

ORPHANS' FRIEND.

Wednesday, December 19, 1877.

THE ORPHAN ASYLUM.

ITS DESIGN.

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.

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.

WHO MAY BE ADMITTED.

Hereafter orphans shall be received between the ages of eight and twelve, and discharged at sixteen.

"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?" 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.

ITS SUPPORT.

This Grand Lodge will appropriate \$— annually for the support of the institution; but will not assume any additional pecuniary responsibility.

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 Superintendent 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 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.

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 co-operation 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 co-operate with us in providing funds and supplies for feeding, clothing and educating indigent and promising orphan children, at the Asylum in Oxford.

NO DEBTS.

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

ITS OFFICERS AND THEIR DUTIES.

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.

WORK.

"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.

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.

NEUTRAL IN POLITICS AND RELIGION.

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.

ANNUAL REPORT.

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.

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

SECOND FORM.

SPELLING—Mary Cosby, Lizzie Starns, William Tarkinton, John Woodell, 9. Etta Eatman, Susan Phillips, Sarah Pringle, 8. Mary Garrison, Joseph Halsey, Kate Homer, Macy Marshall, Maggie Sides, Mary Sorsby, 7. Laura Burnham, Laura Burnham, Lizzie Chambers, Pattie Collins, Lizzie Cotten, Bettie Garrison, John Taylor, William May, Thomas Phillips, William Pittman, 6. Joseph Channing, Thomas Fisher, Mary Taylor, 5.

READING—John Woodell, Lizzie Starns 9. Susan Phillips, Laura Burnham, Sarah Pringle, 8. Mary Garrison, Joseph Halsey, Kate Homer, William Tarkinton, Mary Sorsby, 7. Pattie Collins, Mary Cosby, Lizzie Cotten, Etta Eatman, Bettie Garrison, Macy Marshall, William Pittman, 5. Laura Burnham, Lizzie Chambers, Joseph Channing, Thomas Fisher, William May, Thomas Phillips, Maggie Sides, John Taylor, Mary Taylor, 4.

ARITHMETIC—Joseph Halsey, John Taylor, Mary Taylor, John Woodell, Etta Eatman, Susan Phillips, Kate Homer, 8. Pattie Collins, Laura Burnham, Lizzie Cotten, Macy Marshall, Laura Burnham, William Pittman, Lizzie Starns, Joseph Channing, William Tarkinton, Sarah Pringle, Maggie Sides, 6. Mary Cosby, Lizzie Chambers, Thomas Fisher, Bettie Garrison, Mary Garrison, Thomas Phillips, Mary Sorsby, William May, 4.

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REPORT OF CONTRIBUTIONS

For the week ending Dec. 18th.

IN CASH.
Paid \$24.60, Washington Pres. Ch.
" 12.64, Sawyer's Creek church.
" 5.00, Governor Z. B. Vance.
" 5.00, Orr & Co. 104.
" 6.75, Orphans' Friend.
" 4.04, Bapt. Church, Hillsboro.
" 2.00, Rev. J. P. Moore.
" 2.00, Greenville & Co. 284.
" 2.00, Rev. C. Miller's Col. in Madison.

IN KIND.
Wayne & Co. No. 112, 1 Box containing the following articles: 24 pair shoes, 15 remnants calico, 6 remnants worsted, 2 balms, 3 remnants summer poplin, 2 bolts domestic, 3 remnants linsey, 12 cakes soap, hoods, collars, bacon &c.

Unknown, 5 pair socks.
Misses V. B. & T. Redford, 18 yds. calico, 4 yds. domestic, 1 pair stockings.

J. C. Williams, 14 yds. calico.
R. T. Slaughter, 1 bag of corn.
Abram Slaughter, 1 bar. corn, 4 bus. potatoes.
Mrs. Charity Slaughter, 60 lbs. dried fruit.

The following persons have paid for the ORPHANS' FRIEND for one year:

Auditor's Office, Raleigh, Rev. O. C. Horton, Miss Fannie Bradshaw, Mrs. J. E. Wilson, Arch McPhail, J. C. Ferguson.
For six months, Miss Sallie C. Fife.
For three months, W. P. Fife.

