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## CONTRIBUTIONS

TO THE ORPHAN ASYLUM FOR THE WEEK ENDING MAY 2D.

### IN CASH.

Wayne Lodge, No. 112,	20 00
John Goss,	25
Mrs. J. E. Dornland, Concord,	1 00
John McLaurin, Wilmington,	20 00
M. T. Leach,	2 25

### IN KIND.

A. Walters, Tally Ho, 1 bush. wheat.	
H. H. Cary, 2 bushel wheat.	
W. H. Thompson, 1 bushel wheat.	
B. B. Beasley, 1 bushel corn.	
W. H. Smith, 1 bushel corn.	

## SPECIAL MENTION.

Richmond is excited over the daring operations of burglars within its limits.

Dr. Milburn, the "blind man eloquent," is lecturing in Wilmington to the delight of his hearers.

Rev. R. H. Marsh preached an excellent sermon in the Chapel of the Asylum last Sunday evening.

We call special attention to the professional card of Dr. C. D. H. Fort, Surgeon Dentist. See advertising columns.

Our Raleigh exchanges give detailed accounts of certain ghostly manifestations in an old store on Fayetteville street.

We gratefully appreciate the kindness of our Masonic brethren at Palmyra in conveying Miss Smith, canvasser for the Orphans' Friend, from that place to Tarboro.

The General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the United States will convene in the First Presbyterian Church of Lexington, Ky., on the 17th inst. at 11 o'clock A. M.

Hon. S. S. Cox, of New York, will lecture in Raleigh on the 9th inst. for the benefit of the Orphan Asylum. Subject—"Poetry of Mechanism."

Rev. L. H. Gibbons has not preached at the Asylum in six months. This is printed on the authority of the Superintendent, who feeling incompetent to do justice in the premises has hired Dick Watkins to give the derelict preacher such a "cussin" as he deserves.

We were shown a few days since, by James A. Crews, Jr., Esq., an interesting relic in the shape of an ancient shot gun. It has a flint lock, is about eight feet long, and was used in the battle of Guilford C. H. by Mr. C's grandfather, who was a Continental soldier.

The convention of the Protestant Episcopal church in North Carolina will be held in Charlotte this year, commencing on the 23d of May. The rector and vestry of St. Peter's church in

that city request that all clerical and lay delegates throughout the State forward to them at the earliest practicable day the names of such persons as are expected to attend the convention.

Among others who have greatly aided Miss Smith in her canvass for the FRIEND, we make special mention of that gallant gentleman, Col. Isaac A. Sugg, of Greenville. By his valuable assistance one hundred and twenty-six cash subscribers were secured in Greenville, where we had none before. A private note from Col. S. announces his intention to increase the number to one hundred and fifty. With that in hand we make our grateful acknowledgements.

The Orphans who attend the Baptist Sunday School were very kindly invited to participate in the picnic at Harris' Chapel last Friday. In the absence of the Superintendent they could not attend, but greatly appreciated the good things sent to them.

Every time we visit the new Asylum building, occupied by the boys, we find that improvements have been made. We note especially the trimming up of the trees on the adjacent grounds, enclosing the yard with a substantial plank fence, levelling the ground within the enclosure, and arranging otherwise for the planting of flowers and vegetables. The latest improvement is a neat and substantial spring-house, which the energetic and practical Superintendent has caused to be built of the broken bricks left on hand from the new building. It is near the boy's cook room, and will prove a decided convenience.

The event of the week at the Asylum was a May-day picnic for the children at the old Cannady place, two miles from Oxford. It was well adapted to the enjoyment of the boys who had the privilege of bathing and fishing in the creek near by; and also of the girls who played in the large grove and rambled freely through the woods. Mrs. Wilder, Mrs. Buchanan, Mrs. Dickerson, Mrs. Knott, and Mr. George Fleming of Oxford, contributed to and greatly improved the dinner. Mr. Seat who occupies the premises, seeing the children so happy was almost persuaded to—well let the future tell! On the way home three boys fell head foremost out of the wagon, but being hard-headed boys no serious damage was done.

One day, during an argument in court, Roger M. Sherman, the eminent lawyer of Connecticut, had occasion to quote the familiar lines from Butler's Hudibras:

"\*\* distinguish and divide  
A hair 'twixt south and southwest side,"  
Judge Dagget, the opposing counsel, as if to mock Mr. Sherman, plucked from his own wig a hair and made believe to split it with a pen-knife. Mr. Sherman turned for a single instant to remark "I did not say a bristle, sir;" and continued his argument in triumph.

