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to the Chapter, and permission granted said Chapter to move to Elizabeth City upon a compliance with the constitutional provision regulating removals.

The charter of Mt. Energy Chapter, No. 37, Granville county, was restored, with permission to move to Franklinton, on like conditions.

The amendment to the constitution providing that the Grand Chapter shall hold its annual convocations "at such place as each succeeding Annual Convocation shall determine," was adopted. Charlotte was selected as the place for the next Annual Convocation.

The amendment to the constitution changing the stipend system from \$15 for each Chapter to \$1 per capita on the membership of each Chapter, was laid on the table.

The time for the annual election of Grand Officers was changed from Wednesday to Tuesday.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Election of Grand Officers.—The Grand Chapter proceeded to the election of Grand Officers for the ensuing year which resulted as follows:

G. H. P.—Thos. S. Dewey, Charlotte.

D. G. H. P.—Thos. S. Kenan, Wilson.

G. K.—T. B. Hyman, Goldsboro.

G. S.—A. Wronski, Wilmington.

G. T.—John Nicols, Raleigh.

G. S.—D. W. Bain, Raleigh.

G. C. H.—J. A. Hedrick, Salisbury.

Grand Chaplain.—Rev. Theodore Whitefield Charlotte, N. C.

EVENING SESSION.

The Grand High Priest elect made the following appointments of Grand Officers:

W. T. Batley, Clinton, Grand Prinl. Soj'r.

Thos. J. Sloan, Greensboro, Grand Royal Arch Capt.

Alex. Nicol, Kinston, Grand Master 3d Vail.

Edwin Brace, Hertford, Grand Master 2d Vail.

W. H. Jones, Newbern, Grand Master 1st Vail, who, together with the officers elected this afternoon, were installed by P. G. High Priest E. F. Watson.

The Grand High Priest appointed C. C. Smith, of Charlotte, Grand Tiler, who, not being present, was not installed.

A well written and lengthy report on Foreign Correspondence was presented by Comp. James Southgate, which will appear in the published Proceedings.

Five hundred copies of Proceedings were ordered to be printed with the constitution and laws of Grand Chapter.

Appropriations were made as follows:

Grand Secretary for services past year, \$50; Grand Treasurer for services past year, \$15; Grand Tiler for services present convocation, \$10, exclusive of expenses.

Comp. A. Wronski, of Wilmington, introduced resolutions tendering the thanks of the Grand Chapter to the several Rail Road Companies that have extended courtesies to delegates, to Raleigh Chapter for hospitalities, and to citizens of Raleigh for kind attentions, which were unanimously adopted.

The Grand Treasurer and Grand Secretary submitted their annual reports. Receipts during year, \$345. Balance in hands of Treasurer, \$320.09.

Wednesday Morning, 9th June.

The following standing committees were announced:

Finance: E. H. White, B. F. Rogers, C. M. Van Orsdell.

Foreign Correspondence: James Southgate, H. H. Munson, T. B. Hyman.

Jurisdiction: W. G. Hill, E. F. Watson, Geo. W. Blount.

On motion of Comp. B. F. Rogers, the question of eligibility of the Grand High Priest to the office of High Priest of a subordinate Chapter, was referred to the committee on Jurisdiction with instructions to report at the next Annual Convocation.

The constitution and laws of the Grand Chapter having no provision on this subject there are precedents for holding both offices at same time.

Thanks were returned to the retiring Grand Officers for faithfulness in the discharge of their respective duties.

The Grand Chapter was closed in solemn form.

Democratic Emperor.

The recent story of a well-known Duchess who waited half an hour for a porter rather than open a door herself, is happily not a just representation of all courtly people's habits:

"During the journey of Emperor Joseph II. to Italy, one of the wheels of his coach broke down on the road, so that it was with difficulty he reached a small village at a short distance. On his arrival there, His majesty got out at the door of the only blacksmith's shop the town afforded, and desired him to repair the wheel without delay.

"That I would do willingly," replied the smith, "but it being holiday, all my men are at church; the very boy who blows the bellows is not at home."

"An excellent method then presents of warming oneself," replied the Emperor, preserving his incognito; and he immediately set about blowing the bellows, while the blacksmith forged the iron. The wheel being repaired six sols were demanded for the job, but the Emperor gave six ducats.

"The blacksmith returned them to the traveler, saying, 'Sir, you have made a mistake, and instead of six sols you have given me six pieces of gold, which no one in the village can change.'

"Change them when you can," said the Emperor, stepping into the carriage; "an Emperor should pay for such a pleasure as that of blowing the bellows."

