

TWO THOUSAND WANTED.

On the first Wednesday in last January, we began the publication of this paper with eleven subscribers. We now have more than eleven hundred, and are very grateful for the gradual increase; but if our readers and the friends of the orphan work will lend us their influence for a few hours, the ORPHANS' FRIEND will print two thousand papers on the first Wednesday in January, 1876. On paper, this seems to be so easy! In practice, how will it be? Reader will you do your part? Please let us hear from you soon.

BEN HADAD'S BABIES.

The next number of this paper will contain the first chapter of the story of Ben Hadad's Babies. This story will be continued from week to week and will make some strange statements concerning orphans in North Carolina. With fiction, facts will be freely interwoven, and if these facts shall be called in question, names will be given and places pointed out. If you wish to read the story, subscribe for the paper and subscribe for it now.

The following communication was read before the N. C. Conference which met recently in Wilmington.

OFFICE OF THE GRAND MASTER OF MASONS IN N. C., WILSON, Nov. 22, 1875.

To the North Carolina Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church South:

BRETHREN: As the representative head of the Masonic Fraternity in North Carolina, I beg to address you in the hope of calling your attention to the orphan work, and to bespeak for it at your hands such endorsement and recognition as will warrant more of systematic support than it has before received.

Set on foot by and the property of the Grand Lodge of Masons, yet on such high ground of universal charity that we sacrifice no principle in inviting and soliciting the aid of all benevolent associations, churches and liberal-minded men and women everywhere; starting with an appropriation of five hundred dollars from the Grand Lodge, relying upon the voluntary contributions of the benevolent, during the first year the Orphan Home in Oxford reclaimed from wretched want, and in some instances from ignoble slavery, over one hundred orphan children whose parents had been taken away and who were left without means or protection. It has been a grand success from the very beginning of its existence. The State has made no provision for orphans; the counties with their poor-houses afford but poor and slender aid, and until the asylum was brought into being the larger number of such children were left to the merciless protection (?) of the rapacious and avaricious, oftentimes to the tender care of the negro. Many of these poor helpless beings were made so by the events of the bloody conflict in which so many laid down their lives for a cause they felt to be their country's and their God's.

But I need not recount the claims of the orphan when in your body we have such advocates as Burkhead, Ricard, Reid, Wood, Gibbons, Dodson and hosts of others whose names do

not now occur to me, whose clarion voices have been heard in their behalf in our own mystic halls. The mere mention of the cause, and that it is desired that you may authorize those whom you send forth to preach the glad tidings of the Gospel of our Blessed Lord to plead for the orphans will call forth such advocacy as to put to shame the puny effort I might attempt, for I regard this work, next to the work of spreading the good news of salvation, the highest and holiest that can engage our sympathies or excite our energies.

Based upon the purest principles of charity—established by an Order which knows no sect, nation or clime—whose covering is the starry decked heavens, and whose beneficence extends to all alike, it cannot but commend itself to you, and at once obtain your sanction. Then say to your ministry, tell it to congregations, publish it from your pulpits that an opportunity is offered for the exercise of those graces so highly commended by our Lord when with us here on earth, which go to the enlargement of our hearts and the ennobling of our nature.

"Feed my lambs," was the injunction; not, "be ye fed and clothed."

That great good may redound to the cause of Christ through the instrumentality of your Conference; that grace, mercy and peace may attend you, and that every good work may prosper in your hands I sincerely pray through Him in whom we trust.

G. W. BLOUNT, Grand Master.

On motion of Rev. J. P. Moore, the Rev. F. L. Reid, Grand Chaplain of the Grand Lodge of Masons in North Carolina, was constituted a committee of one to express in reply to the communication the hearty sympathy of this body with the cause of maintaining the orphans.

MR. REID'S REPLY.

Most Worshipful Grand Master:—Your communication in regard to the Orphan Asylums was received by the North Carolina Conference at its late session in Wilmington, N. C., and read in open Conference, and I was appointed by the Conference to express to you, and through you to the Grand Lodge, their warm interest in this noble enterprise, and to pledge their hearty cooperation with you in securing contributions for and in awakening an interest in this enterprise all over the State. They feel proud that we have such an enterprise in the State, and they will most assuredly do all in their power to sustain it.

As I could not deliver their message in person, I do so in writing. Again assuring you of the great interest they feel in the orphan work under your care, I am,

Yours Fraternaly,  
FRANK L. REID.

CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE ORPHAN ASYLUM FROM DECEMBER 14th TO DECEMBER 20th INCLUSIVE.

IN CASH.  
Paid \$2.45, Ladies Orphans' Aid Association.  
" 52.80, Greensboro Lodge No. 71, O. G. T.  
" 5.00 each, Burnsville Lodge No. 192, Mrs. P. A. Wiley.  
" 4.25, Lenoir Methodist church.  
" 3.25, Winston Lodge, No. 167.  
" 2.48, Collection at Nat. Bank.  
" 1.00 each, Miss Fannie Webb, Miss Fannie Hester.  
" 50 cents Miss Ada Sharpe and Miss Matie Thomas.

IN KIND.

