

THE BRIGHT MASON.

December 1st, 1873.

In our next issue will be published the address of the present Grand Master of North Carolina.

We return thanks to the Brethren of the Press generally for the kind notices made of the Bright Mason. We shall use every effort to make it worthy of the craft.

As an advertising medium the Bright Mason has no equal in the Southern States.

Five thousand copies of this issue, and the issue for next month will be sent to various Lodges in the States gratis.

The short time allowed us for the publication of the first number, will account for the many little errors, that have crept into the general "get up" of this number.

In the next number every thing will be all right.

To be Enlarged.

It is our purpose to make the Bright Mason, either an eight page paper, or publish it in magazine form. We will be governed by the opinion of Brethren at the meeting of the Grand Lodge.

One thing, however, the craft are reminded, that our paper shall be a success. We are determined on this.

Masonic Furnishing Store.

Odell, Hagan & Co., Greensboro, N. C., wish to order all kinds of Masonic clothing, collars and furniture for Lodges, Chapters and Encampments, or in single suits for individual members.

Jewels and Diplomas and every article connected with Masonic Paraphernalia. Brethren may rely on having their orders filled in a satisfactory manner.

From Other States.

We have received several letters from prominent Brethren in other States, bidding us good speed, in the publication of our paper.

These are gratifying signs, and stimulate us to the performance of our task. From Georgia, South Carolina and Virginia letters of cheer and congratulation have been received. We will make the Bright Mason worthy of the confidence of our craft.

Hold a Lodge Work on Sunday!

The landmarks inform us that our ancient brethren did not work on the seventh day of the week. The question has been raised under what conditions Masons abstain from lodge work on the first day. To say nothing of any ground, the uniform custom of the craft and the law of the land is a sufficient reason for resting from labor on Sunday.

What the Press says of the BRIGHT MASON.

The BRIGHT MASON.—We beg attention to the prospectus of the publication to be called by this name, which will be started in Concord on the 1st prox., Chas. F. Harris, editor and proprietor. As it will be the only Masonic journal in the South Atlantic States, it commends itself to the support of Brethren all throughout, not only this, but all of the States, known as the Southern Atlantic. The editor of the BRIGHT MASON is a gentleman well qualified to conduct a paper of the character proposed; and we very much hope the Masons of North Carolina will, as one man, lend him their support. The terms are astonishingly low, being only \$1 per year. This paper should be made the official organ of the Grand Lodge of the State. We wish it may live long and prosper.—Chas. F. Harris.

The BRIGHT MASON.—Chas. F. Harris, Esq., editor of the Concord Sun, will commence the publication of THE BRIGHT MASON on the 1st of December next, at Concord, N. C. The MASON will be a monthly Masonic journal and devoted to the dissemination of Masonic Literature, Masonic Jurisprudence, and to the fostering and keeping alive of Masonic traditions, and will be intended as a help in the "WORK" in every LODGE. A Corps of Contributors will be engaged, who, from their long experience in catering for Masonic tastes, will give, from time to time, a clear reflex of the work of our Ancient Institution of all things proper to be written. As this is the only publication of this character in the South Atlantic States, we think it should receive the support and encouragement of the Masonic Fraternity, and be made the official organ of the Grand Lodge of North Carolina. Subscription price only \$1 per annum. Address Chas. F. Harris, Concord, N. C.—News.

The BRIGHT MASON.—Chas. F. Harris, the indomitable Editor of the Concord Sun, not content with enlarging and improving his spicy paper, purposes to issue on the 1st of December next, a Monthly Masonic Journal with the above title. The BRIGHT MASON will be devoted to the dissemination of masonic literature, masonic jurisprudence, and to the fostering and keeping alive of masonic traditions; and will be intended as a HELP in the Work in Lodges.—Southern Home.

The BRIGHT MASON.—Mr. Chas. F. Harris, the spicy editor of the Concord Sun, has announced his intention to publish a monthly masonic journal with the above title, to be devoted to the dissemination of Masonic Literature, Masonic Ju-

risprudence and to the fostering of Masonic traditions.—Christian Advocate.

Chas. F. Harris, Esq., the editor of the Concord Sun, will shortly commence the publication of the BRIGHT MASON in Concord, N. C. The suspension of the Masonic Monitor at Goldsboro' will make this the only publication of the kind in the Southern States, and we heartily wish it success.—Intelligencer.

Mr. Chas. F. Harris editor and publisher of the Concord Sun, will soon start in Concord the BRIGHT MASON, which should be the organ of Southern Masons. Only \$1 a year. We hope the Fraternity will support this new candidate for the patronage more than they did our similar enterprise.—Mesenger.

