

## ORPHANS' FRIEND.

Wednesday, November 21, 1877.

**Is any Granville farmer going to invite the Orphans to dine on Thanksgiving day? We pause that you may answer.**

Many answers have come to our circular issued in September. We have carefully read and considered them all. The general sentiment seems to be that the present legislation (as published on the outside of this paper) should continue, with some slight additions and modifications.

These additions and modifications are embraced in the following:

1. That it shall be the duty of every Lodge to pay to the Orphan Asylum five dollars for every person initiated, and not less than five cents a month for every member on its roll, and to state in its annual returns to what extent this duty has been performed.

2. That any dimitted or non-affiliated Mason may send five dollars a year to the Orphan Asylum, by the Committee in whose jurisdiction he resides, and be thereby entitled to all the rites and benefits of Masonry, except membership in a subordinate Lodge.

3. That hereafter orphans shall be received between the ages of eight and twelve and discharged at sixteen.

4. That an Agent shall be appointed to canvass the State and secure subscriptions to the ORPHANS' FRIEND, contributions for immediate use, and funds for a permanent endowment.

### STILL IMPROVING

During the life of old Mr. Nissen we visited his famous wagon factory and were astonished at the vigor and skill with which his business was conducted, and at the excellence of his wagons. When he died we were afraid that his place could not be supplied. But we recently revisited the wagon works and found his son doing a large business, and (strange as it may seem) he has improved on his father's skill and the Nissen wagons are better than ever. An old wagoner looked at one of his wagons for a long time and said, "Well, I can't put my finger on any part that could be improved." And yet some of our people send to Indiana for wagons which spend most of their time at the shop.

### DON'T KEEP IT.

If you have raised any money for the Orphan Asylum, don't keep it; don't save it to carry to the Grand Lodge. We need it now. We are anxious to prepare for winter. It may snow at any time, or a cold rain may come.

If you intend to make a contribution, make it now. Delays are dangerous. We knew a man who was anxious to help a good work; but never felt that he could spare the cash. But a neighbor borrowed ten thousand (green-back) dollars of him and paid him, with a bankrupt notice. Then, when it was too late, he looked back and saw how much good he might have done with that money. The Lord gave it to him for a good purpose, and took it away when he tried to speculate on it.

Several weeks ago we announced that a teacher was wanted here, and the next week stated that a teacher had been employed. But we are still receiving answers to our advertisement. We are not able to write separate letters to all these clever ladies. We tell them once more that we have teachers enough at present, and hope they may soon find easier work and better pay.

### NOTES ON CURRENT EVENTS.

Father Evans, of the *Milton Chronicle*, speaks of representing Caswell in the Senate of our next legislature. His platform is a good one.

Brother Eavis, of the *Torchlight*, invites us to eat supper with him and his patrons at the Oxford Hotel on Thanksgiving day. Now if we should fail of an invitation to dinner on that day, wo betide that supper.

Governor Vance made a thoughtful address on the dangers of Democracies at the South Carolina Fair.

The Cumberland Fair was a success and the exhibition surpassed expectations.

The Presbyterians held their Synod in Charlotte, and had able reports and discussions.

The Baptist held their Convention in Durham and made big speeches and collections.

The Protestant Methodists are having a great revival with their Conference in Winston.

The Episcopal Methodists (we hope) will carry great comfort to many poor sinners in Salisbury.

Rev. F. M. Jordan and Pastor Marsh have a great revival in progress at Henderson.

Rev. Mr. Drew, of Boynton, Va., is assisting Rev. D. H. Jordan in a meeting in Oxford. He is preaching to the orphans while we are printing this paper.

The Bingham cadets have made a fine impression by their excellent drill.

Two Horners, at Henderson, (Rev. T. J. & W. D.) are conducting a large and prosperous school.

Two young Horners, at Oxford, are also quietly conducting a first-class preparatory school, and delighting their patrons with their discreet management.

Mr. J. H. Horner, the famous teacher, has returned from the mountains in excellent health and spirits.

Moses Gilliam, a good and gifted citizen of Windsor, is dead.

Tournaments are revived at Fayetteville and Elizabeth City.

Tennessee is building a monument to Andrew Johnson. It will probably cost \$20,000 and will therefore need a Presidential pardon.

Col. Fagg, of Asheville, is very fat and jovial; but a Washington letter alludes to him as Col. Hagg.

Mr. M. V. Lanier's poem entitled "Hillel and Sadi," in the *South Atlantic*, has one sure sign of merit, the oftener you read it the better you like it.

