

months, "shall be stricken from the books of the Grand Lodge, be deprived of the benefit of Masonry, and its charter declared forfeited." All which does not indicate a state of great prosperity in Alabama.

It will be remembered that in August of last year a number of Companions of Lafayette Chapter, of Washington, D.C., made an excursion through the British Provinces. They were piloted by Comp. Dr. J. Edwin Mason, and were so well pleased with his guidance that on reaching Boston, on their way home, they unanimously passed the following preamble and resolutions: "*Whereas*, For his undivided attention, tending to the successful termination of one of the most pleasant excursions ever entered upon by a body of Masons, and for the pleasure we have experienced, traveling, as we have, under his watchful care, over twenty-five hundred miles, it is, *Resolved*, That our hearty thanks are hereby tendered to our genial and true-hearted Companion, D. J. Edwin Mason. *Resolved*, That these proceedings be suitably engrossed, and presented to our esteemed Companion." (Signed by the excursionists.) The resolutions, having been suitably engrossed, were presented to Comp. Mason on the evening of Feb. 28th. Comp. Mason is the representative of the Grand Chapter of Canada near the Grand Chapter of the District of Columbia.

MASONIC CHIT-CHAT.

By taking revenge a man is but even with his enemy; but in passing over it he is superior.

THE Grand Lodge Library of Massachusetts now contains 1,013 bound volumes, all strictly Masonic.

THE Grand Chapter of Kentucky at its last Convocation to resume relations with General Grand Chapter.

R. W. BRO. JOHN FARRAR, Past Grand J. W. of the Grand Lodge of Michigan, lately deceased, was 81 years of age, and had been a Mason for fifty-nine years.

THE Grand Lodge of Minnesota met in Annual Communication at St. Paul, on January 15, 1874. M. W. Bro. Charles Griswold, Grand Master, delivered an admirable address. During the past year he had dedicated four Masonic Halls.

THE Grand Orient of Italy has constituted a Lodge at Alexandria, Egypt, named "Abramo Lincoln, No. 1." Lodge No. 75, at Lodi, in Lombardy, Italy, also bears the same name. Masons in continental Europe generally speak of President Lincoln as a Mason. They are in error.

THE Masonic Orphan Asylum, at Oxford, North Carolina, on the afternoon of January 22d, was visited by Bishop Lyman, the Episcopal Bishop of North Carolina. The Asylum is beautifully situated upon the edge of the town. The Bishop preached to over 100 orphans gathered there, and expressed his opinion that they were well cared for and instructed.

ON Tuesday afternoon, as Hon. T. L. Jefferson, Senator from Louisville, was about stepping on the train homeward bound, one of our well-known citizens, in telling him good-bye, left a bank note in his hand, merely saying "for the Masonic Widows' and Orphans' Home." Upon getting in the car, Mr. Jefferson, who is president of this splendid charity, found the donation to be fifty dollars. We were present when he exhibited to his friends around him the generous donation, but he would not gratify their curiosity by giving the name of the donor, who, he said, did not desire it disclosed.—*Frankford, Ky., Yeoman.*

IT is positively asserted that the clove crop of the Island of Java has been completely destroyed by a storm. We can manage to worry along without cloves, but what are those poor men to do who are obliged to be at the "Lodge" nearly every night till 2 A. M., and then go home suffering from the toothache or something, and have no cloves to chew to conceal the fact from their loving wives? Here is where the destruction of the clove crop is going to strike the hardest.

"THE KNIGHTS TEMPLARS" in the title of a work just issued by the Masonic Publishing Company, of No. 626 Broadway, New York. It is a volume of nearly 650 pages—beautifully printed and copiously illustrated. C. C. Addison is the author of the historical portion. This edition is edited by Robert Macoy, 33°, and adapted to the American system of Templar Masonry. It is a most interesting work throughout.