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FIFTIETH ANNIVERSARY

Of Birmingham Lodge, No. 44, F. & A. M., Celebrated Wednesday Evening, Jan. 9.

Large Number in Attendance and a Good Time Enjoyed by All. Hon. Hugh McCurdy, of Corunna, Made the Address of the Evening. Toasts Given by Other Members of the Order. Banquet Served in the Annex to Masonic Hall. Event Will Long Be Remembered.

[illegible] years had a century past slop[illegible] and thick, longer by far than many indi[illegible] lives, longer by years than the life of the annals of business firms; this is the case of Birmingham Lodge, No. 44, F. & A. M. Remembering that fact one cannot help but be somewhat awed and bewildered at the number who assembled in this place on Wednesday evening, Jan. 9, 1901. Masons, of course, and that was the reason why they chose to make their way to the Masonic temple, but there were many others present who were not members of the craft, and who had come to this place to do honor to the occasion. Birmingham Lodge, No. 44, F. & A. M., has been in existence for fifty years, and to celebrate the event in a fitting manner the members of the lodge decided to invite the people of the village to join with them in the festivities. Accordingly, Hugh McCurdy, of Corunna, and that well known Masonic orator, was secured to make the address of the evening. Hon. Harris Sutherland, W. M. of the lodge, presided over the session of the evening. Hon. Hugh McCurdy, when said in part as follows:

Worshipful Master, Brethren, Ladies and Gentlemen:

It has been the immemorial custom of civilized peoples to celebrate their anniversaries, personal, social, political and moral. The end of the year, or a half or quarter of those terminals is convenient and natural, and for such festivities as shall celebrate the occasion with proper emphasis.

Mr. McCurdy then gave a history of the institution of the lodge and told of his first entry into Masonry at this place August 15, 1850, when he had just passed his majority, and although he has since resided in the Masonic home of Flint to the highest honors he has been there, his first matter whose he has been his cold home lodge No. 44, F. & A. M.

The speaker then paid a glowing tribute to the memory of Madison Partridge, whose application for membership was the initial step in the lodge. After other things he said: Madison Partridge was Master of this lodge continuously for the period of 25 years, and served Master of the Grand Lodge. He died in this village July 7, 1870. He had looked forward to this day with pleasure and had frequently remarked that he would be present on that day, but on this occasion, light it was not to be. It was not to some to share in the labors, but but to the triumphs of the order, and he was not. Like Moses he was permitted to see the promised land, but not permitted to enter it. For some years I labored with, after all his labors and hopes he was not also fortunate in the selection of this anniversary. While we give a sigh of regret at his absence and from a sense of the high civil memory on his part, we feel that he can rest in his trust in God, and has received his reward above.

Mr. McCurdy then spoke feelingly and quickly of the friend of his boyhood, Dr. E. Raymond, and also of his son, Dr. C. M. Raymond, of the place. Other members of the order, long since dead, were remembered by the speaker, one of whom was gray haired men when he took the obligation of the order. To this he said:

I am the only member left of this lodge, when I joined it, and after many wanderings, I visit my old home to-night, and the faces of the ancient fraters come to my mind with more than wonted clearness, as Dr. Holman flees before one remarked, that he had the feeling that he was chased a day, and at night returned to his home. It is to me a sacred spot and hallowed memories turning the portals of this lodge. I miss the real presence of my brethren of fifty years ago, but their spirits, I sometimes fancy are here. It is a comfort to think that the dead are not dead, but live and among us are yet living here and among us. We are yet living here and among us. Masonry does not profess sacred ground at the portals of the living grave, or to do any despair upon the great mystery of the dark. That we are thought darkness upon the mystery of the dark. That we have not our brethren in the other world years, in the hope of a blessed resurrection. They are not dead but asleep. Even Sadie, as in the latter he is called as princes and king, and as the Arabs from scarlet and they carried some to care for brethren. Some of the sorrowful manner who accept their death in her love and in all that their spirits shall take the same up, reasonable. We see that their existence is not yet established, and it gives added confidence to our hope.

Brethren, at this meeting I am in the march of time, and are as soldiers for better service, intended to honor to the immediate leaders of the order, but more than at its institution, each officer in the performance of our obligations, in such manner that as one man we may watch on days to the higher duties of our order, and thus to the ultimate conquest of the unison generation to the principles we cherish. We can have no higher or holier to attain, and if we do this it will be well that we have met together at this milestone of associated life.

