

THE ORPHANS' FRIEND.

Wednesday, December, 29 1875.

In the name of the orphans we return grateful thanks for such letters as the following :

SHELBY, N. C., }
Dec. 20th, 1875. }

J. H. Mills, Esq.,

Supt. Oxford Orphan Asylum :

DEAR SIR.—I send you enclosed a P. O. order for \$11.25, contributed yesterday by the Shelby Baptist Sunday School, as a "Christmast gift" to your little orphans, earnestly wishing that we were able to double or treble the amount. We hope that other Sunday Schools and Societies, thriving in the midst of luxury and ease, while meeting in their comfortable houses and halls these cold, raw days, will remember the dear little orphans who are suffering for the necessities of life. We recognize the case as the most philanthropic and praiseworthy that we are called upon by the noble impulses of our nature to foster and sustain. May God bless you in your charitable work.

Yours &c.,
W. C. DURHAM, Sec. and Treas.

BALTIMORE, Nov. 13th, 1875.
Mr. J. H. Mills—Dear Sir:—I will forward two barrels of syrup this evening marked Orphan Asylum, Oxford, N. C., one barrel given by Mrs. P. A. Dunn, and the other given by Messrs. Wilson, Palmer & Co.

Respectfully,
P. A. DUNN.

WILMINGTON, N. C., }
Dec. 22nd, 1875. }

Mr. J. H. Mills—Dear Sir:—I enclose a check on Raleigh for \$50 as a Christmas offering from my children to the orphans under your care.

Yours truly,
DONALD MACRAE.

HUNTSVILLE, N. C., }
Dec. 19th, 1875. }

Dear Little Orphans:—I send you a dollar for a Christmas gift, and I hope it will do you a great deal of good, and that you will have a heap of dollars and nice things besides this.

I want to tell you how such a little boy as I am came to have a whole dollar of his own. I am not quite six years old yet, but my mother and auntie wanted me to learn to read, and told me "Santa Claus" would bring me a little fiddle that I wanted very badly, if I would learn to read by Christmas, and my uncle told me he would give me a pair of beautiful little boots; but though I wanted them just as badly as I could, I would not agree to learn for them.

But I have an aunt who knows how well I love the little orphans, so she told me if I would read by this time she would give me a dollar to send you, and write me a little letter to send it in, and I went to studying right away and have won my dollar, for I can read right nicely now in one syllable. When I am a big man I will make a heap of money for you. When I say my prayers I ask the Good Man to take care of you.

Your friend,
LITTLE RICHARD.

NORFOLK, VA., }
Dec. 22nd, 1875. }

DEAR SIR:—It is with pleasure that we forward to you, herein, the list of contributions which have been made by some of the merchants of this city as a Christ-

mas Offering to your Asylum.

The several articles mentioned therein have been shipped via the S. & R. R. Co. to-day, with the exception of one barrel of flour, one barrel of fish and a dozen stools, 1/2 dozen pillows and a roll of carpet which we shall forward to-morrow. We trust that all may be safely delivered and that they will be accepted as a contribution cheerfully tendered to the little ones under your care by their friends here. We forward these articles as the result of one days solicitation on our part among the good people of this city and to say that we have been and received and aided by all who have contributed, as cheerfully as we desired. Wishing you and those with you a happy Christmas and a prosperous future, we are, dear Sir,

Your obedient servants,
JOHN A. WHITE,
WARREN G. ELLIOTT.

The December number of *Our Living and Our Dead* is full of interesting articles: One of them, copied from the ORPHANS' FRIEND, was written by one of our teachers.

CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE ORPHAN ASYLUM FROM DECEMBER 21st TO DECEMBER 28th INCLUSIVE.

- IN CASH.
- Paid \$50.00, Donald Mac Rae's children.
 - " 30.56, Thanksgiving Collection in Presbyterian Church Raleigh.
 - " 17.99, Polkton Social & Literary Club.
 - " 11.55, Wesleyan Fem. College, Murfreesboro.
 - " 11.25, Christmas Gift of Shelby Baptist Sunday School.
 - " 10.55, Knights of Pythias, Clinton.
 - " 10.00 each, a Ministry, Durham Baptist Sunday School.
 - " 7.60, Orphans' Friend.
 - " 6.23, New Hope Sunday School.
 - " 5.36, Methodist Church, Newbern.
 - " 5.00, Miss L. A. Plummer.
 - " 4.25, Fifth Creek Church (Traddell).
 - " 2.50, Hillsboro Baptist Sunday School.
 - " 1.00 each, P. A. Tunstall, Little Richard of Huntsville.