When a man's pen is full of life and his heart is full of love for his subject, an interesting article is the certain result. For an illustration read President Battle's sketch of the University, in the *South Atlantic*.

### TIMELY.

That box of shoes for boys and girls from George R. French & Sons of Wilmington; and all of them are large enough and small enough for our children. They were put up by James McDaniel French, Chairman of the Committee of St. John's Lodge No. 1. Having seen a good example himself, he can now exert a good influence as a member of the Committee.

The *South Atlantic* (Mrs Harris' Monthly Magazine of Literature) for November promises well for the future. Such a periodical is needed, and Mrs. Harris has talent enough to succeed in the enterprise, if our people will furnish the patronage to keep it a live. Price \$3, a year. Address Mrs. C. W. Harris, Wilmington, N. C.

The Russians are gradually closing in on the Turks. There have been many attacks and repulses, but no decisive battles. The season of winter quarters is at hand, but the Russians gained their great victories over Charles XII and Napoleon I in the heart of winter. Snow is their element, and they may freeze out the Turks on some cold December night.

Le premier des plaisirs et la plus gloire, C'est de prodiguer les bienfaits: Si vous en répandez, perdez-en la mémoire; Si vous en recevez, publiez-le à jamais. — Voltaire.

Translation.—The highest pleasure and the greatest glory, is to scatter benefits. When you do a favor, forget it. When you receive a kindness, publish it forever.

### THORNWELL ORPHANAGE.

From the second Annual Report we copy the some interesting paragraphs:

It was then October, 22, 1872, resolved by the session of the Clinton Presbyterian Church, relying upon a prayer-hearing God, to do what it seemed to them ought to be done, to establish in our little village a home for orphan children, where they should receive all the advantages of a good primary education, without that cramping system of indentures so common to orphan Asylums. After three years of labor in the collection and expenditure of the gifts of the charitable, on the 1st of October, 1875, the Thornwell Orphanage was opened for the reception of orphans, with a matron and teacher, both devoted to the interests of the institution. At that time, the house a neat, stone building, 2½ stories high, was unfenced, and so was our farm of 125 acres; about \$1,800 still remained unpaid, upon our buildings, we had not one dollar to buy provisions with, and ten orphan children to be fed, clothed and educated. The times too were unexceptionably hard and a bad government trampled our state under foot. Yet we knew that the Lord had shown us many tokens of favor and we went forward trusting solely to him. By the end of the first year, our debt had been reduced to six hundred dollars, our yard and garden had been fenced in, our endowment increased to \$1500, and our orphan household enlarged to thirteen. We now report with thankful hearts that the Lord has not forsaken us, but during the past twelve months, we have made still further advance,

ENDOWMENT.—Our only effort in this direction has been through the children of the Southern Churches. Last January, we issued a circular to Sunday schools asking for a gift to our endowment, and held as the "The Children's Gift" to the Orphanage. In answer 50 Sunday schools contributed \$333.10. Of this amount by the advice of gentlemen in whose judgement we have entire confidence, \$285.50 was expended in the purchase of \$600, L. R. R. mortgage bonds, bearing interest at 7 per cent. Mr. D. T. Fleming of Charleston has added to this two hundred dollars of the same security. And in addition we hold \$125 secured by real estate. Balance of Childrens Gift on hand \$36.60, making a total added to our endowment this year of \$1000. We regard this as a very necessary step toward perfecting our work. We need an endowment of \$25,000. At present we have only 1—10th of that amount. We hope annually to obtain a contribution from our Sunday Schools. But would hope that the Lord will put it into the heart of some able friend of the cause, to give us large and liberal gifts.

THE FARM.—We have connected with the Orphanage a farm of 125 acres. Sixty acres of this is in woods and sixty-five in cleared land. During the past year, we have succeeded in getting the whole of it enclosed, and a pasture of thirty acres cut off from the rest. We have two horses, one cow named "Sumter," in honor of the Church that gave it, and a fair supply of pigs and poultry. The farm has been rented the past year, and has added including fuel and vegetables, perhaps from three to four hundred dollars. We need a comfortable farm

house, and hope the ensuing year to make better arrangements for utilizing the farm, by taking its cultivation in our own charge. Our garden supplies have been very abundant. Our orchard is just beginning to yield, we have 120 two year old trees. We need a kind hearted young married man of fixed Christian principles, willing to work himself and to direct our boys in their work hours, to act as Farm Master, and to take entire charge of our farming operations. Dealing so much with our boys, he should be temperate, free from profanity and not ashamed to pray in his own house.

