

Monday, August 2, 1875.

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APOLOGIC.—We get out the present number of the Friend under some difficulty, and if it fails in interesting the reader, we offer as an excuse the fact that our foreman is sick, and the weather exceedingly hot. And besides, we have been unusually busy with outside matters, so that we have not been able to give the attention to the paper that we generally try to do.

A Strange Betwixtance.

In Palestine and Asia Minor the winter of 1873-4 was unusually severe. The snow lay at one time from two to five feet deep in the streets and on the flat roofs of the houses. Many roofs were crushed, and many houses fell in ruins under the unwonted burden; in Bethlehem, where Jesus was born, thirteen houses were thus prostrated.

In Gaza, where of old the Temple of Dagon fell and slew Samson and three thousand of the Philistines, the following remarkable incident occurred in connection with the great snow storm of February 7th and 8th.

A robber during the night broke into the house. After having collected several articles on the lower floor, he entered the chamber where the master of the house was peacefully sleeping.

His little child was also asleep in the cradle.

The robber reflected that he might be betrayed by the child, so he took the cradle and set it outside of the house, near the door.

The child began to cry. The mother hastens to the cradle, but finds it gone. The child kept on crying. The father awoke, and exclaimed, "The child is crying out of doors. How can that be?"

They both hasten to the cradle, wondering who could have taken it out. While they are wondering and speculating on the strange circumstance, the roof, pressed under the burden, falls, and in a moment their house is in ruins. But they are all three unharmed.

In the morning, when the stones and lumber were taken away, a man was found dead among the ruins. The things he had stolen were found partly sticking out of his pockets, partly tied up in a bundle on his back. Thus God and death had overtaken him. He carried out the child lest he should wake his father and mother by crying, and so, without meaning it, by the wonderful providence of God, he rescued the lives of all the family, while he himself died in his sin. How truly were the words of Joseph to his brothers fulfilled in him, "Ye meant it for evil, but God meant it for good."—Christian Era.

Blank Checks.

Suppose some friend of ours, whose wealth is known to be practically unlimited, should declare his readiness and willingness to supply all our wants. Suppose he should put into our hand

a book of "checks," all signed by his own hand, and the amounts left blank for us to fill up in any need, with such sums as will meet every possible exigency. Suppose we tell our kindred and acquaintances what a friend we have, and how richly provided we are for every strait. And then suppose we go about half starved, groaning with leanness and faintness, or only half-clothed, in thin rags, and the shame of nakedness bowing us down to the ground. Would not those who know us be moved to wonder and doubt? Would not one of them say to us: "I thought the great banker had undertaken to feed and clothe you; is this the best he does for you. His offer could not have been very sincere. His words were large, but they do not seem to have meant much." How such a demonstration on our part would shame the truth and generosity of our friend. Or, if we acknowledge that we did not see the "checks," and did not more than half believe they would be honored, how the confession would shame our own littleness and meanness of confidence in our benefactor! "Lord increase our faith!" A large expectation will prepare us to receive a large blessing. It will effect our desires. It will control our working. It will shape our plans. It will stimulate our impatience, and especially will it honor God.—Rev A. L. Stone, D. D.

1875.

Who'll press for gold this crowded street, A hundred years to come? Who'll tread your church with willing feet, A hundred years to come? Pale, trembling age and fiery youth, And childhood, with his brow of truth, The rich, the poor, on land, on sea; When will the mighty millions be, A hundred years to come? We all within our graves shall sleep, A hundred years to come; No living soul for us will weep, A hundred years to come. But other men our land will fill, And others than our streets will fill, And other birds will sing as gay, And light the sunshine as to-day, A hundred years to come.

Eugenie Kennedy of a Merchant.