An Imitative Celestial.

The San Francisco Bulletin says that a family in the southern part of that city recently engaged the service of a Celestial domestic, whose intelligence and industry were highly recommended.

The lady of the house decided that the matting on the floor of the spacious kitchen needed renewing. The old matting, having been patched, was a sorry sight; in fact it appeared to be made up of a dozen irregular pieces. The bright new matting was sent to the house, and John was requested to substitute it for the frayed and patched stuff. The family accepted an invitation to visit the interior, and left John a clear field for his operations. They returned to find that the new matting had been laid with methodical precision. There was the new matting to show for itself. But what a show! John had cut it into irregular pieces, patched it and frayed the edges, until it was a counterpart of the old matting in everything but age.

THE ORPHANS' FRIEND.

Wednesday, June 16, 1875.

Educational Association.

The 3rd annual meeting of the Educational Association of North Carolina will be held in the city of Raleigh, commencing Wednesday, July 14th, 1875.

A programme of proceedings will be published in a few days. Papers friendly to the Association will please notice.

By order of the Executive Committee. JOHN E. DUGGER, Secretary.

ST. JOHN'S DAY.

The observance of the Anniversary of St. John the Baptist, on Thursday, 24th inst., will take place in Oxford, as heretofore stated, under something like the following order of exercises:

All affiliated Masons are requested to meet at the Hall of Tuscarora Lodge at 10 o'clock, a. m., where a procession will be formed and proceed to the Asylum grounds.

At the Asylum the exercises will consist of one or more Masonic orations, singing by the Orphans, and an independent picnic.

Every body is invited to attend, and every body, who can do so, is expected to bring along a basket of edibles for themselves and friends, as no public dinner will be provided, the committee preferring to save that expense and bestow it on the Orphans.

Dr. Grissom will, during the day or evening, deliver his lecture on Insanity and the Illustrious Insane.

Grand Master, George W. Blount, will deliver a Masonic Address; others are invited but not yet heard from.

All Masonic Lodges in the county are invited to attend and join in the observance of the day.

HEALTH OF THE CHILDREN.

Among such a large number of children as are gathered here at the Asylum, it could not be expected otherwise than that there should be, almost every day, cases of slight indisposition; but recently we have had two or three cases of a more serious character—fever, apparently of a typhoid form; but they are now convalescent. To all the physicians of Oxford we are under obligation for gratuitous professional service whenever called upon. During the continuance of the cases above alluded to, running through some four or five weeks, Dr. George Landis, has not failed a day in making his regular calls and prescribing for our sick. Drs. Paschall and Young have also made occasional calls, and would have come oftener had it been necessary. The institution is certainly under great obligation to the physicians of the town for their prompt and liberal professional attention.

THE SABBATH.

Walking about the streets of some of our inland towns and villages, of the size of Oxford, for instance, on the Sabbath day, and seeing the number of boys between the ages of five and twenty years, who seem to attend no Sabbath School, but, on the contrary, to be amusing themselves in various ways, some rambling about the suburbs, some off to the creeks bathing, some gathered in groups engaged in conversations they would not like for their parents to hear, naturally suggests to the thinking mind the inquiry,

Are not many parents committing a sad mistake in regard to the manner in which they allow their children to spend the Sabbath? The inquiry is, of course, based upon the admitted fact that we are a Christian people and believe the Bible to be the revealed will of God to man. If all that is meant by this be true, and the blessings and curses laid down in the Bible as the result of one course or another, in the matter of training up children, may be expected to follow, then the inquiry above becomes important, because it involves questions of the welfare of the rising generation for this life and the life to come.

If children are permitted to entertain loose views of the claims of the Bible and their obligation to reverence and obey its precepts, as emanating from God, will they not, in after years, ignore the restraints of moral obligation as laid down in that holy book, and finally lose sight of responsibility to God for their actions in this world? And if parents, from mere indolence in this matter, or from want of a proper conception of duty on the subject, directly or indirectly connive at the formation of these loose notions of sacred obligation on the part of their children, and suffer them to grow up without other moral restraint than what the opinion of the world imposes, do they not, as we have suggested, commit a sad mistake—a mistake that will affect the welfare of their children for time and for eternity, a mistake, (or neglect) for which they will have to account, on that great day when the flimsy excuses for neglect of duty, so often advanced in this world, will not avail.