The BRIGHT MASON is the title of a Monthly to be issued by C. F. Harris of the Concord Sun. The use of a masonic journal is much felt, and this one should be heartily encouraged by the fraternity. Harris promises that he will do everything in his power to make it a first-class work in every respect, and he will do it if the brethren of the craft second his efforts as they should. For particulars see prospectus which we publish in another column.—Greensboro Patriot.

A Repertory of useful Masonic knowledge. It should be made the organ of the craft in N. C. and the Southern States.—Raleigh Sentinel.

This we regard as a valuable acquisition to journalism, as since the cessation of the Monitor, there is no Southern paper to be an organ for the fraternity. The first number will be issued on December 1st and the price will be \$1 per year. The Grand Lodge should endorse it.—Kinston Gazette.

Spanish Outrages on Freemasons.

Another horrible story in the story of Spanish crime is made public. It relates to the horrible indignities heaped upon Freemasons and their families by the monsters who have misruled Cuba in the name and by the authority of the Spanish government. It seems that about four years ago the Spanish authorities arrested the members of the Grand Lodge of Santiago de Cuba. The brethren were denied a trial, and the day following their arrest were conveyed to a lonely neighbourhood outside the city and put to death. This was but the beginning of a series of horrible outrages that have continued almost without intermission for the past four years. Every man found to be a Freemason has been shot or banished to Spanish penitentiaries in Africa. The record of persecution to which the Freemasons have been subjected is now fully effaced. On the night of the 7th of the present month, after the volunteers had concluded the slaughter of the crew of the Virginia, their thirst for blood was such that they attacked the wives of murdered Freemasons, abusing the defenseless females and putting four of them to death. The story seems too horrible to be credited but unfortunately it is true. We are not surprised to know that the Freemasons of this section aroused to indignation by the intelligence of the outrages above chronicled. Right worshipful E. E. Thorne, Deputy Grand Master of this State, has already united with a large number of prominent officers and brethren in a petition to the Master, Warden, and brethren of the different lodges in this jurisdiction. The petition briefly recites the crimes above mentioned, and concludes in these words: In the name of humanity, and in obedience to our sense of justice, we ask you to forward the enclosed document, signed by your officers and under the seal of the lodge, to the Most Worshipful Grand Master of Masons of this State, Christopher G. Fox, requesting him to call an emergent session of the Grand Lodge, to take such action thereon as they in their wisdom may see fit.

Prominent Freemasons of Brooklyn, with whom a reporter conversed, states that the recent indignities are of such a revolting nature that the fraternity would be false to its fundamental professions if it neglected to express its sense of these Spanish barbarities, or failed to take action looking to the protection of persecuted brethren and their families. It is believed that General Master Fox will call the emergent session promptly. The whole civilized world will sanction the efforts of the Freemasons of this country to bring to justice the fiends whose inhuman atrocities are chronicled above.—Brooklyn Argus.

We have arranged the different headings in such manner as to make them, not only attractive, but in order. All matter belonging under the headings, "Record of the Fraternal Dead," "Masonic Register," "Impostors and Swindlers," "Masonic Correspondence," and "Questions Answered," will be arranged. These titles will stand permanently and be one of the features of the Bright Mason. Of course we shall rely upon communications from friends to fill them up.

Record of the Fraternal Dead.

Will the Secretary of each Lodge, or some zealous Mason, furnish us with the name, and day of death, respectively, of each Brother who may depart this life after the first day of January, 1874, that we may make a permanent Record of the event in this column. Brethren, many of us who are now living, will furnish a name for this dark column, ere the close of this year. Let the living take it to heart.

Masonic Register.

Under this head we will publish the name of Lodges, location, place of meeting and names of four principal officers, as shown below. Every Lodge in the State should give publicity through this medium, as to their place and time of meeting. Concord, N. C., Stokes Lodge, No. 32. Last Friday night in every month, at 7 1/2 o'clock, and on the anniversary of St. John the Baptist and St. John the Evangelist, and Tuesday night of each Court week. W. M. Sec'y. J. W. Sec'y.

Impostors and Swindlers.

In order that the Fraternity at large, may observe the approach of Masonic impostors and swindlers, space will be reserved under this head to expose all who may attempt to gain admission into our Lodges, or to receive Masonic charity unworthily. The Brethren every where, are most respectfully requested to furnish us the names, real or assumed, age, personal description, &c., of all such Masonic Mountebanks.

Masonic Correspondence.

