EDITED BY W. B. STUART

Fraternal Order sired in Towns Near Charlotte

MASONIC ITEMS

The Scottish Rite Ring. Many of the brethren who have received the Scottish Rite Ring are proud of the dignity which company's it, and prize it higher than anything in life. For it is one of the greatest honors, ever be-stowed on a member of the rite. It's unsullied reputation, handed down from the past, carries with it important truths and convictions, which only the grave can separate a brother from. The ring of the Scot-tish Rite represent to all Scottish Rite Mason's a symbol which is just as dear to them as the ancient armor and sword of the past, and distinctly marks the dignity with which it is to be worn as the knightly sword of the past did. Many Mason's know that the sword has never to be sullied in protect-ing oppression or wrong. The in-tegrity of the sword is to be always worn with honor that will never break faith with anyone, and at the closing days of a knight, when the final end came, he bequeathed his sword to the one nearest and dear-est to him. The chivairy of the past taught many beautiful lessons which have been placed in the calendar of life, each page of its his-tory illuminated with the deeds and acts of those days, and each a living symbol of the present .Its triumphs, victories, defeats, environ-ments all are inscribed upon the hearts and memory of the living. sword was always drawn in the defense of innocence and right. Rite Masons a symbol which omous with the sword, so far as its symbolical interpretation goes. In many ways it is of more significance to a Scottish Rite Mason. This plain gold band carries with it the truths of life, invites confidence, distributes charity, feeds the hungry, relieves the distress of a needy brother, cheers the disconsolate, visits the sick, and buries the dead, provides for the widow, educates for a historical review of Masonry the orphan, and from its inner cir- and its accmoplishments, fitting in cle there comes the cheering words of loyalty, which radiate the virtues of truth, justice and right, all form-ing one grand constellation of hope

ing message that their is no end or beginning of its virtues. We all know that it is to be honerably worn throughout the life of the wearer, and at the death of the owner is to be handed down to the one most dear, the one bestowing it believing that its emblematic tues will always be kept unsullied. Never forget the motto, and carry its sacred import with revernece to your grave. It will cheer you at the final day, and when the rusty hinges on the door of life refuse to open for you, it will prove a consoling thought to you in your last hour.

in the immortality of the soul, and

evelving from the circle the cheer-

Never let it be said the trust con-fided to your keeping was allowed to become tarnished and blackened, by anything reflecting upon its dig-

General Grand Chapter.

The convocation of the general grand chapter of Royal Arch Matogether with the general grand council of Royal and Select Masters, at Asheville, in September, is creating much interest am ng local York Rite Masons as the date details of the program are an nounced.

It is stated that the degree of super-excellent master will be conthis will be the first time this degree has been conferred, in ample orm, in North Carolina. This will doubtless prove of unusual interest to all Royal and Select Masters who

Elaborate entertainment and social affairs are planned—not only for the representatives, but for the adles who accompany them. Charotte will probably be represented at these meetings by a majority of its York Rite officers and active

Robert Morris Day. Mizpah chapter, No. 36, Order of the Eastern Star, will arrange a special program for its regular meeting, on September 9, celebra-ting the birthday of Robert Morris, post laureate of Freemasonry and founder of the Order of the Eastern Star.

The official date for this celebration, which is observed generally by Eastern Star chapters throughout the world, is August 31, but Mizpah chapter has decided to comine the observance with its regular meeting.

It is expected that an interesting enjoyable program will be pre-

sented, including an historical address, music, and selections from

Robert Morris' poems. Two members were initiated and several petitions received at the last meeting, and some inspiring re-ports made as to the work of the chapter.

Grand Lecturer's Visit. R. F. Edwards, of Crumpler, grand lecturer of the grand lodge of North Carolina, will lecture to the local lodges during the last two weeks in September, according to an announcement by A. B. Taylor,

acting secretary of Joppa lodge. Joppa and Phatanx lodges will co-operate in receiving instruction in the work of the lodge from Brother Edwards, and it is hoped to get him to extend his time in Charlotte, so that all the brethren will have ample time to become proficient in the work.

