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THE MASONS.

Annual Meeting of the Grand Lodge of North Carolina.
 The Grand Lodge assembled yesterday at 10 o'clock a. m. After the reading of the minutes, Eugene Grison, P. D. G. M., introduced a resolution extending fraternal greetings to the venerable Past Grand Master Alfred Martin of Wilmington, who has labored so zealously for the cause of Masonry in North Carolina, and extending their sympathy to him in his personal afflictions.
 An amendment to the Code, introduced by the Grand Secretary, striking out that section of the law requiring secretaries to return to each annual communication the dates of the charters of the lodges, was adopted.
 The report on the Oxford Orphan Asylum, which was adopted, recommended an appropriation of \$2,000 for the ensuing Masonic year. (This amount is nearly two thirds of the annual revenues of the Grand Lodge, and is given in addition to the annual contributions of the subordinate lodges to this noble charity.)
 The committee on Jurisprudence made a recommendation in regard to a change of the Code in reference to the re-installment of members excluded for non-payment of dues as follows:
 "No member of a lodge shall be excluded from membership for non-payment of dues until he shall have been notified by a legal Masonic summons to appear and show cause for such delinquency.
 "A failure to respond to said notification shall subject the offender to the pains and penalties prescribed for a violation of a legal Masonic summons.
 "Your committee recommend to the lodges that members who have heretofore been excluded for non-payment of dues may be re-instated to membership upon the payment of such terms as the lodge may determine."
 "Your committee further recommend that Masons of defunct lodges who were excluded for non-payment of dues may be admitted to membership, upon petition and ballot, as other cases of petition for membership accompanied by a certificate of the Grand Secretary."
 The recommendations of the committee were adopted.
 The new officers-elect were installed by P. G. M., George W. Blount.
 On motion of Wright G. Campbell, the Grand Secretary was instructed to have eleven hundred copies of the uniform-code of by-laws and amendments to the general code printed in pamphlet form and distributed to the various subordinate lodges.
 The Grand Master made the following appointments: Wright G. Campbell, Concord, Grand Chaplain; Alpheus W. Wood, New Bern, Senior Grand Deacon; Samuel Northrop, Wilmington, Junior Grand Deacon; Francis M. Moye, Moynton, Grand Marshal; Albert E. Daughtrey, Seaboard, Grand Sword Bearer; Charles F. Gilbert, Raleigh, Grand Pursuivant; Robt. B. Bradley, Raleigh, Grand Tiler; A. O. Edson, Tullis, and John W. Thompson, Raleigh, Grand Stewards.

On motion of Samuel H. Smith, P. G. M., the thanks of the Grand Lodge were extended, as a body, to the various railroads and the hotels of Raleigh for courtesies shown.
 Thanks were extended to Grand Master C. H. Robinson for the very able manner in which he presided over the deliberations of the Grand Lodge.
 The Grand Lodge having concluded its labors at 12 o'clock, at the sound of the gavel, its deliberations were brought to a close.

Are Our Young Men the Hope of the Country?
 There are forty thousand young men in North Carolina between the ages of sixteen and twenty-one years. And there are not one thousand of them in our colleges—not one in forty. An alarming fact. We have in our State over forty thousand white men who cannot read the ballots they cast. Another alarming and humiliating truth. And we venture the assertion that a close investigation and analysis of the records of our colleges will show that for the past five years there has been a falling off in the percentage of the patronage of farmers. Why? Simply and only for the reason that their ability to educate their sons has been gradually weakening.

What must be done? With real estate diminishing in value, with the values of the earnings of farmers giving them little or no profits on their labor, and with the great financial depression which hangs like a pall about them, and our constantly increasing population, what is to be done for the thousands of young farmer boys and other poor young men of the State? Shall they not be educated? Are they really and truly "the hope of the country?" It behooves our educators, statesmen, philanthropists, Christians—all to ponder well the situation. It appears to every consideration of philanthropy, patriotism and religion. We are proud to note the hopeful effort of the Students' Aid Association of Wake Forest College, to occupy as best it may broad field and to supply as it can this great demand. It is designed to afford an opportunity to the poor but desiring young men of our State to procure an education. It is moving forward with the most encouraging promise of success. But even with the full measure of success in its contemplated sphere, it would necessarily not meet one tithe the demand. Nevertheless it was a grand conception, which if developed, will accomplish grand results and prove a great blessing to our young men and to men and to the State for all time to come. May the favor of God rest upon its prosecution!