We solicit brief memoranda from Masons wherever dispersed. There are many sparkling jewels, all through the vein of the Brotherhood, which if carefully collected, will soon form a brilliant casket. We hope each Brother will note them, and forward them to us. No publicity given to names unless by permission.

Questions Answered.

Upon all subjects pertaining to the individual duties, or the "work" in a Lodge. Queries under this head will be answered. We respectfully solicit inquiries from our Brethren, and will give them prompt and careful attention. Numerous subjects are easy, that cause much perplexity, and none are so exceedingly difficult, but what some light may be shed on it.

To Disabled Soldiers.

Brethren who have had the misfortune to lose a limb, while serving as soldiers in either the Confederate or Federal Army, will be supplied with the Bright Mason free of charge. Masonry knows no distinction between the "Gray and the Blue."

"The Advance Cotton Planter."

Is a perfect success, and the only Planter sold at a price which will pay TO USE. Do not buy, until you have read our circulars and price list. Address, THE ADVANCE Manufacturing Co., AGENTS WANTED, Concord, N. C. Dec 1—1/2 pd

DYSPEPSIA CAN BE CURED.

WRITE for a circular and testimonials. Address, N. D. FETZER, Druggist, Concord, N. C. Dec 1—1/2

Stieff's Pianos.



UPWARDS of fifty First Premiums of Gold and Silver Medals, were awarded to Charles M. Stieff, for the best Piano, in competition with all the leading manufacturers in the country. Office and Warehouses, No 9 N. Liberty Street Baltimore, Md. The superiority of the Unrivalled Stieff Piano Forte, is conceded by all who have compared it with others. In their New Grand Square Scale, 7 1/3 Octaves, the manufacturer has succeeded in making the most perfect Piano Forte possible. Prices will be found as reasonable as consistent with thorough workmanship. A large assortment of second-hand Pianos always on hand, from \$75. to \$300. We are agents for the celebrated Bordett Cabinet, Parlor and Church Organs, all styles and prices, to suit every one, guaranteed to be fully equal to any made. Send for illustrated catalogue containing the names of over 1500 southern, 500 of whom are Virginians, 200 North Carolinians, 150 East Tennesseans, and others throughout the South, who have bought the Stieff Piano since the close of the war.

WALTER BREM, JOHN VAN LINDINGHAM, Walter Brem & Co., IMPORTERS AND DEALERS IN HARDWARE, —AND— CUTLERY. Corner Trade and Tryon Streets, Charlotte N. C. aug 9 30

Piedmont Air-Line R. W.

RICHMOND & DANVILLE, RICHMOND & DANVILLE R. W., N. C. DIVISION, and N. WES TERN N. C. R. W.

CONDENSED TIME TABLE.

In effect on and after Sunday Oct. 12, 1873.

GOING NORTH.

Table with columns: STATIONS, MAIL, EXPRESS. Leave Charlotte, 10:00 p.m. A-L Jct'n, 10:06 " Salisbury, 10:06 a.m. Greensboro, 3:30 " Danville, 6:20 " Burkville, 11:35 a.m. Arrive at Richmond, 2:17 p.m.

GOING SOUTH.

Table with columns: STATIONS, MAIL, EXPRESS. Leave Richmond, 1:25 p.m. Burkville, 4:45 " Danville, 9:18 " Greensboro, 12:26 " Salisbury, 2:35 a.m. A-L Jct'n 4:29 " Arrive at Charlotte, 4:55 a.m.

GOING EAST.

Table with columns: STATIONS, MAIL. Leave Greensboro, 3:05 a.m. Co. Shops, 4:45 " Raleigh, 8:35 " Arrive at Goldsboro, 11:15 "

GOING WEST.

Table with columns: STATIONS, MAIL. Arrive at Greensboro, 28 a.m. Co. Shops, 9:35 " Raleigh, 5 " Leave Goldsboro, 2:30 p.m.

NORTH WESTERN N. C. R. R.

(SALEM BRANCH.) Leave Greensboro, 4:30 p.m. Arrive at Salem, 6:25 p.m. Leave Salem, 8:00 a.m. Arrive at Greensboro, 10:00 p.m. Mail trains daily, both ways, over entire length of road. Accommodation daily between Danville and Richmond (Sundays excepted). On Sunday Lynchburg Accommodation leave Richmond at 9:45 a.m., arrive at Burkeville 12:45 a.m., leave Burkeville 5:35 p.m., arrive at Richmond 8:44 p.m. Pullman Palace Cars on all night trains between Greensboro and Richmond, (without change). For further information address S. E. ALLEN, General Ticket Agent, Greensboro, N. C. T. M. R. TALCOTT, Engineer & Gen'l Superintendent.