Educational Movement Stressed.

Educational meetings in the three Charlotte Blue lodges, will probably be inaugurated in the near future, in response to an effort by Grand Master J. Bailey Owen, of Henderson, to establish such meetings- in Masonic lodges throughout the state.

Rev. Job L. Taylor, of Roanoke Rapids, has prepared an outline of an educational course, covering four meetings, and this will probably be Phalanx lodge has initiated the

movement for these meetings locally, and will invite the cooperation of Excelsior and Joppa lodges. in joint session for this purpose. The observance of George Washington's, Robert Morris, and Robert Burns' birthdays, and the anniversary of Washington's raising, on November 4, together with other important dates, it is suggested, will furnish appropriate occasions harmoniously with the esoteric studies that may be pursued.

Lodge Members Hear Reports. The annual reports of the treasurer, secretary and finance commit-tee were the matters of first importance at the business meeting of Phalanx lodge, on Tuesday, night

The secretary's report covered in comprehensive manner the workings of the lodge during the past year, and was listened to with profound interest. An increase of 16 per cent in the lodge membership was indicated-69 candidates having been raised during the year and 23 Master Masons having affiliated with the local lodge.
Two hundred and 22 degrees were

conferred, as compared with 96 in the year preceding the establishment of Camp Greene at Charlotte. Several recommendations were made, involving important changes in the bylaws of the lodge, and these matters will come up for action at the next stated meeting-September 20.

E. B. Graham, Jr., was elected junior warden, succeeding Frank C. Gregson, resigned.

legree will be conferred

MONROE MASONIC ITEMS. Unique Plan of Instruction Work in Union County. By G. L. Nist

Probably no two Masons will agree upon what is the most important duty the lodge owes to its members Masons of Union county have developed a series of school of instruction in the ritual, based upon the idea that one of the mos important duties of the lodge is to keep the member alive and informed in Masonry.

The idea originated with J. E. in the next few week Stewart and W. C. Crowell. past others will be revived. masters of the Monroe lodge, and grew out of a request on the part some Waxhaw Masons that Mr. Stewart come down and help them with the work. By visiting several lodges in the county the fact was proven that there was considerable variance in some minor points in he work. For the purpose of instructing all the membership of all the lodges, as well as making the work exact and uniform throughout the county, it was decided to organize the school.

Much credit for its success is due W. C. Crowen, also past master of Grand Master R. W. Lemmond.

There are six lodges in the county and all of them have been drawn

SUEZ TEMPLE NO. 73 BRIGAND TEAM OF CHARLOTTE, WHICH WON FIFTH POSITION IN CONTEST WITH 35 TEAMS FROM ALL OVER UNITED STATES IN CHATTANOOGA, AUGUST 13.



THIS BRIGAND TEAM OF DOKIES ARE RECEIVING CONGRATULATIONS FOR THEIR SPLENDID SHOWING. THE NAMES OF THOSE IN THE PICTURE ARE: J. F. KELLY, CAPTAIN; O. F. ABBURY, JR., LIEUTENANT; R. G. AUTEN, O. H. BYRAM, G. D. CLONINGER, J. W. DWYER, CLARENCE GIBSON, REESE IVEY, J. JONES, Z. V. LINKER, R. W. MOORE, R. B. REID, M. M. SILVERSTEIN, C. SUPERO, DR. R. SCHMUCKER, ALVIN SKINNER, E. B. THOMAS, F. M. SAWYE, JR., H. M. WOODSIDES, JAY L. WOODSIDES, AMONG THOSE ATTENDING FROM CHARLOTTE WERE: PAST IMPERIAL PRINCE, A. E. McCAUSLAND; IMPERIAL COMMITTEEMAN, J. G. BARD; REPRESENTATIVES, L. L. CAUDLE AND NAT C. WHITE.

upon for the faculty, which is constituted as follows

J. A. Williams, Waxhaw lodge, instructor in master's work; L. W. Watson, Wingate lodge, senior warden's work; Brother Applewhite, Marshville, junior warden's work; Brother Smith, St. Timothy, senior deacon's work; _____, Union-ville, junior deacon's work; E. G. Faust, Monroe, catechism, and W. C. Crowell, Monroe, general supervisor of all departments.

