## The Orphans' Friend.

FRIDAY, - - - MARCH 30, 1883. OPPOKTUNITY.

'Say who art thou, with more than mortal air.

Endowed by heaven with gifts and

Whom restless, winged feet for ever onward bear?"?

"I am Occasion-known to few.

And since one foot upon a wheel I Constant my movements are-

cannot be repressed. "Not the swift eagle in his swiftest

Can equal me in speed; my wings are bright,

A man who sees them waved is daz-My thick and flowing locks,

me thrown,

Conceal my form—nor face nor
breast is shown,

That thus, as I approach, my coning be not known.

"Behind my head, no single lock or

Invites the hand that fain would

grasp it there;
But he who lets me pass, to seize me may despair,

"Whom, then, so close behind thee do I see?" "Her name is Penitence; and Heav-

en's decree profit not by me.

"And thou, O mortal, who dost

vainly ply
These curious questions dost thon
not decry,
That now thy time is lost!—for I

### THE MISSING STONE.

The quarry was farup over the mountain, and all day long, if you had been there, you could have heard the constant click of the great hams mers as they broke off huge pieces of the rock. Then a party of men with their picks loosed there stones so that other workmen could get them on their sledges or drags that they might be hauled down the mountain side to the stone

These last with chisel and These last with chisel and mallet shaped the stones, now rounding a corner, now chipping a bit from the sides, so that they would fit together to assist in the building of the great church, whose spire was destined to rise far above events. ery other building in the val-

Many weeks had passed since the corner-stone was had, and already the walls were going up, when on a bright summer morning one of the masons was seen, trowel in hand, looking about him.

which it had been packed; and being found was slipped into its place, and the great building went on growing higher and higher.

Little friends, God is preparing a temple that will last to all eternity. Some of the stones are easily smoothed, others have to be clipped and hammered and chiseled to fit them for their places; and now and then there is a contrary bit that is crooked, and three cornered, and oblong, but he day you may not be a missing stone that cannot be found.—New York Observer.

### RIGHT SORT OF A BOY.

'Sir,' said a lad coming down to one of the wharves in Boston, and addressing a well-known merchant, 'sir, have ou any berth on your ship? want to earn something.'

'What to earn something.'

'What can you do?' asked
the gentleman.

'I can try my best to do
whatever I am put to do,' answered the boy.

'What have you done?'

'I have sawed and split all
mother's wood for nigh on two

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years?

'What have you not done?' asked the gentleman, who was a queer sort of a questioner.

'Well sir,' answered the boy, after a moment's pause, 'I have not whispered in school once for a whole year,' 'That's enough, said the gentleman. 'You may ship aboard

tleman; 'you may ship aboard this vessel, and I hope to see you the master of her some day. A boy who can master a wood-pile and bridle his tongue must be made of good stuff' -- The Southern Church-

### A STREET ARAB'S HONOR.

'Sergeant,' said a diminutive specimen of the street arab, as he met an officer wearing a sergeant's uniform, on the sergeant's uniform, on the street about 10 o'clock last night, 'can yon send an officer to guard seme property to

to guard some property to-night? The urchin,s clothes were tattered, his face was dirty, and he was soaked with rain, but there was a manly air about him for all that. The officer looked somewhat as-tonished at the request com-ing from such a strange source, but asked kindly, 'What do you want an officer for, my boy?'

chief mand, looking about him.

Now he turned over one stone, then he hunted behind another, for something that he could not find.

"Hallo, Jin; what's the matter?" asked one of his follow-workmen.

"One stone is missing, and I want it."

"How can it be lost?"

"Dunno. I was sure that it came up on the last drag, and low I came up on the last drag, and low I came up on the last drag, and low I came up on the last drag, and low I came up on the last drag, and low I came up on the last drag, and low I came up on the last drag, and low I came up on the last drag, and low I came up on the last drag, and low I came up on the last drag, and low I came up on the last drag, and low I came up on the last drag, and low I came up on the last drag, and low I came up on the last drag, and low I came up on the last drag, and low I came up on the last drag, and low I came up on the last drag, and low I child, and tears, filled his eyes.

"'Iry another."

"No use, lad. It was, to be sure, one of the crookedest pieces that I ever handled, not only three-cornered, but obling; but it was cut to fit into this angle, and I need it."

"Chip off another."

"No; what's the use, lad, when that is just what I want?"

And Jim turned away, whistling, to renew the search. At last his patience was rewarded, and the missing stone was found among the straw in

them for their places; and now and then there is a contrary bit that is crooked, and three cornered, and oblong, but he has a place for just that bit, into which none other will fit. We need not be discouraged, even if we are tried and disciplined. The contrary bit will not be set aside far any other, nor without it would God's temple be complete. Ask God that in that last great day you may not be a missing stone that cannot be found.—New York Observer.

Here are their names: 'There's no danger.' That is one

'Only this once.' That is another.

Everybody does so.' That is the third.
'By and by.' That is the

When tempted from the path of strict rectifude, and 'There's no danger urges you on, say, 'Get thee behind me

When tempted to give the Sabbath up to pleasure, or to do a little labor in the workshop or the counting-room, and 'Only this once' or 'Everybody does so' whispers at your elbow, do not listen for a moment to the dangerous counsel.

All four are cheats and liars. All four are cheats and liars. They mean to deceive you and cheat you out of heaven. 'Behold,' says God, 'now is the accepted time,' now is the day of salvation.' He has no promise for 'By and by.'— Christian at Work.

