

The Orphans' Friend.

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CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE ORPHAN ASYLUM FOR THE WEEK ENDING MARCH 14TH.

Lincolnton Circuit, Rev. J. W. Jenkins, P. C.	18 00
Macedonia church, Chowan Co.	7 50
Church of the Holy Innocents, Henderson, N. C.	6 00
M. D. Stockton, Winston.	1 00
Wiley Unstead,	50
R. P. Aiken,	1 00
Carteret Circuit,	50
Meherrin church, Hertford Co.,	1 75
King Solomon Lodge, No. 138,	1 00
Lenoir Lodge, No. 233,	5 00
Tabasco Lodge, No. 271,	1 25
S. M. Carlton, Warsaw,	1 00

IN KIND.

Macedonia Church, Chowan County—Four reams paper, 3 doz. cakes soap, 1 doz. belts, 4 prs. stockings, 22 yds worsted, 5 yds. Gingham 112 yds. calico, 2 lbs. tea, 3 doz. spoons thread, 1 lot buttons, 8 yds. crape.

W. J. Norwood, 5 bush. corn, Mountain Creek Church, 5 bush. corn.

Willis A. Royster, 2 1/2 bush. wheat.

W. J. Barnett, 2 1/2 bush. wheat.

Adoniram Lodge, No. 149, 5 bush. corn.

Mountain Creek Church, 5 bush. corn.

SPECIAL MENTION.

A few days this week have been devoted to examinations at the Asylum.

Rev. Mr. Bush catechised the children at the Orphan Asylum Wednesday night. It was an interesting service.

Rev. Dr. Taylor has resigned the pastorate of the First Baptist Church of Wilmington, N. C. He expects to make a visit to Europe.

Mr. M. H. Hester, a highly respected citizen, died at his residence near this town last Saturday, after a severe and long-continued illness.

At Home and Abroad is at hand with its usual variety of interesting contents. A worthy North Carolina enterprise. Publisher, Chas. R. Jones, Charlotte.

One of the most liberal contributors to the Orphan Asylum is Dufur & Co., of Baltimore. They not only sell furniture to us at reduced rates, but make us liberal contributions.

Among the orphans recently discharged are Wm. Hill, who went to Guilford, Mary Fulcher, who went to Pitt, James Lineback, who went to Iredell, Addison Black, who went to Wilkes, and Charles Jones, who went to Duplin. These all made their own contracts.

Rev. W. S. Hester preached to the orphans on Sunday afternoon. Rev. Mr. Hardaway read and expounded the parable of the ten virgins to them on Tuesday evening.

See letters from Rev. C. T. Bailey and Dr. Eugene Grissom in our advertising columns concerning the Valley Mutual Life Association of Virginia. Dr. Babcock, the gentlemanly agent for this company, is still in town.

Death has visited the home of our friend, Mr. W. A. Davis, of the Torchlight, and taken away little Johnny, his only child. May the transplanting of this beautiful flower, to bloom forever in the garden of God, prove but an additional incentive to the bereaved to live in view of that blessed place. We tender our warmest sympathies.

Our orphans were out in a body in attendance on divine service last Sunday, accompanied by their faithful teachers, and the hard-worked Superintendent. It is a pleasure to see them all at church together.

Alexander H. Stephens, Vice-President of the Southern Confederacy, Governor of Georgia, and foremost citizen of that State, has died since our last issue. He was a remarkable man, able, true and honest, and was held in very high esteem by the people generally, but especially by Georgians. Vast multitudes attended his funeral in Atlanta.

The venerable C. N. B. Evans, Senator in the late Legislature from Caswell county, and editor of the *Milton Chronicle*, died at his home in Milton, N. C., last Saturday. He spent his life as an editor of newspapers, was regarded, and was called, the "Father" of the press in this State. He was a man of sterling qualities and will be generally lamented.