The clerk of a merchant at Osaka, Japan, went to Kioto on business of his employer, and received one thousand yen to carry back to Osaka. Having been detained longer than he expected he missed the steamer, and being anxious to complete his journey as quickly as possible, took a jimiksha intending to travel through the night and reach Osaka before daylight. On arriving at a village a few miles from his destination, about three A. M., a man with drawn sword stopped the vehicle, and demanded the thousand yen, stating that he had seen the youth receive it at Kioto. After some demur the clerk took the money from his bosom, and was about to hand it to the robber, when the jimiksha coolie snatched the bag and made off leaving the vehicle, clerk, and the robber in the road, the two latter as speechless as the former. The knight of the road, finding himself foiled, departed in the opposite direction to that of Osaka, to which city the youth hastened, after abandoning his first thoughts of jumping into the river. On arriving at the house of an uncle, he acquainted the relative with his adventure, and expressed a desire to die. But he was spared, for it was discovered that the coolie, instead of running away with the money, had taken it to the police station. He was appropriately rewarded with a share of the money he had so cleverly saved.

CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE ORPHAN ASYLUM FROM JULY 24th TO JULY 30th INCLUSIVE.

- in cash. Paid \$25 00 Rock Spring Lodge No 341. 20 00 Orphans' Friend. 13 65 Collection at Magnolia. 11 83 Collection at Warsaw. 11 25 each. Collection at Clinton, Mr J D Hollister. 7 50 Collected at Mt Carmel Church, Northampton Co. 7 25 Collected by Joseph Deberry, Martinsville. 6 75 Through Rev B B Williams from Baptist Church at Edenonton. 5 00 through James D Webb from Rocky Hook Sunday School. 4 25 from High Point Sunday School. 3 69 High Point Baptist Church. Central Cross Lodge No 187. 1 00 Mrs E H Pogue Hillsboro. 94 cts Friends near Cheatham's Mill. 25 cts in silver Master Ernest Cheatham aged 9 years. 12 cts Little Nora and Addie Hester. 10 cts Hugh P Parham, aged 9, and Jennie Parham, aged 7 years.

- IN KIND. A lady of Virginia, 8 yds of Calico. Through J S Bizzell & B S Grady Cloth. of Lenoir Lodge 233, viz: S B Parker & Co. 1 pr shoes, W H Hardie, 7 yds sheeting, J W Rice, 1 pr shoes & 1 hat, C G Grady, 1 doz pr socks, J Waziers, 8 yds sheeting, J B Biscoe, 10 yds calico, N J Allen, 5 yds calico, J S Bizzell, 1 pr shoes, W M Thompson, 10 yds sheeting, S J Sutton, 21 lbs bacon, E F Sutton, 30 lbs bacon, Thomas Sutton, 31 lbs bacon, R L Wooten, 17 lbs bacon, B S Grady, 2 doz poi-stuffs—1 doz copy books—25 yds calico. —Raised by Miss Sallie Pelf of Carey, N. C., viz: Mrs M H Pleasants, 2 calico dresses, Mrs Geo Pleasants, 2 calico dresses, Mrs H B Jordan, 1 dress, 9 yds sheeting, 10 yds calico, P D Page, 20 yds calico, Misses E & A Guess, 24 yds calico, E R Pinkston, 1 pr shoes, W H Jones, 1 bolt checks, A B Yates & Co, 16 yds checks, E & J Osborne, 1 sack flour, Mrs Beckwith, 1 sack flour, R H Jones, 1 sack of flour, Mrs J T Walker, 20 yds calico; 3 Friends, 10 yds calico; 5 checks, 1 hat meal, J R Page, 1 piece bacon, A F Page, 4 pieces potatoe. Box without date of notation a note signed "Sewing Society", but supposed to be from Wilson, containing a number of small dresses and calico. Mrs W A Cheatham, 2 under garments, Mrs Nancy Hicks, 2 pr socks, Pope & McCord, pr shoes, B Gordon 1 pr shoes, F B Hester 5 bits corn, Ladies of Magnolia and Lambertton, Handkerchiefs and dresses, etc.