A man by the name of Dodson was guilty of a most heinous undertaking last week. Having insured his life for \$5,500, he hired two negro men to kill another and furnish him the body. This he took and having set fire to the house started for the West, believing that the public would think the charred remains to be his and pay his wife and children the insurance. But the plan refused to work and he was captured and lodged in jail.

Shakespeare said, "Brevity's the soul of wit." Let us therefore be witty.—*Wilmington Star.*

## MISCELLANEOUS.

Rev. Frank L. Reid, of the "Christian Advocate," will deliver the annual address at Asheville Female College, June 10th.

Every paper from Western North Carolina that comes to us brings news of last week's floods. The damage must have been nearly a million dollars in this State.

Dr. Hepburn, president of Davidson College, will preach the Baccalaureate sermon before the graduating class of the University of North Carolina, June 6th.

A German went to a friend and said: "To-morrow I owe \$20,000. I am ruined. I cannot pay it, and I cannot shleep a vink." The creditor said: "Vy didn't you wait to del me to-morrow? Now neither can I shleep a vink."

Ohio has enacted a law making it a punishable offence for any one to sell or give a toy pistol to a person under fifteen years of age; a dealer who violates the law is liable for all damages resulting. This Ohio "idea" is a good one and entirely worthy of general adoption.—*Ex.*

A Boston man who had his nose mashed over his face during a personal unpleasantness in a Chicago bar room, was told by the doctor that it was a simple case of no leucular disintegration. "Thank you," he said, "I feel better already, that sounds so much like home."

The alumni of the Philadelphia College of Pharmacy have condemned "the sale of intoxicating liquors as a beverage in drugstores as a growing evil, tending to degrade the profession of pharmacy and damaging to the morals of the community, and to show that they meant what they said, expelled a member of the Association convicted of this crime. There is no room for bar-tenders in the profession."

"Ella is better looking," remarked Mrs. Brown, with a smirk, "but Lucy will get married first." "Yes," chimed in her husband, "gimme Lucifer matches every time." The jury rendered a verdict of justifiable homicide, and Mrs. Brown is looking for a punless husband.

Two great ceremonial events will take place in Virginia this year—the first, the inauguration of Valentine's recumbent figure of General Robert E. Lee at Lexington on the 24th of June, on which occasion ex-President Davis will make the address; and the second, the unveiling of the monument to the United States Government erected to Jefferson, at Monticello, on the 4th of July.

A French inventor has an apparatus for curving the tail of a pug dog, so that its mistress can grasp it securely and convey it to "the opposite side of a muddy street. When a great necessity becomes fully known, the invention to meet it is always on hand.

A man got drunk and was killed by a Railroad train in Virginia. The friends of the drunken man sued the Railroad Company for damages. A Virginia jury could not see it, and a mistrial was the result. The friends of the drunken man would come nearer striking the cause of their friend's death, if they brought suit against the man who sold him the liquor, that made him incapable of keeping off the railroad track.—*Ex.*

A newspaper correspondent writes the following anecdote of the late Mason L. Wiggins, of Halifax: "It was his habit to take a seat on his front porch, and watch the road on Church day. Becoming impatient on one such occasion, he bawled out to his steer driver: 'I saw Peter, have you seen anything of the preacher this morning?' 'I don't know, massa, but I seed a little man wid blue hair, with both ends sticking in his head.' 'That's the man. Get your bonnet Betsy, and let's go to Church.'"

## BRIEF THOUGHTS.

Heaven must be very near to us, else how could the angels be so near us, and yet so near to God?—*Schonberg-Cotta Family.*

There is one perfectly safe rule to follow; it is contained in the words, "If you must you'd better."

Nothing so injures and even brutalizes a child as to hold him guilty when he is not.—*Independent.*

The grief that swells the Christian's heart is the bud of a new beauty bursting into flower.

Faith is to believe what we do not see, and the reward of faith is to see what we believe.

God is love. It is he who hath made every thing; and he loves everything that he has made.

The highest duty of every man is to look after the perfection of his own Christian character.

If there be any truer measure of a man than by what he does, it must be by what he gives.

Where we have a tent, God must have an altar; where we have a house, God must have a church in it.

When you give alms there are two that know all about it—the master of the treasury, and the giver.

There is no greater sign of your own perfection, than when you find yourself all love and compassion towards them that are very defective and weak.

It is possible to speak without believing, but it is poor speaking; it is possible to believe without speaking, but it is poor believing.—*P. S. Henson.*

One must feel intellectually secure before he can venture to dress shabbily; no one but a genius or a great scholar dares to be dirty.—*Irving*

Time spent in rest is not time wasted; but time spent in labor that ought to be spent in rest, is time worse than wasted.—*Christian Index.*

Young men, learn to wait; if you undertake to set a hen before she is ready you will loose your time and confuse the hen besides.