We have received the *Masonic Review* for February and for March. It is an interesting periodical, issued monthly, and is ably edited by Bro. Henry D. Moore. We commend it to the craft. It contains 64 pages of reading matter, and is cheap at \$2.00 per annum. Published by Weightston & Co., 13 W. Fourth street, Cincinnati.

It is the order of the Grand Lodge of North Carolina that the Master of each subordinate Lodge appoint a standing committee on the Orphan Asylum. The duties of committees so appointed are defined. The Secretary of each Lodge is directed to forward the names of the brethren constituting the committee to the ORPHANS' FRIEND for publication. So far, this year, we have received a report from only two Lodges: viz: Lily Valley, No. 252, and Eureka, No. 283.

BRIEF THOUGHTS.

In health nothing is so unsafe as death bed repentance; in sickness it cannot be unsafe to repent.

If we had no faults we should not take so much pleasure in noting them in others.

Vanity keeps persons in favor with themselves who are out of favor with all others.

Nature your mind with great thoughts. To believe in the heroic makes heroes.

Trust him little who praises all, him less who censures all, and him least who is indifferent about all.

The great secret how to write well is to know thoroughly what one writes about, and not to be affected.

Every day a little helpfulness. We live for the good of others, if our living be in any sense true living.

There are many people in the Church like the little boy—who is very agreeable, if allowed to have his own way.

Under every missed opportunity to do good to others, there are items of loss to ourselves as well as beyond ourselves, which we may not estimate.

Mr. Spurgeon, in a late sermon, said: "The strength of the Church lies not in the oratory of the pulpit, but in the oratory of the closet."

A man is sometimes more generous when he has little than when he has much.

He who swims securely down the stream of self-confidence is in danger of being drowned in the whirlpool of presumption.

Nothing is more noble, nothing more venerable than fidelity. Faithfulness and truth are the most sacred excellencies and endowments of the human mind.

A man never knows what a weak, feeble and uncertain master he has in himself until he is at liberty to govern his own life and do as he pleases.

A really good man had rather be deceived than be suspicious; had rather forego his own right than run the venture of doing even a hard thing. This is the temper of that charity which the apostle says shall never fail.

The silent influences of life are by far the greatest. We do not know at what moment we are stamping the character and coloring the whole future life of our associates by our voiceless example, or our most unpremeditated words.

It would do an inmate of a poor-house good to attend a charity ball and see the diamonds and good clothes that are worn by others for their benefit.

There is actually a vast amount of latent power in our churches which the needs of the times demand should be brought into action. Suppose we send abroad in North Carolina a missionary for missions, a pleader for the heathen and for Christ.

The more carefully we examine the past, the more reason we shall find to dissent from those who imagine that our age has been fruitful of new social evils. The truth is that the evils are, with scarcely an exception, old. That which is new, is the intelligence which concerns and the humanity which remedies them.—Lord Macaulay.

There is a good deal of real religion in paying your debts and dealing honestly with those you employ. If you pay your cook in old clothes and grind the faces of the poor, a high seat in the synagogue, eloquent prayers and fine singing may carry you smoothly to the hour of death, but will then leave you with a guilty conscience and without hope. The better plan is to be honest, just and generous in all your dealing, even if you occupy a back seat and never make much of a show.—*Biblical Recorder*.

MISCELLANEOUS.

Great forest fires are raging near Hamlet, illuminating the woods for miles. The turpentine "orchards" are burning.

Sir William Thompson adds the sense of force to the five senses of man making them six. His amendments appear to be generally accepted by his compeers in science.

"The very word *Humanity*," says Max Muller, "dates from Christianity." No such idea, and, therefore, no such term, was found among men before Christ came.

A man was taking aim at a hawk that was perched on a tree near his chicken-coop, when his little girl exclaimed: "Don't take aim, pa! Let it go off by accident!" "Why so?" asked the father. "Cause every gun that goes off by accident always hits something."

