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MRS. STRADLEY'S SCHOOL for young ladies will begin the next session on the third Monday of this month. This school presents first class claims to patronage.

It is rumored that Miss Mitchell and Mrs. Grant contemplate removing from Oxford to open a school in Statesville. We hope, for the sake of the educational interests of our pleasant little town that the rumor is not well founded.

As noticed last week, Prof. Fetter, Assisted by Mr. Phillips—two names the very mention of which is suggestive of the subject of education in this State,—will open the Fall term of their classical school next Monday.

Oxford presents facilities for the education of youth of both sexes surpassed by few, if any, of the towns in the state.

THE TIT! TIT!—Robinson the Associate of the Torch-Light, who was recently married says a machine that has been patented by a dentist of Connecticut to hold a woman's tongue, is "one of the greatest inventions of the age." You'll have to answer a different sort of critic from the public, now, young man, for writing such paragraphs as that.

IT IS AND IT ISN'T.—The Henderson Tribune is exercised because the Leader of this place gives the number of children here as 106, and the Torch Light as 114. To reconcile the matter we would state that the number is constantly varying, as new ones come in and old ones go out to homes selected for them. Some weeks more come in than go out; in other weeks more go out than come in. Don't you see how it is! Like the manner of that colored child's death, there is nothing definite about the number in any one week.

GO NE.—The Superintendent left yesterday morning in charge of a dozen Orphans, on a concert tour and will probably be absent two or three weeks. We hope the friends along their route will take good care of him and his little band and do all they can to make their visit among them a success.

JUST SO.—A very warm friend of the Orphan work, in handing in a donation recently, stated that, in taking up collections, he frequently had promissory tickets dropped in, in which the givers were sometimes slow in redeeming. "I tell them," said he, "that the children can't live on promises." That is just true. A great many excellent, good hearted people intend to help the orphans, but, from one cause or another, postpone it from time to time, in the meantime the officers of the Asylum become exceedingly perplexed in their efforts to provide for those under their charge. "Work while it is called To-day, for the night cometh when no man can work."

LOSSES BY FIRE.—The New York World estimates the losses by fire in the United States, for the month of May last, at \$8,745,000. No wonder Insurance Companies multiply.

THE HEALTH OF THE ORPHANS at present is very good. We have only three or four in the sick rooms, and their indisposition is of a slight character. As a general thing they all have splendid appetites.

DAILY.—The editor of the Torch-Light proposes to issue a daily edition of his paper during the session of the District Conference of the M. E. Church, which commences here on the 22nd inst. The price of the paper will be 15 cents during the session of the Conference. Of course the object is to give the daily proceedings of that body, together with other current news.

THE WORD "AWFUL".—The following rebuke of a very prevalent corruption of the English language is from the columns of a religious paper. This much abused word "awful" has nearly lost, with us, its original meaning, inspiring awe. A few years ago I met two little girls going home from school, one of whom said to the other, "Hain't we fun yesterday? We had awful fun!"

AN AWFUL STORY.—There was once an awful little girl, who had an awful way of saying "awful" to everything. She lived in an awful house, in an awful street, in an awful village, which was an awful distance from any other awful place. She went to an awful school, where she had an awful teacher, who gave her awful lessons out of awful books. Every day she was so awful hungry that she ate an awful amount of food, so that she looked awful healthy. Her hat was awful small, and her feet were awful large. She went to an awful church, and her minister was an awful preacher. When she took an awful walk she climbed awful hills, and when she got awful tired she sat down under awful trees to rest herself. In summer she found the weather awful hot, and in winter awful cold. When it didn't rain there was an awful drought, and when the awful drought was over there was an awful rain. So that this awful little girl was all the time in an awful state, and if she don't get over saying "awful" about everything, I am afraid she will, by and by, come to an "awful" end.

Of that homely yet important subject, beefsteak, a correspondent of Scribner's writes as follows: First, care should be taken that the meat be not punctured or broken certainly not bruised or pounded; as a good, judiciously chosen steak is always tender without that. English cooks are so particular on this point, that they never allow a fork to be used, but have steak-tongs for turning. Now that we have these nice broilers of galvanized wire; that shut like covers of a book, the steak can easily be turned, without the use of any other utensils. The steak should be placed over a clear, bright fire, not too hot, and frequently turned, in order to cook it evenly and thoroughly; but it should not be overcooked, as much is thus lost in flavor. No salt should be put upon the steak while on the fire; but the moment it is withdrawn, it should be placed upon a hot dish; then butter and salt on both sides, pressing a little with the point of the knife as you do so, and you will have a delicious, juicy steak, with little if any waste.

