

# OUR YOUNG FOLKS

THERE'S DANGER IN THE TOWN.

JOHN H. YATES.

There, John, hitch Dobbin to the post; come near me, and sit down; Your mother wants to talk to you before you drive to town. My hairs are gray, I shall soon be at rest within the grave; Not long will mother pilot you o'er life's tempestuous wave.

I've watched o'er you from infancy, till now you are a man, And I have always loved you, as a mother only can; At morning and at evening I have prayed the God of love To bless and guide my darling boy to the bright home above.

A mother's eye is searching, John—old age can't dim its sight, When watching o'er an only child, to see if he does right; And very lately I have seen what has aroused my fears, And made my pillow hard at night, and moistened it with tears.

I've seen a light within your eye, upon your cheeks a glow, That told me you are in the road that leads to shame and woe; Oh, John, don't turn away your head and on my counsel frown, Stay more upon the dear old farm—there's danger in the town.

Remember what the poet says—long years have proved it true—That "Satan finds some mischief still for idle hands to do." If you live on in idleness, with those who love the bowl, You'll dig yourself a drunkard's grave, and wreck your wreckless soul.

Your father, John, is growing old, his days are nearly through, Oh, he has labored very hard to save the farm for you; But it will go to ruin soon, and poverty will frown If you keep hitching Dobbin up to drive into the town.

Your prospects for the future are very bright, my son, Not many have your start in life when they are twenty-one; Your star, that shines so brightly now, in darkness will decline If you forget your mother's words, and tarry at the wine.

Turn back, my boy, in your youth, stay by the dear old farm; The Lord of Hosts will save you with his powerful right arm; Not long will mother pilot you o'er life's tempestuous wave, Then light her pathway with your love down to the silent grave.

NEVER TELL A LIE.

How simply and beautifully has Abdel Kadir, of Ghilon; impressed the love of truth in a story of his childhood. After stating the vision which made him entreat of his mother to go to Bagdad and to devote himself to God, he thus proceeded:

I informed her of what I had seen and she wept; then taking out eighty dinars she told me as I had a brother half of that was all my inheritance; she made me swear when she gave it to me, never to tell a lie, and afterwards bade me farewell exclaiming:

"Go, my son, I consign you to God; we shall not meet again till the day of judgement."

I went on well till I came near Hamanli, when Kofilan was plundered by sixty horsemen. One fellow asked me, "what I had got?" "Forty dinars," said I, "are sewed under my garments."

The fellow laughed, thinking, no doubt, I was joking with him. "What have you got?" said another.

I gave him the same answer.—When they were dividing the spoils, I was called to an eminence where the chief stood.

"What property have you got, my little fellow?" said he.

"I have told two of your people already," said I, "I have for-

ty dinars sewed up in my garments."

He ordered them to be ripped open, and found my money.

"And how came you," he said in surprise "to declare so openly what had been so carefully concealed?"

"Because," I replied, "I will not be false to my mother, to whom I promised I will never tell a lie."

"Child," said the robber, "hast thou such a sense of duty to thy mother at thy years, and I am insensible at my age of the duty I owe to my God? Give me thy hand, innocent boy," he continued, "that I may swear repentance upon it."

He did so. His followers were alike struck with the scene.

"You have been our leader in guilt," said they to their chief, "be the same in the path of virtue."

And they instantly, at his order, made restitution of the spoils, and vowed repentance on his hands.—*Biblical Recorder.*

## THE CHOICE.

A Quaker residing in Paris was waited on by four of his workmen in order to make their compliments, and ask according to the common custom, for their New Year's gifts. "Well my friends," said the Quaker, "here are your gifts; choose fifteen francs or this bible." "I don't know how to read," said the first, "so I take the fifteen francs." "I can read," said the second, "but I have pressing wants." He took the fifteen francs. The third also made the same choice. He now came to the fourth, a young lad of thirteen or fourteen. The Quaker looked at him with an air of goodness, saying, "Will you too take these three pieces which you may gain at any time by your labor and industry?" "As you say the book is good, I will take it and read from it to my mother," replied the boy. He took the bible, opened it and found between the leaves a gold piece of forty francs. The others hung down their heads, while the Quaker quietly told them that he was sorry that they had not made a better choice.—*Farmer and Mechanic.*

Those who have been accidentally struck senseless by electrical shocks believe that people killed by lightning suffer no pain.

## 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.

That the Superintendent of the said Orphan Asylum shall report at each Annual Communication an account of his official acts, receipts, disbursements, number of pupils, etc., together with such suggestions as he may see fit to offer.

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 Super-

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, it be curtailed or enlarged 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.

Recommended by .....

## THE

# Orphans' Friend.

A LIVE AND LIVELY WEEKLY!

ORGAN OF THE ORPHAN WORK

ENTERTAINING AND IN-

STRUCTIVE TO THE YOUNG.

A ZEALOUS FRIEND AND ADVOCATE

OF EDUCATION.

PUBLISHED EVERY WEDNESDAY.

Subscription and postage

ONLY ONE DOLLAR A YEAR

OFFICE IN THE ORPHAN

BUILDING, AT OXFORD.

## ADVERTISEMENTS.

Ten cents a line for one insertion. Five cents a line each week for more than one and less than twelve insertions. One column, three months, sixty dollars. Half column, three months, forty dollars, quarter column, three months, twenty dollars.

Present circulation, fourteen hundred and forty papers each week.

Address  
**ORPHANS' FRIEND,**  
OXFORD, N. C.

T. B. LYON, JR. E. DALBY. E. H. LYON  
(Late of "Dalby Puff.")

LYON, DALBY & CO.,

MANUFACTURERS OF

THE "AROMA"  
DURHAM "PUFF,"  
SHO-KING  
TOBACCO.

Durham, N. C.

Orders solicited—Agents wanted—Tobacco guaranteed.

March 17th—11-2n.

H. A. REAMS & CO.,  
MANUFACTURERS OF



REAMS' DURHAM BOOT AND SHOE POLISH.

Warranted to excel all others, or money

Refunded. The only Blacking that will polish on oiled surface. It is guaranteed to preserve leather and make it pliant, requiring less quantity and time to produce a perfect gloss than any other, the brush to be applied immediately after putting on the Blacking. A perfect gloss from this will not soil even white clothes. We guarantee it as represented, and as for patronage, strictly on its merits.

H. A. REAMS & CO., Manufacturers, Durham, N. C.

This Blacking is recommended in the highest terms, after trial, by Geo. F. Brown, J. Howard Warner, New York; the President and Professors of Wake Forest College; and a large number of gentlemen in and around Durham, whose certificates have been furnished the Manufacturers.

Orders solicited and promptly filled. March 3rd, 1875. 9-11

## 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.....

## FORM OF APPLICATION FOR THE ADMISSION OF ORPHANS.

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

This is to certify that .....  
..... is an orphan, sound in body and mind, and without estate. H.... father died 18...., h.... mother died in 18.... I, being h...., hereby make application for h.... admission into 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 .....  
18.... (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.

Approved by.....  
W. M. of..... Lodge.

## 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.

Recommended by .....