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JOURNALISTIC.

JAMES LICK, the California millionaire is building a Masonic monument in Lebanon county, Pa., at a cost of \$20,000.

THE Grand Jurisdiction of Indiana is boastful. Its age is 67, has a membership of 30,000 and 540 Lodges. They also claim between 5,000 and 6,000 non-affiliated Masons.

THE Crown Prince of Germany says that nationalities create frontiers, but that Freemasonry desires charity, tolerance and liberty without distinction of frontiers.

THE Grand Lodge of Mississippi has appointed a committee to "digest and mature a plan for the organization and maintenance of a Masonic Widows' and Orphans' Home and Industrial School."

THE Grand Chapter of Kentucky meets in Louisville next Monday, the 16th inst., and the Grand Lodge meets at the same place the next day, the 17th. This will afford only one day for the Grand Chapter.

THE Grand Council, R. & S. M., of Indiana will meet at Indianapolis on the 17th inst., and the Grand Chapter, R. A. M., on the 18th at the same place. They have a Council of High Priests in connection with the Grand Chapter, where they confer the Order of High Priesthood on all newly elected H. P.'s. who may attend.

THE engineer who planned the fortifications on Bunker Hill, Dorchester Heights and Cambridge, in the Revolutionary era, was Bro. Colonel Richard Gridley, an active Mason, a Deputy Grand Master of Massachusetts, and the brother of Grand Master Gridley. Washington Irving styles him the "veteran engineer."—*Phil. Chronicle.*

THE Earl of Durham said that "Free masonry fully develops the social and benevolent affections; it mitigates with out and annihilates within the virulence of political and theological controversy; and it affords the only natural ground on which all ranks and classes can meet in perfect equality, and associate, without degradation or mortification, whether for purposes of moral instruction or social intercourse."

BRO. FRANCIS MASON, M. A., late a Baptist missionary, and accomplished linguist of Burmah, India, last year delivered a series of Masonic lectures before Greenlaw Lodge in that city. Bro. Mason is since deceased, and his lectures have just been published in London under the title, "Cui Bono Masonry?" Bro. Mason was an enthusiastic Mason for over fifty years. He was "made" in Missouri in 1813.—*Phil. Chronicle.*

"THE officers of lodges and those members who wish to be more completely learned in the grand science and sublime mysteries of Ancient Masonry, will think it their duty as opportunities offer, to furnish themselves with at least one copy of all books of Masonry which will be published by the learned Lodges of illustrious brethren in different languages and countries of the world from time to time."—*Va. Ahiman Reson, 1791.*

AFFILIATED.—In Knoxville, Tenn., Sept. 13th, by Rev. Dr. Mays, Companion Dr. J. E. Bently of Charlotte and Miss Mary McCampbell of Knoxville. Having had 17 years experience of wedded life we feel that we are prepared to give the Companion our editorial congratulations at his having decided to abandon the doubtful Masonic position of non-affiliate for that of full membership in his own lodge,—though he may only occupy a secondary position in the government of the family craft. Great happiness to you, Comp.

A large addition to our subscription list since the first side was worked off compels us to send a half sheet this week to our exchanges and a few others. Of course, all will appreciate our good fortune in this, and make due allowance for the reception of only a half loaf.

A. & A. S. RITE.

An esteemed brother of Lynchburg, Va., whose pen will shortly be applied in the interest of the JOURNAL, has been writing a series of articles on the Scottish Rite, for the *Evening Star* of that city, and which our readers have, no doubt, read with interest as transferred to these columns. We are not a member of the Rite, much to our regret, but have taken much interest in reading its history, by Mackey, and others, and in digesting these descriptive, articles by our Lynchburg brother. We hope soon to see the Rite established in this state and doing its full part in our great Masonic work here.

THE MOUNTAINS.

For a third time this year we have paid our respects to the mountain regions

of this State. Last week we crossed the Blue Ridge at Blowing Rock. Here the scenery is unsurpassed in grandeur and extent by any other point along the line. While on top of the Ridge we beheld the grand spectacle of a snow storm in full blast. This is a scene that is beyond description, and must be witnessed to be appreciated.

Passing through Lenoir, a beautiful little town among the hills this side of the Ridge, we went on to Boone, the county town of Watauga, 10 miles down the other side, where court was in session. Here we met a host of the brethren and attended their Lodge two nights and saw them confer the three degrees. We found them enthusiastic in their love for Masonry, and punctual in their attendance. The JOURNAL is flatteringly appreciated in that country.

