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THE MASONIC JOURNAL which is published at Greensboro is worthy of our support. It is ably edited, possesses a high degree of merit and contains, besides Masonic literature, well selected matter which is calculated to make its visits desirable and instructive.

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.

On the Road.

We arrive at Durham and are taken in charge by sundry Brethren and kindly shown many courtesies, for which we return thanks. We found friend Green rapidly transposing himself into a full-fledged Tobacco Plant, it being on the eve of putting that excellent paper to press.

Brother Woodburn was also busy in his two fold capacity of daily Reporter and weekly Herald, two papers entirely distinct and separate, yet brought out by his individual labors; the one being a neat and spicy little daily chronicler of local events and the other an elegant weekly of more ponderous pretensions and extensive circulation. It is always a pleasure to read the production of his fertile pen.

Here we visited Durham Lodge, it being the occasion of their first meeting in their new Hall, which on being seen proclaimed itself the most elegantly finished and handsomely furnished of any we have seen in this State. These Brethren are in earnest and among other important measures enacted at this first meeting were those of providing for regular weekly meetings and securing the services of Grand Lecturer Walker to drill them in the work. Brother James Southgate is the Worshipful Master, which is a guarantee of success, if energy and devotion will suffice.

We regretted to learn that Eno Lodge is not doing so well, but hope the impetus given by Durham Lodge will start

them afresh with new zeal.

Thanks to all the Brethren for the kind expressions in behalf of the JOURNAL.

NOW TO RALEIGH

to attend a called meeting of the Press Association. The State Democratic Convention was in session, and what crowds of people were there! We were informed that every county in the State was represented, and a half-hour spent in the hall made us think the representation was manifold, and the crowded condition of all the hotels convinced many that it was extra manifold—many being glad to avail themselves of the soft side of a parlor floor! At night the candidates spoke to an immense assembly in front of the National Hotel.

THE PRESS ASSOCIATION

met in the Senate Chamber and was organized by the President, Mr. Jno. D. Cameron of the Hillsboro Recorder, with Mr. Jno. S. Manix of the Newbern Times as Secretary pro tem. Various matters of business pertaining to the Association was transacted, all looking to the perpetuity of the Association, but we are sorry to say that, so far as we have been able to see, no practical good has resulted from these annual meetings, other than the social reunions that are afforded and the smoothing down of those asperities of feeling that might crop out between those who otherwise might know each other as political opponents. Another good move was that of seeking to elevate the tone and standard of journalism in the State, a need that has long been felt by both readers and publishers. The annual election of officers was also held and resulted in the choice of Dr. H. E. T. Manning of the Weldon News for President, R. T. Fulghum Secretary and Treasurer, and the Vice Presidents and Committees. Much other business was also transacted, and Charlotte was chosen for annual meeting in May, next.

While here we were pained to learn of the loss by Wm. G. Hill Lodge by the death of Brother H. H. Thomas, an aged and highly respected member, who had served out more than his three score years and ten in an earthly pilgrimage and was tenderly laid in his resting place with the mystic rites of the Brotherhood.

FRANKLINTON,

on the Raleigh & Gaston railroad, is our next objective point, which we reach after a pleasant run of 27 miles over a delightful piece of road. This is a scattered village, and at present decidedly dull; cotton again. Here we meet dear friends of our childhood and enjoy their kind hospitality. Busy memory runs back through the past and dwells with fond recollections upon the happy scenes and hours that filled those school-boy days. But they are gone, time has flown and our locks are grown grey with the weight of those years, but they are sweet to memory still.

LOUISBURG

is reached by an easy stage over a good road, and we are indebted to our good Brother, Dr. Langford, for this pleasant ride. All along our route crops are beautiful, harvest is going on and the yield is abundant. It has been nearly fifteen years since we were in this ancient borough, and what wonders time hath wrought! yet many of the same stately old shade trees, cramped streets and ancient residences are here still to greet us. But many of the residences and business houses have given place to more costly and imposing edifices, and Louisburg presents the garb of improvement and advancement that has marked the progress of other towns of the State. We learn that the Louisburg Female

College is to be re-opened in July under the auspices of Raleigh District Conference of the Methodist church, with Rev. Frank L. Reid as President. This is equivalent to success, as there is not a more competent and popular gentleman in the State, and hosts of young ladies will flock to his school.

Here our Masonic Brethren have been unfortunate. Some time since the large store of Barrow and Pleasants, with others, was destroyed by fire, and the Masonic Hall being on the second floor, everything was lost, except the records of both Lodge and Chapter which were saved by being at the homes of the Secretaries. But the Lodge undaunted, still moves on, but the Chapter is temporarily dormant.

We will remark that while here we had the honor of being shaved by the assistant door keeper of the U. S. Senate, and a right good barber he is. What a glorious privilege it is to live in a free country and luxuriate in such exalted honors.

But we journey eastward in search of more light among the Lodges, and more subscribers among the Brethren, of which we will give full account next week. The JOURNAL is popular here.

American Grand Lodges.