—When one has been long and far away from an earthly home, what a happy sight to see brothers and sisters all crowding to the door to bring us in. What is that but a dim image of what will be seen at the gates of glory?—Guthrie.

NORTH CAROLINA.

The "Old North State," in her quiet, demure, orderly way, is making steady and unhindered progress to wealth and power. By official statistics, recently published, we see that the value of property in the State has increased about thirty million dollars since 1870. This, too, despite the general business depression and financial embarrassment of the country. It shows the fine results of plodding industry, of social thrift and safe enterprise. North Carolina is rarely heard of in the seething maelstrom of politics; her people do not herald colossal enterprises to the world with a flourish of trumpets, but whose chief results are sound, as is frequently the case with other members of our American body politic; she does not indulge in brilliant failures; glittering visions of Utopia, and the luring mirages of speculation. Sober, sedate, honest, with a full knowledge of themselves, and the capacity of their beloved old Commonwealth, intelligent and persevering, they illustrate the fact that fortunes are made by minding one's own business, and that the patient, plodding tortoise will, in the end, overtake and pass the swift, but erratic and over-confident hare.—Georgia Christian Index.

DEATH OF FREE GOVERNMENT.

The following beautiful extract is from a speech delivered by Hon. D. W. Voorhees, of Indiana:

It is a melancholy spectacle to see a free government die. The world, it is true, is filled with evidences of decay. All nature speaks the voice of dissolution, and the highway of history and of life is strewn with the wrecks which Time, the great spoiler, has made.—But the hopes of the future, bright visions of reviving glory, are nowhere denied to the heart of man, as he gazes on the downfall of legal liberty. He listens mournfully to the autumn winds as they sigh through distant forests, but he knows their breath will be soft and vernal in the spring, and that the dead flower and withered foliage will blossom and bloom again. He sees the sky overcast with the angry frown of the tempest, but he knows that the sun will reappear, and the emblazonry of God cannot perish. Man himself, this strange connecting link between dust and Deity, totters wearily, wearily onward under the weight of years and pain, toward the tomb, but how briefly his life lingers around the dismal spot. It is filled with tears and grief, and the willow and cypress gather over and around it with their loving but mournful embrace. And is this all? Not so! If a man die, shall he not live again? Beyond the grave is the distant Aiden. Hope provides an elysium for the soul where the mortal assumes immortality, and life becomes an endless splendor. But where, sir, in all the dreary regions of the past, filled with convulsions, wars and crimes, can you point your finger to the tomb of a free commonwealth on which the angels of resurrection have ever descended, or from whose sepulchre the stone of despotism has been rolled away? Where, in what age, and in what clime, have the veins of constitutional freedom renewed their youth and regained their lost estate? By whose strong grip has the dead corpse of the republic, once fallen, ever been raised? The merciful

Maker who walked upon the waters and bade the winds be still, left no ordained apostle with power to wrench apart the jaws of national death, and release the victim of despotism. The wail of the heart broken over the dead is not so sad to me as the realization of this fact. But all history, with a loud, unbroken voice, proclaims it; and the evidence of what the future will be. Wherever in the domain of human conduct a people once possessed of liberty have surrendered these great gifts of God, at the command of the usurper, they have never afterwards proven themselves worthy to regain their forfeited treasure.

"BEAUTIFUL RIVER."

Sabbath-day is the beautiful river in the week of Time. The other days are troubled streams, whose angry waters are disturbed by the countless craft that float upon them; but the pure river Sabbath flows on to Eternal Rest, chanting the sublime music of the silent, throbbing spheres and timed by the pulsations of the Everlasting Life. Beautiful river Sabbath, glide on! Bear forth on thy bosom the poor, tired spirit to the rest which it seeks, and the weary, watching soul to endless bliss.

As we stand by the sea-shore and watch the rolling tides come in, we retreat, thinking we shall be overwhelmed; soon however, they flow back. So with the waves of trouble in the world; they threaten us, but a firm resistance makes them break at our feet.—Our Monthly.

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