Schools have been or will be held in every lodge in the county. Any Mason aspiring to fill any of these positions in his lodge, or to improve himself in the work, may select his own class.

The idea has met the hearty approval and co-operation of Union county Masons, and has also attracted the attention of grand lodge officers. It is stimulating interest in the order, which is reflected in livelier meetings, with less discrepancy in The next meeting of the lodge the ritualistic work. The idea will be will be held on Tuesday, August suggested at the next session of the its convening approaches and the 23, at which time the Fellowcraft grand lodge with the purpose of having it adopted as a state policy

ODD FELLOWS

New Lodges Organized-Attendance Contest Progressing Nicely. (John D. Berry, Grand Secretary,

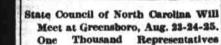
Raleigh, N. C.) Within the past 10 days two new odges of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows have been organized in the state. Several others are under way, and will be organized within the next few weeks, and , still

Roseboro lodge, No. 403, at Rose boro, in Sampson county, was in stituted, Thursday night, August 11. by Emmett H. Bellamy, of mington, supervisor of the fifth dis trict, assisted by the grand secretary. from Neuse lodge, No. 6, at Goldsboro, went over and exemplified the four subordinate lodge degrees for litt will take his bride with him to the new members composing the charter membership of this new This team is composed lodge. Charles O. Baird, captain; R. V. Pate, John W. Godwin, W. V. West-Monroe lodge, who has been tireless moreland, Roy Jackson, J. E. Langin his efforts, and to District Deputy ston. Sherman Cash and P. P. Thomas. This team has visited a number of lodges in eastern Carolina and is noted for the efficiency of its work. They exemplified the first degree at Gastonia last year at the meeting of the grand lodge, and also conferred two degrees in Charlotte the same week.

> The following officers were duly elected and installed in Roseboro odge, No. 403: Dr. J. S. Brewer, grand; E. C. Robinson, vice noble grand; Frederick Simpson, recording secretary; T. A. Williams, financial secretary; M. B. Hall, treasur-All of the appointive offices were also filled. A number of members of Clinton lodge No. 124, were present to participate in the cere-

Mount Airy lodge No. 404, was instituted in Mount Airy, Surry county, Monday night, August 15, byDr. E. H. Spainhour, supervisor of the fourteenth district, assisted by the grand secretary. The following officers were elected and installed: C. F. Melton, noble grand; A. E. Steele, vice grand; N. C. Gann, recording secretary; C. E. Lawrence, financial secretary; R. V. Deyerle treasurer. The degree team of Sa-lem lodge, No. 36, of Winston-Salem, drove over to Mount Airy in a jitney bus, and conferred the four S. M. Crouch, assistant grand sec-retary, and is doing splendid work.

their attendance during the month of August, and the members are exhibiting unusual interest in the work of the order. The grand sec-



Meet at Greensboro, Aug. 23-24-25. One Thousand Representative Expected to Attend. The Junior Order, United Amer-

JUNIOR ORDER NOTES

ican Mechanics, being the largest fraternal order in North Carolina, having over 55,000 members in the state, makes their annual sessions have more state representatives than any other state gathering. Fully 1,0000 members of the order are expected to be in Greensboro next Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, the state annual convention meeta. Those who will attend from Char

lotte are: R. L. Simmons, Frank R. Ninch, J. Laurence Jones, of Dil-worth council, No. 12; L. A. Drake, of Park council, No. 90, and W. B. Stuart, of Charlottle council, No. 531. The Junior order takes the posttowards education in North Carolina than any other one organization.

A full report of the session will b carried by The Observer.

