

## ORPHANS' FRIEND.

Wednesday, July 18, 1877.

—CAPT. William Biggs is now editor of the Free Lance, a paper lately started in Oxford.

—MR. Davis has closed out his interest in the Job Office at Durham and now holds the Torch-Light with both hands.

—LITTLE Ella Story, formerly of Hertford, is now Ella Parker the adopted daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Drury L. Parker of Rowan. The Superintendent took pleasure in signing the paper required by the clerk of the Court.

Radicke's Gospel Tableaux are announced for exhibition in Oxford on Saturday night the 4th of August. These tableaux were prepared in Germany at a cost of \$10,000 and embrace 3600 figures. The paintings cover seven thousand feet of canvass.

Prof. C. S. Maurice accompanies the exhibition with explanatory lecture. Price of admission 25cts.

### A REMARKABLE CROP.

Mr. R. H. Hardaway of Thomsville, Ga. makes a wonderful report of his crop. We copy from the *Salisbury Watchman*:

Last year I cultivated only ten acres with the following results, viz: I gathered 328 bushels of corn, 18 bushels of wheat, 267 bushels of oats, 3 bales of cotton, average 438 lbs. each. I also made potatoes, peas and kershaws and fodder. The 267 bushels of oats were actually sold for seed oats. At the late Fair I exhibited 12 cabbage, 204 lbs; 12 turkeys, 131½ lbs; 6 beets 43 lbs; 12 white California radishes, 15 to 22 inches long, White Naples onions, 4 inches in diameter. In 1875 I had 7 acres of oats, and sold 525 bushels; 3 acres of corn, and sold 158 bushels; 5 acres of cotton, yielded 3 bales weighing 1560 lbs., also potatoes, peas, pumpkins, kershaws and fodder, &c., &c., not counted. This year, 1877, I have 5 acres corn, 5 acres oats, 1½ acres wheat, ¾ acres in cotton. My oats have been gathered, and I will sell 400 bushels and keep seed for my next crop. What my corn will make the season alone will determine, the prospect now points to a good yield, say 300 to 350 bushels. Can't say how much wheat, it is not threshed, but looked fine when it was cut. I will plant potatoes and peas this month on my stubble land as usual.

I find sowing peas, 2 bushels to the acre, on my stubble land, produces an immense vine crop, which turned under enriches the land yearly, and I have been pursuing this plan with rotating the crops annually for many years.

### THE BIBLE ON LIARS AND LYING.

A poor man is better than a liar.—Prov. xix: 22.

The Devil is a liar, and the father of it.—John viii: 44.

The law is made for liars.—I. Tim. i: 10.

All liars shall have their part in the lake that burneth with fire and brimstone.—Rev. xxi: 8.

He that telleth lies shall not tarry in my sight.—Psalm ci: 7.

He that speaketh lies shall not escape.—Prov. xix: 5.

A faithful witness will not lie; but a false witness will utter lies.—Prov. xiv: 5.

Lie not one to another, seeing that ye have put off the old man with his deeds.—Col. iii: 9.

But Peter said, Ananias, why hath Satan filled thine heart to lie to the Holy Ghost?—Acts v: 3.

A clergyman, the other day in Indiana, ascending the pulpit on the Sabbath and saying, "No man can serve the Lord while he is suffering with the jumping toothache," dismissed his audience at once.

KINSTON, N. C., June 23, 1877.

*J. H. Mills, Sup't. Oxford Orphan Asylum.*—Dear Sir and Bro.—To-day I went over to Hookerton, Greene Co., to attend the Masonic Anniversary of St. John the Baptist. The day was lovely, and a pretty large crowd were in attendance. Rev. J. P. Simpson, of the Snow Hill circuit, N. C. Conference, M. E. Church, South, was the orator.

His address was listened to with marked attention, and his reply to some objections in that community, urged against Masonry, were just to the point; in fact, the whole discourse showed him to be a man of no ordinary talent.

After the address was over, the officers of Jerusalem Lodge, No. 95, for the ensuing Masonic year, were installed by the writer.

Thinking it a good time to remember the orphans, by permission of the W. M. I brought forward their claims in a few remarks, and took up a collection, the result of which was \$15, which I herewith enclose. The services being concluded at the church, the members of the Fraternity, together with the ladies and gentlemen present, repaired to a large oak grove near the Lodge, and partook of a regular old-fashioned Greene county barbecue, which, from the way it disappeared, was enjoyed highly. Many were surprised at the amount contributed, owing to the scarcity of money. I think they did what they could. May other communities do likewise.

Fraternally,

R. W. BEST.

P. S.—I also enclose \$7.50 which was contributed at the installation of the officers of Kinston Lodge, No. 316, making the whole amount enclosed \$22.50.

Dr. B. Craven, of Trinity College, delivered a Masonic address in the Methodist church at Kinston, on the occasion of the installation of the officers above alluded to. The church was filled, and well did the speaker sustain his reputation, for it was surely a splendid address. R. W. B.