Horace says to the orator or poet, "If you would have me weep, first weep yourself;" and so George Eliot says, "The tale of the Divine pity was never yet believed from lips that were not felt to be moved by human pity."

The *Church Union* says: "Religion now-a-days is largely administered on the European plan. You take what you please and leave the rest. It is apt to be the case, however, that what you take is very small in proportion to what you leave. Men are unselfish."

A Nevada penitentiary convict says he was sent to prison for being dishonest, and yet is compelled every day to cut out pieces of pasteboard which are put between the soles of cheap shoes made there and palmed off on the public as leather.

"Which is the deepest, the longest, the broadest and the smallest grave in this church-yard?" said a pedestrian to his companion, while meditating among the tombs at Eiler. "Why," replied he, "it is that in which Miles Button is buried; for it is Miles below the sod, Miles in length, Miles in breadth, and yet after all it is but a Button-hole."

At Chestertown, under the pastorate of Rev. W. S. Hammond, the membership has been revived, and ten or twelve have united with the church.

First church, Washington, D. C., after stormy days, closes its year's history with prospects much improved. The property, which at one time was involved in debt is now safe. Thirteen members have been added during the year.

In our judgment, among the most important bills passed is that introduced by Mr. Dortch, allowing local assessments in aid of local public schools; and among the most important that failed is the railroad commission bill.—*News-Observer*.

She can work a fancy screen, Just the nicest ever seen, In a style that all her "culchawed" set enchants; But, my friend, 'twixt you and me, It would chill a man to see How she stitched a patch upon her old man's pants. Puck.

A countryman, with his bride, stopped at a hotel the other day. At dinner, when the waiter presented a bill of fare, the young man inquired, "What's that?" "Bill of fare, sir," replied the waiter. The countryman took it in his hands, looked inquiringly at his wife and then at the waiter, and finally dived his hands into his pocket and inquired, "How much is it?"

China possesses the longest bridge in the world. It is at Lagang, over an arm of the China sea, and is five miles long, built entirely of stone, is seventy feet high, with a roadway seventy feet wide, and has three hundred arches. The parapet is a balustrade, and each of the pillars, which are seventy-five feet apart, supports a pedestal on which is placed a lion twenty-five feet long, made of one block of marble.

The mighty waters are spreading desolation in the lower Mississippi Valley. For a distance of forty-five miles from Hickman down, the river has an average width of ten miles, and the destruction wrought by this tremendous volume of water is incalculable. Houses, stock and all kinds of movable property are being swept away, and several lives are reported lost. Tributary streams are full, and the snows of the Northwest swell the flood. The inundation will probably equal that of last year in the extent of territory submerged.

EDUCATIONAL.

Rutherford College has now about 200 students.

The Exercises of Yadin College will be held May 30th and 31st. The annual sermon will be preached by Rev. T. J. Ogburn, May 30th, and on the 31st, Hon. Kemp P. Battle, LL. D., will deliver the Literary Address.

It is proposed to expend \$20,000 on the Quaker School at New Garden, Guilford County, and a committee of trustees has been appointed to carry out the contemplated improvements.

Rev. N. B. Cobb has been elected President of Judson College, an institution under the patronage of the Baptist Church, and located at Hendersonville, N. C.

Rev. Dr. Latimer has resigned his professorship in Davidson College, and has accepted a call from the First Presbyterian church, of Memphis, Tenn.

Five of the buildings of St. Augustine Normal school, at Raleigh, were burned on the 6th inst. Loss \$20,000, insurance \$3,400. This is an institution for colored students, conducted under the auspices of the Episcopal Church. We are glad to see that the exercises go on without interruption, and that steps have been taken to rebuild.

Prince Gortschakoff, the great Russian diplomat, died on the 11th inst. He was ninety-five years old.

UNFAIR.

I have seen a letter in which I am severely censured for not sending a girl to a lady who wanted her. She claimed the girl because the girl came from her house to the Orphan Asylum.