I part from you, but with regret, but in the confident hope that from this sacred hour we shall, as we our vows and in the midst of the country behold us from afar, the triumphs of our order, and say in the phrase of one very humble, but human fellow creature, who had less than we to offer [illegible] thanks and praise for [illegible] boon us, every one.

At the close of the address toasts were given by George Hollenbeck, of Clawson, D. M. Dolph, W. A. Gutteridge, D. M. Dolph, of this place, and Hon. Joseph W. Stockwell, of Pontiac, Judge of Probate for Oakland county. The remarks of these gentlemen were very suitable to the occasion and were listened to with pleasure by those present.

After the toasts had been served in the annex to the Masonic hall, the handiwork of the ladies of the O. E. S. was apparent on all sides and an elegant supper was partaken of by the guests. Then followed a pleasant hour of social conversation after which the guests departed for their respective homes with the thought that a very pleasant evening had been spent upon the occasion.

The Telephone.

One does not week the Michigan Telephone Co. is now in operation in Detroit and all the New State Telephone subscribers over in the Michigan Bell, the New State subscribers having several hundred names, and will be connected with the Michigan Bell. The New State subscribers will be connected with the Michigan Bell. The New State subscribers will be connected with the Michigan Bell. The New State subscribers will be connected with the Michigan Bell.

The old company are busy at work and a new switchboard is being installed, ring at present and new booths will be erected. Miss Florence Kemp will preside over the new switchboard. It is said that there is no truth in the story. The company has given to this office down the following subscribers:

J. E. Smith & Co.	Dr. C. M. Raynale
Exchange Bank	Dr. N. E. Scott
Water Works	Dr. H. L. Campbell
Wilson Bros. Gallery	Dr. H. Mather
Withers Farm	W. H. Sanders Agency
Hall Power House	C. H. Schwarz & Co.
Harris Farm	Bagley Livery
Brooks Farm	Merchant & Satterlee
Edwin Meier	Thos. H. Webb
J. K. Adams	National Hotel
A. Madge	Johnston's Livery
H. W. Culver	Mrs. F. M. Leonard
Hoag Farm	Mrs. J. F. Randel

This makes a truly little exchange and the company's immense business is slowly but surely being settled down to a perfect satisfactory basis. Mr. Mitchell, the manager, expects to have his list of subscribers by at least ten days. In the future, as many farmers have already expressed a desire to join the exchange. The rates are very low, in fact so cheap is the rate for farmers on party lines that we are sure every forty-acre farm will insist on being connected with the Birmingham Exchange. Party phones, two or more on one line can be rented for the unheard of price of $12 per year. This means that every farmer at home can be connected with the markets of Farmington, Pontiac or Detroit and know before hitching on just what his load is worth, where he is going to sell it, to whom and all about it before starting out. And it cheap and satisfactory. Seems to us it is an advantage that every farmer will hasten to take advantage of.

The arrangement of the lines and switchboard is only temporary, may but in a month or two the very latest up to-date improvement will be in possession of Mitchell's office and be ably presided over by Miss Florence King.

IMPORTANT QUESTION

Shall We Do What Others Towns Are Doing.

The question of good, durable side walks is one of great importance to us, and it is one that the village boards of our sister towns either have considered or are considering. Shall we not ask our trustees to do as will by us as they are doing? Some of our trustees have taken pains to find out the plans of these towns and are prepared to select the best things from them. Plans of Romeo, Lapeer and Farmington are among those who have found that it was a greater tax on the citizen and not sooner to build good walks every to cross and repair them every year. Find to build a good, permanent walk to-day thing of the danger to-day and to-morrow. A tenfoot walk with oak stringers costs about as square foot, and will not cost to exceed ten years, while a cement walk that will last 50 to 75 years will cost from 1 to 12 cents per square foot more. Now, if the village was to build all walks assisting the cost of a cheap walk to the property owner and the expense over and above that to the village we would soon have a different looking town. The village can build cheaper than the individual and by doing the work as it would make uniformity of strength. It might be also well further to look to people by allowing the payment to be made in order to installments so what help the property owner help the town.

The only persons who could object to this plan of securing good walks and doing away with the yearly expense of repairing and inspecting would be those who have already built cement walks and we do know to believe that we have any considerable number. If citizens will would be so small as to object to what would help the ess [illegible] neighbor and the whole town. Let us take some action in the matter.