### BOYS AND GIRLS.

We have on hand about a dozen boys and girls, small and sprightly, just such as childless couples might properly adopt. Persons wishing to adopt children are invited to come and see them, or correspond with us. ff

### THE PROSPECT BRIGHTENING.

It has become almost a habit to complain of hard times, and it may therefore be a long time yet before we cease to hear of them. But no one can fairly regard the prospect now presented without being impressed with the fact that the signs of the times are brighter than they have been for years, and that an era of prosperity seems just before us. The crops of the whole country never promised to yield more abundantly, and in some states the yield will probably be more than doubly as large as ever before. Some of the more Southern States, that have never yet produced one-fourth of their bread, last fall sowed large fields of surplus land in small grain, and for the first time in a number of years, are independent of Western markets. At home here, with good seasons, the crops will be remunerative. Tobacco may be low, but a fine article will always bring a fair price. We are also favored with a season of profound quietude, with no disturbing element in politics to impede the investment of capital.

All of these circumstances point unerringly to the dawn of a brighter and more prosperous season, in which the wail of hard times will become a dirge of the past, to be heard no more in our land. With industry, prudence and economy, there is an abundant prospect of a great change for the better in the condition of all our people.—*Danbury Reporter*.

Any man who can swap horses, or catch fish and not lie about it, is just about as pious as men ever get in this world.

—One of the seven wonders of the world was the wall and hanging gardens of Babylon. This ancient city was built on a square plain, surrounded by walls three hundred and fifty feet high. This wall was eighty-seven feet thick; on the top at regular distances from each other, were two hundred and fifty towers; outside the wall was a very deep ditch, constantly kept full of water. On the top of the walls was a row of houses on each side; and room for two chariots abreast in the middle. The King of Babylon caused the hanging gardens to be built for his Queen. The gardens were four hundred feet long on each side, and rose by terraces to the height of the walls of the city. This enormous pile was sustained by arches placed one upon the other. On the top of the arches were laid large flat stones, then a layer of reeds mixed with bitumen. On this were laid two rows of brick and plaster, then a layer of sheets of lead, and upon this the mould was passed. This mould was so deep that the largest trees could take firm root. In the upper terrace was a sort of engine or pump, which drew the water from the river below, and thus watered the gardens.—*N. Y. Observer*.

**SNAKE BITES.**—Before the old Revolution, an old Indian gave to a man in Rowan county by the name of Beaver, on Cold Water Creek, the following recipe for curing a snake bite, spider bite, or poison of any kind. Beaver made the Indian test the matter by permitting a poisonous snake to bite him on his naked foot twice. He then spread some of his ointment on the wound, put on his shoes, went on with his work and experienced no further trouble. Beaver kept it a secret for a long time; made and sold the ointment and made money at it. It is very simple and ought to be widely known—one pound of fresh butter, free from salt, melt it, put in the yolks of three hen's eggs, not the whites, stew till brown—then add the same quantity of sugar, as of the eggs, in fifteen minutes strain for use: spread it on the skin where the poison is as often as needful till a cure is effected. The man who gave this to the writer a few months ago, was in danger of having his leg amputated—now the surface is healed over, and the skin looks natural. He is ploughing every day. Keep it on hand.—*Statesville American*.

## REPORT OF CONTRIBUTIONS

For the week ending July 17th. IN CASH.

- Paid \$500.00, Grand of Masons in N. C.
- " 25.00, Hon. B F Moore.
- " 15.00, Jerusalem □, No. 95.
- " 7.50, Kinston □, No. 316.
- " 6.00, Orphans' Friend.
- " 3.95, Durham Baptist church.
- " 3.29, Hickory □, No. 343.
- " 2.45, Mt. Energy □, No. 140.
- " 1.05, Loch Lomond □, No. 242.
- " 1.00, A Granville Farmer.
- " 0.50, Rockford □, No. 251.

IN KIND.

- T M Gill & J A Stikeleather, 1 bolt domestic.
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- Mrs M M Jarvis, 7 pairs socks.
- Mrs Sarah A Kittrell, 1 pair socks.
- M C Dean, half bbl. corn.
- H T Knott, 1 bbl. corn.
- Shiloh Lodge, No. 250, 2 bbls. flour, 1 bu. corn, 3 pairs socks.
- Miss Sallie Paschall, daily contribution in milk.

The following persons have paid for the ORPHANS' FRIEND for one year:

Miss Maggie Thomas, Alex Nicol, Caswell Chapter No. 38, Kinston □ No. 316, Miss Annie Rosenthal, Mrs. J F Jones.

A judge out West, in remanding a criminal, called him a scoundrel. The prisoner replied: "Sir, I am not so big a scoundrel as your honor—" here the culprit stopped, but finally added, "takes me to be." "Put your words closer together," said the judge, sharply.

### 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 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 coöperation and liberal contributions have rendered timely and valuable assistance in the 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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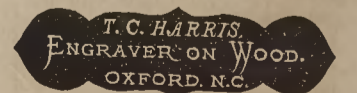
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