PACKING, CURING

SMOKING ESTABLISHMENT

Steam Sausage Manufactory.

V. HECHLER, JR. & BRO. Nos. 18 and 20 First Market, Richmond, Virginia.

DEAR SIR:—As the sausage season is about to commence, we enclose you one of our circulars. We are better prepared than ever to fill your orders in our line, and as everything is under the special supervision of one of the firm, we can confidently recommend our Provisions as of the best quality, and challenge competition.

We pay particular attention to the manufacture of a sausage for the Southern market.

We have been enlarging our facilities for turning out our famous Sausage, and with our usual choice quality of meats used for the purpose, we shall be prepared to meet the wants of our friends to their entire satisfaction. This Sausage is manufactured entirely by steam power, great care being taken in adding seasonings, which makes it the best Sausage manufactured this side of Baltimore and equal to any made there or anywhere else. We are prepared to furnish any quantity of it, we have been to the expense of over \$5,000 in machinery to make this Sausage. Those in want will address us, and we will put it up in neat boxes and deliver it to the Express Company or depot free of charge for boxes and drayage, providing you return the boxes by Express. And we want to call your attention to one more item—the Southern Express Company will carry this freight at much less than last year.

In response to many calls, we are prepared to fill orders for all kinds of Sausage; Puddings, Bacon, Lard, &c., such as—

- Fresh Pork sausage in Links, and in cakes; Fresh Pork Tenderloin Sausage, do smoked; Bologna Sausage, smoked, Garlic do, smoked; Beef Puddings; Liver Pudding; Dutch Puddings; Irish do; Hog's Head Cheese; Sugar Cured Hams do, houliders; do, Breast; do, Joles; do Strips; Beef Tongues; smoked Beef; do, by the Quarter or side; Mutton; by the quantity; Hogs, in any quantity; Pickled Pork; Lard by bbl or keg; Loins and Ribs of Pork; Pig's Feet in bbl, spiced do, in half bbl, spiced Lamb's Tongues in Pickle; Hog's Tongues in Pickle. We remain yours truly, V. HECHLER, JR. & BRO. nov 11m 31

Good Bargains.

I have 50,000 strawberry Plants; 60,000 Grape Cuttings, and Rooted Vines, for sale Cheap. S. T. MICKY. Salem, N. C.

GRAND GIFT CONCERT.

10,000 PRIZES.

\$250,000 in Currency to be Given Away!

For the Benefit of the

Masonic Relief Association of Norfolk, Va.

Under authority of a special act of the Legislature passed March 8th, 1873, conferring corporate privileges upon the Masonic Relief Association, the Directors now have the pleasure to announce that a Grand Gift Concert (which for reasons set forth in this circular has been postponed) will be given at the Opera House in the City of Norfolk, on

Thursday, the 15th day of January, 1874

for the purpose of procuring funds necessary for the completion of the Masonic Temple now in course of erection in the City of Norfolk.

To provide means for this Grand Concert, one hundred thousand tickets of admission at \$5 each will be issued and sold, numbered from 1 to 100,000 respectively. Every whole ticket consists of Two Halves, each having the same number, and may be divided into its two fractional parts by cutting through the diagonal space left for that purpose. The purchaser of a whole ticket is entitled to admission to the Concert and to the whole of any gift that may be awarded to the number. So the holders of half tickets are entitled to admission to the Concert and to one half of any gift that may be awarded to their respective numbers. Thus the old Two Halves of the ticket on which was the number that received the award of the \$50,000 gift be held by two different individuals, each one would be entitled to \$25,000 on presentation of his respective Half ticket at the office of the Gift Concert on the fourth day after the drawing; and so of all other gifts.

The best musical talent that can be obtained will contribute to the pleasure of the entertainment, and \$1,000,000 Cash Gifts, aggregating Two Hundred and Fifty Thousand Dollars, Currency, will be distributed by Lot to ticket-holders as follows:

LIST OF GIFTS.

- One grand cash gift, \$50,000
One grand cash gift, 25,000
One grand cash gift, 12,500
One grand cash gift, 10,000
One grand cash gift, 5,000
One grand cash gift, 2,500
24 Cash Gifts, \$500 each, \$12,000
50 Cash Gifts, 250 each, 12,500
80 Cash Gifts, 200 each, 16,000
100 Cash Gifts, 150 each, 15,000
150 Cash Gifts, 100 each, 15,000
500 Cash Gifts, 50 each, 25,000
2000 Cash Gifts, 25 each, 50,000

Grand Total, TEN THOUSAND Gifts, all Cash, - \$250,000

WHOLE TICKETS, \$5.00. HALF TICKETS \$2.50.

