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Work is Worship.

Toiling brothers, are you weary, Struggling 'neath life's bitter weight? Dream not idleness is honor, Envy not the proud and great; Noble is your humble lot; Work is worship, scorn it not.

Sigh not for the gilded glory That the crown or scepter brings; If ye rule the fields of labor, Ye are god created kings. Oft a regal heart may rest 'Neath a coarse and tattered vest.

Though the worldly great may scorn you, Ye are men--what more are they? Have they not the same Creator? Are they made of other clay? 'Tis by noble deeds alone That a noble soul is known.

Let the voice of prayer and labor Blend in one harmonious chime; Useful works are glorious anthems, Toil is prayer the most sublime. Though ye suffer scorn and pain, Think not that ye live in vain,

Think of Him, the "Meek and Lowly," When in weariness ye groan-- How He lived and toiled and suffered, Poor, unhonored and unknown-- He the universal Lord, Worshipped by both dead and word.

Honored be the earnest worker, Bless the rough, toil-hardened hand; While the glorious hymn of labor Upward floats from wave to land. Toilers, noble is your lot-- Work is worship, scorn it not.

From the Orphans' Friend.

The General Orphan Aid Society.

On the 34th of June, 1876, Rev. E. A. Wilson, Dr. C. D. Rice and J. H. Mills met at the Orphan Asylum in Oxford, and having after due deliberation, adopted a ritual, Constitution, sign, password and pledge, organized the General Orphan Aid Society, of North Carolina. The officers were located in different parts of the State in order that they might organize Subordinate Societies and put them into active operation. These Societies are necessary, because in many districts there are no Lodges of Masons, nor organizations of any kind working in co-operation with the Orphan Asylum. They are not intended to take the place of live Lodge Committees; but to secure an efficient organization wherever there are people anxious to aid the Orphan Work. The organization of this Society is separate and distinct from Masonry; but it has the approval of the Grand Lodge and of the Grand Master of Masons. The Charters, Rituals &c., will be ready in a few days. Here is the

CONSTITUTION.

1. The name of this organization shall be the General Orphan Aid Society of North Carolina, and its object shall be to help the Orphan work. 2. The officers shall consist of a President, Secretary, Treasurer, Chaplain, Usher and Sentinel, and they shall be

elected annually, by ballot.

3. The General Society shall consist of the following persons: John Nickols, President; Superintendent of the Orphan Asylums, ex-officio, Secretary; S. Wittkowsky, Treasurer; Rev. E. A. Wilson, Chaplain; C. M. Van Orsdell, Usher; R. W. Hardie, Sentinel; Dr. C. D. Rice, Steward of the Orphan Asylum at Asheville, ex officio, and Presidents of Subordinate Societies when organized.

4. The meetings of the General Societies shall be held at the time and place appointed by the President; and the representatives of five Subordinate Societies shall constitute a quorum.

5. The president shall preside when present, preserve order, and enforce all the rules and regulations of the Society. In the absence of the President, the officer next in rank shall preside.

6. The Secretary shall keep an exact record of the proceedings of the meetings, issue such notices as the President shall require, call the roll of the members, and with the assistance of the Usher collect the dues, enter the items on the minutes, pay them over to the Treasurer, taking his receipt for the same, in the minute book.

7. The Treasurer shall receive from the Secretary all funds of the Society, giving him a receipt therefor; keep a true account, in a book kept for the purpose, and immediately, after every meeting, forward to the Orphan Asylums all moneys not otherwise appropriated, and file all receipts from the Asylums for the sums so sent.

8. The duties of the Chaplain, Usher and Sentinel are suggested by the Ritual. The sentinel shall perform the additional duty of keeping the hall in order, and preparing it for occupancy in advance of every meeting.

9. Subordinate Societies may be organized by any member of the General Society, under a Charter signed by the President and Secretary, and the seal of the General Society. The Charter and books shall be furnished by the Secretary for five dollars.

10. Each Subordinate Society shall pay annually one dollar to the General Society.

11. The President, Secretary, Treasurer, Chaplain and Ushers shall constitute a Committee on Charity, whose duty shall be to inaugurate and promote legitimate and moral means for the support of the Orphan Work.

12. The President, Chaplain, and Usher shall constitute a committee on Finance whose duty shall be to examine the books of the Secretary and Treasurer, and report their condition annually in the General Society, and quarterly in the Subordinate Societies.

13. Any worthy person may become a member of the General, or Subordinate Societies, by consent of two thirds of the members present at any meeting, upon the payment of not less than fifty cents.

14. The dues of each member of the

Subordinate Societies shall not be less than five cents per week, and shall be promptly paid at each meeting.

15. Not more than ten per cent of the gross receipts of the Subordinate Societies shall be disbursed for current expenses.

