

The Orphans' Friend.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY -- 17, 1883.

BRIEF THOUGHTS.

Winter has wrought in the laboratory of nature a mantle of spotless white for mother earth. Was ever snow whiter than that which now envelops the earth? How suggestive! What a fit emblem of highest purity! Is aught whiter than snow? Yes, God can in grace outdo nature itself in its purest state. "Wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow." *Whiter!* An application of the atoning blood by the Holy Spirit to the soul deepest dyed with sin makes it in the sight of God whiter than the snow is to the natural eye.

Don't live in the past. It had its toils, its triumphs, its sorrows, its pleasures; but it is the "dead past." The present with all its responsibilities is upon us, and the future with all its possibilities is before us.

On which side does your example weigh? What cause has the support of your words? Where is your name subscribed to be read of all men? Whose boom are you helping through? It is not enough that you are temperate, moral and honest yourself; you are bound to let your light shine. Speak, in God's name, speak, one word, if you can say no more; and if you are dumb, stand up and make signs. Somebody will be affected by your position.—*Sel.*

"It is well enough to talk about charity, and flowery articles on paper and read nicely, and sounds pleasantly, but the kind of charity this country needs to amount to anything, is the kind that sinks down into the bottom of the pocket and brings forth the shining shekels. That is the charity that tells."

This, from a secular exchange, is not in the least "off the track," and it is well to remember these words when we hear the whistle of the winter winds. Remember the poor.—*Biblical Recorder.*

The avaricious man is like the barren, sandy ground of the desert, which sucks in all the rains and dew with greediness, but yields no fruitful herbs or plants for the benefit of others.—*Ec.*

Gluttony, besides being a besetting sin, is the source of many infirmities, and the fountain of many of our diseases. As a lamp is choked by a superabundance of oil, a fire extinguished by excess of fuel, so is the natural health of the body destroyed by intemperate diet.

HOW CHILDREN HELP THE ORPHANS.

Here is a letter from a little boy only eight years old. However young a child may be, if he has the capacity to think, there is a work for him to do. Benevolence in childhood can not be begun or fostered too early. We assure our "little" friend that his donation is highly appreciated, and we sincerely trust that he may become a "big" friend, not only to the orphans, but to humanity generally, who have been less fortunate than himself:

JONESBORO, N. C., Jan. 13, 1883.

MR. J. H. MILLS,
Dear Sir: I am a little boy only eight years old, the youngest child of my father's family. Papa takes the ORPHANS' FRIEND, and I take great pleasure in reading it. I took up a collection in papa's family on Christmas day. Enclosed you will find two dollars, the amount of the collection, which I send to the orphans.

Your little friend,
R. B. WATSON.

SOME STATEMENTS.

Our advertisement for a teacher has been discontinued, because there is now no vacancy. Some of the teachers now present will leave, but others are engaged to take their places.

Among the recent applicants for employment were some not members of any church. We can not go outside of all religions to find teachers for the Orphans.

An old man in Sampson said: "I've got two gals. One is got religion and the other aint. And the one whar aint got no religion is better'n the one whar is." But such cases are exceptional.

Vacancies are liable to occur at any time. Persons wishing employment here and being willing to wait, should send their names, with information in regard to their education and experience. Do not refer to a man a hundred miles off and then ask for a decision by return mail. They must also be ready to come when wanted, and not imagine that a place is ever open for a month.

An old man in Wayne says: "It seems like our children must grow up in ignorance, because the Bests are so bad about marrying up teachers. Every time we get a good school started, one of the Best boys comes along and marries the teacher."

I thought this complaint was a good joke till three widowers took teachers from the Orphan Asylum and I found it difficult to fill their places promptly. Mrs. Stradley, without any fee or reward, gave us several weeks of efficient work. Two other teachers spent a part of their vacation with us.

So we are moving quietly on, as fast as the weather will permit. Several improvements which we intended to make have been delayed by rain and snow. Many children, who would have been here, have not come, because the Superintendent has been too closely confined to give them due attention. In severe weather it is difficult to take proper care of those already here.