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AS ITHERS SEE US.

Wouldn't this Trip a Duck? and he Once Was a B'ham Boy.

J. H. Whitney, one of Detroit's most popular and successful business men and capitalists, writes the following to THE ECCENTRIC and it is self explanatory. We cannot help but accept the criticism and hint, but can say all we need to make our little town a paradise is a few men like Mr. Whitney to move to our village, then all pull together and secure electric lights, and sewerage, then we are a city sure. Come on boys, we'll shout help and joy with you. Try it, brother.

Detroit, Jan. 14, '01.

Editors Eccentric:

Enclosed to be sent to your little city the other night and ran across a man in the street, carrying a lighted lantern. I asked him what he was looking for. Said he was looking for the electric lights. I told him he was in the wrong town, that he ought to be in Royal Oak.

Very truly yours,

Fraxis H. Whitney.

RESOLUTIONS.

At a meeting of the Ladies' Literary Club held at the residence of Mrs. J. Alfred Ingelson, on the evening of January 14, 1901, the following resolutions were unanimously adopted:

Whereas, In the unfortunate death of our friend, Mrs. Aurilla Baldwin, we humbly recognize the hand of an all wise Father in taking to Himself one who in life was greatly beloved and whose loss we deeply deplore.

Resolved, That, while we mourn the death of our dear friend, we shall always remember the perfect sweetness of her character, her winning manner, her uniform cheerfulness, her courtesy and kindness to all with whom she came in contact.

Resolved, That, by her beautiful life on earth, Mrs. Baldwin set to an example as a devoted wife, a self-sacrificing mother and a faithful, loving friend.

Resolved, That we offer to the bereaved daughter, Miss Martha Baldwin, our heartfelt sympathy in this her deep affliction.

Resolved, That these resolutions be entered upon the records of the club, given to the press and presented to the daughter of our deceased friend.

Mrs. C. M. Raynale, } Com.
Miss J. Allen Burlow, }

Have You a Cold?

If so, then instead of taking so much quinine take a pleasant and mild stomach and bowel remedy which will cleanse the system, and you will be surprised how quickly the cold will leave you. We sell Dr. Caldwell's Syrup Pepsin for just this purpose. Try it. 50c. and $1. For sale by Whitehead & Mitchell.

OBITUARY.

Ervin W. Millard was born in the township of Kirtland, Geauga county, Ohio, April 5, 1818, and departed this life at the home of his son-in-law, Wm. Strong, in Troy, Jan. 11, 1901, at the age of 82 years, 9 months and 6 days.

At the age of 18 deceased came to the state of Michigan and worked several months on a farm in Kalamazoo county after which he returned to his home in Ohio. After remaining there a few years he again returned to Michigan and settled in Royal Oak where he formed the aquaintance of Miss Nancy Newton, to whom he was married in April, 1847. For over 50 years they shared each others joys and sorrows as they traveled life's pathway. About four years ago she bade him good bye and passed on before him. His home being broken up he went to live with his only daughter, Mrs. Wm. Strong, where he died.

After his marriage in 1847 he went to Wisconsin and in 1850 returned to Michigan and settled in Troy, where he had lived for over 50 years, and during that time he had never seen a day that he was not able, on account of sickness, to dress and leave his room until less than one week before his death. He leaves one brother and one sister, each older than himself and one daughter and her family and a large circle of more distant relatives and friends to mourn his loss.

Something over one year ago he selected the men whom he wished to act as pall bearers, also the minister to preach his funeral sermon, which was held at the home of his daughter, Jan. 13, and his remains were deposited in the cemetery at Union Corner in Troy.

To Cure a Cold in One Day

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ADVERTISED LETTERS.

The following is a list of letters remaining unclaimed in the postoffice in Birmingham, Mich., for the week ending January 12, 1901.

C. G. Greenman.

Persons calling for the above will please say "advertised."

John Hanna, P. M.

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Our line of Ladies' Fine Shoes embraces all the latest fads in Shoe making. The styles are right, the prices are right, the wear is right. We know we merit your trade.

$1.50.	$2.50.
1.75.	3.00.
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Dress Goods, Black Goods, Silks, Cottons,
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We offer the only brand new stock of goods in the city. Every garment bought this season, and of latest cut and materials. No Bankrupt Stocks. No Job Lots from other retailers, but brand new up-to-date, wearable, stylish, garments, at Lowest Prices Ever Offered. Come and see for yourself.

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