

WET AND DRY.

Rain fell during June for nearly a week in the West, and crops, bridges, mills, and even bar-rooms were cleaned up by cold water. French Broad, Swannanoa, Catawba and Yadkin, reveled in the ruin wrought by their own floods. At the same time Granville county was as dry as Cromwell's powder.

Messrs. Hawkins & Co., Baltimore, have sent the orphans, at Oxford, a box containing over five hundred pounds of bacon. Their contributions are always liberal, timely and appropriate.

CENTENNIAL LETTER.

PHILADELPHIA.

After looking at the crocodile (stuffed) in the centre of the Egyptian department, and gazing with admiration upon the door of an old mosque in Cairo, which was carved and inlaid in ivory and ebony in the fourteenth century, we go to Turkey. Here we are charmed with two beautiful sheep, who look at us with gentle eyes, and their garb appears to be silk instead of wool, so soft and fleecy is its texture. We look up to see the Spanish pavilion of very handsome design. It represents Columbus of granate, and has paintings of Columbus and Queen Isabella over the large windows, and in the arched doorway hangs a handsome bronze chandelier. Within we see tapestries from the royal gallery, and a fine exhibition of the minerals of the country. But right beyond, our eye is caught by the rich display of malachite ornaments sent from Russia. What beautiful malachite tables, vases and cabinets! The most of it is a beautiful highly polished green stone; but there is one table of a dark bright blue color. There is a malachite mantel that is particularly beautiful. Around it is inlaid marble of different colors, and bunches of fruit are carved so beautifully, that every passer-by stops to admire them. The mantel is valued at \$6,500. We see the real Bohemian glass, fanciful vases, and goblets and ornaments; looking glasses with pretty pictures painted on them; chandeliers with hundreds of pendants, and still we wander on to new countries, while the organ discourses sweet music.

Were it not for the fatigue we would well imagine that we were in dream land, so strange and wonderful are many things that strike our view. Here are shawls from India, cutlery from Sheffield itself of which our geography tells us; silks from Lyons, and jewels rich and rare from various countries. One diamond necklace in the French department has been sold for \$40,000; but Tiffany, of New York, has a necklace, not sold, (I tell this for the sake of those who may wish to purchase) which he values at \$80,000. He has, too, a solitaire diamond which he values at \$7,000, and a brilliant ruby at \$5,000. Indeed, one small case of jewelry is valued at \$525,000. Just think—over a half of a million of dollars. Starr & Marcus, of New York, have a solitaire diamond valued at \$12,000. The exhibitor very facetiously remarked, as I was looking at it, "Don't too many of you ladies want that diamond, for I can not furnish many duplicates." A lady happily replied, "I think you will have to divide up this one." I would like to speak of the

celebrated Helicon vase from London. The figures are hammered out of silver and steel by hand, and enriched with tracery in gold and silver. This vase is illustrative of music and poetry, which are represented by two female figures on either side of the graceful vase. The vase itself is of ovoid form and surmounted by two boyish gamin—one which bears aloft the lyre of Apollo, and the other tests the purity of the strain with a tuning fork. This is a master piece of metal carving and is valued at \$30,000.

We see specimens of carpets, books, prints, cotton, silk, cutlery, drugs, everything—from the United States; but in the German department, I think, we see two alum caves that are beautiful, and I know it is Germany that has the finest display of doll babies—a whole case of wax dolls of every age and size. The little baby with long dresses on, and the young lady on horseback are looking placidly on the crowded aisle. Switzerland is well represented. See those beautifully carved clocks. One represents the cathedral at Berne, and the exhibitor goes to another and touches some spring, and a little door opens, and there stands a man with a brass horn to his mouth and a dog standing by his side. He immediately commences to blow a tune on his horn, and very sweet, and clear, and natural it sounds. When he has finished the door closes and all is still. Here are watches of wonderful beauty—enamelled watches studded with diamonds. One watch is only a little over a quarter of an inch in diameter, and is valued at \$1200; then here is a watch in the end of a gold pencil. There are beautiful straw fans and hats and ornaments from Bermudas; shell work of exquisite design from Bahama; mace, nutmegs and cloves from Trinidad; porcupine skins with the quills on them from Tasmania; ostrich eggs and young ostriches and a model to show how the eggs are hatched from Cape Colony. From the Hanau islands minerals and sea weed and fly brushes that belong to Queen Emma, also two straw hats sent over by her majesty; but very plain straw hats, such as you see every day.

The mummies—we must not forget the mummies—which are here from Peru, and are over 3,000 years old. I think a group in plaster from France very interesting. The figures are all full size and very life-like. The infant Jesus lies in the manger—to the right kneels his mother, and Joseph is on the other side, a donkey is a little in the back ground looking on, while the wise men are there with their offerings of gold, frankincense and myrrh, and the shepherd too is there. Over the door of the stable is written, "Glory to God in the highest," and we would add, "Peace on earth and good will to men."

BOY'S NAMES.