RED MEN

RED MEN'S ANNUAL PICNIC WAS A BIG SUCCESS

Clarassachknow Tribe and Many Vis iting Delegates From Other Tribes Enjoyed Outing at Memorial Park Sagurday—Ranio Band Furnished Music All Day — Many Prominent Speakers Heard — Double-Header at Baseball Park.

cinity enjoyed a great picnic at the Armstrong Memorial Park on Saturday, the 13th, which was given by Clarassachknow tribe, No. 128. With 400 or more local and visiting Red Men, led by the Ranlo band, a parade was formed at the Pythian hall Saturday morning at 10 o'clock and It is the line of march taken up to Memorial park on South Broad street. Here the day was given over to a fraternal good time and all of the 600 or 700 people present thoroughly enjoyed themselves. From 11 a. m. to 1 p. m. splendi daddresses were delivered by Messrs. John G. Carpenter, Dr. Martin, Solicitor George Wilson, C. M.Austin and Rev. C. J. Black, all setting forth the value of fraternal and secret organizations in the moral, social, religious and econofic welfare of a community and emphasizing the Good Samaritan spirit of the Red Men. A basket dinner was served at 1 p. m. and hot lunches, cold drinks and ice cream were to be had all day. In the afternoon the Clara ball team defeated a meeting being called to order at 8 picked team from Clarassachknow o'clock promptly, with Brother Har- tribe by a score of 5 to 3. Dallas defeated the second nine in the latter part of the afternoon. The visitors the exception of Brothers Tarrent, Rev. G. R. Gillesple, and Rev. C. J. Reid and Moon. The stations of the Black, of the Loray Baptist church,

The Red Men present, with their families and friends, possibly numbered 800. This is the second successful outing to be held in the new community park and many more are planned before Jack Frost makes his appearance. The park promises to become a bright spot in the social lotte. The major was in his usual

fastest growing tribes in North Caroa jitney bus, and conferred the four the lodge procure a few articles in degrees of a subordinate lodge on the way of harmless, mirth-provoking the new charter members. This ing stunts to be used in the initiation of the direction of C. P. Burchette, in the lodge procure a few articles in the sachem, R. P. Parker, and the sachem, R. P. Parker, and the other officers and members say that they are going to try to double the direction of C. P. Burchette, in the lodge procure a few articles in the other officers and members say that they are going to try to double this number during the coming year.

—Gastonia Gazette. and the sachem, R. P. Parker, and

EDITORS COLUMN

KNIGHTS OF PYTHIAS.

Ceremonial Wilmington August 27—Suez Temple No. 73 to Spend Week-End.

Next Saturday, August 27, Suez temple, No. 73, will journey to Wilmington, where a big ceremonial will be held, introducing numbers of tyros. The Dokies will leave Charlotte on the Seaboard Air Line railway at 5 o'clock Saturday morning, arriving in Wilmington at 1

The following program will followed: 1 p. m .- Divan will be met at

station in Wilmington by Rocky Mount brigands and escorted to Orton hotel. 1:15 p. m.—Exhibition drill by brigand team on Market street be-tween Front and Second streets. 1:30 p. m.—Registration of all tyros and votaries,

Wrightsville beach, 6:30 p. m.—Supper at Masonic banquet room. 8 p. m .- Ceremonial in Odd Fellows hall, corner Second and Princess streets.

Suez temple has 1,400 members at this time and they have set their goal at 2,000, which it would appear will be secured by January 1. The divan is composed of the fol-

lowing officers: Frank H. Kennedy, royal visier Robert Bruce Owens, grand emir; Nat C. White, shelk; Edgar W. Pharr, mahedi; W. B. Bradford, satrap; W. M. Ruth, sahib; Hunter Marshall, Jr., secretary; J. Arthur Eagle, treasurer; James Kelly, captain Charlotte brigands; Edwin H. Powell, captain Rocky Mount brig-

