

The Orphans' Friend.

FRIDAY, MAY 25, 1883.

CARE FOR ORPHANS.

"It is a noble charity to pity the fatherless, especially the deserving, and these are indeed deserving." And we thank God that though they may be without homes or parents, they are not without friends. Right here in North Carolina, in the good town of Oxford, is an institution founded and fostered by the Masonic brotherhood, and supported by the appropriations of the State and the contributions of the generous, without regard to creed or sect, where the helpless orphan is provided with food, clothing, training, education; where the mind, the morals, the manners, the health, the present and future well-being and usefulness of these unfortunates are patiently considered and laboriously sought after. It is a comfort to the parent to feel and know that though God may see fit to call him from his tender offspring, He has already seen fit to put into the hearts of his His servants to provide an asylum for that offspring, and that when his brain and heart and hands are still in death, there are other active brains and warm hearts and willing hands ready to take up his parental trust where he, at the command of God, has laid it down.

This the Orphan Asylum aims to do, and though young in years, it has taken its position in the ranks of the charitable institutions of North Carolina, and is nobly performing its part towards ameliorating and elevating the race.

A NEW VOLUME.

With this issue of the FRIEND it enters upon its Ninth Volume. For eight years, amidst the vicissitudes incident to journalism, it has made its weekly visits to its patrons, with its messages of good cheer, encouragement and instruction. We take this occasion to express our gratitude to a generous public for the encouragement and support they have given us in our humble efforts to do good. We enter upon the new volume under the most favorable auspices. Our circulation is larger than at any previous time, numbering about three thousand subscribers, and there is a constant and healthy growth. We assure our readers that no effort shall be spared to present them, weekly, literature of such character and variety as in our judgment will be both pleasant and profitable. At the same time we shall not forget the great object which called the paper into existence, and for which it is now published, viz: To present to the public the claims of indigent orphanage, and especially to represent the Orphan Asylum in its noble work, and to act as a medium of communication between it and the public. Another special feature of the paper will be its Masonic Department. By the act of the Grand Lodge

the FRIEND has been constituted its organ. We hope to do much more in this department than has been heretofore done, and we bespeak the aid of all our brethren of the Craft, so that the paper may be really as well as nominally the organ of our order. With a sincere desire to do good in its field of effort, and with gratitude for past success and hopefulness for the future, the FRIEND enters upon another volume of its career.

THE NATIONAL CONFERENCE OF CHARITIES AND CORRECTIONS.

The Tenth Annual Meeting of the National Conference of Charities and Corrections will be held at Louisville, Kentucky, beginning on the evening of Monday, September 24, 1883.

The Conference is an organization composed of the official representatives of State Boards of Public Charities; of Prison Commissions; of the Associated Charities of the large cities of the United States; of Charities Aid Societies; of state, municipal and private charitable and correctional institutions throughout the country; and of all other persons interested in charitable and reformatory work who choose to associate themselves with them in the study of social evils and their cure or prevention.

The subjects discussed at the annual meetings are: the condition and wants of the insane, the idiotic, the deaf and dumb, the blind, the poor, the afflicted, the criminal, and the exposed; what are the duties which society owes to these various classes of the community, and how can those duties best be discharged.

The standing committees of the Conference for the current year are as follows: A committee on the work of boards of charities; on the organization of charities in cities, on preventive work among children; on crimes and penalties; on preventive medical charities; on building plans for public institutions; on provision for the chronic insane; and on the education of the deaf and dumb. Reports will be presented by all these committees, accompanied by papers by eminent men, which will be read and discussed.

Special attention will be paid, at the approaching conference, to the subjects of charity organization in cities, preventive work among children, and the questions connected with prison discipline, particularly the question of leasing out convicts to private persons.

A feature of this meeting will be the report of the delegates from the States and from the large cities, as to the present condition of charitable and correctional work in each of them. The governors of all the States have been invited to send official delegates, and it is especially desired that there should be, at Louisville, a full and able representation from the States south of the Ohio river.

Persons who attend will have the benefit of the special rates given by railroads from all points of the United States to the Southern Exposition at Louisville, which opens August 1st, and continues one hundred days.

The best arrangements possible will be made for the entertainment of delegates at the Hotels.

It is designed to organize a

special excursion of delegates to the Mammoth Cave of Kentucky, after the adjournment of the Conference.

The programme of the Conference will be announced later.

All charitable, penal and reformatory institutions, societies or organizations, whatever their name, relations, or special work, are invited to send representatives to this meeting. A full attendance is earnestly desired and expected. All those who design to be present are requested to communicate their intentions to Mr P. Caldwell, Superintendent of the House of Refuge, Louisville, Ky.

On behalf of the Conference,

FRED. H. WINES,
President of the Conference.

MEETING OF THE GRAND CHAPTER.

The Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons commenced its 25th annual convocation in Raleigh on Tuesday evening, 15th instant.