God hath promised pardon to him that repenteth, but he hath not promised repentance to him that sinneth.

True religion gives a happy, cheerful turn to the mind, admits of all true pleasures, and even procures them for us.

The best comforters in affliction are those who like Job's friend, "sat with him three days and nights, and spoke never a word."

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."

O holy trust! O endless sense of rest!  
Like the beloved John,  
To lay his head upon the Saviour's breast,  
And thus to journey on!

Time ought, above all other kinds of property, to be free from invasion; and yet there is no man who does not claim the power of wasting that time which is the right of others.—*Johnson.*

Young man, if you begin at the top of the ladder, progress is in one direction only—down. But if you begin on lower rounds, you will have the satisfaction of going up just as fast as your abilities will carry you.

A happy wedlock is a long falling in love. I know young persons think love belongs only to brown hair and plump, round, crimson cheeks. So it does for its beginning, just as Mount Washington begins at Boston bay. But the golden marriage is a part of love which the bridal day knows nothing of.

## EDUCATIONAL.

Master one science or art thoroughly, and the result will be a great man; attempt a score, and inaction and impotency will be the only reward of all your toil and aspiration.

The inventions and discoveries of modern civilization bestow upon us rich advantages unknown to our forefathers, yet the pressure of so much upon immature minds has rather dwarfed than enlarged the delicate texture of the mental faculties, and instead of a race of intellectual giants we have to lament that our greatest men, with but few exceptions, belong to the past.

Call not our grandfathers dullards and old fogies, for many of them were wiser than the present generation of self-styled professors and scholars. 'Tis true their learning was less versatile, and did not embrace so formidable an array of the sciences, but what they undertook was thoroughly mastered, and of good practical utility.

The olden mode of instruction was in strong contrast to the present system of teaching, and though books have multiplied and sciences are said to be simplified, we beg leave to say that in the last instance the word *mystified* may be more wisely employed, for we daily hear tyros, parrot-like, spouting out technicalities, of whose true signification they are as ignorant as of the civil constitutions of Solon, Draco and Lycurgus.

'Tis a sad comment upon our schools that they send out so few original thinkers. Books have been devoured by them to satiety, and they continue to depend upon other minds for all the sustaining pabulum of their own.

We demand too much now, and the time is too brief for the mastery, in consequence of which miserable sciolists issue forth from our various institutions of learning. Our curriculum of the present day includes most of the languages of this babbling earth, the modern arts and sciences, history, mathematics, drawing, philosophy, poetry, and all else that can be attempted and dextrously skimmed over. Every lad now must have in prospect some profession, though we see how few of our professional men arrive at any eminence in the world. They learn enough to make a living, and in many cases not this when we recognize in such only the vile pretender.

Dr. Haygood has \$20,000 of the Slater fund to distribute. Aid is to be confined to such schools as are best fitted to prepare young colored men and women to become useful to their race, and to those institutions which give instruction in trades or other manual occupations which will enable colored youth to make a living and to become useful citizens.

## A LITTLE STORY WITH A BIG MORAL.

Here is a very old story that has been told time and time again, but will bear telling again:

A man asked his neighbor why he was so careful to save a certain old horseshoe. The neighbor replied:

"I may find the other three shoes."

"And what then?"

"I may then find the horse which cast them."

"And what will you do then?"

"Why, I will build a stable for him."

"No, you won't. Your horse might kick my children, and so I won't have a stable near my house."

"Yes, you will, if I choose to build one."

"No, I won't."

"Yes, you will."

And then they began to fight like cats and dogs.

An old correspondent at Washington, writing of Mr. Randolph, says that during the debate on the Missouri question, Mr. Philemon Beecher, a representative from Ohio, one day got very hungry. When Mr. Randolph, who was speaking, made a somewhat lengthy pause, Mr. Beecher moved the "previous question." The Speaker reminded Mr. Beecher that Mr. Randolph had the floor, and the latter went on with his argument. Soon after there was a second interruption. Mr. Randolph could stand it no longer, but said, in a voice as shrill as the cry of a peacock, "Mr. Speaker, in the Netherlands, a man of small capacity, with bits of wood and leather, will in a few moments construct that which, with the pressure of the finger and thumb, will cry, 'Cuckoo! cuckoo!' With less ingenuity, and with inferior materials, the people of Ohio have made a toy that will, without much pressure, cry, 'Previous question! previous question!' It is hardly necessary to add that Mr. Beecher did not attempt to reply, and that Mr. Randolph was not interrupted again.

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