- IN KIND.
- Maggie Pemberton, 1 Flannel suit & saquee.
 - Henry Pemberton, 1 Blouse.
 - Annie Whitehead, 3 dresses and 1 night gown.
 - Caro Lincberry, candy & 1 book.
 - Agnes Green, 1 toy.
 - Mr. Thornton, 3 Remnants calico.
 - Mr. E. L. Pemberton, 10 cakes soap.
 - Mr. Thompson, Janet, Annie & Eva Whitehead & Luc Evans, cup & saucer, mug & 1 balsamol.
 - Anne Steele, 1 Testament 2 Chemises.
 - Jennie Rose, 1 Cup of jelly, 1 toy, 5 yds. Calico.
 - Caro Cohen, Candy & Nuts.
 - Mrs. E. D. McNeill, 1 night dress & cake soap.
 - Minnie McNeill, Blanket Shawl.
 - Mrs. Augusta Rose, 1 shawl cake soap.
 - Lizzie Roberts, 1 cake soap.
 - Maggie Fuller, pr. shoes, stockings, books ekirts 1 match safe.
 - Hattie Vink, 1 pr. Gloves, 2 cakes soap.
 - Marion Fuller, 2 yds calico, 4 books, pictures 2 match safes.
 - Joanna Robinson, 2 toys.
 - Alice Pemberton, 10 toys.
 - Willie G. Whitehead, 2 picture books.
 - Gussie Worth, crochet needle, spool thread.
 - Julia Roberts, 1 apron, 1 towel, 1 collar, crochet needle, 1 quilt piece 1 basket.
 - Floy J. book, 2 yds calico quilt pieces.
 - Eliza Hall, 6 yds shirting 3 pieces calico.
 - Ida Holland, 1 calico dress, 1 saquee.
 - Alice McDuffie, 2 aprons, 1 waterproof, 1 calico dress, 1 worsted dress.
 - Emma & Eddie Ledbetter, 2 aprons, 1 pr drawers, 1 flannel shirt, 7 prs stockings, 3 suits boys clothes, 1 undershirt, 1 merino dress 1 calico dress.
 - Mr. Henry Lilly, 1 bolt calico.
 - Lollie Thompson, 1 fln. saquee, 1 hood.
 - Jennings Pemberton, 1 Overcoat, 1 woolen comforter 1 pr pants 1 book.

From the friends of the Orphans, in Norfolk, Virginia:

- Hymans & Dancy 1 bbl. flour.
- Gwathmey & Dobie 1 " "
- McClanahan & Norman, 1 bag peanuts.
- B. E. Baxter & Co. 25 lbs coffee.
- M. L. T. Davis & Co. 1 cheese.
- Wm. F. Allen & Co. 4 broasts bacon.
- Elliott & White 1 bbl flour.
- W. G. Elliott 1 " apples.
- Rowland Bros. 1 " fish.