The grand officers present were James Southgate, G. H. P.; Dr. Eugene Grissom, D. H. P.; G. W. Blount, G. K., *pro tem.*; J. C. Munds, G. S., *pro tem.*; Wm. Simpson, G. Treasurer; D. W. Bain, G. Secretary; Rev. G. W. Dame, G. Chaplain, *pro tem.*; Isaac Patterson, G. Captain of Host; J. I. Macks, G. Principal Sojourner; Augustus Strouse, G. Royal Arch Captain, *pro tem.*; Wm. Murdoch, G. Master 3d Veil, *pro tem.*; H. C. Prempert, G. Master 2d Veil, *pro tem.*; J. H. Carter, G. M. 1st Veil, R. H. Bradley, G. Tiler.

Nearly all the chapters represented. A large number of delegates and visitors in attendance.

Mr. F. H. Busbee, on behalf of Raleigh Chapter, No. 10, and the committee of arrangements, in a neat address welcomed the delegates and visitors to the hospitalities of Raleigh Chapter, which was pleasantly responded to by Mr. George W. Blount, of Wilson. The address of the Grand High Priest, which was a very interesting paper, spoke in very flattering terms of the progress and prospects of this branch of the order in the State.

The report of Grand Secretary Bain likewise represented the order as growing.

A charter was granted to Mars Hill Chapter, U. D., at Mars Hill, with number 49.

The committee on jurisprudence submitted its report approving the decisions of the Grand High Priest, also recommending the incorporation into the by-laws of the Grand Chapter of the regulation of the General Grand Chapter, authorizing the junior Past High Priest of a Chapter to preside in the Chapter in the absence of the High Priest, King and Scribe. The report was adopted.

The amendment to the constitution introduced at the last annual convocation, providing that a Royal Arch Mason who demitted from his lodge and so remained for six months should forfeit his membership in his Chapter, was laid upon the table.

The following officers were elected: Eugene Grissom, Raleigh, Grand High Priest; George W. Blount, Wilson, Deputy Grand High Priest; Isaac Patterson, Newbern, Grand King; Jas. C. Munds, Wilmington, Grand Scribe; William Simpson, Raleigh, Grand Treasurer; D. W. Bain, Raleigh, Grand Secretary; Rev. G. W. Dame, Goldsboro, Grand Chaplain; J. H. Carter, Asheville, Grand Captain of

the Host

The Grand High Priest elect made the following appointment of officers: H. C. Prempert, Wilmington, Grand Principal Sojourner; Augustus Strouse, Goldsboro, Grand Royal Arch Captain; B. F. Briggs, Wilson, Grand Master 3d Veil; J. M. Rosenbaum, Raleigh, Grand Master 2d Veil; J. R. Gattis, Durham, Grand Master 1st Veil; R. H. Bradley, Raleigh, Grand Tiler.

A resolution, introduced by J. C. Munds, was adopted, to the effect that the Grand Chapter take control of the degrees if requested to do so by the Grand Council, and authorizing the four principal officers of the Grand Chapter to arrange terms of consolidation (provided the Grand Council assents to this mode of adjustment), the action of these joint officers to be final.

The following resolutions, introduced by George W. Blount, were adopted unanimously:

Whereas, Hon. S. S. Cox, from the State of New York, did, upon invitation of friends of the Oxford Orphan Asylum visit the city of Raleigh and deliver a most admirable and enjoyable lecture in behalf of that institution, and

Whereas, this grand body is composed of the great body of Ancient Craft Masonry, under whose special charge is that institution, therefore.

Resolved; That this Grand Chapter in behalf of the Masonic fraternity in this State do hereby tender to the Hon. S. S. Cox hearty and sincere thanks for his manifestation of interest in that institution, which is to the great body of Masons so dear.

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary communicate to the Hon S S Cox these resolutions.

Elizabeth City was selected as the place of holding the annual convocation for 1884

The Grand Chapter expressed its thanks to Raleigh Chapter No 10 for the hospitable manner in which the Grand Chapter had been entertained at this annual convocation. Also to James Southgate, Past Grand High Priest for the very acceptable manner in which he had discharged his duties during the two years of his administration. The following committees were appointed for the ensuing year:

On Jurisprudence—James Southgate, John Nichols, M. Bowes.

On Foreign Correspondence—J. I. Macks and Rev. G. W. Dame.

On Finance.—B. F. Briggs, Wm Murdoch and Bernice Walker.

The Grand High Priest appointed Bernice Walker Grand Lecturer.

At a meeting of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters, held subsequently, it requested the Grand Chapter to take control of the degrees in that branch of the order, and the three principal officers of the Council were appointed to arrange the terms of consolidation, with the four principal officers of the Grand Chapter.

There is no favorite child of nature who may hold the fire ball in the hollow of his hand and trifle with it, and not be burnt. There is no selected child of grace who can live an irregular life without unrest; or be proud, and at the same time have peace; remain unloving and cold, and yet see, hear, and feel the things which God hath prepared for them that love him.

Sir Thomas More, Lord Chancellor of England, after having been tried at Westminster, and condemned to death without any just or reasonable cause, concludes his speech to his judges thus: "More have I not to say, my lords, but that as Paul held the clothes of those who stoned Stephen to death, and as they are both now saints in heaven, and shall continue there, friends forever, so I verily trust, and shall therefore most heartily pray that, though your lordships have here on earth been judges to my condemnation, we may nevertheless cheerfully meet in heaven in everlasting salvation.—(J. Cemper Grey.)"

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