A young wife remonstrated with her husband, a dissipated spendthrift, on his conduct. "My love," said he, "I am only the prodigal son, I shall return by-and-by." "And I will be like the prodigal son too," she replied, "for I will arise and go to my father; and off she went."

CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE ORPHAN ASYLUM FROM JUNE 29th TO JULY 6th INCLUSIVE.

- IN CASH.
\$70 00, Collection at Mars Hill June 24.
33 50, Orphans' Friend.
30 00, Orr Lodge, No. 104.
25 00, Ashpole Thespian Corps.
25 00, Hon. B F Moore.
24 00, Collection at Bakersville.
20 00, Farmington Lodge, No. 265.
19 58, Mile box, Citizens National Bank.
15 00, Ashpole Lodge, No. 335.
11 00, Hiram Lodge, No. 40.
9 80, Congregation Mountain Creek, through G W Pittard, Com. Adoniram Lodge.
6 95, Concord Church, Ansonville, N C.
6 82, Congregation, Amis' Chapel, through G W Pittard, Com. Adoniram Lodge.
6 12, Philadelphia Baptist S. School, Hillsboro, N. C.
6 05, Collection at Waynesville June 24.
4 05, Episcopal Congregation, Statesville, N. C.
2 00 each, Wisconsin Lodge, No. 240, Mrs W B Royall, F C Geer.
1 30, M. E. Congregation, Harrellsville.
1 10, Lebanon Lodge, No. 207.
1 00 each, A bachelor minister, the little Maguias.

- IN KIND.
1 pig, John Roberts.
2 Bus Corn, Thomas Boberts.
2 Bus Butter, B W Cox.
1 sack flour, J M McElroy.
1 pr shoes, 3 bed covers, 3 hats, 3 yds sheeting, 1 yds calico, by citizens of Bakersville.
1 Bbl flour, Henry Knott.
1 Bbl flour, Lawson Knott.
6 girls' Hats, R I Hunt.
2 large Baskets, N L Brown.
Lot Medicine, Pesent Lee & Co.
Large box Bacon, by the following Grocery merchants and others of Raleigh, Viz.,
Wayne Alcott, R H Withers, L D & W R Womble, John B H L L M Yearb, Womble & Son, F Christophers, F church & Bagwell, Leach Bros, Pool & Moring, Adams & Moore, Wyatt, Bing ham & Co J D W Atterck, A C Saunders & Co B H Woodell Parker Barber & Latta, A H Temple R F Jones & Co J Aston John Armstrong R H Womble Gov Holden J B Nethery, N S Harp.

The following persons have paid for 'THE ORPHANS' FRIEND' for one year from this date:

- Jerry Smith, A Carson, R P Matheson, A C McIntosh, W W Gryder, C M Moore, R Z Loney, R Watts, J T McIntosh, W B Matheson, H H Drum, G W Long, Miss Penny Blount, Miss Elizabeth F French, L C Hames, Win A Watson, W D Biggers, M H Plimix, Alfred Margeave, C F Lowe, B B Roberts, J L Clement, W H Hunt, Edgar Vaughan, J L Whitley, Hemy Horton, Asa B Genter, F M Walker, J F Freedland, Eddie S Smith, W S Hunt, J C Strudwick, Warren Strudwick.

For six months, T B Lyon.

Profanity.

Bosy have an idea that it is smart to swear; that it makes them manly; but there never was a greater mistake in the world. Men, even those who swear themselves, are disgusted with profanity in a young man, because they know how, of all bad habits, this clings the more closely, and increases with years. It is the most insidious of habits, growing on one so invisibly that almost before one is aware he becomes an accomplished curser.

"To swear is neither brave, polite nor wise."

The Japanese are raising a cry for the disestablishment of Buddhism, the diversion of its funds to the purpose of education, and the promulgation of the entire liberty of conscience; but this, we learn from the Japan Mail, is resisted by the Conservatives there on the ground, that the result would be simply to "throw the whole nation into the arms of Christianity."

The Roanoke News says that Cap. James Simmons, of Weldon, is the oldest Mason in the State, having been a member of the Order 53 years. We can go one better, Dr. Tippo Brownlow, of Warrenton, has been a Mason since October, 1815.—Warrenton Gazette.

Inch by Inch.

Observations regarding the growth of man have determined the following interesting facts: The most rapid growth takes place immediately after birth, the growth of an infant during the first year of its existence being about eight inches. This ratio of increase gradually decreases until the age of three years is reached, at which time the size attained is half that which it is to become when full grown. After five years the succeeding increase is very regular till the sixteenth year, being at the rate, for the average man, of two inches a year. Beyond sixteen the growth is feeble, being for the following two years about six-tenths of an inch a year; while from eighteen to twenty the increase in height is seldom over one inch. At the age of twenty-five the growth ceases, save in a few exceptional cases.

