

**Historic Bell Metal.**

The *Troy Times* has the following: Meeneley & Kimberley, of Troy, who are making a bell of thirteen thousand pounds for the tower of old Independence Hall in Philadelphia, have, on application to Gen. Wagner and with the approval of the War Department, received permission to select several cannon from those now in store at the Westervliet Arsenal to be cast in the bell. This selection will be of cannon which did service in the Union and rebel armies during the late civil war. It is the purpose of the donor of the bell (Henry Serbert, of Philadelphia) and of the authorities of that city to have the bell in position in Independence Hall tower July 4, 1876. It will thus have a national and ceremonial significance—that of a country grown in a century from a union of thirteen States to thirty-eight, and a population increased from 4,000,000 to 40,000,000. The object of the special cannon used in the casting of this bell will be to carry out the idea of peace in the blending of North and South, and is quite in keeping with the spirit of one of the Bible inscriptions, which will be cast upon the bell: "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men."

**Mimicing a Preaching.**

In the days of Whitefield, when hundreds were converted by his preaching, "lowd men of the baser sort" loved to indulge in ridicule of religion, making sport of the earnest preacher. A merry band of carousers gathered one evening in an inn in Yorkshire, and cracked many a joke over their cups. At length one of them, to add to the merriment, proposed to take off Whitefield's preaching. He was a famous mimic, and could reproduce to perfection the gestures and tones, and the words of the preacher.

A Bible was brought, he mounted a table for a pulpit, and turned the leaves of the Holy Book for a text. His eyes fell on the words, "Except ye repent, ye shall likewise perish."

The company laughed and applauded his wonderful imitation of the tones and manner of the great preacher; but soon their laughter ceased. They looked up in surprise and terror, for the speaker seemed terribly in earnest. His words were solemn, and took hold of their consciences, and his appeals startled their fears. A profound silence spread over the bar-room. The spirit of God was too strong for the mimic, John Thorpe. The mock sermon was the means of his conversion, and he went from the scene of merriment to begin a new life.

**SLEEP WALKING EXTRAORDINARY AT CUMBERLAND.**—The Cumberland, Md., *News*, has the following:

On Tuesday night Mr. S. S. Smith, a young man from Bedford, Penn., retired to rest in Weir's Hotel, at an early hour yesterday morning found himself on the floor in an adjoining building, but entirely unable to define how he got there. An examination of the premises, however, suggested the manner of his transfer from one building to another, as about as follows: He got out of his bed, went to the window, climbed out and stepped on a roof at least six feet away—a perilous feat for an athletic in day light—walked along the roof and clambered into a window in the second story of Little's building, adjoining the hotel. In making his way in he laid hold of a piece of wood loosely fastened in the wall, and it gave way precipitating him to the floor, the fall not hurting, but thoroughly awaking him. He was very much astonished, and regaining his feet began a series of investigations to find where he was. His garments were without pockets, so he had no hope of finding a match. He thinks he was more than an hour finding his way out of the building, but he finally did it and appeared in the hotel office, frightening the night clerk and porter almost as badly as he had been himself. His difficulties were not yet ended, however, for the door of his own room was locked, and the key on the inside, so assisted by the night clerk and others, he was forced to clamber back through the window, though not exactly by the route he took in getting out. He didn't walk again until breakfast time.

**What they Say.**

The *JOURNAL* is an eight page weekly, neatly executed, and filled with the choicest reading. We heartily commend it to the public, and especially ought every Mason read it. We place it with pleasure on our exchange list. Every Lodge in this county ought to furnish a list of subscribers.—*Reidsville News*.

The paper is published in Greensboro by E. A. Wilson Esq., Editor and Proprietor, and is a model of typographic neatness; and both Editorial and selected matter exhibit taste and care. We heartily recommend it to the different lodges in the State, as an efficient, and worthy organ of the craft.—*Hillsboro Recorder*.

We are in receipt of the first number of the *MASONIC JOURNAL*, published at Greensboro N. C. It is a beautiful eight-page journal filled with the cream of Masonic literature, and worthy of a substantial support from the fraternity of the South. The price of it is two dollars per year. We wish it unbounded success, and welcome it to our exchange list.—*Dalton (Ga.) Enterprise*.

THE *MASONIC JOURNAL*.—The first number of this valuable *Journal* is upon our table. It is published at Greensboro, N. C., by E. A. Wilson. It is ably edited and should be the "pet" of every Mason in North Carolina. The number before us is neatly printed and is filled with interesting matter not only to the Mason but to the public generally. Its low subscription price (\$2) places it within the reach of all.—*Torch Light*.

It is intended as an organ of Freemasonry at the South and is a family newspaper as well. In ability, typography and general get up, it is a success and should be well patronized and sustained. Bro Wilson is the former editor of the *Kinston Gazette*.—*Rocky Mt. Mail*.

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The enterprise has our heartiest good wishes.—*Friend of Temperance*.

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[We still insist that we mailed our first number to our valued cotemporary, and that its failure to reach that office is blameable somewhere else.—*ED. JOURNAL*.]

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