

THE ORPHANS' FRIEND.

Wednesday, November 3, 1875.

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.

ENON.—Our Baptist friends have erected a new church edifice five miles from Raleigh on the Roxboro road, to which the name of Enon has been given. The house, when finished will be a neat and comfortable one, and affords another evidence of the progress of public sentiment and spirit in regard to country churches that marks the present age. On Sunday last there was a Sunday School mass meeting held at this new church and a Sunday School Institute organized. Prof. Taylor of Wake Forest preached in the forenoon to a crowded audience, and delivered a fine discourse on the subject of education in connection with religion and church enterprise, in the afternoon. The new building will be dedicated on the fourth Sunday of the present month. Rev. Mr. Marsh of Oxford is the pastor.

CONCERT AT TALLY HO.—On Tuesday next, 9th inst., we expect to visit Tally Ho with a company of Orphans, for the purpose of giving a free musical entertainment. This being the day on which Mr. Ramsay, the Temperance Lecturer, is to speak there, we hope to meet a large crowd, and with a mixture of music, mirth and temperance, in due proportions, (as we are sure Ramsay will "tone fair" and divide time with us) we hope to succeed in making it a pleasant time for all who may attend on that occasion.

THANKSGIVING DAY.—The President has issued his proclamation designating Thursday, November 25th, as a day of national thanksgiving. We presume the State Executives will recommend the same day.

Now get ready your fat pigs and turkeys, beef and mutton. Save up the eggs and butter. Have your apples and pumpkins on hand and don't forget the spices and treacle; and when the day arrives and the feast is prepared and spread upon the board, open all the doors and hoist the windows that the savory aroma may float out on the breeze and the poor *smell* that you have something good to be thankful for.

OR,

if more consonant with your notions of the time and occasion, look round and see if, out of the abundance with which a kind Providence has blessed you, you cannot help some other hearts to rejoice and be thankful, at least for a day.

We beg pardon for our failure to notice before the enlargement and generally improved appearance of our neighbor the "Torch Light." It was an unintentional oversight. The Torch Light is now a large, well printed and well conducted weekly, price \$200 a year; address W. A. Davis & Co. editors and proprietors, Oxford, N. C.

What Meteors are Made Of.

A huge meteor was visible through the larger part of Iowa on the night of Feb. 12th, last winter. It was seen, also, distinctly in several other States a little after ten o'clock being visible for ten seconds, when it burst, the explosion being distinctly heard in Iowa, over a region many miles square.

Large fragments of the meteor have since been found, and have been carefully examined by Dr Hinricks, an eminent geologist, who gives an account of this particular meteor, and a theory of meteors in general. From a comparison of various accounts by observers, Dr. Hinricks concludes that it was first seen at a height of one hundred and fifty miles, moved in ten seconds through an orbit of two hundred and ten miles, and exploded at a height of ten miles, the fragments scattered widely. The fragments found were of stone, with little trace of iron; and the doctor's conclusion is that all such meteors are parts of a broken asteroid, like those between Mars and Jupiter. They are made up of various materials, and the lighter fall first to the earth. The heavier parts continue their revolution round the sun, and sooner or later will be attracted to the earth. He thinks, therefore, that before many years masses of meteoric iron will fall, like these fragments of stone which are now so common.

Money and the Magpie.

The magpie, like the parrot, has the gift of speech, or, at least, will so closely imitate the sounds of the human voice, that the words can easily be distinguished. Curious instances of this are related, and here is one:

An old woman in Wales, who was known to be possessed of money, died, and left only two pence halfpenny to be found in the house. This occasioned great suspicion of a poor girl who lived with her, and who solemnly declared that she knew nothing of her mistress' affairs. While the relations were examining her, a magpie which the old woman kept repeatedly cried, "I'll hide more yet, I'll hide more yet!" striking his bill against the floor in one place so often that he attracted notice, and a carpenter was sent for to take up the plank. It was fastened with a well-concealed spring, and more than £900 was found under it.

TWO KINDS OF GIRLS.—There are two kind of girls. One is the kind that appears best abroad—the girls that are good for parties, visits, balls, etc., whose chief delight is in all such things. The other is the kind that appears best at home,—the girls that are useful and cheerful in the dining-room, the sick-room, and all the precincts of home. They differ widely in character. One is frequently a torment at home; the other is a blessing. One is a moth, consuming everything about her; the other is a sunbeam, inspiring life and gladness all along the pathway. Now it does not necessarily follow that there shall be two classes of girls. The right modification would modify them both a little, and unite their characters in one.

Weariness can snore upon the flint, when restive sloth finds the downy pillow hard.

CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE ORPHAN ASYLUM FROM OCTOBER 25th TO OCTOBER 29th INCLUSIVE.

- IN CASH.
Paid \$45.25. Mrs Elliott's Doll at the State Fair.
" 6.45, collection at Tar River Academy.
" 5.00, found in Petty & Jones' store, Raleigh, by Capt Connelly of the W. N. C. R. R. and given by him to the Asylum.
" 3.05, Swain St Baptist Church, Raleigh.
" 3.00, McKee Encampment, No 15, I. O. O. F. Raleigh.
" 2.00, Seaton Gales Lodge No 64 I. O. O. F. Raleigh.
" 2.25, Swain St Baptist Church, Raleigh.
" 2.00, each Hiram Lodge No 40, A. E. M. Raleigh, Orphans' Friend.
" 25 cents Additional from Tar River Association.