- T. A. Williams & Co. 1 bag rice.
- Morris Brothers, 1 bbl flour.
- T. B. Rowland, 1 bag peanuts.
- C. B. Ackiss, 1 bbl sweet potatoes.
- Leigh Bros. & Phelps, 1 bbl flour.
- D. S. Cherry & Son, 1 box raisins.
- Grandy, Williams & Co., 1 bbl flour.
- Savage, Jones & Lee, 3 hams.
- I. R. Gillet, 1 bbl sweet potatoes.
- Jno Q. Ganage, 1 bbl Irish potatoes.
- C. Billups, 1 box soap.
- Corprew, Armstrong & Hunter, 1 bolt calico.
- M. A. & C. A. Santos, 1 box soap.
- Kader Biggs & Co., 1 bbl flour.
- Bradford & Tazewell, 1 bbl fish.
- Hardy & Nash, 1 box raisins.
- Whitehead & Brickland, 12 prs misses and child's shoes.
- Vaughan, Barnes & Co., 1 bbl flour.
- Gilbert Elliott, Jr., 1 bbl sweet potatoes.
- Taylor & Loyall, 31 boxes raisins.
- Taylor, Elliott & Watters, 1 doz scissors.
- S. March & Co., 1 box soap.
- W. B. Wills, Marrow & Co., 12 prs Misses and child's shoes.
- M. Umstadter & Co., 1 bolt calico.
- E. B. Blamire & Co., 1 bundle saundry dry goods.
- Norsworthy & Jenkins, package dry goods.
- Z & A. T. Hofheimer, 1 card neckties.
- Peter Smith, 1 bolt calico.
- G. K. Goodridge, 1 bbl flour.
- Watke & Williams, toilet soap.
- Eppes and Polk, one box, 6 doz tumbler.
- E. P. Tabb & Co., 2 sets knives and forks.
- Vickery & Co., 1 lot picture books.
- Arthur C. Freeman, 1 bbl apples.
- S. A. Stevens & Co., lot assorted furniture.
- J. W. Grandy & C. W. Kollinger, of Anderson, Grandy & Co., 12 Misses shawls.
- Jas Reid & Co., 1 box crackers.
- Saids Morse, 1 bad quilt.
- Mrs. Penelope Gallop, 17 prs socks & 1 coat.
- Unknown 1 comfort.
- " " bundle of clothing.
- Cooper & Williams, 2 doz. ruffs.
- T. D. Crawford & Co. 1 barrel cakes 1 box apples.
- James McGee, 50 lbs. flour.
- Jas. T. Bostick " " "
- Wm. Broom 25 " " "
- J. M. Hinchaw 40 " " "
- W. A. Woolden 40 " " "
- D. H. Clapp 40 " " "
- Wm. Adams, 20 " " "
- M. C. Pentress 40 " " "
- S. W. Wall 40 " " "
- J. N. Caudle 52 " " "
- Thos. Hinchaw 50 " " "
- Isaac Lee 43 " " "

The following persons have paid for THE ORPHANS' FRIEND for one year from this date:

- Mrs. Kate E. Turner, Mrs. Sarah Miller, James P. Hodges, Wm. F. Smith, John A. Layton, Benjamin I. Breedlove, W. R. Turner.

For the Orphans' Friend.
CHRISTMAS.

Time's ceaseless wheels are rolling on with their accustomed swiftness and will, ere long usher in upon us the far-famed day, Christmas. This day, the twenty-fifth of December, is supposed to be the birth-day of our blessed Savior; and the glorious event it witnessed is celebrated by those who acknowledge the divinity of Christ, and bear stamped upon our hearts the handwriting of the Holy Spirit, as the grandest recorded in the world's history. Upon that day the dim types and figures of the Old Testament were verified and the hoary prophecies were fulfilled; the faint rays of christianity that glimmered in the horizon, were kindled in the blaze of glory, which will throw its resplendent light far down the track of future ages and gild the rugged path of man's earthly pilgrimage; a grand impetus was given to the slowly moving car of religion, and it is now rushing onward with accelerated speed, bearing its inestimable freight of immortal souls to the New Jerusalem. The infant Messiah breathed! the Son incarnate, the Holy One of God, the Savior of the world was among us! A beautiful star stood sentinel over the lovely babe! Heaven's gates flew wide and a convoy of bright angels descended upon flaming

wings and sang the advent of the Prince of peace. The glowing song was caught on high by the glittering host that thronged the mighty throne of God, and echoed throughout the gilded courts above: "On earth peace, good will toward men." Jehovah looked on with an approving smile to see the work of salvation begin! Heaven trembled with excess of delight as it beheld the birth of Him, who was to leave the mountain of sin that was pressing a world into hell! Man, guilty man, alone was indifferent! Oh! what hallowed emotions crowd upon the christian warrior as he contemplates the ineffable, the boundless, the almighty love that gave us Jesus. By Him are we made whole, through His precious blood are we purified and made fit heirs of the kingdom of God. Followers of the Lamb, fellow-soldiers fighting under the blood-stained banner of the Cross, I call on you to observe *this day* in an appropriate manner. Let prayers of thanks ascend on high; dedicate yourselves anew to the service of God; go forward in the discharge of all your duties; "let your light so shine that others seeing your good works may be constrained to glorify God;" and you shall have your reward.

W. M. H.

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 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.

"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, 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.

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All the net profits go to the benefit of the Asylum.

We ask every present subscriber to get us at least one additional name before the meeting of the Grand Lodge, but one need not be considered the limit.

August 25th, 1875.

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,
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A. LANDIS, JR.

November, 1875.

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