JOURNAL in their Lodges, and we will send them the paper gratis. Subscription sheets furnished on application.

WHAT has become of our valued contemporary, the Philadelphia *Keystone*? We have not seen a number of it for some time past. It has endeared itself to us and we feel loth to give it up.

THE *Messenger* informs us that an entertainment in Goldsboro last week, in aid of the Orphan Asylum netted about \$60 for that Institution. We like all such pleasurable entertainments that bring something in return for that noble charity.

THANKS to Brother Geo. Frank Gouley, Grand Secretary of Missouri, for a copy of the proceedings of his Grand Lodge held at St. Louis, Oct. 10th. Bro. Gouley was unable to attend the Grand Communication, through sickness, but the minutes were faithfully kept by Bro. David Goodfellow, as they will amply attest.

During the past year much has been done. Seven new Lodges have been chartered, making a total of 490; membership 23,739—an increase of 917.

Xenophon Ryland is the Grand Master, Geo. Frank Gouley, Grand Secretary, with 50 D. D. Grand Masters.

The Grand Lodge.

On next Tuesday the 90th Regular Communion of the Grand Lodge of North Carolina will commence in Raleigh. This will be an important session in many respects, and it is anticipated that the Representation from the Lodges will be full. We believe that it is a conceded fact that a more intelligent body of men is not to be found in the State than those comprising the Grand Lodge of Masons, and certainly a more zealous and hard working set than they cannot be congregated.

Foremost among the business that will engage the Grand Lodge will be that of the Orphan work. The past year has been one of great financial trial to the Institution, and the children have been barely able to subsist on the means supplied, while the Superintendent has been compelled to decline many applications for admission and to cut down the number already in the Asylum;—and yet it was hard to get along. We hope the Grand Lodge will be able to adopt some plan more practical and efficient than the uncertain and insufficient ones depended upon heretofore. Notwithstanding the large majority of the parents of the children that are fostered there are not Masons, so long as the Grand Lodge owns and runs the Institution—we, as Masons, must depend upon ourselves more, and the general public less, for its proper support. To this end we have repeatedly expressed our opinions, as also have various correspondents, and we now appeal to the Grand Lodge for substantial action for sufficient and permanent support. We are ready to co-operate in any plan that they may adopt, and we believe the Masons of the State will. We feel that the future hope of this noble Institution depends upon the action of the present Grand Lodge.

Other important subjects will be presented, calling for wise and prudent legislation, and looking to the prosperity of the Order. Let every committee be deliberate in forming conclusions, as in the main the action of the Grand Lodge is governed by such recommendations. And finally, if the pet scheme or plans of some does not receive the endorsement

of the Grand Lodge, and falls through, let each, as Masons, feel that the greatest good is designed by all—that all actions are prompted by conscientious motives.

The Conference.

The North Carolina Conference of the M. E. Church, South, met in this city on last Wednesday, the 29th inst., Bishop H. H. Kavanaugh, aged 71 years, presiding. The Conference is largely attended, and the houses of the citizens are thrown open to the members and lay delegates with a hospitality and cordiality for which Greensboro is proverbial. There are about one hundred and thirty ministers and fifty lay delegates of the Conference here, and several visitors and fraternal messengers, from other Bodies.

Much business has been and is being transacted and all, thus far, has moved on smoothly and pleasantly. On Thursday (Thanksgiving day) the Bishop delivered an able discourse on the goodness of God to his creatures as revealed in all His wondrous works and dealings with his creatures. It was a wonderful sermon, replete with a pure and elevated sentiment and a spiritual influence that was warmly appreciated by all who heard it.

This is chiefly a business meeting at which all the various interests of the church are considered and cared for, and from which the ministers are returned to their former charges or assigned to new ones by the Bishop. Upon this matter there is always much concern as by it oftentimes many flattering hopes are blighted.

The Methodist itinerancy is a hard life, and generally but poorly paid, and truly it requires a brave heart to engage in it; but there is a mutual feeling of confidence and affection between these noble men and their people and the whole membership within the bounds of the Conference are on tiptoe of expectancy as to who will be their pastors in the several charges during the coming year.

Trifles.

In Masonry as in other things what are considered trifles are of more moment than at first is supposed. If many things that are treated as trifles were looked into more closely and attended to more carefully, not only individuals but whole Lodges would be better off than they are.

We hear complaint on all sides of deficiency in work, careless attendance upon the meetings, rusty officers, &c., &c., and what is the cause? Cannot all these errors and evils to a great extent be traced to a too careless inattention to what is inaccurately called trifles?

It is but a trifle that the Tyler fails to keep a register for visitors, and yet in our extensive visits among the Lodges this year we have visited only two Lodges that keeps such a book;—and yet the law expressly says it shall be done.

It is but a trifle to see dirt and filth, chairs and spittoons, aprons and regalias, lying around the Lodge room in promiscuous confusion, and yet how cheerless to visit such a hall. But there are many kept in just such condition; and no wonder the brethren are loth to give up their cheerful evening firesides for such a place as this.

It is but a trifle to use the same aprons for months without introducing them to the acquaintance of the laundress, but

such is too often the case. We once had an old brother refuse to attend Lodge with us because he had forgotten to shave before leaving home; remembering that it is unmasonic to appear in the Lodge in an untidy plight. Oh, for a multitude of just such brothers!

It is but a trifle that the Junior Deacons omit half his duties or the Senior be ignorant of his; the Master can prompt them, or if need be can perform their duties for them—its only a trifle.

However small these things may appear, it is a notable fact that the Lodge whose Master is both exact and exacting is sure to be bright and prosperous and with plenty of work to do and members present to do it. It is not safe for a committee to excuse themselves from making a report at the appointed time on the ground that they can do so at the next meeting.

Let every officer know his duties, and perform them in a lively, vigorous manner, and not as if he was going to sleep over what he is saying. No wonder that so many lose all interest long before they have received all the degrees. This and that trifle has been omitted until the whole life and beauty has leaked out of the ceremonies and the candidate has become a listless tool in the hands of an equally listless Lodge.

Wake up, brethren, on these matters. Give proper attention to every detail. Keep your halls neat and comfortable, regalia clean, and everything in place and in order and then it will be a pleasure to attend your meetings. Give attention to your work—to details—and let every one perform his part properly and fully, and you will soon see new life infused into your Lodge.

Consistency.

"A woman, of Whitehall, Vt., has woven, since the year 1865 up to September, 1876, 11,954 yards of rag carpet, and most of the time has done her own housework."—*Ex.*

It is said that "Consistency is a Jewel," and the above paragraph clearly shows it; and this is but one of the thousands that are going the rounds of the press every day. If there is a class of persons on the Globe to whom we would take off our hat in the most humble respect, it is the noble, industrious class of whom the above is a fitting representative, and yet what is the real verdict of "society" in such cases? Notwithstanding the fulsome laudations that follow them through the press, what is the real status of respect that these industrious and skillful matrons enjoy through their labor? Judging by years of observation, we venture that nine tenths of those who go into raptures over these paragraphs and scream out their sharp pointed "oas!" of approbation are among the first to snub these industrious toilers, and turn their heads to avoid recognition when passing them on the streets.

This is, indeed, a sad commentary on society, but it is nevertheless as true as it is sad. And this false estimate of honest labor has done more to corrupt society and practically ruin our young men and women, than anything else. They must learn that true respectability is based upon a proper industrial education and its unremitting practice. Let them be taught that whatever is honest is honorable, and that idleness is disreputable, rather than labor.

Let our people begin this great reform, and see to it that they properly "dignify labor" by performing their full share in