The following list of Grand Lodges and the number of members reported by each, is from an advance sheet of the "American Grand Lodges," as furnished by Brother Drummond, of Maine, to the Masonic Jewel:

Alabama.....	8805
Arkansas.....	9413
British Columbia.....	275
California.....	11463
Canada.....	15934
Colorado.....	1204
Connecticut.....	15131
Dakota.....	1167
Delaware.....	2764
District of Columbia.....	2164
Florida.....	15168
Georgia.....	285
Idaho.....	40468
Illinois.....	27584
Indiana.....	131
Indian Territory.....	17214
Iowa.....	6146
Kansas.....	21594
Kentucky.....	6991
Louisiana.....	19139
Maine.....	5575
Manitoba.....	26107
Maryland.....	26051
Massachusetts.....	5967
Michigan.....	11205
Minnesota.....	22822
Mississippi.....	656
Missouri.....	2268
Montana.....	1345
Nebraska.....	2209
Nevada.....	7712
New Brunswick.....	12013
New Hampshire.....	80701
New Jersey.....	12069
New York.....	3295
Nova Scotia.....	30608
Ohio.....	2071
Oregon.....	37546
Pennsylvania.....	2704
Prince Edward's Island.....	4069
Quebec.....	7435
Rhode Island.....	17994
South Carolina.....	17759
Tennessee.....	365
Texas.....	8396
Utah.....	9301
Vermont.....	713
Virginia.....	2236
West Virginia.....	10153
Wisconsin.....	232
Wyoming.....	594617
Total number of members.....	

* This mark denotes report of 1874.

BRO. JAMES LICK, the California millionaire, it is announced, is about to erect a Masonic monument, at a cost of \$20,000, in Lebanon County, Pa., in memory of certain of his Masonic ancestors.

GRAND MASTER BLOUNT has granted a Dispensation for a new Lodge at Moravian Falls, Wilkes county, to be known as Moravian Lodge. The officers are:

S. H. Bobbitt, W. M.
S. J. Gennings, S. W.
E. B. Phillips, J. W.

There were eleven applicants named in the petition.

Elections of Officers.

COLESVILLE LODGE, 278.—COLESVILLE.

C. T. Christian, W. M.
G. W. Merritt, S. W.
Wm. M. Barnes, J. W.
N. W. Brown, S. D.
A. Martin, J. D.
R. F. Moir, Treas.
Thos. Martin, Sec.
E. S. Lawson, Tiler.

Time of Regular Communications: Second Saturday in each month.

ST. JOHN'S LODGE, 96.—KINSTON.

S. H. Rountree, W. M.
Wm. G. Taylor, S. W.
R. W. Pope, J. W.
M. Harvey, Treas.
L. B. Cox, Sec.

Time of Regular Communications: Second Wednesday in each month.

GASTON LODGE, 263.—DALLAS.

M. D. Friday, W. M.
J. Q. Holland, S. W.
J. M. Lineberger, J. W.
W. F. Holland, Sec.
J. H. Craige, Treas.
J. R. Robertson, S. D.
J. F. Wilson, Tiler.

Time of Regular Communications: Friday night after each full moon, and Monday night of Court.

ASHLAND LODGE, 211.—MT. AIRY.

W. S. Creasy, W. M.
L. W. Ashby, S. W.
G. H. Booker, J. W.
Samuel H. Taylor, Treas.
R. M. Taylor, Sec.
Geo. W. Lowry, Tyler.

Time of Regular Communications: Saturday evening of each full moon.

MT. LEBANON LODGE, 117.—WILSON.

Thos. S. Kenan, W. M.
A. R. Blount, S. W.
A. J. Brown, J. W.
G. W. Blount, Treas.
B. F. Briggs, Sec.

Time of Regular Communications: Every Monday nights, and Second Thursday in each month.

MT. LEBANON CHAPTER, 21, R. A. M.—WILSON.

G. W. Blount, H. P.
L. D. Farmer, King.
S. B. Waters, Scribe.
J. E. Clark, C. H.
A. J. Brown, P. S.
S. B. Farmer, R. A. C.
S. M. Warren, G. M. 3rd V.
W. J. Harriss, " " 2nd V.
H. W. Peel, " " 1st V.
Willie Daniel, Treasurer.
B. F. Briggs, Secretary.
G. H. Griffin, Guard.

Regular time of meeting: First Friday in each month.

PITTSYLVANIA LODGE, 24.—DANVILLE, VA.

R. W. Martin, W. M.
W. E. Sims, S. W.
J. A. Davis, J. W.
S. S. Hurtt, Secretary.
J. E. Lanier, Treasurer.
Chiswell Dabney, S. D.
J. P. Hunt, J. D.
W. C. Haden, Tiler.
James Carter, Steward.

ROMAN EAGLE LODGE,—DANVILLE, VA.

Rev. Dr. G. W. Dame, W. M.
Hon. H. W. Flournoy, S. D.
C. H. Hickey, Esq., J. D.
A. G. Taylor, Esq., Secretary.
P. R. Jones, Esq., Treasurer.

The Indiana Grand Lodge of Masons has reinstated the clause in its regulations against Masons using or selling intoxicating liquors, and have forbidden subordinate Lodges to receive into membership those addicted to their use.