The Orphans' Friend.

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IMPURE LITERATURE.

This subject has lately attracted much attention from the thoughtful. Much has been said and written with reference to it. Legislative action has been evoked, and statutes have been enacted in some States to abate the evil. All this indicates that the evil is of such magnitude that the welfare of society is involved. The morals of the people, and especially of the young, are much affected for good or ill by the character of their reading. The health and strength of the body are affected by the character of its food; so the mental characteristics are modified by the aliment with which the mind is supplied.

Practically there are two steps to be taken by parents, in order to protect their families from the impure deluge. We say parents because this whole matter is largely in their hands. Let writers and speakers give warning, let legislatures prohibit, but all will avail little till each head of a household feels responsible for protecting his own from this as from every other evil.

1st. Let good literature be supplied. This is a reading age. Men generally will read something; boys will read; girls will read; it is desirable for them to read. There is much good, wholesome, attractive reading that your child will delight in if his attention is directed to it. At the present day it may be had at little cost. Periodicals that bring weekly or monthly a rich freight of attractive literature, without a single impure line, may be had for a mere pittance, a moiety of what most persons spend for trinkets. Let your wife and children enjoy this luxury.

2d. Prohibit that which is improper from coming into your household. See for yourself what your children read. Let them know that you supervise this matter just as you do the supplies for your table. Condemn that which is improper in such way that there can be no mistake about it. A thoughtful father of our acquaintance found in the possession of his eleven year old boy a paper that he regarded improper. Stories of crime and blood, illustrated by lifelike pictures in which pistols, poniards, coffins, etc., were conspicuous. The father showed him the evil growing out of such reading, remonstrated with him, and made a bonfire of the disgusting sheet. We commend his example to others. When the parents of the land set themselves solidly against bad literature, and at the same time supply that which is good the evil will be lessened.

"All those," said Lorenzi de Medici, "are dead for the present life, who do not hope for a future." So true is it, that a hope full of immortality is the death of death, and the life of life. He who hath not such a hope, hath not known life.

Lodges should be charitable, but improvidence is as fatal to their existence as it is to the success of individuals.

Wherever American energy plants her banners, Masons are to be found in the van of her columns.

The brethren of Tuscarora Lodge were favored with the presence of Grand Master Bingham at their regular communication last Monday night.

A six-year-old boy at Belfast, Me., has very advanced ideas. He has a doll which he calls his wife. Recently he was telling his wife his future plans, and remarked: "By-and-by I shall become a Mason, and then you won't see me until twelve o'clock at night."

With the Egyptians, Osiris and Isis represented the Supreme Being and universal nature, and signified the two great celestial luminaries, the sun and moon, by whose influence all nature was actuated. The enlightened Mason will at once see the affinity these symbols bear to Masonry and why they are used in all Masonic Lodges.

A remarkable evidence of the extent of Masonic charity and sympathy was exhibited in the late flood on the Ohio river by which all the lower portion of the city was inundated, and immense suffering resulted. In this hour of affliction to a large number of people, the Masonic Order manifested the grand principles of benevolence and relief, which are its bulwarks and its strength. Immediately upon the need becoming known, an organization was effected, composed of some of the first Masons in the city. The avenues of relief were opened to all worthy cases, and it is needless to say that much assistance was rendered and a great deal of suffering prevented.

One noticeable feature of the event, which was one long to be remembered in Cincinnati, was the substantial aid furnished from all points, not only in the State of Ohio but from distant jurisdictions. More aid was proffered than could be advantageously used, and every offering was accompanied by generous words of Masonic sympathy. Many hundred dollars were collected from the Lodges of Ohio, and a fund was created, which it was determined by the committee in charge, that it should be used judiciously in future—in all cases after earnest investigation—for it was well understood that all distress would not disappear after the flood had subsided. In fact, in numerous cases, then only could the real loss be ascertained, and many families, deprived of the actual essentials of respectable living, would be compelled to suffer if there were no organizations to which they might look for succor. And here the Masonic Relief Association has done its noblest work, and in a manner that will long remain green in the grateful memory of the recipients of the generous bounty.—*Masonic Review.*

MULLER'S ORPHANAGE.

More than thirty years ago, a poor German, one Muller, a preacher of an obscure sect, who had taken up his residence in Bristol, England, conceived that he had a vocation to assist in the relief of helpless orphans. Although he was himself so poor that his clothing was often supplied by the kindness of friends, he actually received into his own house fifteen orphans, looking to no other resource for their support than faith in God and the efficacy of prayer. He made no public or private appeal for help to any one, although he occasionally published statements of the progress of his work, acknowledging such contributions as he received, though in no case giving the name of the donor. Strange to say aid was daily sent him sufficient to sustain his enterprise, until at last he enlarged his operations and took in thirty children. People now began to conclude that the man was mad, and conjectures were indulged as to what would become of the poor orphans when his establishment was broken up. However, aid came in as amply for the thirty as it did for the fifteen, and it was not long before the number was doubled, and, while the community was looking on in amazement, Mr. Muller rented additional buildings, and three hundred orphans were daily provided for. Although his diary shows that, often, there was not a dollar in the house, it came in as soon as it was needed, and there is said not to have been a regular meal missed in the institution since it was established. At last it was deemed necessary to erect large and commodious buildings in a more eligible location, and, this too was accomplished by contributions of the benevolent, on a scale capable of accomodating in comfort twelve hundred children. For, astounding as it appears, this poor man, Muller, was now supporting that number of children. Nor is this all, at the last accounts additional buildings were found necessary, and these were being built, so as to accommodate two thousand children, whose home is now known in England as "The city of orphans." This is a work extending through thirty years, and, it is said, that contributions have been sent to it from all classes of society in England, the poorest as well as the richest, and from all quarters of the world, so that not a mail arrives in England from any country that does not bring assistance. It is not necessary to claim any miraculous explanations for this, though it certainly seems to demonstrate that in a good cause, faith in God will be followed by a blessing upon apparently the least promising of human agencies. The fact that Mr. Muller made no public appeal, may be conceded to be of little significance, because the existence of his institution was known, and appealed for itself, but it is easy to see how such enterprises often appeal in vain, and that though "Paul may plant and Apollos water," it is "God alone that giveth the increase."

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