It was, indeed, strange to see those towering heights still clothed in their summer verdure, and the whole over spread with a mantle of snow. Whew! but it was cold. Winter throwin itself backward across the barrier of autumn and feasting upon the bloom and fatness of summer.

To behold the rich fields, fine mountain stock, orchards of fine fruit and extensive meadows is well worth the trip to all lovers of the beautiful and grand.

EMERGENCY.

Strange as it may appear, there are many Masons, and even Masters of Lodges, who are ignorant as to what legally constitutes an emergency for the conferring of the degrees of the Blue Lodge at an earlier period than the required one month of inquiry and investigation of character and fitness.

To make this clearly understood for all time to come we will refer to emergencies provided by the law other than for the purpose above referred to. Sometimes an emergent meeting of the Lodge is necessary for the transaction of important business, or conferring the degree on candidates whose business is such as to prevent their attendance at the regular meetings. An emergency of this kind can easily be determined by the Master, and he can call his Lodge together accordingly. So, also for the degrees.

The law of our Grand Jurisdiction says: "Every petition for initiation or membership shall be submitted at a regular meeting and referred to a committee of inquiry and lie over at least one month, unless in cases of pressing emergency, which shall not be considered to exist unless the candidate is about to journey abroad." To "journey abroad," then, is the only emergency recognized for initiation without the petition lying over one month.

The point in the interpretation is to know what the law comprehends by "journeying abroad." Our opinion is very clearly that it does not refer to a short trip into the country for pleasure, or to the city for business, to return in a few days, weeks or months, but of an extended or permanent nature, reaching beyond the period of a sojourner in a foreign place. If it is only for a short trip he can afford to wait until his return. But, if about to journey for an indefinite period beyond a year, or to change his place of residence to that of another jurisdiction, and his business and arrangements are such that he cannot wait the required time, then clearly an allowable emergency does exist within the full

meaning of the law, and the Lodge is warranted in balloting on the petition at once, and conferring the degrees, if the candidate be elected. Clearly the Master should weigh all the circumstances bearing on the case and act upon it with due deliberation, and justice to his brethren as well as the candidate; above all, let him be careful that there is nothing menacing underlying the hasty action of the petitioner, and let all be exceedingly careful that Masonry is not caused to suffer by it in any way.

Eureka.—As is well known by all bright Masons, the forty seventh problem of Euclid is an emblem of the third degree, teaching love of art and science. About two years ago, while we were giving a rather eccentric candidate the usual explanation of this emblem, he suddenly interrupted us with the exclamation: "Is that in Masonry? Is it to be demonstrated? May I demonstrate it now?" Surprised and amused, we replied: "It is in Geometry, and that science is Masonic and highly esteemed by Masons. It is not to be demonstrated now. Are you familiar with it?" He responded: "I fully comprehend it." We returned: "Then, like its inventor, you can, in the joy of your heart, exclaim, *Eureka*, but should not, therefore, follow his example and sacrifice a hecatomb. It will quite suffice if you discover greater principles in art and science, and so erect your spiritual temple that it will pass the Supreme Geometrician's unerring inspection.—*Voice of Masonry.*

The following resolutions in relation to funerals have been adopted by the Grand Lodge of Delaware:

"1st. That to bury the dead is not an ancient Masonic prerogative, and only when a proper request is made does it become an obligation on the Craft.

"2d. The performance of the solemn services required by Masonry over the remains of a Brother is Masonic labor, and the Lodge, while so engaged, is performing Masonic labor, and must have, therefore, absolute and complete control, and cannot permit any but Masons in good standing to take any part therein.

"3d. That when any non-Masonic Association declares its determination to participate in said labor, such as having a portion of pall bearers, or the placing of emblems on the coffin, or the performance of their burial service, it shall be the duty of the Master of the Lodge to peaceably retire to his Hall, and close the Lodge, thus avoiding all strife and discord and unpleasant discussions."

Sorry.—We are so sorry that, while there is money for the Centennial, money for the circus, money for finery and for foolery, there is so little money on which to send the children to school. Thousands of children growing up ignorant, while their mothers and fathers are working day and night to increase their present wealth. Why not invest a little more in the heads and hearts of your children?

A father (in Wake county) said: "I sent my first daughter to school till she graduated. I spent a thousand dollars on her, and then she died and I lost it all." But was it lost? If he did the best he could for his daughter, his conscience is clear. She enters the next world with a better preparation for its enjoyment. Alas, what kind of a country will we have, if the boys and girls grow up without education! We can not bear the thought. So many things divert the attention from the duty to the children. We are sorry for the young—sorry for our future.—*Orphan's Friend.*