Mrs. S. H. Deming, 2 prs. shoes, 1 worsted dress pattern, 3 remnants boys' goods, 3 prs. shoes, 4 hoods, 5 umbrias.  
William Jacob, 5 remnants calico, 8 girls'

hats, 4 prs. children's hose.  
Rev. B. L. Beall, 5 yds. cotton cloth.  
Miss S. J. Lenoir, 1 bolt sheeting.  
S. W. Hamilton, 1 calico dress pattern.  
H. C. Dixon, 3 prs. socks, 1 worsted dress, 1 pattern dress goods, 2 prs. socks.  
Martha E. Bogle, 1 pr. socks, 1 calico dress pattern, 7 hoods, 7 pr. socks, 1 pr. girls' hose.  
Hamilton & Haile, 1 pr. blankets, 1 shoulder bacon.  
James K. Kyle, 27 bolts calico.  
Young ladies of Johnson's Mill, 12 comforts, 3 prs. socks.  
Unknown, 6 pieces of boys' and girls' clothing.  
Mars Hill Baptist church, 5 sacks meal, 1 sack flour.  
J. Brown, 4 yds. jeans.  
D. C. Middleton, 2 yds. jeans.  
Jesse T. Smith, 10 yds. calico.  
D. J. Riverbank, 8 yds. homespun.  
T. B. Pierce, calico, shoes, hats, &c.  
Mrs. A. M. Faison, calico, shoes, hats.  
J. K. Smith, " " " "  
W. R. Bier, 1 hat.  
D. G. Morrissey, 1 pr. shoes.  
Mrs. M. Eaton, 1 pr. socks.  
Mrs. P. A. Dunn, 1 bibl. syrup.

Monkey Life in India.

The following story is told by a lady residing in India, who vouches for the truth of it:

It happened that one morning a little sick and wounded, black-faced, baby-monkey was brought to our house, where it was taken such good care of, not only by our servants, but by another monkey which we had, (not of the same species,) that it soon got quite well, and became a great pet.

The old one was called Moonie, and the other Fanny. The former being a rather fierce-looking animal, was always chained to a pole, on the top of which was her place of residence. The chain was around her waist, having a large ring attached to it, so as to allow her to run up and down.

She and our young invalid monkey were generally great friends, though I have often seen Moonie box poor little Fanny's ears when she tried to touch any of the plantain or rice which she intended for herself.

One day in the hot weather, when everything was still and quiet, (about eight months after Fanny had been brought to our house,) a frightful screaming of monkeys and yelling of servants disturbed us. On looking to see what it was all about, I saw two huge black-faced monkeys having a fight with Moonie, who had in her fury broken the chain and chased her visitors away. This was soon over, and we were very glad to see pretty little Fanny perched upon her favorite branch. She was always loose, running about, and amusing every one with her funny ways.

This happy state did not last long, for two days afterwards there were the same frightful screamings—only ten times worse than before.

This time seventeen large black-faced monkeys came galloping up the avenue, with their long tails erect, and in spite of poor Moonie's efforts they carried off dear little Fanny in triumph to her native tree, which was two miles at least from our house.

It shows us the instinct of these monkeys, when we remember that it was eight months since little Fanny had been wounded and brought away, and that their trees were so far off; that two monkeys first came to fetch her, but afterwards an addition of fifteen, all immensely large fellows, their tails certainly a couple of yards long, and some of them in height equal to a man.

To live in the hearts we leave behind is not to die.

A Touching Incident.

A company of poor children, who had been gathered out of the alleys and garrets of the city, were preparing for their departure to new and distant homes in the West. Just before the time of starting of the cars, one of the boys was noticed aside from the others, and apparently very busy with a cast-off garment. The superintendent stepped up to him, and found that he was cutting a small piece out of the patched linings. It proved to be his old jacket, which, having been replaced by a new one, had been thrown away. There was no time to be lost:

"Come, John, come," said the superintendent, "what are you going to do with that old piece of calico?"

"Please, sir," said John, "I am cutting it to take with me. My dead mother put the lining into this old jacket for me. This was a piece of her dress, and it is all I have to remember her by."

And as the boy thought of that dear mother's love, and of the sad death-scene in the garret where she died, he covered his face with his hands, and sobbed as if his heart would break. But the train was about leaving, and John thrust the little piece of calico into his bosom to remember his mother by, hurried into a car, and was soon far away from the place where he had seen so much sorrow. We know many an eye will moisture as the story is told and retold throughout the country, and many a prayer will go to God for the fatherless and motherless in all great cities, and in all places. Little readers, are your mothers still spared to you? Will you not show your love by obedience? That little boy who loved so well we are sure obeyed. Bear this in mind, that if you should one day have to look upon the face of a dead mother, no thought would be so bitter as to remember that you had given her pain by your wilfulness or disobedience.—Old School Presbyterian.

He that has no one to love or trust has little to hope; we may perhaps allow, that what satisfaction this world can afford must arise from the conjunction of wealth, knowledge and goodness: wealth is nothing but as it is bestowed, and knowledge nothing but as it is communicated.

A miser died recently of softening of the brain. A paper said of him, "His head gave away, but his hand never did; his brain softened, but his heart could not."

Kansas teacher—where does all our grain produce go to? Boy—It goes into the hopper. Teacher—Hopper! what hopper? Boy—Grasshopper.

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.

Adopted Dec 6th 1875:

Resolved, That the Superintendent of the said Orphan Asylum shall report at each 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.

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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