CROPS.—If we plant no seeds in Spring, we shall harvest no crops in Autumn. This has been said so often that every body knows it, and it is such a self-evident fact that every body would know it whether it had ever been said or not. And yet there are many who seem to forget that it is necessary to sow the seeds of truth and virtue in the heart in youth in order to reap honor and respectability in riper years, and that it is equally necessary to sow the seeds of religion and piety in the soul in this world, in order to reap a happy immortality in the world to come.

It, no doubt, seems to many an outsider, a very easy and simple matter to edit and publish a little paper like the "ORPHANS' FRIEND," but the call of the printer for "copy" and the necessity of furnishing it right away, of the right sort, would soon convince one who would undertake it, that it is not so easy a matter as might be imagined, when it is remembered what narrow limits are prescribed to it.

It is not, in modern acceptance, a newspaper, and therefore cannot draw on the usual sources of telegraphic items and "latest news" paragraphs of its exchanges for matter to fill its columns.

It is not political, and hence the great body of reading matter found in most of the secular papers, is of no use to it in making up its selections.

It is not religious in a denominational or sectarian sense, and has to be very cautious in its selections from the organs of any one denomination lest it give offence to those of its readers who may belong to some other denomination.

It is not sensational, and, consequently has no place for a large amount of a particularly sort of literature on which the public mind, in the present day, seems to feed and fatten, like crows on the carcass of a decaying dray horse.

It is not sufficiently sentimental to make available to its columns the love-sick nonsense that fills two-thirds of our fashionable magazines, the writers of which, while they make bread for themselves are distilling poison for the minds of the youths and maidens of the country.

Puffing, a common source of long paragraphs on slender foundations, for many newspapers now-a-days, is not in its line. A bottle of whiskey, a quart of blackberries would

not prove sufficiently inspiring to draw out a two-stick laudation in superlative adjectives of the donor, nor justify the advertising a doubtful business for such poor pay.

Now, from such a mingled mass of unaccountable material to call the tit-bits that shall feed without cloying, nourish without poisoning the minds of that interesting class for whose benefit the publication of the paper is chiefly designed, is no easy, and no trifling work, but one that requires care, study and prayer to perform properly and successfully. It is a work that must not be done heedlessly nor with indifference. A paper read by a child from week to week, exercises no little influence in forming the character of that child for life. What an awful responsibility, then, rests upon him or her, whose duty it is to write and select the reading matter that is to fill the columns of such a paper, and how peculiarly careful ought he or she to be not to insert an article or paragraph that shall impair the reverence of the child for the great principles of truth, honesty, integrity, morality or religion.

A SEWING "BEE."

"Spelling Bees" have become so much the fashion of late that almost every town and village in the country has had one. Oxford has not had one yet that we have heard of, but it has had something better, and that is, a "sewing bee."

A number of ladies of the town, every one of which has made, is now making, or would make, if tried, a splendid house-keeper, knowing that we were a little, (yes, "right smart") behindhand in having summer clothing made up for the children of the Orphan Asylum, notified the officers, last week, that if the material were sent to a certain place, they would devote two or three days to the making it up into suitable garments for the children. The goods were sent accordingly, and by Saturday night we had a large number of new ready made garments for the children to wear to Sunday School next day.

Mrs. S. A. Elliott took a leading part in the movement, and had the ready and expert cooperation of the following ladies: Miss Maggie Taylor, Mrs. A. H. A. Williams, Misses Minnie and Letta Kittrell, Misses Mary and Maggie Kingsbury, Miss Eliza Pool, Miss Lena Taylor, Misses Mary and Ella Blacknall, Miss Bettie Spencer, Miss Mary Young, Mrs. J. T. Hunt, Miss Flora Hunt, Miss Pattie Miner, Misses Sue and Mittie Hall, Miss Lillie Mitchell.

To these ladies we desire to tender the thanks of the officers of the institution, and of the children so opportunely benefited by their kindness, and particularly, as they promise to duplicate the favor at an early day.

CONVOCATION OF THE GRAND CHAPTER OF N. C.

We devote a good deal of our space this week to a report of the proceedings of the Grand Chapter of the State, which convened in Raleigh last week. While that sort of matter may not prove very interesting to some of our readers, it must be remembered that to others it will, and we must try to please every body in the long run by pleasing a part at a time.

DECORATION.—On Friday of this week, at 5½ p. m. the ladies of Oxford will attend to the decoration of the graves of Confederate soldiers at the cemetery in town. We are not informed as to the programme of the occasion, but suppose it will be simply an informal votive offering to the memory of the dead heroes buried there.

At the 50th anniversary of the Bible Society held in Chicago recently, the report shows the receipts during the year to have been \$577,509, expenditures \$533,714. The total number of Bibles distributed was 920,055.