When the girl's time expired, I notified the lady, but gave the girl her choice about returning, and she preferred another place. As the girl had no near relatives, I thought she was free, owned herself, and had a right to make an honest living for herself. I did not know the lady who claimed her; had been advised not to return the girl to her. She did not send for her. Another lady whom I knew to be a good woman, offered the girl good wages, and sent money to pay expenses. So I allowed the girl to choose for herself. It may be that the lady had a claim on the girl. I did not know. But I was very sure the girl had a claim on herself, and had a right to herself.

Parents generally allow their daughters to accept the best propositions made to them. It seems to me that orphan girls are entitled to the same privilege. But some persons think it is my duty to deliver the orphans to the first persons who apply for them, without any discrimination on my part, and without any choice on the part of the orphan. All such persons must continue to blame me, for I think that even poor orphans have some rights which ought to be protected.

J. H. MILLS.

For the Orphans' Friend.

SPRING.

Beautiful Spring is again dancing over the hills and plains. Spring of 1883, we welcome your birds that are now singing with joyous notes, winging their way back to the vines and trees for the first lesson given young broods on the wing. And the buds of spring that are peeping on rose tree and butter cups with half-opened leaves, blooming in gardens and lanes, we greet you, too, with the beautiful hyacinth, crocus and jonquil that refresh the sight ere the earth with its velvety green has been carpeted. Winter, stern winter, yielded the royal purple violet with exquisite fragrance, ere the brooklets danced from sunshine and rain with jeweled drops in April's showers, but spring, dear spring, brings with the song of the thrushes legions of flowers to gladden the eye and make hearts rejoice that winter is over. Who can gaze on flowers, the lovely, spring flowers, without offering thanks for the blessed privilege of enjoyment one more season with friends and kindred dear. Who that has received these tokens of love and friendship in the past, can cast the remembrance heedlessly by, though inanimate.

Spring flowers speak, first, of the good Hand that gave the strength for earth's yield, then of the interest felt by One who sent the messenger of love to elevate and refine thought, which purifies the heart. Cold must be the heart that is not warmed by such lovely manifestations of God's love and power, or spurns the friendly gift of flowers. The birds of spring with their sweet notes cheer the heart, but the language spoken in flowers does more than that, it creates a delicate, tender feeling like spring in her life-giving rain on the meadow. This language is as soft music to the ear, it whispers in accents low, but it is full of sweet essences that leave a pleasant and agreeable taste. Cherish then, dear little orphans, the love for sweet flowers that come with balmy spring; plant vines of Jasmine around your grand old oak trees to delight your eye with its tender blossoms. Cultivate the modest violet, the butter-cup, and daisy that is around your pathway. Make beds of earth for hyacinths, crocus, anemones, snow drops and narcissus, and border each bed with pansies and box, and when the dogwood buds bring the news that spring is again coming over hill and plain, let grateful hearts arise in prayer and praise to the Good Being for having spared your lives to enjoy again the beauties of Spring. With love,

S. A. E.

Norfolk, March 9th.

How many brethren there are who thoughtlessly use profane language without giving even a slight reflection upon the fact that they are acting un-Masonically. Profanity is prohibited by all the rules of the Craft. Even on a brother's initiation he is told that he should never mention the name of the Deity but with that reverence due from a creature to its Creator. In a number of Grand Lodges profanity is a punishable offense in Masonry, and while the majority of those who use it admit this to be a fact, within a very few minutes they will again thoughtlessly give utterance to profanity. Discipline should be used as a check to this useless un-Masonic habit.—*Masonic Review*.

Committees on Orphan Asylum

Lily Valley Lodge, No. 252.—John R. Hill, William H. Riddick, Erasmus Bailey.

Eureka Lodge, No. 283.—G. A. J. Schuler, S. G. Patterson, Charles W. Alexander.

THE REV. C. T. BAILY SAYS:

RALEIGH, N. C., Sept. 11, 1882.