THE PRINTING OFFICE.—Two of our boys have been regularly engaged in the little office connected with the Orphanage. A nice room has been arranged for it in the third story of the Orphanage and the President to whom the types and presses belong has superintended the work. About one hundred and seventy-five dollars has been cleared or saved to the Orphanage and a good trade given to the boys. The main work has been the publication of OUR MONTHLY, a religious paper, devoted to the good work of the Lord and largely representing the Orphanage. The circulation has been 400 copies. Many circulars, reports, cards &c for the Orphanage, and other job work for the customers of the office have issued from the press. We need a good press, to be the property of the Orphanage, and on which our work could be done, but we wait for a more favorable season, before pressing this matter.

THE KITCHEN AND LAUNDRY.—This has been managed altogether by the girls, under the direction of the Matron. No servants have been employed. But the children have well and cheerfully discharged the tasks assigned to them, and the work as smoothly moved on.

THE SCHOOL.—This has been under the direction of Miss Pattie Thornwell. The studies of the children have been mainly in the Primary department, but they have advanced well, and at the closing examination in July last, evinced thorough study and excellent discipline. The school room needs additional slate surface and some few books, both of which needs we hope soon to supply. Miss Thornwell remains with us another year.

THE LIBRARY.—We have received a gift from the A. S. S. U., of 100 volume, from a friend in New Orleans of "Praying and working;"—nothing by purchase. Our shelves now contain 314 volumes. Nearly all of them religious. We need volumes of history, travel, adventures &c such as would interest boys and girls.

INCREASE OF PUPILS.—There are now eighteen orphan children in the Orphanage, an increase of five over the last year. Thus our work moves steadily on. The house is nearly at its uttermost capacity. Several little children might yet be added if their support was guaranteed.

SUPPORT OF THE CHILDREN.—This has been met in part by the proceeds of the farm and printing office, in part from special contributions to the support of particular children, in part from proceeds of the endowment fund and in part from general gifts. As will appear from our financial statement nearly \$1,100.00 has been expended for family support. This divided among 15 children, the number with us during the past year, will give an average expense of \$73.00 to each child.

This includes the proportionate part of each child of the Matron's and Teachers' salary and board. The children have been neatly and comfortably clad, and the table provided with good and wholesome food. It will thus be seen, that to provide for our eighteen children the ensuing year, we ought to have \$1,300.00 in money, provisions, clothing, shoes and medicines. It is a matter of profound thanksgiving that we have been able to close the year without a debt.

AGENCY.—In addition to our many friends who have kindly labored for the Orphanage, Mr. Thomas C. Scott has devoted his whole time faithfully and zealously to the collection of provisions and money. This agency has been almost without expense to us, as he has found a warm welcome in many families. Mr. Scott will continue to aid us the ensuing winter. We ask for him a warm welcome as a self-denying friend of the Orphanage.

ECONOMY.—No waste or extravagance has been allowed in the management of our affairs. We think that in this respect our work can be most heartily commended.

HOUSEHOLD ARRANGEMENTS.—These have been arranged so as to place the industrial labors altogether in the morning, and the school in the afternoon and have been so conducted as to dispense altogether with servants, and by weekly rotation, to give instruction in household duties to every one of the children. The boys attend to the out door work and the girls to the indoor duties of house. The care of the garden, stock, and woodpile, the feeding and milking, the cooking, washing, ironing, house and room work, mending and a large part of the sewing have been by the Matron's efficient labors, entirely discharged by the children. They are growing up, bright and sprightly in mind, cheerful and gentle in behavior, and instructed thoroughly in all household matters. These various duties have been cheerfully attended to by the children, who have taken a deep interest in all that concerns their home.

RELIGIOUS TRAINING.—All our efforts would be a failure if a thorough moral and religious principle were not a main idea in our work. We thank God, that he has given us great encouragement here. All of the children in the home of suitable age are members of the Church, while a Christian spirit prevails among them all. The prayers of God's people are specially asked for, that these precious souls may grow up to be instruments of righteousness.

A representative on his way to a church convention prayed to the Lord that he might not be permitted to make a fool of himself while in attendance on the convention.

Some weeks after his return home he thought of the prayer he had prayed, and endeavored to ascertain whether, and in what way, it had been answered. It all seemed plain enough to him when he remembered that all through the session of the convention he felt a most unaccountable indisposition to speech-making, and made no speech at all! He sees now, plainly enough, how the Lord kept him from making a fool of himself.—*Central Protestant*.