NOTE.—We credited the "Moravian Congregation, Salem," recently, with a contribution of \$3.75, when it should have been credited to Salem Lodge, No. 289.

- IN KIND.
Mrs J Evans, Fayetteville, 1 Bed comfort.
Miss Annie Ray " 1 Blanket.
Miss Maggie Ray " 2 prs socks.
Unknown " 1 dress, 2 prs socks, 1 pr stockings, 1 pr shoes, 1 pr pants, 1 shirt.
Mrs Mary McNeill, 4 prs socks.
Dr. Charles Phillips 3 vests, 3 prs pants, 2 shirts, 1 pr drawers, 1 coat 3 dresses, 2 chemises 2 gowns.
Miss Julia A Miner Oxford 3 prs socks.
Mrs B R S Anis 50 lbs flour 1 1/2 yds flannel.
Hunter Lee Harris aged 9 years 1 bu wheat.
Yarborough & Co Lenoirburg 1 Bbl flour.
Cook & Spencer Oxford 2 bu potatoes.
Z M P Downey Oxford 1 Bbl flour.
Milton Blacklock Bag " "
Miss Sue Bennet aged 5 years Basket for L. S.
Miss Jaze Lawson 1 pr very fine stockings.

Paid for the Orphans' Friend:
Walter Watson, Seaton Gales Lodge No 64.

Don't be too sensitive.

There are people—yes, many people—always looking out for slights. They cannot carry on the daily intercourse of the family without finding that some offense is desighed. They are as touchy as hair triggers. If they meet an acquaintance who happens to be pre-occupied with business, they attribute his abstraction in some mode personal to themselves, and take umbrage accordingly. They lay on others the fruit of their irritability. Indigestion makes them see impertinence in every one they come in contact with. Innocent persons, who never dreamed of giving offence, are astonished to find some unfortunate word or momentary taciturnity mistaken for insult. To say the least, the habit is unfortunate. It is far wiser to take the more charitable view of our fellow-beings, and not suppose that a slight is intended unless the neglect is open and direct. After all, too, life takes its hues, in a great degree, from the color of our own mind. If we are frank and generous, the world will treat us kindly; if, on the contrary, we are suspicious, men learn to be cold and cautious to us. Let a person get the reputation of being "touchy," and everybody is under restraint, and in this way the chances of imaginary offence are vastly increased.

Over-nice People.

Over-particularity, or even reasonable particularity, in trifles, causes a great deal of social discomfort and restraint. The man who, to use a common phrase, wishes a thing to be "just so," and not otherwise, is generally somewhat of a nuisance. People are for the most part very good-natured in these matters, and very anxious to please others; and they will make a great effort to satisfy the person who wishes to have things "just so." But they do not, on that account, love him or her the more. For any person to be thoroughly popular and livable-with there should be a little touch of untidiness and unpreciseness and indifference to small things.

POETRY.

Augustus Landis
At his old stand,
With a large stock of Groceries and Dry Goods,
And I ask all who buy,
To call in and try
If they can find any goods cheaper than my goods
I do not intend
My money to spend
For goods just to lie on my shelves,
I don't care to "blow" 'em
But have only to show 'em
And I think they will speak for themselves.
A. LANDIS, JR.

MASONRY AND THE BIBLE.—"Any intelligent man who enters the Masonic Order, after reading its Monitor, and learning the reverence with which the Holy Scriptures are regarded in Masonry, stands committed to a belief in the Divine authenticity of that volume. Should he afterward declare that he never believed it, he must be ranked as ignorant, treacherous, or mendacious."

The following extract may be familiar to many of our readers, but it is worthy of being frequently pondered by all who are required to mingle and exert themselves in the active affairs of the world:

"Talent is something, but tact is very thing. Talent is serious, sober, grave, and respectable; tact is all that, and more too. Tact is not a sixth sense, but it is the life of all the five. It is the open eye, the quick ear, the judging taste, the keen smell, and the lively touch; it is the interpreter of all riddles, the surmounter of all difficulties, the remover of all obstacles. It is useful in all places and at all times: it is useful in solitude, for it shows a man his way into the world; it is useful in society, for it shows him his way through the world. Talent is power—tact is skill; talent is weight—tact is momentum; talent knows what to do—tact knows how to do it; talent makes a man respectable—tact will make him respected; talent is wealth—tact is ready money. For all the practical purposes of life tact carries the day against talent—ten to one.

An exchange has the following: "A careful, old-fashioned man, a few years ago, came into town to sell some shares in a bank. 'Why do you wish to sell them?' he was asked; 'you cannot invest your money better; the bank is well managed, and the dividends are certain, regular and satisfactory.' Our friend from the country replied: 'I know all that; the bank is well enough, but I don't want stock in a bank where the cashier keeps a race-horse, and bets on the course.' We laughed at the fears of the unsophisticated man; but when the cashier defaulted, a few years after, the cautious of foggy held not any of the shares, which went down fifteen per cent."

Resolutions of the Grand Lodge.

- Adopted Dec 3d, 1875.
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 contribu-

tions 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 appointing 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 here by 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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