16. The meeting of the Subordinate Societies shall be held at least once each month, and special meetings may be called when deemed necessary.

17. The Subordinate Societies shall have power to exercise such discipline as shall, in their judgement, be expedient.

18. If any members of the General or Subordinate Society shall be found unfaithful in the management of its funds, the Secretary shall forward their names to the ORPHAN'S FRIEND and MASONIC JOURNAL for publication.

19. The President of the General Society shall have power to arrest the Charter of any Subordinate Society, at his discretion.

20. Every person paying annually \$100 to the General Society, or \$25 to any Subordinate Society, shall be enrolled as an honorary member thereof.

21. Each Society is allowed to frame by laws for its government in conformity with this Constitution.

22. This Constitution may be amended at any meeting of the General Society, by a vote of two thirds of the members present.

THE FOLLOWING IS THE CHARTER FOR SUBORDINATE SOCIETIES.

Know all men by these presents, that we, President, and Secretary of the Orphan Aid Society of North Carolina, do, by these presents, grant this Charter to, President, Secretary, Treasurer, Chaplain, Usher, Sentinel, of county, State of North Carolina, and do authorize them to organize a Society to be known as Orphan Aid Society, No. and do hereby empower them to do such acts and no other, as are prescribed in the Constitution of the General Orphan Aid Society of North Carolina.

Given under our hands and the seal of the General Orphan Aid Society at the Orphan Asylum in Oxford, North Carolina, on the day of A. D. 187...

SEAL President.

Secretary.

Home.—What sweet recollections mingle with that sound. Home, the sanctuary of the soul; the altar around which cluster the sweetest and purest affections, flowing from hearts all unused to selfishness; the nursery of heaven-born friendship; the harbor to which we may fly when the storms of adversity rise, and the mad waves of life's ocean lashed to fury, threaten to engulf our frail bark.

Cincinnati has 4693 manufactories, which produce \$150,000,000 worth of products annually.

PEN AND SCISSORS.

... The potato crop promises to be huge this year.

... Rome is to have two or three public fountains on her streets.

... Gustav Kumaar, the famous iron master of Sweden, is dead.

... Sixty men have been discharged from the Erie railroad shops.

... Women of twenty-five in Egypt are considered old.

... The Khedive of Egypt is forty-five and has four wives.

... The auditor of Kentucky reports the population of the State at 1,666,525.

... Brigham Young has dedicated a new Mormon temple at St. George, Southern Utah.

... It is said that at least 183 persons have been killed and wounded by the Indians on the different routes leading to the Black Hills.

... All in St. Louis. Her name was Marie Meyer and his was Helper Bogg. He wanted to marry Marie and helper through the mire.

... Henry Ward Beecher's house, in Brooklyn, N. Y., has been robbed of silver ware valued at between \$600 and \$800.

... Miss Thursby is to receive \$3,000 per annum for singing in the Brooklyn Tabernacle, with carriage and other items of cost in addition. This is said to be the largest salary paid to any choir singer in the country.

... News of the last missionary who penetrated to Timbuctoo has been received; but it comes from the natives themselves. They say; "He was good send us some more."

... The laws of Pennsylvania impose a fine of five dollars for the killing of blue bird, bobolink, cat bird, cedar bird, dove, finch, lark, martin, night hawk, robin, sparrow, swallow, tanager thrush, wood-pecker, whippoorwill, or any other insectivorous birds.

... The San Antonio (Texas) Herald says the stage drivers between that city and Kingston are to be provided with umbrellas to hold over the stage robbers in case it rains, while they are robbing the mails and relieving the passengers.

... Beware of confiding in distant prospects of happiness, lest they be suddenly intercepted by the most trivial present vexation. A leaf in the foreground is large enough to conceal a forest on the far horizon.

... At Galveston, Texas, recently, the grave of a deceased druggist was opened, and the thumb and forefinger of the right hand cut from the corpse. It is thought that it was the work of superstitious negroes, who imagine that there is great curative power in the right forefinger and thumb of a druggist.

... The Burlington Hawkeye says: It is remarkable the number of heavily clad, uncomfortable looking gentlemen you can meet on the street now, who will confidentially inform you in a whisper that they are wearing out their winter clothes on a bet.

... Now is the time for lovers to get spooney over ice cream, she taking a few pretty dabs at his vanilla and he borrowing a taste of her chocolate. This process inspires confidence in the day when they will be throwing corn beef and cabbage across the table.

... Some of the fun-loving girls of Eden Lake, Minn., decided to "put up a job" on a young man who was rather inclined to look down upon the feminine gender. So one of them, taking advantage of leap year, made a proposal of marriage to him, four or five other girls who were in the plot being concealed listeners. To the surprise of all the young man accepted, and now the fair "popper" wants to back out, but he will not consent and threatens breach of promise.