I am insured in the Valley Mutual Insurance Company of Virginia, and regard my policy in said company the safest and cheapest insurance I have. It affords me pleasure to commend the company, and its agent, Mr. George C. Jordan, to any of my friends and acquaintances he may chance to meet.

C. T. BAILY.

DR. EUGENE GRISSOM SAYS.

RALEIGH, N. C., Feb. 17, 1883.

GEORGE C. JORDAN, State Agent, DEAR SIR:—I am much pleased with my investment in a policy in the Valley Life Insurance Association of Virginia. It has the convenience of small assessments at a time, which can be most easily met.

EUGENE GRISSOM.

Norfolk Fertilizer

INSECTICIDE!

\$15 PER TON.

Delivered at any of the Depots in Norfolk or Portsmouth.

Manufactured by

STYRON, WHITEHURST & Co., NORFOLK, VA.

Office, Biggs' Wharf.

Also Dealers in Charleston Ground Bone Phosphate and Kainit.

CERTIFICATES:

NOTTOWAY CO., VA., Sept. 20, 1882.

This is to certify that I used two tons of the Norfolk Fertilizer and Insecticide, purchased from Styron, Whitehurst & Co., Norfolk, Va., on my crops of cotton and tobacco this year, and that it acted to my entire satisfaction. My tobacco is considered equal to the very best in Nottoway county, and my cotton much better than where I used the in equal quantities, as from two to three hundred pounds per acre. Such is my satisfaction with the Fertilizer that I expect to use it much more largely in the future.

J. M. HURT.

HERTFORD, N. C., Nov. 10, 1882.

Styron, Whitehurst & Co., Gentlemen: I take pleasure in saying that the five tons of Norfolk Fertilizer purchased of you last spring I used under cotton, corn, potatoes and vegetables with decidedly better results than where I used the high-priced fertilizers which cost from \$35 to \$45 per ton. Am satisfied I will get one-quarter to one-third more cotton where I used yours. In comparing with cotton seed and stable manure and rich earth, it is the best Fertilizer I ever used. Will use it under all my crops next year. Hoping you much success, I am,

Very truly,

JOSEPH A. HUGHES.

KEMPSVILLE, Prince Anne Co., VA., 1882.

Messrs. Styron, Whitehurst & Co., Gentlemen: I used your Norfolk Fertilizer under Irish potatoes at the rate of 300 lbs. to the acre, and the yield was abundant, in fact surprised me. Also used it under corn and made an excellent crop. My land is looking well where I used it. Am so well pleased with it shall use it again next Spring.

Very respectfully,

N. B. SANDERLIN.

PERQUIMANS CO., N. C., Nov. 30, 1882.

Messrs. Styron, Whitehurst & Co., Gentlemen: The half ton Norfolk Fertilizer purchased of you last Spring gave entire satisfaction; I used it along side of higher priced fertilizers, and the yield from yours was fully as good as where I used the other brands.

Yours truly,

B. F. CITIZEN.

SEBELL'S P. O., Southampton Co., }
Nov. 30, 1882. }
Gentlemen: The five tons Norfolk Fertilizer purchased of you last Spring I used under cotton and peanuts with very satisfactory results. I can ship me ten (10) tons by 1st February, '83.

Very respectfully,

W. N. SEBELL.

WINFALL, Perquimans Co., N. C., }
Nov. 10, 1882. }
Gentlemen: I used 1 1/2 tons Norfolk Fertilizer under Cotton this year, side by side with Peruvian Bone Dust, at the rate of about 175 pounds per acre. The result was in favor of your Fertilizer. Will use it again next Spring.

Respectfully,

W. L. JESSUP & CO.

WINFALL, N. C., Nov. 10, 1882.

Gentlemen: The two tons Norfolk Fertilizer purchased of you last Spring I used under cotton at the rate of about 175 pounds per acre, which gave better yield than any other Fertilizer. Will use it more extensively next year.

Yours truly

R. B. KIRBY.