Convention of the Imperial Palace. The week -of August 8-13, 1921. will long live in the memory of those whose good fortune it was to be in attendance on the convention of the Imperial palace of the Dramatic Order, in the city of Chattanooga, the Knights of Khorassan The beginning was auspicious, the end was glorious. Everybody was on tip toe, with upturned face, looking at the stars and other such adornments in the sky of pleasure and genuine social enjoyment. Each moment revealed some new constellation that gave added luster to what was in deed and in truth one of the most notable gatherings fraternity has ever witnessed on the American continent. The dokies were there from all points of the compass. Canada with its kilties and buzzing bands harmonized its notes with the stirring strains of Dixie and Yankee Doodle. The first gathering was in the

Billy Sunday tabernacle on Monday night. Fully six to eight thousand had gathered for the rich things in store. The Milwattkee band was on hand, and to those who have listen ed to this wonderful organization it is useless to say the music was a rare treat. The two addresses of tanooga and the local dokies were gems of oratory and expression thoroughly enjoyed by the visitors. The reply by Dokey Willey, of Verlife of the southeast section of the good humor and received many concity. tation of the objects and purposes of the order. The pleasures of the evening were closed with a brilliant reception to the representatives and their wives and daughter at the Patten hotel. Thus ended the first chapter in the book

Tuesday morning at 9 o'cleck the representatives of the Palace gathered in the Shrine mosque, which had been most generously turned over to the dokies for use during the convention. The arrangements were ideal. The first noticeable features and the convention of the convention o was very creditable. This new lodge starts off under very favorable auspices, and bids fair to become a strong lodge soon.

The reports from the lodges throughout the state indicate that the "attendance contest." which was inaugurated August 1 by Grand Master L. W. Moore, of Wilmington, is going to be a great success. Many of the lodges report that they have already more than doubled their attendance during the month.

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of an accident; also that Brother Freeman is sick at home. Brothers who can do so should make it a point to call on these two brothers and do what they can to cheer them in the convention. The arrangements westermed friend and brother, John G. Carpenter, great sachem of the Improved Order of Red Men of North Carolina, at Gastonia, he says, all who call will be more than welcome, we are sure, and they will be doing hothing but their duty in so calling.

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cld boy, or '>: call, was defeated to the extent that it will have to lie over until the next convention. The majority in favor however made it possible for the incoming imperial prince to rule that during the next two years the 18-year-old would be admitted. This done, there can be no doubt of the amendment to the constitution at the next conto the constitution at the next con-vention. The parent order, the Knights of Pythias, now admit the

The one important discussion was the ways and means by which the order may commit itself to some definite, constructive work. During the past two years the order has more than doubled its membership. The finances have more than thribbled. The men in convention think the time is ripe for the beginning the time is ripe for the beginning of some work that will commend itself to the membership at large. Plans for such work were left in the hands of the research commisthe hands of the research commis-sion to be worked out and present-ed at the next convention of the palace in Portland in 1823. The Dramatic Order, Knights of Khoras-san is American to the core. It seeks its membership from the true American; only the man who can subscribe to American ideals and conform his life thereto is wanted in the order, and he who falls to live the order, and he who falls to live up to his obligations will be shown not only the door, but the nearest window. Too long the people have sat timid and shrinking while the situation demands hold, broadminded, vigorously aggressive ac-tion. America first is the slogan. It is therefore imperative that some-thing concrete be done. All liberty loving Americans can confi-dently look to the Dramatic Order, Knights of Khorassan as an organization with the one absorbing thought—the preservation of Amer-ican civilization and the instalment of such agencies as will best pro-mote the best interest of our coun-

The Parade.