As a general rule, people give names without knowing or caring what they signify. For the amusement of curiosity hunters, we have collected a small list of masculine names, with their definitions:

George—Husbandman.
Albert—Noble, bright.
Benjamin—The son of the right hand.
Charles—Strong and valiant.
Richard—Great heart.
Herbert—Glory of the army.
William—Helmet of Resolu-

tion.
Frederick—Rich, peace.
Hugh—High, lofty.
Isaac—Laughter.
Patrick—Nobleman.
Robert—Famous in council.
Edward—A truth keeper.
Edwin—Wins all hearts.
Joseph—He trusts in God.
Gilbert—Light of many.
Samuel—Called of God, answerer of prayer.
Frank—Indomitable, self-will.
Henry—A hero.
Thomas—A sun god.
John—Gracious in the sight of the Lord.

Contributions to the Orphan Asylum at Oxford for the week ending July 2nd 1876.

IN CASH.
Paid \$15.25, Mt. Moriah Lodge, No. 350.
" 12.50, Lenoir Lodge, No. 233.
" 10.00 each, A D Campbell for Black Rock Lodge, No. 135, and Students of Sawyer's Academy.
" 3.50 each, Rockahock Church, Wilmington Lodge, No. 319.
" 3.40, Perseverance Lodge, No. 59.
" 2.00, Orphans' Friend.
" 1.00 each, J Y Landis, W A Davis.
" 40 cts, Mt. Olive Lodge, No. 208.
" 25 cts, J W Grandy, of Norfolk.

IN KIND.

Mrs Mary Harris, 1 apron.
Mrs Martha Byrum, 1 pr drawers, 1 apron.
Mrs S A Perry, 1 pr socks.
Misses Orphan Aid Society of Goldsboro, 1 bundle clothing.
Mrs J A Henley, 2 prs pants, 1 coat.
Hawkins & Co., 506 lbs bacon.
Unknown Friend, 1 side bacon, (tag torn off)

The following persons have paid for THE ORPHANS' FRIEND for one year:
Daesie Peed, Mary E. Lunsford.

HOW CHILDREN ARE ADMITTED.

Very often the Superintendent hunts up poor and promising orphans and informs them of the advantages offered at the Orphan Houses, and induces them to return with him. Generally it is best that he should see them before they start. When this is impracticable, a formal application should be made by some friend. Here is one in proper form:

Edenton, N. C., }
June 2d, 1876. }
This is to certify that Susan N. Bradshaw is an orphan, without estate, sound in body and mind, and ten years of age. Her father died in 1873; her mother in 1867. I being her Aunt, hereby make application for her admission into the Asylum at Oxford. I also relinquish and convey to the officers of the Asylum the management and control of the said orphan for four years, in order that she may be trained and educated according to the regulations prescribed by the Grand Lodge of North Carolina. Martha Scott.

Approved by
John Thompson, W. M.
of Unanimity Lodge, No. 7.
The application should be sent to the Superintendent and he will either go for the children, or provide for their transportation. In no case should a community take up a collection to send a man with the children, nor send the children before the Superintendent has been consulted.

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 Consti-

tution 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. 10-11.

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 receive such preparatory training and education as will prepare them for useful occupations and for the usual business transactions of life.

Adopted Dec. 5th 1875:
Resolved, That the Superintendent of the said Orphan Asylum shall report at each Annual Communication an account of his official acts, receipts, disbursement, 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.

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Arrive at Rocky Mount.....	11.35 a. m.
" Goldsboro.....	1.37 p. m.
" Union Depot.....	6.05 p. m.

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Arrive at Rocky Mount.....	9.00 p. m.
" Goldsboro.....	12.50 a. m.
" Union Depot.....	6.30 a. m.

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JOHN DIVINE,
General Superintendent.

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No. 2 Freight train.....	at 8 a. m.
Tuesdays and Fridays at.....	at 8 a. m.

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Mail train.....	at 7.15 p. m.
No. 1 Freight train.....	at 12 Noon.
No. 2 Freight train.....	at 4 p. m.

Freight trains have passenger car attached. Steamer for Edenton, Plymouth and landings on Black water and Chowan Rivers leaves Franklin at 7.40 a. m., on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays.

E. G. GHIO,
Supt. of Transportation.

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MAIL TRAIN.

Leaves Raleigh.....	10.00 a. m.
Arrives at Weldon.....	3.30 p. m.
Leaves Weldon.....	10.00 a. m.
Arrives at Raleigh.....	3.30 p. m.

ACCOMMODATION TRAIN.

Leaves Raleigh.....	5.00 a. m.
Arrives at Weldon.....	5.25 p. m.
Leaves Weldon.....	5.15 a. m.
Arrives at Raleigh.....	5.40 p. m.

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And at Raleigh with the North Carolina Railroad to and from all points South and Southwest, and with the Raleigh & Augusta Air-Line to Haywood and Fayetteville.

JNO. C. WINDER, Gen. Supt.

RALEIGH & AUGUSTA AIR-LINE.

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Train leaves Raleigh.....	3.40 p. m.
Arrives at Sanford.....	8.19 p. m.
Arrives at Cameron.....	9.20 p. m.
Train leaves Cameron.....	4.15 a. m.
Leaves Sanford.....	5.10 a. m.
Arrives at Raleigh.....	9.45 a. m.

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