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## JOURNALISTIC.

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Our young friend R. G. Callum has been suddenly called to Tallahassee, Fla. We hope that he may enjoy his trip and ere long return to his many warm friends.

At the dedication of the new Masonic Temple, at Buffalo, N. Y., Bro. G. W. Clinton, son of the noted Mason, DeWitt Clinton, was the orator of the occasion.

REAMS, the first man to sell tobacco by auction, in the Durham market, advertises in this issue. He gives his personal attention to the business and guarantees satisfaction.

PRINCE FREDERICK, the Gr. Master of the Netherlands, was recently presented by the Craft with a gold hammer set with brilliants. It was the sixtieth anniversary of his Gr. Mastership.

COL. BROWN, of the National Hotel, Raleigh, N. C., is still prepared to look after the comfort of his guests. Read his advertisement and when you go to Raleigh give him a call—and you will need no second bidding.

THANKS to Com. Ira Berry, Grand Recorder, for a copy of the proceedings of the twenty-second Annual Assembly of the Grand Council, R. & S. M., of Maine held at Portland, May 3d, 1876. There are twelve Councils in the State of which ten were represented.

A BEAUTIFUL tablet or headstone, recently purchased by the Masonic Fraternity of Greenville, Me., was erected by them last week at the grave of an old Indian chief, Lewis Annance, a member of the Order, who died at that place December 25, 1875. Portions of Doric, Mount Kineo and Cambridge Lodges participated in the ceremony.—*Phila. Chronicle.*

THE *New York Square* announces that it will hereafter be published monthly instead of weekly as heretofore. The publishers feel grateful to the many who have rendered them assistance, but must re-echo the sentiment oft expressed that "New York will not support a Masonic paper." The paper will be furnished at one dollar per year. All unexpired subscriptions will be filled with the monthly.

WE SEE by the last number of the *Orphan's Friend* that the firm of W. T. Blackwell & Co., the princely tobacco manufacturers of Durham, N. C., offers a fine Remington Sewing Machine to the lady who sends the largest cash subscription to the Orphan Home within the next ninety days. Now for it, girls; and in the meantime can't some one of you take in that other prize—that bachelor to bacconist who offers the sewing machine?

THE OCTOBER number of the Providence, (R. I.) *Freemason's Repository* comes to us in an improved form, being changed from a sixteen to a thirty two page magazine. This is the beginning of the sixth volume of the *Repository* and the various improvements which have been made shows that the Brethren of "little Rhody" are doing their duty in support of their Masonic organ. Brother Henry W. Rugg is announced as the editor and brother Thos. S. Hammond is still the publisher. Success to our valued contemporary.

UNDER DISPENSATION from the Grand Master, Wayne Lodge, No. 112, Goldsboro, N. C., elected and installed the following officers for the remainder of their Masonic year:

E. A. Wright,—W. M.  
H. C. Pempert,—S. W.  
E. W. Cox,—J. W.  
J. J. Bake,—Treasurer.  
J. W. Gulick,—Secretary.  
J. F. Dobson,—S. D.  
J. K. Wrenn,—J. D.  
L. Hummel,—Tyler.

CARAWAY'S PROLIFIC.—While at the State Fair we had the pleasure of meeting our old friend, W. W. Caraway of Lenoir county, who had on exhibition a quantity of his prolific corn, which produces from 4 to 6 large ears to each stalk. This is the most wonderful result of any of the cereals and is the result of patient and thorough experiment in hybridizing. Mr. C. informed us that from one acre of very poor up land, without any fertilization, he gathered 40 bushels of this corn. This is indeed a grand result and is destined to work a great revolution in corn growing. Every farmer should send \$1 to W. W. Caraway, Kinston, N. C., and get a package and be convinced. Blood will tell—in corn as well as stock.

AT THE seventy seventh Grand Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Kentucky, held in the City of Louisville, on the 17th, 18th, 19th and 20th days of October, A. D. 1876, A. L. 5876, the following Officers were elected, appointed and installed for the current year, viz:

Gr. M.—R. M. Fairleigh, Hopkinsville.  
Dep. Gr. M.—C. H. Johnson, Henderson.  
Gr. S. W.—Jake Rice, Louisa.  
Gr. J. W.—Thos. S. Petit, Owensboro.  
Gr. Treas.—A. G. Hodges, Louisville.  
Gr. Sec.—John M. Todd, Louisville.  
Gr. Chap.—H. A. M. Henderson, Frankfort.  
Gr. S. D.—J. Q. A. Stewart, Owensboro.  
Gr. J. D.—Henry A. Geiger, Cannonsburg.  
Gr. Marshal.—H. Porter McIlvain, Mayslick.  
Gr. Sword Bearer.—B. G. Witt, Henderson.  
Gr. Pursuivant.—Harry Hudson, Louisville.  
Gr. Steward and Tyler.—Joseph T. Davison, Louisville.