Promptly at 8 o'clock on Tues-day night there was formed and set ular fraternal parades ever seen in this country. More than 5,660 were in line—hands, drum corps, drill teams, temple, erganisations. floats, monkey, guerrilla, giraffe, jumbo, and other kindred animals It required from one and a half to two hours for the procession to pass a given point. Every detail had been worked out b ythat prince of good fellows, Dan Summey, and the special committee from El Kedan rade was witnessed by fully 50,000 people gathered from all parts of the city and the surrounding country. Some idea of the massiveness may be had when it is known that there were 15 bands, 25 drum corps, and 36 drill teams all dressed in appropriate costumes. It was a

sight worth seeing.
The Drills. On Tuesday and Wednesday afternoons at Warner park competitive drills were held for prizes offered by the Imperial Palace. The con-test was most spirited throughout. Everything from the military formation to the most fancy was presented. It was no easy matter to make decision where the merits were so outstanding. Suez Temple, of this city, was made proud at the announcement that our team had taken fifth place with an average above 90 per cent. The Char-lotte boys were on the spot and they let no occasion pass to make fact known. A very special feature was the drilling of a team composed of women from Columbus. Ohio. This team is one of the pets of our Imperial Secretary A. L. Frey. It is well the boys did not

come in competition. Officers Past and Present This report would be incomplete without special mention of the faithful officers who have guided the boat during the past two years. Imperial Prince Harry Nice, of B. ciety. You will then determine to more, has been untiring. He has attend the camp meetings, to ask been diligent to see that nothing was left undone to advance the good of the order. As a result the mem-bership has increased from 30 to 70 thousand. Men everywhere are becoming impressed with the great purposes of the organization, are flocking to its standard. promise for the future is flattering. During the next two years the des tiny of the order will be in the hands of imperian prince, Meese, of Spokane, Wash. He will locate somewhere in the middle west, and thus be near the center of operation. He is a dokey all over. The next convention will report a membership of 125,000. The budget for the next two years anticipates the expenditure of more

than \$125,000. All officers were advanced. One and all are of the best type of American manhood. Charlotte came in for its full share of lenors. Past imperial prince, A. E. McCausland, was appointed chairman of committee on warrants and charter: Major J. G. Baird was reappointed the research commission that the working out of plans for the de-

velopment of the welfare work the order. He has as colleagues, past Imperial prince, Frank E. Dun-can, of Tulsa, Okla., and William Chase, of Hopedale, Mass. It is interesting to know that
North Carolina has the largest
membership in proportion to
Pythian population in the supreme
domain. The order in North Caroilina now numbers 2,5000. At the next convention it is the purpose of the votaries to swell th's to 30,000 as the minimum. The Dramatic Order, Knights of Khorassan is not only the playground, but the Uni-versity of Pythianism. Let us hope that each votery may prove himself a diligent student, with the one de-sire that he may become the ex-ponent of the higher ideals that lift man above the common level of the world.

WOODCRAFT

BY J. MILTON TODD. Ditworth camp, No. 179, of Char-lotte, will unveil the monument erected to the memory of the late R. B. Overcash, in the Sugar Creek church cemetery, north of the city, this afternoon at 4 o'clock. members of the uniform rank de-gree team, officers and members of gree team, officers and members of the camp will meet at their hall on South Bulevard street at 2 p. m., and go direct to the church. Sov-ereign Overcash was a member of the Derita camp of the W. O. W., but was a brother of Sovereign J. A. Overcash, of the Dilworth camp, and therefore the Derita camp in-vited the degree team of the Char-lotte camp out to conduct the ser-vices. The unveiling address will be delivered by Hon. D. E. Hender-son, of the Charlotte bar, Mr. Han-

best speakers and is the leading. Woodman of World member of this section. He holds the office of head adviser of the head camp of North Carolina, having been elected to that office last March at Greensboro. Hornets Nest camp, No. 96, will

hold their regular monthly social meeting Tuesday night in their hall over Tryon Drug company. A well arranged program will be given. The meeting will be in charge of the officers of the debating society. the officers of the debating society, and a debate will be given. One special on the program is the music, which will be furnished by three musicians of the old school, being young themselves but well versed in the old time music of the days gone by. Fiddling and banjo picking, together with the old time dancing will be given in great style. Every member of the camp is urged to come out and bring their families and any special friend that they may wish to bring. The question to be debated is, "Resolved, that married life is more happy than single life." A good time is assured single life." A good time is assured all who attend.

