

**THE ORPHANS' FRIEND.**

Wednesday, November 17, 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.

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MEETING OF THE GRAND LODGE.—See Grand Secretary Bain's notice of the meeting of the Grand Lodge and arrangement with railroad lines in regard to fare of representatives, &c.

We ask every reader of the ORPHANS' FRIEND to read the proclamation of Gov. Brogden, setting apart the 25th inst., as Thanksgiving day, and especially to heed the suggestion of the Governor in regard to the Orphan Asylum, and to act on it.

Said one of our least girls, the other day, in our hearing, to another, "I loves you, Nannie, and whenever I get a piece of candy again I mean to give you some." How natural! Love seeks to show itself in acts of kindness, and the Saviour has told us directly, that love to him is best manifested in acts of kindness to the poor and needy in this world.

We do not ask that the orphans, on the 25th, should have a big dinner of bake and roast, cake, pie and pastry, though we don't know that even that would hurt them much, but we should rejoice to know that the humanizing, christianizing influences of thanksgiving day should so warm the hearts and crystallize the charity and generosity of the good people all over the State as to cause them, on that day, to remember the orphans in such a substantial way as to result in their being provided with warm clothing, shoes, meat and bread for the winter.

WASHINGTON'S CHAIR.—When we lived in Edenton N. C., there was in the possession of the Masonic Lodge a splendid chair, said to be the one used by Gen. Washington when Master of the Lodge in Alexandria, Va. The tradition is that this chair was sent to Edenton, N. C., for safe keeping, at the beginning of the revolution of 1776. It is known to be in possession of the Edenton Lodge since 1778, and the Lodge of Virginia has twice demanded its restoration. The matter is now being investigated and should the tradition prove true this chair will become a valuable addition to our centennial furniture. It is of itself a valuable relic of the past age, and a great curiosity. We hope the Masons in N. C., may establish its high claim to a place in our temple.—*Biblical Recorder.*

**Politeness in Norway.**

It is commonly supposed that a rough city and cold climate are apt to make the inhabitants rude in manner, and negligent of the rules of politeness. But Judge Caton, who spent a summer vacation in Norway, and has published an account of his travels, gives a charming picture of the manners of the Norwegians. He thinks them the politest people he has ever seen, overflowing with kindness of heart, and very thoughtful in caring for strangers. He found them ready and

even eager to put themselves to any kind of trouble to do him a favor. Everybody who met him in the streets took off his hat, and bowed as a friendly salute.

A young gentleman met him walking in the capital, greeted him cordially, and asked if he were not a stranger. Learning that this was his first visit to Norway, the young man volunteered to show him all the prominent buildings and objects of interest in the city, and was unwearied in his attentions. The Judge says it is the universal custom to remove the hat in stores, no less than in private houses. He was delighted with his visit, and advises travelers to turn their faces to Norway, if they wish to make sure of a pleasant excursion.

**Origin of the Term Brother Jonathan.**

The story of the origin of the above term, as related many years ago, to the editor of the *Norwich Courier*, by a gentleman over eighty years of age, who was an active participant in the scenes of the Revolution, is as follows:

"When General Washington, after being appointed commander of the army of the Revolutionary War, came to Massachusetts to organize it and make preparations for the defence of the country, he found a great want of ammunition and other means necessary to meet the powerful foe he had to contend with, and great difficulty to obtain them. If attacked in such condition, the cause at once might be hopeless. On one occasion, at that anxious period, a consultation of the officers and others was held, when it seemed no way could be devised to make such preparation as was necessary. His Excellency, Jonathan Trumbull, the elder, was the Governor of the State of Connecticut, on whose judgment and aid the General placed the greatest reliance, and remarked, 'We must consult Brother Jonathan on the subject.' The General did so, and the Governor was successful in supplying many wants of the army. When difficulties afterward arose, and the army was spread over the country, it became a by-word, 'We must consult Brother Jonathan.' The term Yankee is still applied to a portion, but, 'Brother Jonathan' has now become a designation of the whole country, as John Bull has for England."

**CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE ORPHAN ASYLUM FROM OCTOBER 8th TO NOVEMBER 16th INCLUSIVE. IN CASH.**

- Paid \$41.95, Collection at Wilson.
- " 38.07, Edwards & Hall, Wilmington N. C.
- " 28.81, Collection at Rocky Mount.
- " 21.73, Collection at Mt. Olive.
- " 21.50, Collection at Nashville.
- " 20.00, Collection at Kenausville.
- " 15.00, American George Lodge No. 17.
- " 13.00, Yeoppim Sunday School.
- " 10.00 each, Collected by Miss Evalyn Brown of Weldon, aged 9 years, Orphans' Friend
- " 6.12, Mt. Olive Baptist Church.
- " 5.00 each, Salem Lodge No. 280, J. H. Thorp, J. G. Snyder, J. A. Ricks.
- " 4.00, Collection at Tally Ho Nov. 9th.
- " 3.75, Robert's Chapel, Northampton Co.

- " 3.65, Hall Lodge, No. 53.
- " 3.53, Forestville Lodge No 282.
- " 3.48, Collection at Tally Ho, Nov. 13th.
- " 3.00, Col. Wharton J. Green.
- " 2.50, White Stone Lodge, No. 155
- " 2.00 each, D. and H. MacRae, B. H. Bunn, J. C. Powell, S. T. Williams, T. W. Battle.
- " 1.25, John W. Taylor.
- " 1.20, Mrs. Anna Pritchard.
- " 1.00 each, Theo. N. Ramsay, Mt. Olive Lodge, 208, Rev. E. A. Yates, W. L. Hart, J. B. Griffin, Cash, J. C. Chapmar, G. W. Smith, G. T. Matthews, J. W. Williams, Dossey Battle, W. T. Taylor,
- " 50 cents each, E. W. Patterson, Cash, H. R. Thorp, G. W. Hammond.
- " 25 cents, S. P. Wilson.

**IN KIND.**

- Mrs. R. E. Young, 2 Bu Potatoes, 1 Bu navy beans.
  - Mrs. W. A. Harris, 1 bed comfort.
  - S. T. Mickey, 12 Bottles wine.
  - Friends of the Orphans in Salem N. C., 40 yds delaine, 87 1/2 yds calico, 70 yds brown sheeting, 25 1/2 yds Fries' pants goods, 12 quilted skirts 23 pairs woolen socks, 5 prs woolen stockings, 2 prs cotton stockings, 3 prs gloves, 7 boys' coats, 5 vests, 5 prs pants, 11 dresses, 1 shawl, 1 cloak, 1 saquee, 30 scarfs, 17 neckties, 25 pincushions, lot of shoestrings and buttons, 2 sacks family flour.
  - Daisie Poel, 3 dress patterns.
  - T. D. Waller, 5 prs girls shoes, 3 hats, 1 cake soap.
  - Miss Polly Wilkerson, 4 prs socks.
  - Mrs E. M. Grundy & Mrs. H. C. Ferebee lot of clothing.
  - Knap of Reeds Lodge, No. 158, 3 bags flour, 1 bag meal.
  - W. T. Hunt, 1 Bu corn, 1 Bu potatoes.
  - Roberts Chapel, Northampton Co through S. K. Edwards, calico, school books.
  - Master Lafayette B. Eaton of Warren Co., 2 coats, 3 prs pants, 4 prs drawers, 4 prs socks, 3 collars, 2 bows, 1 pr gloves, 1 apron.
  - Collected by Miss Amanda A. Fowler, 20 yds calico, 4 girls' hats, 7 shaker bonnets.
  - Miss Sarah Ellington, 1 hat for L. S.
  - Mrs Martha Meadows, 1 pr boys pants.
  - Contributions from Rocky Mount, viz: Bennett Bunn, 50 lbs. side bacon, J. P. Daughtry, 50 lbs. side bacon, A. P. Chalk, 1 bbl. extra flour, A. W. Arrington, 25 lbs. sugar, D. Abrams, 15 lbs. coffee, Fountain Bros., 2 shawls, A. Kraker, 4 dresses, 3 pairs stockings, W. C. Gupton, 1 pr. shoes, J. H. Thomas, 6 pr. stockings, W. B. Jordan, 2 prs. shoes.
- The following have paid for the Orphans' Friend for one year from this date:
- Edward Hall, Miss Ella Ferguson, Miss Catharine Peterson, Miss Rebecca Stauber, Miss Lydia Fogle, W. J. Cooper, A. A. Spach, W. F. Kerner, Henry Hatchett, Granville Puit, H. D. Shanks.