THE *Masonic Jewel*, in its October number, gives a very valuable table prepared by Bro. John Carlovitz, of Florida, showing the location, date of organization, time of meeting &c., of all the Grand Lodges on the Globe. These statistics are compiled from the Annual Proceedings and are presumed to be correct. There are in the United States and Canada 53 Grand Lodges of which Pennsylvania is the oldest, being organized June 20th, 1764, and North Carolina second, being organized January 14th, 1771. So with all the *Keystone's* boasted first in everything Masonic the Old North State is only 6½ years younger than Pennsylvania. There are two Jurisdictions (Northern and Southern) of the A. & A. Rite in the United States, 26 Grand Lodges in Europe, 13 in America outside of the U. S. and Canada, and one in Africa; making a total of 95 Grand Lodges on the Globe. This is, indeed, a valuable table and should be preserved for future reference.

WOMAN IN BATTLE.—This is the title of a new book that has been given to the public by Madame L. J. Venasquez, the heroine who figured on the Southern side in the late war as Lieut. Harry Buford, the famous Confederate spy and scout. The rank of Lieutenant was fairly won by gallant service and the faithful discharge of important trusts.

In this book of 600 octavo pages she has recounted her many daring exploits by land and sea, and interwoven them in to history, much of which has never appeared in print before. The style of the work is spicy and intensely interesting and reveals a heroism and daring that might be envied by many an old regular. Coupled with this the lady carries the very best of testimonials from prominent gentlemen all over the country, who endorse her and her work in the most flattering terms.

In addition to the merits of the book is to be added that of the lady's one desire to raise and educate her only son; to accomplish which she has cast her lot with the people of our good, old State. Her husband was a member of our honored Craft in California, Nevada and New Mexico, and was buried with Masonic honors in the latter, where he died, and we hope our Brethren will appreciate the efforts of this faithful mother in behalf of her only son. See card elsewhere.

RENEW.—Two weeks ago we sent out notices to all our subscribers whose time had expired, with the earnest appeal to them for a prompt renewal. Many of them have neglected to do so, and we must be candid and say that unless all are prompt in their small remittances (which to us aggregate largely) we cannot succeed in our enterprise. Our expenses are large and in every instance strictly cash, and we must have our pay promptly as it falls due to enable us to pay our own bills each week. We hope the JOURNAL has become such a necessity with all its readers that the desire for its continued usefulness will induce each one of us to sit down and immediately enclose us \$1.50.

If it is not all that you desire it help us to make it better by your promptness and kind co-operation. Let all, from the grand master to the Tyler of the youngest Lodge, feel that it is *their* paper and work for it.

## Promptness.

There is nothing in Masonry or in business that is more appreciable than promptness. The tardiness with which they conduct their business has driven many a good man from the Lodge. Men of business cannot afford to repeatedly go to the hall with an uncertainty as to what hour the Lodge will be opened, if a quorum can be had, nor to spend hours in useless, uninteresting wrangle over a state subject. With them the old adage of "Time is money" is more than realized in the fact that promptness on the part of the brethren to attend, and the officers to open the Lodge at the exact hour, and dispatch the business in an entertaining and business manner is more than money to them—it is the life of Masonry.

How often have we been chagrined at the tardiness of some W. Ms about opening their Lodges, until almost the proper time for adjournment and then some of the more prompt Brethren had gotten tired and left! Business first, Brethren, and then pleasure, remembering that one of the cardinal principles of Freemasonry is punctuality.

## What's in a Name.

Much; notwithstanding so much has been said to the contrary. But we propose to refer to the doubtful practice that has obtained of naming Lodges after living persons because of their popularity, or of selecting high-sounding Masonic names, without taking the trouble to first look into their literal and Masonic significance.

We object to calling lodges after living men because of the possibility, and sometimes probability, of the brother falling from his exalted Masonic and moral estate and bringing perpetual reproach upon the Lodge thus destined to bear his name down the vista of time. It also reveals a partiality that, to our mind, is unmasonic and liable to beget two great evils—jealousy on the part of other equally good and zealous brethren and vanity in the brother thus singled out for special honor.

Again, these personal high sounding, jawbreaking names oftentimes only serves to confuse rather than enlighten the brethren who live in other sections, and to ascertain the locality of the Lodges thus wearing them a search must be made through the Grand Lodge directory—which is not always conveniently at hand.

For these reasons we prefer *local* names something of a tangible character that will at once lead the inquirer to locate the Lodge by its name, or nearly so, at least. To show the force of our reasoning let any one so inclined take up the Grand Lodge directory of this, or any other State, and see how few of the Lodges bear names by which their location can be determined. At the same time let them not overlook the profuseness with which the names of prominent men, living and dead and the multitudes of highflown titles grace the various Lodges, and by which, without the directory it could not be known whether the Lodge is held in the arctic seas or on the southern slope of the moon.

It is time to cease this toadying nonsense that gives eclat nor virtue to the Lodge, but often brings a humiliation that a lifetime of regret cannot remove.