Oroft Camp Holds Annual Picnic.

The members and families of

Croft camp held their annual picnic last Thursday at Alexanderanna school house near Huntersville. A spleadid crowd was in attendance. Many games were enjoyed by the young folks during the forenoon. Head Consul W. M. Ruth, of Salisburg, delivered an address during the afternoon. Sovereign Ruth is splendid entertainer, and his speech will long be remembered by the Woodmen present. The Croft camp has been holding an annual picnic for the past six years, and each time the interest seems to grow, notwithstanding the fact there are two other picnics held each year near their grounds and on the same day.

The Future of Our Society. (From The Sovereign Visitor.) There is but one problem now before our members, and that is the protection of more women and chiliren, by increasing the membership in the Woodmen of the World. All other issues are dead. The supreme court of Nebraska has settled the rate question. The sovereign camp refused to take a step towards insolvency by reducing in any respect its rates. Insurgency had its day and run its course, to the great detriment of thousands of American homes. Head camps and the so !ereign camp have passed into history. What of the future? The road is broad and there is no pitfalls, quagmires or unsafe bridges. Our society is 100 per cent solvent No fraternal society is better than ours. We stand at the top of all lists in finances, business manage: ment, beauty of ritual and in the history of past performances. Fcture success is as certain as tomor-

row's sun. It is our society. It belongs to all the sovereigns and its members. Shall we leave all the work of pramoting its benevolent purposes to the officers of the camps an worthy deputies, or shall we, as t dividual members, lend to it our undivided enthusiasm and devotion? Let each sovereign ask himself the "How can I help increase the interest of my society so that it may become a greater factor for protection of women and little children?" When you have asked yourself that question you will seek an answer, and to many and to you will come a vision as to what you has attend the camp meetings, to ask other members to attend, to visit the sick and to ask your friends and companions to become members You will give the names of your friends to whom you have spoken to your clerk or to the camp dep uty; you will assist your camp officers; you will join every ment for the upbuilding of your camp; you will every way have the interest of your society at heart. By so doing you will be the means of greatly blessing others and at the same time make the load lighter for yourself. Is not such a worthy of your continuous

> Sovereign Commander Made Honorary Member of Veterans of Foreign Wars Association.

efforts?

During the sovereign convention very unusual and distinguished nor was conferred upon our sovereign commander, W. A. Fraser. Head Consul George W. Sullivan, of New York, as officer in the world war in France and now a captain of the New York state militia, asked delegates who were comrades in foreign wars to step to the platform, and a number responded. Then in well chosen words he addressed the sovereign commander, delivered to him the obligation and placed upon him an honorary badge of the veterans of the foreign wars of the United States. •No man is eligible to the veterans of the foreign wars of the United States unless he has seen service upon foreign shores or upon hostile seas. But this recognition was given to the sovereign commander because of his invaluable work in connection with the war risk bureau,

THE PRODIGAL DAUGHTER. (From The Interstate Freemason.) If the prodigal son had been a girl, How would the story have run? Would the welcome back have been

the same For the daughter as for the Son?
Would the ring, the shoes,
The robe and all,
Been given the daughter

Had she been the one to fall?
The world applauds the father
For forgiving the wandering son
But turns its back on the daughter There seems to be two standard of

morals Between the maid and the man;

The sins of the boy are forgiven, But the girl is under the ban.

The festive hall is open.

The banquet board is spread.

To receive the wandering son.

Who was once considered dead.

But society shuns the daughter,

And pulls its skirts aside,

Lest they should rub against her

And tarnish their hollow pride.

LODGE DIRECTORY

will hold special communication on Tuedsay, August 23'd, 8 p. m. Fellowcraft degree. Visitors welcome J. B. MARSHALL, Master.