### EASTER EGGS.

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Agnes Carr, in the American Agriculturist for March gives these interesting points in regard to "Easter eggs."

The exchange of eggs between friends, as a token of love or friendship, is a very ancient custom, dating almost to the flood, for it is a symbol of the ark, as well as of the resurrection, which is the reason that we present them at Easter. It is moreover a very universal custom prevailing, among different nations and Laster. It is moreover a very universal custom prevailing among different nations and religions. The Jews placed eggs on their Passover tables, the Druids used them in their eremonies, and the Persians ceremonies, and the Persians frequently gave them as New Year's gifts. If you should happen to be in Russia this month, a Russian would greet you with "Christ is risen," and offer you an Easter Egg-stranger still, if you were in the East, at Mohammedan would on the same. At eith confer-East, a! Mohammedan would do the same. At city confectioners, fancy sugar eggs—some of them of enormous size, and containing panoramas of landscapes and figures, or else filled with bon bons—may be had at all prices; but appropriate home-made ones are worth twice as much.

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IS LOCATED AT OFFORD,

IS LOCATED AT OF PORD, the County-seat of Granville, forty-five miles North of Raleigh; twelve miles from Henderson on the R. & G. R. R. The Orphan Asylum belongs to (and, of course, is conducted according to the regulations adopted by) the Grand Lodge of Masons.

Its benefits are extended to the most needy orphans, without, ever asking whether their fathers were masons or not. Children are received between the ages of eight and twelve, and discharged between the ages of of the discharge of the seat of th

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The average cash expenses for each orphan is five dollars a month, but the sum required varies according to the seasons, and does not include what is apent for repairs, furniture and improvement of the premises. The Grand Lodge gives the building and grounds, and \$2000 a year. For the remainder of its support, and for enlargement, the Orphan Asylum is dependent on voluntary contributions from subordinate Lodges, churches of all denominations, benevolent societies, and charitable individuals; and their co-operation is earnestly solicited.

EXTRACTS FROM THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE GRAND LODGE OF MASONS:

The design of the Orphan Asylum shall be to protect, train and educate indigent and promising orphan children, to be received between the ages of 8 and 12 years, who have no parents, ner 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.

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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 peligious creeds and of all political parties shall be treated alike.

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

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.

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education as will prepare them for useful occupations and for the usual business transactions of life.

Resolved, That the sincere thanks of this Grand Lodge are hereby tendered to many benevolent ladles and gentlemen, to theministers of the Gospel, to churches of various denominations, 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 orphun children of the state.

Resolved, 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 axylum in Oxford.

Resolved, That the Master of each subordinate Lodge appoint a Standier 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.

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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 unadvisable 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 work-shops and purchase necessary tools.

Should collecting agents be appointed in different parts of the State; and its ow, what wages should they receive? This was left to the discretion of the Superintendent: but the meeting advised against employing and paying agents.

THE ADOPTION OF ORPHANS. We are always glad to accommodate childless couples who wish to adopt children as their own; but greatly pre-prefer that they should come and make their own selections.

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3. It shall be the duty every secretary of a Lodge to send the names of the Committee of the Orphan Asylum to the ORPHANS' FRIEND for publication, in order that persons wishing to employ orphans may know the steps to be taken.

## HOW CHILDREN ARE ADMITTED

Very often th Superintendent hunts up poor and promising orphans, and informs them of the advantages offered at the Orphan House, and induces them to return with him. Generally it is best that he shouldsee them before they start. When this is impracticable, a formal application shouldbe made by a friend. Here is one in proper form:

## ACTION OF EPISCOPAL CONVENTION.

Resolution adopted by the last annual Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church, at Winston, May 13, 1880;

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ACTION OF THE N. C. CONFERENCE.

On motion of Rev. J. R. Brooks, the following resolutions were adopted at the Annual Conference held at Dur ham, in 1881.

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"The Committee to whom was referred the communication of his Excellency Gov. Jarvis, bringing to our notice and commending to our favor, the Oxer of the following resolutions:

1. That we reiterate our off-repeated expression of sympathy with this noble charity, and heartily commend it to the liberal support of all our people.

2. That our pastors are hereby requested to take a collection in all their congregations at such time during the similar Conference year as they may the congregations at such time during the similar Conference year as they may to forward the congregations at such time during the similar Conference year as they may to forward the congregations at such time during the congregations as the such time during the congregation of the congregations are hereby required to the congregation of the congregati

ACTION OF PRESBYTERIAN SYNOD.

Resolutions adopted by the Synod of North Carolina in session at Raleigh, N. C., November 1 ab. 1380; "Whereas the Oxford Orphas Asylum of North Carolina is a purely benevolent institution, and is doing great good for the needy Orphans of our State, therefore, Resolved, That we approve of its purposes and suggest that the congregations within our bounds take up at their own convenience an annual collection in behalf of that institution and forward the same collected, in connection with any articlesof food and raiment which may be contributed, to the Superintendent.

At the Baptist State Conventi-held in Goldsboro, November 1' 1880, the following resolution adopted:

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WHEREAS, We feel a deep interest in the work of the Oxford Orphan Asylum, and believe it is doing an inestimable amount of good; and
WHEREAS, We believe that the Baptiat people of the State will feel it to be not only a duty, but a privilege, to contribute regularly to its support; therefore.



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