CLUB RATES—11 Tickets for \$50. 23 Tickets for \$100.

The Directors avail themselves of the experience of the management of the experience of the Kentucky Labor Association, and will be governed by its regulations in regard to the distribution of prizes. The Concert will be held in the Opera House and under the immediate supervision of the Directors and the most eminent citizens of the State. The drawing will be by two blindfolded children from two glass wheels, the contents of which can be seen by the audience, which will contain 100 gifts on printed slips in sealed circular tubes, and the other in leather tags with numbers on them corresponding to all tickets sold. After the contents are thoroughly mixed by revolving the child at the first wheel will draw a number therefrom; and then the child of the second wheel will draw a gift therefrom, and the gift thus drawn belongs to the number drawn immediately before it. This process will continue until 100,000 gifts and no others are drawn. The official registry of the gifts so drawn will be kept by four of the most accurate book-keepers that can be obtained, and when the drawing is finished, the great wheel containing the leather tags will be placed in the hands of a committee acting on part of the ticket holders, who can examine for themselves and ascertain whether all the tickets sold were represented in the drawing. With such assurance all must see that the utmost fairness is certain, and a knowledge before hand of what gift any ticket will draw is also utterly impossible.

All the gifts aside from one thousand that are placed in the small wheel of the drawing, will be determined and paid by approximation, as follows: The number of the tickets sold being considered in a circle, numerically formed, and showing the highest number of a circle may be entitled to the highest capital gift will be taken as a center, on each side of which the next 4,500 numbers in regular numerical order will be counted; then working on its two sides the 9,000 nearest numbers, to each of which \$5 will be paid. In making this count of 9,000 numbers nearest to that of the capital gift, all intervening numbers which draw higher gifts will be expected and estimated so as to avoid duplicate gifts, it being the intention not to pay \$5 gifts to any ticket entitled to a higher gift.

Persons desiring to patronize the Concert by the purchase of tickets are earnestly requested to buy at once and thus save the management from being embarrassed with letters, orders, and correspondence for a few weeks previous to the drawing. All may rest assured of the Concert coming off promptly, and persons wishing particular numbers will be accommodated as far as possible if they order early, but if left within two weeks of the drawing, such requests cannot receive attention.

Tickets, like greenbacks, are good to the holders; buyers need not therefore be harrassed unless they so choose. In a cause so beneficial to the public, it is expected that every ticket will be sold; but whether all are sold or not, the drawing will nevertheless take place. Should any tickets be left unsold on the day of the drawing, they will be destroyed, and the ten thousand gifts will be drawn and paid, but diminished in value in proportion to the percentage of unsold tickets. For instance if only three-fourths of the tickets are sold, the Capital Gift will be reduced to \$37,500, and all others in proportion. It is apparent, however, that the entry ticket cancelled the chances of the holder are increased in the same proportion, thus making it equally fair to the ticket-holders in either case. So large a number of gifts, all cash, (being in the proportion of one to every tenth ticket holder) aggregating so vast a sum and in a cause so good, were never before offered to the public.

Agents are expressly required to make their returns on the 1st and 15th of each month, and no Agents will be permitted to hold or sell tickets on account of the proceeds after the 15th day of January, 1874, but all must make their final returns in time to reach this office by the 15th. The drawing will be published in the Norfolk and New York papers, and official copies of the drawing sent by mail to all agents and those out of the city who have ordered tickets by letter. All communications connected with the Concert, and orders for tickets, and application for Agencies to sell tickets should be addressed to:

HENRY V. MOORE,

Secretary Masonic Relief Association, Norfolk, Va.

Those who communicate with this office should write their names and postoffice plainly. Ordinary words in bad writing may be made out, but a name of person and place, to be understood, must be written plainly.

Those who wish to act as Agents for the sale of tickets, can learn terms by addressing me as above directed.

Tickets for sale at the office of the Association, No. 93 WEST MAIN STREET, BOX FOLE, VA., and NORFOLK NEWS COMPANY and T. O. WISE'S NEWS DEPOTS. All orders for tickets accompanied with the cash, will be promptly filled.

HENRY V. MOORE,

Secretary Masonic Relief Association, Norfolk, Va. Tickets can be procured of L. DAWSON, Agt., Concord Hotel. Nov 20—1/2 25