Epitaph—"Here lies W. W. Who never more will trouble you, trouble you."

From the Proceedings of the Grand Lodge.

"The design of the orphan Asylum shall be to protect, train and educate indigent and promising orphan children, to be received between the age of six and twelve, who have no parents, nor property nor near relatives able to assist them. They shall not be received for a shorter time than two years. In extraordinary cases the Superintendent may receive children outside the ages specified.

Resolutions of the Grand Lodge.

- Adopted Dec 3d, 1872.
Resolved, 1. That St. John's College shall be made an asylum for the protection, training and education of indigent orphan children.
2. That this Grand Lodge will appropriate \$—annually for the support of the institution; but will not assume any additional pecuniary responsibility.
3. That this Grand Lodge elect a Superintendent who shall control the institution and solicit contributions for its support from all classes of our people.
4. That orphan children in the said Asylum shall be fed and clothed, and shall receive such preparatory training and education as will prepare them for useful occupations and for the usual business transactions of life.

Adopted Dec 5th 1872:

Resolved, That the Superintendent of the said Orphan Asylum shall report each at Annual Communication an account of his official acts, receipts, disbursements, number of pupils, &c., together with such suggestions as he may see fit to offer.

Resolved, That the Master of each subordinate Lodge appoint a Standing Committee upon raising funds for the Orphan Asylum, and require said committee to report in writing each month, and that said reports and the funds received be forwarded monthly to the Superintendent of the Asylum and that the support of the Orphan Asylum be a regular order of business in each subordinate Lodge at each Communication.

All churches and benevolent organizations are requested to cooperate with us in the orphan work and to collect and forward contributions through their own proper officers. Here are the resolutions:

Resolved, That the sincere thanks of this Grand Lodge are hereby tendered to many benevolent ladies and gentlemen, to the ministers of the gospel, to the churches of various denominations, to Odd Fellows, Knights of Pythias, Good Templars, Friends of Temperance, and other benevolent societies, whose hearty cooperation and liberal contributions have rendered timely and valuable assistance in the great work of ameliorating the condition of the orphan children of the State.

Resolved, That all benevolent societies and individuals are hereby cordially invited and requested to cooperate with us in providing funds and supplies for feeding, clothing, and educating indigent and promising orphan children, at the Asylum in Oxford.

Form of Application for admission to the Orphan Asylum.

N. C., 1875.
This is to certify that
is an orphan, without
estate, and years of age.
father died in 18...; his mother
I, being
herby make application
for admission into the Asylum, at
I also relinquish and convey, to the
officers of the Asylum, the management and control of the said orphan
for years, in order that
may be trained and educated according to the regulations prescribed
by the Grand Lodge of North Carolina.

THE MASONIC JOURNAL.

To the Masonic Fraternity in North Carolina and the South.
This is emphatically an age of progress. The world moves apace, but with us, especially of the South, Masonry languishes because lacking a proper dissemination of those pure principles peculiar to our grand old Order. Our brethren of this more favored section have their periodical literature, and are bright and prosperous; we, too, should flourish and blossom as the rose. There are in the South nearly 200,000 Freemasons, and recognizing the imperative need for a regular and permanent Organ peculiarly suited to the demands of this vast number "who are linked together by an indissoluble chain of sincere affection," we have determined to establish in the city of Greensboro, N. C., a first-class WEEKLY MASONIC NEWSPAPER, with the above name, such as the dignity and advancement of the Fraternity will prove. Its literature will be pure, and of the highest order; making the JOURNAL a fit companion for the most cultivated and refined, and a welcome visitor to any household. In this connection we have engaged the services of able and popular writers whose hearts glow with a fond desire for the perpetuity of the Ancient Landmarks of our "Mystic Rites," and we will spare neither labor nor expense to make the paper a highly instructive and popular Family and Masonic Visitor. With a journalistic experience of several years, and a determination to give all our time, talent, and energy to the promotion of this important enterprise, we hope to receive from our Masonic brethren that liberal confidence and support which, by an entire devotion to its success, we hope to merit. It will be an eight page, thirty-two column sheet, printed on good white paper, and furnished weekly at the low price of \$2 per year. The first number will be issued on Wednesday, the 15th of September, 1875, and regularly on Wednesday of each week thereafter. All orders should be sent by Check, Post-office Order, or Registered letter. Rev. E. A. Wilson, WILSON & BAKER, Geo. S. Baker, Greensboro, N. C. Until Sept. 1st address us at Kinston, N. C.