**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 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.

**ADVERTISEMENTS. POETRY.**

Augustus Landis  
 At his old stand is,  
 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.  
 43. A. LANDIS, JP.

**November, 1875.**

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GRAND LODGE OF NORTH CAROLINA, Office of Grand Secretary: Raleigh, Nov. 8th, 1875.  
**THE GRAND LODGE OF FREE AND ACCEPTED MASONS OF NORTH CAROLINA**, will commence its 89th Annual Communication, in this city, on Monday, 6th of December next, at 7 o'clock, P. M.  
 Return tickets can be obtained by officers and representatives on application therefor, over the following named Railroads, &c., at the rates mentioned:  
 Western North Carolina, Carolina Central; Seaboard & Roanoke Railroads and Dismal Swamp canal, on payment of one first class fare over the following roads at six cents per mile for the Round Trip, Wilmington & Weldon; Wilmington, Columbia & Augusta; and Charlotte, Columbia & Augusta.  
 Representatives traveling over the lines above mentioned must exhibit their credentials to the Railroad Agents on application for tickets.  
 The Grand Secretary's certificate of attendance will entitle officers and representatives to return free over all other Railroads in the State according to arrangements.  
 It is specially suggested that return tickets are necessary over the roads named to prevent the payment of full fare.  
 D. W. BAIN,  
 Grand Secretary.

**By the Governor of North Carolina.**

**A PROCLAMATION.**

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, RALEIGH, N. C., Nov. 10, 1875.  
**WHEREAS, THE PEOPLE OF NORTH CAROLINA** have been abundantly blessed with the favor and protection of Divine Providence, which has crowned the past year with plenty and general prosperity, preserved to us the enjoyment of civil and religious liberty, exempted us from the ravages of war, pestilence, famine, and other calamities which have scourged other peoples and states, permitting no evils to befall us but such as are incident to the common lot of man:  
 Now, therefore, as it becomes us, a christian people, to render thanks to Almighty God for these and numberless other blessings showered upon us in His great mercy:  
**CURTIS H. BROGDEN, Governor of North Carolina**, in obedience to law and in conformity with an honored precedent, do appoint and set apart

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 25th, 1875 as a day of public Thanksgiving throughout the State.

And I do earnestly invite the clergy of every denomination to open their respective houses of worship, and the people to abstain on that day from all pursuits inconsistent with the sacred duties of the occasion, and with devout hearts to assemble in their respective sanctuaries, and offer the prayer of thanksgiving, and unite in the songs of praise to Him who has given us peace and plenty, and vouchsafed all the privileges and blessings we enjoy. Let gratitude inspire our hearts and enlarge our benevolence. And remembering the poor and unfortunate among us, let us add to our devotions deeds of charity and works of love. And I especially recommend on that day of thanksgiving and rejoicing, that donations be solicited in all places of public worship in this state for the benefit of the needy children of the Orphan Asylums at Oxford and Mars Hill.  
 With gratitude for the mercies of the past, let us seek wisdom from above to guide in the future, that our feet may be kept in the paths of righteousness, and that our days may be a blessing to ourselves and those with whom we associate.

Done at the city of Raleigh, on this the 10th day of November, Anno Domini one thousand eight hundred and seventy five, and in the one hundredth year of American Independence.  
 C. H. BROGDEN.

By the Governor;  
 J. B. NEATHERY,  
 Private Secretary. 46-

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