

LIMITED NUMBERS.

Times are hard, very had indeed upon the orphans: many regular contributors have ceased to contribute, and even some wealthy Lodges have reduced their donations until the monthly income fails to meet expenses. We have therefore decided to limit the number at Oxford to one hundred, and at Asheville to fifty. This decision will compel us to discharge some prematurely and to refuse others in need of our assistance. All we now propose to do, is to help the most needy.

Major Wilson thinks the Blue Ridge Tunnel ("the big tunnel") will be bored through in sixteen months, and that the same time will be required to grade the road and lay the iron to the Tunnel. If then the grading and track-laying can proceed down the Swannanoa at the rate of one mile a week, trains will run into Asheville about Christmas after next.

Bishop Garrett, of northern Texas, has stationed a 'Presbyter' at Fort Worth, in order as, he says, to 'try whether the church in the United States will let him starve.' In all such experiments, we would much rather be the Bishop than the Presbyter.

Popular Errors.

To think the more a man eats, the fatter and stronger he will become. To believe that the more hours children study the faster they will learn. To conclude that if exercise is good, more violent it is, the more good is done. To imagine that every hour taken from sleep is an hour gained. To act on the presumption that the smallest room in the house is large enough to sleep in. To argue that what ever remedy causes one to feel immediately better, is good for the system, without regard to ulterior effects. To eat without an appetite, or to continue to eat after it has been satisfied, merely to gratify the taste. To eat a hearty supper for the pleasure experienced during the time it is passing down the throat, at the expense of a whole night of disturbed sleep and a weary waking in the morning.

Sunbeams.

Of course you have noticed what a different aspect everything wears in the sunshine from what does in the shadow? And did you ever think what an analogy there was between the sunlight of the cloudless skies and the sunshine that gleams into the darkened chamber of the human soul? How bright and beautiful are the golden beams that break at last through the riven clouds to lighten up the world again after a succession of dark and stormy days. How peaceful and happy are the blissful words of hope and cheer that touch the heart and fill the soul with emotions of peace and joy after a long period of sorrow and despondency, when uttered by some disinterested friend. There are none living that do not, in a greater or less degree, have an influence over the earthly happiness of others. The sense of contributing to the pleasure of others augments our own happiness. Unselfishness, Christian charity, and loving kindness, are the sunbeams of the soul.

DO IT NOW.

Don't live a single hour of your life without doing exactly what is to be done in it, and going straight through it from beginning to end. Work, play, study, whatever it is—take hold at once, and finish it up squarely and cleanly; and then attend to the next thing, without letting any moments drop out between. It is wonderful to see how many hours prompt people contrive to make of a day; it is as if they picked up the moments that the dawdlers lost. And if ever you find yourself where you have so many things pressing upon you that you hardly know how to begin, take hold of the very first one that comes to hand, and you will find the rest all fall into file and follow after, like a company of well-drilled soldiers, and though work may be hard to meet when it charges in a squad, it is easily vanquished if you can bring it into line. You may have often seen the anecdote of the man who was asked how he accomplished so much in his life, "My father taught me," was the reply, "when I had anything to do, to go and do it." There is the secret—the magic word "now!"—*News.*

BEAUTIES OF COLD WATER.

Mr. Gough, after his long experience of the mischief occasioned by intoxicating drinks, was well qualified to speak of the worth of cold water. The following brilliant paragraph might almost convert a confirmed toper to temperance principles:

Catclung up from the table a tumbler filled with the sparkling crystal, he exclaimed:

"Look at that, ye thirsty ones of earth! Behold it! See its purity! How it glitters, as if a mass of liquid gems! It is a beverage brewed by the hand of the Almighty himself! Not in the simmering still, over smoky fires, choked with poisonous gases, and surrounded by the stench of sickening odors and rank corruptions, doth your Father in heaven prepare the precious essence of life, the pure cold water; but in the green glade, and grassy dell, where the red deer wanders, and the child loves to play, there God brews it; and down, down in the deepest valleys, where the fountains murmur and the rills sing; and high up the small mountain tops, where the naked granite glitters like gold in the sun, where storm-clouds brood and the thunder-storms crash; and away far out on the wide sea, where the hurricanes howl music, and the waves roar the chorus, sweeping the march of God—there he brews it, that beverage of life—health-giving water! And every where it is a thing of beauty; gleaming in the dew-drop—singing in the summer rain—shining in the ice gem, till the trees all seem turned into living jewels—spreading a golden veil over the setting sun, or a white gauze over the midnight moon—sporting in the cataracts—sleeping in the glaciers—dancing in the hail shower—folding its bright snow curtains softly about the wintery world, and weaving the many colored iris—that seraph's zone of the sky—whose warp is the rain-drop of earth, whose woof is the sunbeam of heaven, all checked over with celestial flowers, by the mystic hand of refraction—still, always it is beautiful, that blessed life-water! No poison bubbles on the brink; its form brings no sadness or murder; no blood stains its limpid glass; broken-

hearted wives, pale widows, and starving orphans shed no tears in its depths; no drunkard's shrieking ghost from the grave utters curses in the words of eternal despair. Beautiful, pure, blessed and glorious; give me for ever, the sparkling, pure cold water."