But he has promised to meet some children from beyond the Blue Ridge at Hickory on Tuesday the 23d inst. The children in Guilford and Randolph who are waiting for transportation can meet him on that night, as he hopes to return directly to Oxford. Should he be detained they can wait for him at High Point and Greensboro and be ready as each train passes.

During the last two months liberal contributions have come from every part of the State, showing that our noble people still intend to take care of the Orphans. It has happened (if anything ever happened), that contributions in kind came just as they were needed.

Among our distant friends who have remembered the orphans, are Smith & Egge, of Bridgeport, Connecticut. Baltimore has been very kind. We have good reason to be grateful to the following

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J. H. M.

PAINSTAKING.

A famous writer has said that genius is simply infinite painstaking. Whether this is true or not, it is certainly true that some of the most famous works of genius have won their fame by the constant and exact care their author gave to them.

Virgil wrote many of his poems, as the "Georgics," at the rate of a single line a day. Popes translation of Homer's "Iliad" exhibited great changes between the first and the last version. Edmund Burke, in writing his "Reflections on the French Revolution," had sometimes more than twelve proofs made and destroyed before he was able to satisfy his exact taste. Lord Brougham composed and recomposed, time after time, parts of his speeches. Masillon, the French preacher, rewrote parts of his sermons fifteen or twenty times. An American minister, who has been called "the prince of our pulpit orators," spent no less than two entire weeks on a single paragraph of a single sermon.

Boys and girls often imagine that the great poets and writers and orators accomplish grand results as easily as they themselves write a composition. It is a mistake. Orators and authors win their triumphs in literature only by constant painstaking. It is true that it is only the hard writing which makes easy reading. No one can become great in either authorship or in any field of labor without having this noble, though apparently insignificant, quality of painstaking. F.C.

HOME POLITENESS.

A boy who is polite to his father and mother, is likely to be polite to every one else. A boy lacking politeness to his parents may have the semblance of courtesy in society, but is never truly polite in spirit, and is in danger, as he becomes familiar, of betraying his real want of courtesy. We are all in danger of living too much for the outside world, the impression which we make in society, coveting the good opinions of those who are in a sense a part of ourselves, and who continue to sustain and be interested in us notwithstanding these defects of deportment and character. We say to every boy and to every girl, cultivate habits of courtesy and propriety at home—in the sittingroom and kitchen, as well as the parlor—and you will be sure in other places to deport yourself in a becoming and attractive manner. When one has a pleasant smile, and graceful demeanor, it is a satisfaction to know that these are not put on, but that they belong to the character, and are manifested at all times and under all circumstances.—*Sunday-school Class mate.*

"CLOTHED IN HUMILITY."

Thady Connellan, who greatly assisted Dr. Mouck Mason in his labors connected with the revision of the Hibernian Bible Society's Irish Bible, was eminent not only as an orator and a wit, but was admired as a Christian philosopher, for his total insensibility to the grandeur that sparkled around him at those reunions. A magnificent duchess having asked him, "Pray do you know Lady Lorton?" was quickly answered, "Yes, madam, I do; and she is the best-dressed lady in Ireland." "How very odd! Best-dressed lady in Ireland! What a strange man! Pray how is she dressed?" But her grace's surprise was converted to satisfaction when Thady rejoined, "Yes, madam, Lady Lorton is the best-dressed lady in Ireland, or in England either, for she is clothed in humility."

A Virginia correspondent gives some interesting reminiscences of the Marquis of Lorne's family, suggested by that nobleman's visit to this country. Many years ago, he writes, two brothers, John and Andrew Glassell, came from Scotland to Virginia, and built in Madison county a stately brick house, still standing, called "Thorworld." John Glassell afterward returned to Scotland, where he owned a fine estate, but his brother remained in Virginia, and many of his descendants are yet living there. John Glassell took his only child, Joanna, to Italy for her health, and there met a Lord Campbell who fell in love with and married the young lady. Lord Campbell afterward became Duke of Argyll, and was father of the present Duke and grandfather of the present Marquis of Lorne. William E. Glassell, son of Andrew and first cousin of Joanna, is still living in Fauquier County, Va. Members of his family have visited Scotland and been kindly received and entertained by their kinsman, Argyll.

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