

Mordhurst, of Fort Wayne, Indiana, of the General Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of the United States, announcing that the third triennial assembly will be held in Atlanta, Georgia, on November 19th. Reduced railway fares and hotel rates are being arranged for.

The *Masonic Constellation* accuses that hybrid Masonic journal, the *New York Dispatch*, of stealing its thunder. What better could be expected from a journal that sandwiches Masonic news between pages of murders, scandalous divorce suits, etc.? An unclean publication, that panders to the tastes of the scum of a large city, of necessity has but little sense of right or wrong.

The *Masonic Journal*, Portland, Me., says:—The Grand Lodge of Canada has now on her pension roll 355 widows, 55 orphans, and 31 needy brethren, all of whom receive substantial help regularly from the Grand Lodge treasury. This is practical Freemasonry, and we hope the day is not far distant when this Grand Body will interest itself in the founding of a Masonic Home.

The *Masonic Constellation* hits the nail plumb on the head when it says:—“A Master should never be tyrannical or arbitrary, much less the Grand Master of the Grand Encampment of the United States. The rank and file may not make much noise, but their opinion may go a long way towards creating a sentiment that will cast into oblivion any one assuming to act the autocrat.”

From the *Freemasons' Journal*, New York, we learn that:—V. Ill. Alex. B.

Mott, 33°, Puissant Lieutenant Grand Commander of the Grand Sovereign Consistory of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite for the United States, its Territories and Dependencies, and one of the most noted of American surgeons, died at his country seat, near Yonkers, on Monday, August 12th, of pneumonia, after an illness of two days.

“Soft-handed charity” is a nice, poetic, expression, but somehow it suggests an association with “light-fingered gentry.” Charity is given, as a rule, to those who seek assistance, whereas benevolence is given to those who have a claim. Needy Masons claim benevolence, not from a soft, velvet paw, beneath which may be hidden a claw as dangerous as a tiger's, but from the open, manly hand of a Mason by nature as well as name.

Grand Master Walkem and Grand Secretary Mason were delegates to the Triennial Synod of the Anglican church, which met recently in Montreal. Bro. Walkem took an active part in the debates, framed resolutions, and was on the most important committees. If there is any truth in the proverb about the gentleman from the infernal regions giving employment to those who are idle, it is evident he will not have our G. M. on his list, as Bro. Walkem's life is a very busy one.

Among the business transacted at the September Quarterly Meeting of the United Grand Lodge of England was the presentation of an address to the Duke of Fife, Prov. G. M. of Banffshire, congratulating him upon the recent happy event, his marriage with the Princess of Wales. The Board of