

ORPHANS' FRIEND.

Wednesday, December 5, 1877.

"Prof. Bernard" is hereby requested to discontinue his entertainments for the benefit of the Orphan Asylum, for the reason assigned in a private note.

J. H. Mills, Supt.

THE OXFORD FREE LANCE.

We are requested to announce that the publication of this paper has been delayed some days in consequence of the non-arrival of its new outfit which was ordered, but detained by the destruction of the Rail-Road Bridges at Weldon.

The paper has changed hands and is now under the management of Messrs. J. T. Britt & Co., with Capt. Wm. Biggs as Editor. It will appear regularly this week in an almost new dress, and otherwise improved.

The proprietors contemplate many new features, which will add materially to the general interest of the paper.

GREENSBORO, N. C., Nov. 30th 1877. J. H. Mills, Dear Sir:—Inclosed you will find \$22.93, collected at the Thanks-giving meeting in the the Presbyterian church, yesterday. The amount, though small, goes with the prayers and good wishes of the parts of our congregation then assembled, and who listened with marked attention to Dr. Smith (reading the Proclamations of the President and Governor,) and to his sermon "Bless the Lord oh my soul and forget not all his benefits," &c.

Respectfully,
W. S. MOORE, Tr.

NEWTON, N. C. Dec. 1st 1877.

Mr. J. H. Mills, Supt. Orphan Asylum I spent thanksgiving day in soliciting contributions for the Asylum with the following result to wit:

W. H. Williams, 5.00, Geo. Setzer 1.00, S. M. Finger, 2.00, J. M. Brown, 1.00, J. F. Smyre, 1.00, Dr. A. C. Fox, 1.00, M. O. Sherrill, 1.00, M. L. McCorkle, 1.00, D. Co hen, 1.00, J. R. Campbell, 1.00, A. J. S. 2.51, 1.00, J. R. Gaither, 50 cts., Rev. J. C. Clapp, 50 cts., J. A. Yount, Rev. J. A. Foil, 50cts Solomon Shrum, 50cts. H. S. Solter, 25 cents each, T. R. Abernathy, G. A. Lowe, R. H. Bost, T. C. Graham, E. A. Philips, J. E. Forney, M. A. Abernathy, W. E. Yount, W. P. Wilson, D. B. Gaither, J. A. Gawin, E. S. Rhyne, T. D. Marlow, L. C. Turner, J. M. Berry, L. A. Carpenter, L. F. Yoder, W. R. Self, H. A. Forney, Dorsey L. Hagau, Corda Hagau, Lora Hagau, Edith Hagau, Charles Tilden Hagau, J. H. Sigman.

J. M. BROWN.

GOING TO CHURCH.

When Christians fail to attend church on a Sabbath, they usually justify themselves by providing a suitable excuse. They are not well, tired, afraid of taking cold, or they have to remain at home to let others go—something is found easily at hand to frame into an apology. Not many, perhaps, are ready to acknowledge their delinquency as John Quincy Adams has done in the following extract from his diary:

"I can give no reason satisfactory to myself for having neglected attending upon the religious public services of this day. Never in my life have I more needed faith and hope in the promises of the Gospel for relief from anxieties from sources public and private; never more frequent prayer for direction from above to lead me in the short remnant of the path before me. I have wasted the day without being aware of remissness till the day was gone. To the church of which I am a member there are no religious holidays save the Christian Sabbath; but personally I sympathize with those who solemnize the two anniversaries, Christmas and Easter—the birth and the resurrection of Jesus."

Such a confession is good for the soul. If every Christian, when feeling tempted to neglect his accustomed worship, would go to God, asking a blessing on his excuse and on himself for making it and carrying it out, he would find himself recalling it and acknowledging that it was framed, in the first place, as a concession to his want of interest in the Gospel.—Presbyterian.

The Methodist church has suffered great loss. Dr. Munsey, Dr. Duncan and Bishop Marvin are dead.

REPORTS BY THE TEACHERS.

The orphans are divided into Four Graded Forms, each in charge of a teacher, whose report is printed every fourth week. The highest number is 10; the lowest is 1. When the average is below 5, the orphan is liable to be discharged as not "promising," and therefore excluded by the regulations. This paper contains the report made by the teacher of the

FOURTH FORM.

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BROTHER WATKINS.

BY JOHN GOUGH.

We have the subjoined discourse, delivered by a Southern divine, who had removed to a new field of labor. To his new flock, on the first day of his ministrations, he gave some reminiscences of his former charge, as follows:

"My beloved brethering, before I take my text I must tell you about my parting with my old congregation. On the morning of last Sabbath I went into the meeting-house to preach my farewell discourse. Just in front of me sat the old fathers and mothers in Israel; the tears coursed down their furrowed cheeks; their tottering forms and quivering lips breathed out a sad fare ye well, brother Watkins—ah! Behind them sat the middle-aged men

and matrons; health and vigor beamed from every countenance; and as they looked up I could see in their dreamy eyes—fare ye well, brother Watkins—ah! Behind them sat the boys and girls that I had baptized and gathered into the Sabbath School. Many times had they been rude and boisterous, but now their merry laugh was hushed, and in the silence I could hear—fare ye well, brother Watkins—ah! Around, on the back seats, and in the aisles, stood and sat the colored brethering, with their black faces and honest hearts, and as I looked upon them I could see a—fare ye well, brother Watkins—ah! When I had finished my discourse and shaken hands with the brethering—ah! I passed out to take a last look at the old church—ah! the broken steps, the flopping blinds, and moss-covered roof, suggested only—fare ye well, brother Watkins—ah! I mounted my old gray mare, with my earthly possessions in my saddle-bags, and as I passed down the street the servant-girls stood in the doors, and with their brooms waved me a—fare ye well, brother Watkins—ah! As I passed out of the village the low wind blew softly through the waving branches of the trees, and moaned—fare ye well, brother Watkins—ah! I came down to the creek, and as the old mare stopped to drink I could hear the water rippling over the pebbles a—fare ye well, brother Watkins—ah! And even the little fishes, as their bright fins glistened in the sunlight, I thought, gathered around to say, as best they could—fare ye well, brother Watkins—ah! I was slowly passing up the hill, meditating upon the sad vicissitudes and mutations of life, when suddenly out bounded a big hog from a fence corner, with aboo! aboo! and I came to the ground with my saddle-bags by my side. As I lay in the dust of the road my old gray mare ran up the hill, and as she turned the top she waved her tail back at me, seemingly to say—fare ye well, brother Watkins—ah! I tell you, my brethering, it is affecting times to part with a congregation you have been with for over thirty years—ah!"



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| " 9.50, Edgecombe □ No. 290. | |
| " 9.00, Torch-Light Thanksgiving supper. | |
| " 8.65, St. John's Lodge, No. 1, Wilmington. | |
| " 8.05, Second Presbyterian Ch. Charlotte. | |
| " 6.65, Thanks giving offering from St. Stephens church Oxford. | |
| " 5.80, St. Matthews church Hillsboro. | |
| " 5.62, Forestville □ No. 282. | |
| " 5.27, Citizens of Reidsville. | |
| " 5.00, Mrs. E. J. Robards, Thanksgiving. | |
| " 4.50, Franklin Methodist Ch | |
| " 4.30, D. A. Culbreth's collection in Clinton. | |
| " 4.00, Orphans' Friend. | |
| " 3.00, Prof. F. P. Hobgood. | |
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| " 2.64, Richland □ No. 214. | |
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