

ORPHANS' FRIEND.

Wednesday, November 21, 1877.

President Simpson, of Yadkin College, endorses W. F. Trogdon, of Greensboro, as an honest man in business.

It took the *Monthly Messenger* twelve months to find out that Daniel F. Beatty, of Washington, N. J., was a humbug. Sometimes it takes a smart boy a long time to learn a short lesson.

The Main Building of the Paris Exhibition is 2,200 feet long.

The blind pupils of Perkins Institute tune the pianos of the public schools of Boston. The blind in our State are usually good musicians and might make liberal wages at the same business.

A second edition of Dr. Palmer's *Life of Dr. Thornwell* is announced.

Rev. J. M. Chaney, of Mo. has written a remarkable book entitled "William the Baptist."

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FROM A LITTLE GIRL.

TOWNESVILLE, Nov. 14, 1877.
Mr. Mills, Dear Sir:—I had ten cents given me to buy a doll; but I thought I would send it to the Orphans.

BESSIE WILSON.

NORFOLK, VA., Nov. 16, 1877.

Dear Children:—Nearly three months have passed since seeing your happy faces, and I fear laziness in writing has caused your friend to be forgotten. Though far away, yet my interest for your welfare is not abated, and according to the Governor's Proclamation I trust the 29th of November will bring much happiness in the Orphan Asylum with the immense out-pouring of thank offerings from every part of North Carolina. The report of overflowing barns from the abundant harvest gladdens my heart, and I am sure the good people of Granville county will not be found wanting on that day, or allow their known generosity to be questioned. I often wish, when passing through the great market of this city, that your wants could be supplied daily from the abundant variety of food there offered. Were it in my power you would realize the sincerity of this wish. Two weeks ago I attended an orphan Asylum meeting and heard an eloquent appeal for an asylum with only fifteen children to care for, and it made me contrast the zeal displayed for this small number with ours for one hundred and fifty. It was hale and hearty, and if ours could be ten times more so according to our number, no appeals would be necessary. Norfolk is filled with North Carolinians. Many of the most prosperous citizens hail from our good old State. I halted in a walk this afternoon on the Stone Bridge to enjoy a view of the beautiful Elizabeth River that you will find on your map of Virginia. Near where I stood was a cotton compress. The noise of industry is heard from its never-ceasing belches of steam day and night. If your good Superintendent had one near the Asylum, the neighbors would petition to the town authorities to have it removed for disturbing their quiet slumbers. Not far from this great invention of the age, with its immense machinery, are towering ships. One attracted my attention and caused me to stop. The largest merchant ship that ever floated on the bosom of the Elizabeth River. Quite large enough for every orphan in the Asylum to play hide and seek upon her deck. I could but feel proud, for I knew she was to be filled with cotton that grew in North Carolina, shipped here to many of our own commission merchants, and after being compressed, stored by the thousand bales in the hold of this ship ere she spreads her sails to be wafted by favored breezes to an European market. Majestically she will ride the ocean wave with no trace left behind on the broad Atlantic as her keel gracefully skims through the water. From this noisy compress of which I write, bales

of cotton are removed day and night loading ships for the mills in Europe and America, dependent on Southern industry. Where six hundred could be once stowed in a ship, ten thousand can now be carried. This is the reward of industry, and on that subject I write. I believe that all things are possible to industry and energy. Take this as a motto: What has been done can be done. You all have a mission, and life and a character of your own to make, and by industry it may be so formed the world will feel its good influence. I was struck with this truth when reading the life of Alexander Wilson, the first ornithologist I ever read of in America. When only ten years old he lost his best friend, his mother, and the tender love and care which a mother alone can give. At thirteen he was bound to a weaver. His father selected the business, and from respect to him he diligently applied himself, though believing he was intended for some higher calling, he never allowed such feelings to interrupt his industry. His mind was bent upon being a useful man. While weaving, his poetical efforts gained him literary reputation. One of his strongest propensities was to ramble over hill and dale to enjoy the beauties of nature, and with delight he accepted the position of peddler to travel through the Eastern district of his beloved Scotland. The life of a weaver was too monotonous for him, and in 1794 he determined to come to America, for four months living on one shilling a week and laying up only four for the cost of the trip. By his economy and indomitable perseverance, he landed in New York with a few shillings loaned him by a fellow passenger. The first bird that attracted his attention in the American forest was the woodpecker that you often see in your beautiful grove. The names of American birds were unknown to him, but his heart was in his work, and to accomplish his work, he explored woods and forests. Industry guided his footsteps, and industry supplied the means of subsistence. The knowledge of the loom gave him employment at times and at others. A peddler's life gratified his propensities for traveling. After collecting birds, squirrels, opossums, snakes, lizards, &c., and studying their habits, he taught school in Philadelphia, and prepared his great work on ornithology. Single and alone he then traversed the Southern country, without a guide, rowing his own canoe from the Ohio down the Mississippi River to sell his great book that was published in Philadelphia by the father of my first cousin's husband. The price was one hundred and twenty dollars a copy.

Now, boys, take Wilson's energy and industry for an example. Place your mind upon some plan you fancy, and let industry make you a name. A name that is far above riches, and one I hope my great grandchildren may have cause to emulate. If a farmer, be industrious; if a merchant, let industry secure you the love of those placed under your care; if a lawyer, let industry prove the interest of the client; if a physician, let industry prompt the confidence of the patient, and if a holy man of God, let industry cause the blessings of heaven to be poured out in rich effusions over the heads of the widows and fatherless in the length and breadth of our beautiful land. Persevere with zeal in your studies, and leave food for the pen as Wilson has done. It may be as a commander of some great ship of which I have written, for merchant ships give employment to industrious boys, and the Naval Department is always open for applicants. Who knows but your piety and chivalrous conduct on the great deep may yet be attributed to the instructions given in the Oxford Orphan Asylum when taught to look up to the great Father for guidance and protection? Wherever your lot be cast, may He watch over you. Your friend,

S. A. E.

Thursday, 29th instant, will be observed throughout every State in this Union, as a day of Thanks giving and praise to Almighty God for the blessings he has bestowed upon us as a nation. A thanksgiving proclamation has been issued by the President of the United States, as well as by the Governor of each of the States, all setting apart the 29th day of this month to be observed as a Thanksgiving day. In this connection we would suggest to all our churches holding divine service on that day, that they take up a collection for the Oxford Orphan Asylum an Institution in which many of

the orphans in this State find refuge. They ought to be cared for by contributions from those having plenty and to spare. Persons who are scarce of money, might contribute provisions, clothing, &c. Remember that "he that giveth to the poor, lendeth to the Lord."—*The New State*.

Many other papers have made the same suggestion. Will the people heed them?

BY PROCLAMATION OF THE GOVERNOR.

WHEREAS, The law of the State, representing the religious sentiment of the people, makes it my duty to do so;

Now, therefore, I, Zebulon B. Vance, Governor of North Carolina, do issue this, my proclamation, appointing Thursday, the 29th day of November instant, as a day of public prayer and thanksgiving to Almighty God for peace, health and the bounteous fruits of the earth and other blessings wherewith he has blessed us during the passing year.

And I earnestly invoke the people to suspend, as far as practicable, all secular business and to assemble together on that day in their usual places of worship for religious services, and to remember that our services will be incomplete unless with a liberal hand we also relieve the poor, the widow and the orphan.

Done at our city of Raleigh on this, the 9th day of November, in the year of our Lord {L. S.} 1877, and in the one hundred and first of our independence.

Z. B. VANCE.

By the Governor,
DAVID M. VANCE, Private Sec.



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