The following persons have paid for THE ORPHANS' FRIEND for one year from this date: J. Horton, Charles Odum, Ethelod Odum, Isaac Squires, Mrs Esther C. Weaver, Leander Taylor, J. W. Joyce, K. D. Smith, J. H. Glenn, J. R. Ward, Mrs M. E. Guthrie, Dr. A. B. Johnson, Robert T. Couch, Rev. J. P. Mason, G. N. Shilmarion, Sol. B. Williams. And the following for six months—J. C. Jones, J. H. Moulton, M. H. Jones, J. M. Corbett, J. H. Jones, J. W. Jones, W. W. Gully, W. H. Lancaster.

"Hold the Fort."

Below we present one of the favorite hymns sung by Mr. Sankey in his meetings. Recently in Dublin, after the excitement of the personal visit of Messrs. Moody and Sankey had somewhat subsided, at a theatre of that city, in the course of the performances, one of the actors said that he felt a little Moody, and another had had the symptoms of being decidedly Sankey-monious. At first the audience showed a little surprise; and they hissed, and kept things lively, as they gave testimony against the insult to the evangelists. At length, a stentorian voice, like the call of a bugle, started Brother Sankey's most stirring and contagious song:

Chor.—"Hold the fort, for I am coming," Jesus signals still; Wave the answer back to heaven, "By thy grace we will." See the mighty host advancing, Satan leading off; Mighty men around us falling; Courage almost gone. Chor.—"Hold the fort, &c." See the glorious banner waving, Hear the bugle blow;

In our leader's name we'll triumph Over every foe. Chor.—"Hold the fort, &c." Pierce and long the battle rages; But our help is near; Onward comes our Great Commander, Cheer, my comrades, cheer! Chor.—"Hold the fort, &c."

When the chorus was finished the whole audience joined in, and the actors, washed by the demonstration, slunk out of sight, and the curtain fell for the night.

Form of Application for admission to the Orphan Asylums.

..... N. C.; 1875.

This is to certify that

..... is an orphan, sound in body and mind, and without estate.

II. father died in 18.....; his mother died in..... I, being his.....

herby make application for his admission into the Orphan Asylum at Oxford or Mars Hill, and I also relinquish and convey, to the officers thereof, 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.

Approved by..... W. M., of..... Lodge, No.....

And by..... 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 2d, 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 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 intelligent and promising orphan children, at the Asylum in Oxford.

RALEIGH FEMALE SEMINARY, RALEIGH, N. C. The Fall Term will open September 6th, 1875.

Board per month..... \$15.00 English tuition, per month..... 4.00 The following testimonials from the President of Wake Forest College and the Pastor of the Raleigh Baptist church, will show the estimation in which the school is held:

[From Dr. W. M. Wingate.]

In the most beautiful part of this city, in the choicest spot of this most charming portion, is our Baptist Female Seminary. I am glad to see that some of our brethren, in their recent visit to Raleigh are telling some of the good things that occur to their minds about it. The wonder is that more has not been said. It is on high ground, with good water, good air, and delightful surroundings. It has good buildings, with airy and spacious rooms for dormitories and recitation, and with large, tastefully arranged front galleries for walks and amusement. It has a cabinet of minerals, an excellent apparatus, new and large pianos, and the beginning of a gymnasium for health giving exercises. And Prof. Hubbard, the Principal, is hale, vigorous and energetic, with an able body of teachers and professors. With its genial management, its table fare, and the attention given to the comforts of the pupils, I can see nothing to hinder the largest success, and a constantly widening influence upon the daughters of our State.

[From T. H. Pritchard, D. D.]

I am intimately acquainted with the Faculty of the Raleigh Female Seminary, and take pleasure in expressing my high appreciation of the excellence of the instruction they are accustomed to impart. Indeed I am persuaded that in accuracy and careful painstaking faithfulness their work possesses unusual merit, and do most heartily commend this institution to the patronage of all who wish their daughters thoroughly educated.

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