But are our people alive to the critical situation? Do they properly appreciate the great truth that intelligence—cultivated brain—rules the world? Do the farmers of the country realize that to maintain their true position in the great race of progress, they must keep up with advanced thought—advanced improvement, and that to do this they must be educated? We are grateful for the indications that the more intelligent and progressive of the farmers of our State are beginning to realize it. They took a long step in that direction when they met in this city last winter and demanded the establishment of an Agricultural and Mechanical College for the training and education of the farmer boys of the State. In our judgment no legislation for the past half century in North Carolina is fraught with grand and noble results to our people. Let us push forward the college to completion and make it what it should be—an institution laden and filled with incalculable blessings to our people and State. Let every farmer—every patriot in the State, adopt the motto of the Progressive Farmer, "The industrial and educational interests of our people, paramount to all other considerations of State policy."—Progressive Farmer.

A Boy's Essay on Vegetarianism
 A vegetarian is a person that doesn't eat cow. I like cow tried in a skillet. We have fried cow at our house sometimes. It eats good to mustard. A vegetarian lives on carrots and turnips and such. He don't eat no chicken nor salmon. He must be sort of mad. I like to gobble turkey and gray. But our old turkey tried to gobble me. He is a vegetarian too. He lives on corn. I put poison in his breakfast, and then he died on corn. He won't never be a vegetarian no more. Pa says he is a vegetarian, but I think it must be between meals. The elephant Jumbo, is a vegetarian and lives on biscuits, cigars, and nails, and such things. All our ancestors were vegetarians. The monkey lived on nuts and the donkey ate thistles. Nebukad-nayser was a vegetarian too. He ate grass just like a spotted cow. He never paired his nails, and they grew into long claws like the eagle's in the menagerie. My brother Bob was a vegetarian four days. On the fifth day he didn't eat no cabbage nor parsnips, and said that mutton chop was a good enough vegetable for him, and he has been a kind of ham-and-egg vegetarian ever since. My sister Emma tried very hard to be a vegetarian one day, but she gave it up at dinner. She said it was pity benstead wasn't a vegetable, else she'd have held on a little longer. Apple pie and plum pudding are the vegetables I like best, but when I grow up I intend to become a vegetarian, and to eat vegetables regularly to my meat.—Bittins.

A Mistaken Idea.
 We scarcely know any error into which people are more ready to fall than the notion that certain lines of business are low. "Oh, it would be looked upon as so low! I can't do such a thing as that." "I should feel ashamed to be seen following such a low occupation." And so on, with numerous excuses equally ridiculous. What this thing is which is called low we never have been able to understand, for it varies in different places, and is never exactly the same any where. What is reckoned low in one place is not considered low in another place.

It likewise varies according to times. A thing was low twenty years ago which is not low in the present day. We have a distinct remembrance of things being considered low, which are low no longer. Thus a change is perpetually going on notions of what is low. He who scruples to transact any honest piece of business from an idea that it is low, may rest assured of this, that he will soon see some one less foolish than him; and what is more, he will see that every person thrive and be respected for doing that which he at one time rejected and was ashamed of. The truth is, no occupation is low if it be consistent with what is just and honest. We are all, every one of us, living by ministering, some way or other, to each other's necessities and comforts.

The whole world is but a great shop, in which all are sellers and buyers in turn, and in which each is expected to do something useful for the general well-being of the concern. Let us, for the sake of consistency and common sense, get rid of this preposterous notion of lowness, which, as we say, is ever shifting its ground. It is the bane of rational enterprise, and keeps hundreds from doing that which would be really honorable and lucrative. Honor and shame, as Pope has observed, arise from no particular condition in life; true merit consist in the correct performance of our part, whatever that may chance to be.

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