

**THE ORPHANS' FRIEND.**

Wednesday, September 2, 1873.

**THE X.**—We adopt the usual custom of notifying subscribers of the expiration of their subscription, by placing a cross mark (X) on their papers. So, if you find the mark on your paper you may know that the time you paid for has expired, and that, unless you renew the paper will be discontinued.

We hope none will be offended at having the paper stopped when they fail to pay up, as we couldn't publish it on credit if we would; and wouldn't if we could, and we can make no exceptions. When, therefore, you see the X on your paper, send the money for renewal right along.

**COW ASTRAY.**—Some two or three weeks ago a large red cow with her calf, strayed away from the Orphan Asylum. The ear marks are not recollected. She was a present to the Asylum from Mr. Rufus Bobbitt, living on the south side of the river, and she may be trying to get back to her old home. Any information in regard to her will be thankfully received.

**SASSAFRAS FORK.**—We took out a company of orphans to Sassafra Fork last Saturday, for the purpose of giving a concert there, but owing to the fact that the notices of our coming did not reach the neighborhood in time to be distributed, we had a very thin audience and made but a small collection for the benefit of the Asylum. We had, however, a pleasant drive out and back, and the children enjoyed it hugely. Besides, we got an excellent dinner, prepared by some of the nearest neighbors and taken in picnic style and were highly gratified at the expression of approbation on the part of those present, of the performance of our little band.

We are not satisfied with this first experiment of getting acquainted in that section, and intend, if nothing occurs to prevent, to repeat the visit on the second Saturday in October, at which time the friends have promised us a rousing reception.

**SOME APOLOGY AND MORE EXPLANATION.**—In the acknowledgment of contributions in kind, in the paper this week, appears an entry of two boxes received from a number of friends at Harrellsville and Bethlehem Church, containing a variety of goods, clothing &c. These were received some weeks since and would have been acknowledged at the time, but the list of articles and the donors was misplaced and has not yet been recovered, so we were compelled to enter them rather in the aggregate as they appear in the paper. The contributions were valuable, and we very sincerely thank the friends who sent them, and they would have been acknowledged sooner but for the reason above given.

**ABSENT.**—The Superintendent, Mr. Mills, has been absent on a trip to Mars Hill and the regions round about for nearly four weeks, which will account for several communications to him not being attended to. We expect him to return this or in the early part of next week.

**ADVERTISING ACCOUNTS.**—During the week we shall prepare all the accounts due the Orphans' Friend for advertising. We have not done it before for want of time, and only mention the matter now as an apology to several parties, who have requested it, for not doing it before. We will try to have them ready and present them by the last of this week.

**GRATIFYING.**—We are glad to say that, for some weeks, many of our larger children here have manifested a deep concern on the subject of religion; and within the last few days some five or six have made a profession of saving faith in Christ. There is no undue excitement connected with the matter, but a very gratifying evidence of earnestness, which is spreading to others and having a manifestly good influence throughout the institution.

**FIRE.**—Our neighbor, L. A. Paschall, Esq., had the misfortune to lose his dwelling house by fire on Sunday night. The flames originated in the L of the building, used as a cook room. Most of the furniture was saved, but considerably damaged in being removed. The building was partially insured.

Mr. Paschall has the sympathy of the entire community in this his hour of adversity. The citizens generally, white and colored, were strenuous in their efforts to arrest the flames, but it was soon apparent that all effort in that direction was futile, and attention was turned to saving the furniture.

**A PRACTICAL ANSWER.**—Our Orphans all go the different Sabbath schools in Oxford. Last Sunday the little Indian boy, Joe Standing-Deer, was asked by his teacher,

"Where did God place Adam and Eve?"

"In de garden Eden."

"What did he tell them to do?"

Here Joe hung his head for some time as if trying to remember the answer, then suddenly raising it, he answered, "He told dem to shut de gate."

Joe had been reprimanded the day before for leaving the garden gate open at the Asylum and letting the pigs get in, so, having forgot the answer to the question in his catechism, he thought, no doubt, to shut the gate was the most probable injunction given to our first parents.

The good book says we "must not despise the day of small things," and we don't intend to do it. If we did we should despise over half the days in the calendar, and especially the day we laid the claims of the Orphan Asylum before a collection of three or four hundred people and got, upon an average, less than one cent a-head.

**NEW ADVERTISEMENT.**—We would refer the reader to the advertisement of Messrs. George Allen & Co., of Newbern, dealers in hardware, machinery &c. This is an old established and reliable house and does a very large business throughout the eastern and middle parts of the State.

**SNAKESKIN SHOES.**—The Winchester (Ky.) Journal says: We saw in this town a nice pair of shoes, the vamps of which were made of rattlesnake hide, and the quarters of chickensnake hide. Also several snakes hides neatly tanned, and three feet long and eight inches wide. They belonged to J. H. Henderson, who lives on "Big Coon," in Jackson county, Ala. He makes a specialty of catching all kinds of snakes, rattlesnakes in particular, and, without injuring or killing them, takes of their hides. These he tans in about two months, and then makes into shoes. He used a weed, which grows in the mountains, to "mesmerize" the snakes.

**CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE ORPHAN ASYLUM FROM SEPTEMBER 7th TO SEPTEMBER 13th INCLUSIVE.**

- IN CASH.**
- Paid 50 00, Mrs W W Avery and other ladies of Morganton.
  - " 17 70, Orphans' Friend.
  - " 16 85, Collected at St Paul (no name)
  - " 15 25, Collected at La Grange by B S Grady.
  - " 10 90, A Friend in Raleigh.
  - " 6 50, Quarterly Collection at Rockyhook church.
  - " 5 00, Harmony Lodge No 340.
  - " 4 60, Collection at Sassafras Fork.
  - " 4 00, Perquimans Lodge No 106.
  - " 3 00, Roanoke Lodge No 203.
  - " 2 25, Mount Energy Lodge No 140.
  - " 2 00, Mattamuskeet Lodge No 325.
  - " 1 65, Collection at Bethel.
  - " 1 40, Committee Roanoke Lodge No 203 individually.
  - " 1 05, Collected by S E Kooms Trenton.
  - " 1 00 each, Dr James E. Bloles Blinn, A Friend at Ridgeway.

- IN KIND.**
- Henry Bryant, 1 barrel corn.
  - Am. Bible Society, through Roy, C. H. Wiley, 1 family Bible.
  - Rev. R. Patterson, 1 bushel corn.
  - Mr. Moore, of Duncombe, 1 bushel wheat.
  - Lease Holcombe, 2 bushels onions.
  - B. F. White, 1 bag potatoes; 1 bag flour.
  - Edward H. Jones, 40 lbs flour.
  - B. S. Grady, collected at La Grange, 1 bag flour.
  - Through N. L. Shaw, from E. D. Seull, J. J. Seull, D. W. Reed, W. E. Dunston, T. B. Carter, W. J. Harrell, Mrs. N. L. Shaw, and members of Bethlehem church, 2 boxes containing goods of various kinds, clothing, &c.
  - A. Landis, Jr., 1 trunk, hat and plamo for E. Sutton.
  - Z. M. E. Downey, 3 boys' hats.
  - R. L. Hunt, 2 doz roach combs.
  - Mrs. T. D. Crawford and other members of the Baptist church, Oxford; a great variety of articles for E. Sutton.
  - J. S. Ryan, 2 complete suits for a boy.

**NOTE.**—A. Landis, Jr., was credited last week with one pound of bacon. This was an error overlooked in reading the proof. It was written and should have been printed one piece of bacon. The piece weighed nearly 20 pounds.

We received two boxes last week containing girls' clothing, &c., without any mark or letter to denote where they came from or who sent them. An old mark on one of the boxes showed that it had once been sent to Greenville. Also a paper box, containing pant goods, socks, &c., without any clue as to who sent it. We would be glad to obtain information concerning these boxes so as to enter them properly on the record.

- The following persons have paid for THE ORPHANS' FRIEND for one year from this date:
- W H Gregory, M D Tanner, Miss Bettie Hargrave, Joseph Waldo, J H Gardner, Mrs Mary Boyls, R H Everett, H Brown, W K Gladson, J A Turpin, Master Tom Tisdale, W H Brown, Miss Beulah A Bell, J T Ford, E M Hicks, B W Spillman.
  - For six months:—T H Pritchard, W W Gardner.
  - For five months:—F Boyle.
  - For four months:—W Watts.

A poor man with an empty purse came one day to Michael Feneberg, the godly pastor of Seeg, in Bavaria, and begged three crowns that he might finish his journey. It was all the money Feneberg had, but as he besought him so earnestly in the name of Jesus, in the name of Jesus he gave it. Immediately after he found himself in great outward need, and seeing no way of relief he prayed, saying: "Lord, I lent Thee three crowns; Thou hast not yet returned them; and Thou knowest how I need them. Lord, I pray Thee give them back." The same day a messenger brought a money-letter, which Gossner, his assistant, reached over to Feneberg, saying: "Here, father, is what you expended." The letter contained 200 thalers (about \$190), which the poor traveller had begged from a rich man for the vicar, and the child-like old man, in joyful amazement, cried out: "Ah, dear Lord, one dare ask nothing of Thee, for straightway Thou makest one feel so ashamed."

**A REBUKE TO A SWEASER.**

A General officer, who was in early life much addicted to profane oaths, dated his reformation to the memorable check he received from a Scotch clergyman. When he was lieutenant, and settled at Newcastle, he got involved in a brawl with some of the lowest class in the public street, and the altercation was carried on by the parties with abundance of impious language. The clergyman passing by, was shocked with the profanity, and stepping into the crowd with his cane uplifted, thus addressed one of the leaders of the rabble; "O, John, John! what is this I hear? you only a poor collier boy, and swearing like any lord in the land! O John! have you no fear of what will become of you? It may do very well for this gallant gentleman (pointing to the lieutenant) to bang and swear as he pleases; but you—you, John, it is not for you, or the like of you, to take in vain the name of Him in whom you live and have your being!" Then turning to the lieutenant, "You'll excuse this poor man, sir; for he is an ignorant body, and kens nae better." The young officer shrank away in confusion, unable to make any reply. Next day he waited on the minister, and thanked him sincerely for his well-timed reproof, and was ever after an example of correctness of language.

The Bible is now printed in no fewer than two hundred and ten languages. In 1834 it was printed in only fifty. Forty years ago they were wont to drink blood from human skulls in Fiji—now 43,000 children attend Sunday School.—Thirty years ago there were but six known native Christians in China, and until the Elgin treaty, in 1860, were missionaries allowed to enter the country. There are now 200 missionaries, exclusive of native pastors settled in the empire.

**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.

4. 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 indigent and promising orphan children, at the Asylum in Oxford.

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