Contributions to the Asheville Orphan Asylum for the week ending April 18th 1876.

- IN CASH.
Paid 60 cts Miss Sallie Britain.
" 50 cts Christmas tree, Big Ivey Baptist church.
" 40 cts each, R R Porter, A Friend, contribution box M. E. church Asheville.
- IN KIND.
Mrs Sarah Morrison, 7 prs pants, 2 coats, 2 shirts, 3 dresses, 1 skirt, 7 yds calico.
Christmas tree Big Ivey Baptist church, 1 pr pants, 2 belts, 5 yds jeans, 4 yds brown sheeting, 1 shawl, 52 yds calico, 1 woolen scarf, 4 gals molasses, 2 jugs.
Messrs Brevard & Porter, 3 dresses, 4 shirts, 2 yds calico. (The garments made by Misses Porter.)
Mrs S M Banks, 3 dresses, 2 skirts, 1 waist 1 shirt, 1 pr slips, 3/4 yds plaids.
F P Roberts, 3 bu corn.
J A Carter, 3/4 lbs bacon.
G J D Carter, 1 bu wheat.
Rev J L Swain, 1 chicken.
J C Sams, 14 lbs bacon, 3/4 gals molasses.
H C Blackstock 2 " "
J G Bell, 1 " "
A M Brank, 2 " "
W R Chambers, 1 " "
A S Weaver, 2 " "
Mrs R A Blackstock, 1 " beans.
Z Braid, 1 bag flour.
A Friend, 1 1/2 bu corn.
J W McElroy, 1 bu corn.
Nichols & Weaver, 1 bu beans.
Isaac Coleman, colored, 1 sack flour,
Contribution box, M E Church Asheville, 2 prs socks.

Contributions to the Orphan Asylum at Oxford for the week ending April 24th 1876.

- IN CASH.
Paid \$500, Grand Lodge of Masons of N C.
Paid \$10 00, Stonewall Lodge, No. 296.
" 26.00, Orphans' Friend.
" 10 00 Stonewall Lodge No. 295.
" 5.00 each, Granite Lodge No. 191 and St Johns Lodge No 3.
" 6.00, Palmyra Lodge No. 147.
" 1.00, Atlantic Lodge No. 294.
" 25 cts Mt Moriah Church.
" 6.20, Rev A D Betts collection at Gold Hill.
" 5.00 each, Walter Brem, Cane Creek Baptist Church, W J Stanley and Granite Lodge No 191.
" 1.00 each, Capt L E Riggan and Atlantic Lodge, No 294.
" 25 cts, J K Moose.
- IN KIND.
Unknown, 8 dresses.
R L Hunt, 24 girls' hats.
T D Crawford, 2 bbls potatoes.
Elijah Montague, 100 lbs four and 1 pk beans.
A E Carter, 1 pk meal.
Clifton Brett, 1 bu meal.
Ben Weston, 1 bu meal.
R E Beal, 1 bu meal.
J D Gatling, 1/2 bu meal.
A M Darden, 1/2 bu meal.

The following persons have paid for THE ORPHANS' FRIEND for one year:
Miss G M Thompson, T H Mallison, E N Crews, S F Overton, E F Lamb, E M Deford, Margaret Williams, Willie Traflet, Coston Sawyer, Jr., Simeon Overton, Elizabeth Pritchard, Charlie J Sawyer, Bailey Forbes, Samuel W Gregory, Mark Gregory, Jr., Mark R Gregory, Sr., Miss Glenora Jones, Rev. E N Joyner, Miss Maggie Thomas, Dr J H Crawford, T B Corpening.

THE LEGISLATURE AND THE ORPHANS.

Correspondents so often ask what the Legislature has done for the orphans, that we find it necessary to keep a standing answer to the inquiry. The Constitution of North Carolina says:

"There shall also, as soon as practicable, be measures devised by the State for the establishment of one or more Orphan Houses, where destitute orphans may be cared for, educated and taught some business or trade."

Every member of the Legislature, before taking his seat, solemnly swears "that he will support the Constitution and laws of the United States, and the Constitution of the State of North Carolina, and will faithfully discharge his duty as a member of the Senate or House of Representatives."

Both political parties have been in power since the present Constitution was adopted, and the only appropriation made to the orphan work was the gift of the crape used at the funeral of Governor Caldwell. 10-tf.

Resolutions of the

Adopted Dec 3d, Resolved, 1. That the College shall be the medium for the protection and education of children.

2. That this Grand Lodge appropriate \$... for the support of the... will not assume pecuniary responsibility.

3. That this Grand Lodge a Superintendent with the institution and contributions for its support classes of our people.

4. That orphan children of said Asylum shall be clothed, and shall receive preparatory training education as will prepare them for useful occupations and usual business transactions.

Adopted Dec 5th 1875. Resolved, That the Superintendent of the said Orphan Asylum shall report at each Annual Communication an account of all special acts, receipts, disbursements, number of pupils, &c. with such suggestions as may seem 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.

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