F. WM. E. CULLINGFORD,

Secretary. Joppa Lodge No. 530, A. F. & A. M. Regular meeting first Friday night stated communications Friday night each month at 8 o'clock

W. J. GRANT, Secretary.

dsior Lodge No. 261, A. F. A. M. Meets first and third Monday ing brethren invited.

HARRY A. FRANKLIN.

B. W. BARNETT, Secretary.

United Commercial Travelers. Charlotte council No. 297, will led Saturday nights at 7:30 o'clock, dd Fellows hall, over Yorke & ogers. Visiting members welcome. W. R. HELMS, Sr., Councilor. D. C. SMITH, Secretary,

Mest Camp 96, W. O. W. every Tuesday night each h, 8 o'clock, hall over Tryon company. All sovereigns wel-

A. GROOM, Consui. Com MILTON TODD, Clerk.

Vednesday of each month, ERNARD W. BARNETT, Co-Ordinate Secretar,

Phalanx Lodge, No. 31, A. F. & A. M. Dilworth Council No. 12, Junior Or der United American Mechanics. meets every Monday night, 8 o'clock in hall over Tryon Drug company All visiting Juniors cordially invited F. L. BICKETT, Councilor. N. 21. JONES, Recording Sec.

> Weekly meetings in Pledmont building at 8 o'clock p. m. (Take elevator.)

Charlotte lodge, No. 33, H. M. Clapp, C. C. Thursdays. Rathbone lodge, No. 37, Walter McPhail, C. C.

Fridays. Mecklenburg lodge, No. 90, B. F Wellons, C. C. Pythians cordially welcomed to all meetings.

Charlotte Lodge 1113 Loyal Order Moose. meets every Friday night at o'clock in Odd Fellow's hall, over

Yorke & Rogers store. Visiting brothers invited to meet with P. A. P.

F. B. HARRIS, Dictator. C. H. LOWRY, Secretary. Catawba Tribe No. 13, Improved Order Red Men. holds their regular sleeps every FrP day, seventh run, 30th breath. Red Men hall, over Tryon Drug company

Visiting chiefs welcome.

M. C. BRADLEY, Sachem. H. E: MULLIGAN, Chief of Records

Queen City Lodge No. 168 I. O. O. F. meets in Odd Fellows temple, Yorke & Rogers building, every Thursday night, 8 o'clock. Visiting brethren are specially invited to meet with us. W. W. CLARY, Noble Grand.

D. W. COBB, OF GOLDSBORO

State Councilor of the Junior Order, United American Mechanics of North Carolina, whose administration will likely show big increase in membership at the annual session in

retary has mailed out the red and blue contest buttons to those lodges that have asked for them. They are free to the lodges who have organized for the attendance contest. Past Grand Master D. H. Tillitt, grand representative to the sovereign grand lodge, has recently moved from Camden county to An drews, in Cherokee county, where he is engaged in the practice of law. The seven men degree team Madam Rumor says that the wedding bells will soon be ringing over in Tennessee, and that Brother Tilthe Sovereign Grand lodge in Toronto, Canada, in September. also reported that Past Grand Master Guy Weaver, of Asheville, will take his bride t Toronto and attend the meeting of the Sovereign Grand lodge. We extend hearty congratulations in advance to these

LOYAL ORDER OF MOOSE

BY R. H. PERRY

Charlottle lodge, No. 1113, Loya Order of Moose, held its regular meeting Friday night, Aug. 12, the clock, promptly, with Brother Harris occupying his station as dictator. All officers were present with absent officers were filled by Brothers Starr, Clary and Welch. The attendance was fully up he average and the meeting an interesting one. A class of candidates was given the obligations in the

A very interesting talk was made to the lodge by one of the newly life obligated members, Harry Morrow, city. who described a visit he had made It was voted at this meeting that gree captain. This degree team was will help to increase the attendance organized and trained in June by at the meetings.

ner.

It was reported to the meeting that Brother Pearce is confined to

The Red Men of Gastonia and viwo past grand masters.

returned thanks at the dinner.