



OUR YOUNG FOLKS

THE KATYDID.

I love to hear thine earnest voice,
Wherever thou art hid,
Thou testy little dogmatist,
Thou pretty Katydid!

THE RIGHT OF PROPERTY

George.—Come, Charles, let us go and get some peaches.
Charles.—Where? There are none in our garden.
G.—There are plenty in Squire Carlton's.

G.—How would you get some of these peaches, then, if you wanted some?
C.—I would go and ask the owner to allow me to pick up some of them. You have not done this.
G.—Suppose he refuses to give me any.

JESSIE'S ADVICE TO GRANDMA.

"What would you do if I were to be blind?" cried grandmother, rubbing her eyes.
"I'll tell you what to do, grandmother," said Jessie, jumping up from her playthings.
"Go and tell Jesus," said Jessie; "that is what I would do."

Good men are always good-humored, and men with a clean conscience and tolerably good digestion are generally in a good humor. Fat men like fun better than lean ones—a hearty laugh is apt to give a lean man a pain in the side until he gets used to laughing. That's the reason, &c.—Charlotte Democrat.

"Could we with ink the ocean fill,
And were the sky a parchment made;
Were every stick on earth a quill,
And every man a scribe by trade;

We have a number of letters from clever people asking us to send them boys and girls. After due deliberation we have reached the conclusion that we have not, at present, any boys or girls whom we can recommend as equal to the requirements of the writers. But if they will come and see and talk with the children, they may make their own contracts, and mutual satisfaction may be secured.

Resolutions and Decisions of the Grand Lodge.

[The following resolutions and decisions include all the legislation of the Grand Lodge, in regard to the Orphan Asylum, up to the present time. It may be well to mention that the advice of the Grand Lodge is, in the estimation of the Superintendent, equivalent to law.]

That St. John's College shall be made an Asylum for the protection, training and education of indigent orphan children.
That this Grand Lodge will appropriate \$— annually for the support of the institution; but will not assume any additional pecuniary responsibility.
That orphan children in the said Asylum shall be fed and clothed, and shall receive such preparatory training and education as will prepare them for useful occupations and for the usual business transactions of life.

intendent of the Asylum, and that the support of the Orphan Asylum be a regular order of business in each Subordinate Lodge at each Communication.

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.

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.

The officers of the Orphan Asylum shall be a Superintendent, a Steward, a Matron, a Housekeeper and one Teacher for each form of twenty-five children.

The Superintendent shall control every department of the Institution, according to the instructions of the Grand Lodge, receive and aid in the collection of funds and supplies for its support, and make at each Grand Communication a full report of receipts and disbursements.

The Steward shall exercise a general oversight of the children, premises and property, and the operations of every department, keep the books and enforce the orders of the Superintendent.

The Matron shall see that the rooms, bed-clothing and persons of the children are kept in a neat, clean and comfortable condition, and that the sick are properly attended.

The Housekeeper shall under the direction of the Matron, see that the meals are properly prepared, and that nothing is lost or wasted.

The Teachers shall be prompt, faithful and efficient in the discharge of all their school room duties, and shall constantly exercise a general supervision of the manners and morals of the children.

The Superintendent shall appoint the subordinate officers, and remove the incompetent and unworthy. He shall be elected by ballot, annually, by the Grand Lodge, and shall, if found unfaithful, after a careful and personal examination, be removed by the Grand Master and Wardens, or a majority of them, who, in such case, shall submit a report of their action, with a full record of the evidence taken on both sides, to the next Grand Lodge.

The salary of the officers shall be as follows: The Superintendent, \$90 a month, his necessary traveling expenses, with bed and board while at the Asylum. The Steward \$50 a month with bed and board for himself and wife. The Matron and each Teacher \$25 a month with bed and board. The Housekeeper \$10 a month with bed and board.

The design of the Orphan Asylum shall be to protect, train and educate indigent and orphan children, to be received between the ages of six and twelve years, who have no parents, nor property, nor near relations able to assist them. They shall not be received for a shorter time than two years. In extraordinary cases the Superintendent may receive children outside the ages specified.

The larger girls shall assist in the ordinary house work, and in making and mending the bed clothes, their own clothes and the clothes of the boys. The larger boys shall assist in the preparation of fuel, the care of the stock, and the cultivation of the soil.

At least four religious denominations shall be represented among the officers of the Asylum, and the representatives of all religious creeds and of all political parties shall be treated alike.

The Institution shall be conducted on the cash system, and its operations enlarged or curtailed according to the funds received.

"Should deserted children be admitted," was decided in the negative.

"Should children having step-fathers be admitted," was also decided in the negative.

"Should deformed children be admitted?" This was left to the discretion of the Superintendent. When the deformity is of such a character as to require extra attention, it was thought inadvisable to admit the parties in the present condition of the Asylum.

"Should boys learn trades at the Asylum?" Decided in the negative, it being impracticable at this time to employ skilled mechanics in the various trades, erect suitable workshops and purchase necessary tools.

"Should collecting agents be appointed in different parts of the State; and if so, what wages should they receive?" This was left to the discretion of the Superintendent; but the meeting advised against the employing and paying agents.

That the orphan work for the present be concentrated at Oxford; and, if enlarged or curtailed from time to time, as the funds contributed will justify.

FORM OF APPLICATION FOR A BOY.

My residence is in
County, and my occupation is
My family consists of
I wish to employ a boy years of age, and (Here give description and qualities desired.)
He will be required to and allowed to I will furnish and pay him a month.
A. B.
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FORM OF APPLICATION FOR THE ADMISSION OF HALF ORPHANS.

..... N. C., }
....., 1877. }

This is to certify that
..... is a half orphan, sound in body and mind, and without any estate. H.... father died in 18.... I being h.... mother, hereby make application for h.... admission to the Orphan Asylum at Oxford, and I also relinquish and convey to the officers thereof the entire management and control of said orphan till the day of (that being the day on which will be fourteen years of age,) in order that may be trained and educated according to the regulations prescribed by the Grand Lodge of North Carolina. I also promise not to annoy the Orphan Asylum, and not to encourage the said orphan to leave without the approval of the Superintendent.

Approved by W. M. of

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FORM OF APPLICATION FOR A GIRL.

Our residence is in County, and our occupation
Our family consists of We wish to employ a girl years of age, and (Here give description and qualities desired). She will be required to and allowed to She will spend her evenings in and will sleep in We will furnish and will pay a month.
A. B., Mrs. A. B.
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