### The Orphans' Friend.

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Yesterday, out of my window I leaned, and chanced to hear Two boys as they plotted mischief, Not thinking I was near, Wwo rust have Joe to help us, One of the plotters said; He's as good as a dozen f.s help in

ing. Whenever there's fun shead.";

As they stood there talking together About the work to be done, If they carried out the misolief They called by the name of fun, Up the street we heard a whistle,

And knew that Joe was nigh By the sound of his merry music, Like the blackbird in the rye.

"We've just been talking about you!" The boys cried out to Joe; "We've planned the jolliest frolio, And we count on you, you know." "it depends on what's to be done,

boys, As to whether 1 help," said he; "If it's fun, and only fun, yoa kno You can always count on me."

They told him what their plans were;

They told nim what their plans were He gravely shook his head. "I couldn't help with that, boys, For it wouldn't be right," has said, "Perhaps you call it only fun, But you know it isn't so." And though they urged, they urged

in vain, For he firmly answered, "No !"

I was proud of the boy with cour

age, To stand up for the right; He was as much a hero As those who battles fight.

Whenever a boy is tempted As was my hero, Joo, It's always best to win the day By a firm, unwavering "No!"

CONTINUOUS PROVIDENCE.

Doctor Guthrie has the fol-lowing beautiful passage on Divine Povidence:

Providence has no Sabhath. No night suspends; and from its labor God never rests. If I may compare small things with great, it is like the mo-tion of the heart. Beating our march to the grave, since the day we began to live the heart has never ceased to the heart has never ceased to beat. Our limbs may grow weary; not it. We sleep; it never sleeps. Needing no period of repose to renew its strength, by night and by day it throbs every pulse; and constantly supplying nour-islument for the frame, with measured, steady, untired stroke, it drives the blood slow the bounding arteries measured, steady, untred stroke, it drives the blood along the bounding arteries, without any exercise of will on our part, and when the conscionsness of our own very existence is lost in dreamless slumbers.

If this be a just view of Divine Providence, may we not rest securely? Shall we not bid our troubled spirit be quiet

et? The steps of a good man are ordered by the Lord,' says the inspired volume. There is an unslumbering eye upon us; there is a heart ot infinite love beating res-ponsive to every need of our earthly life; there are arms of Onnipotence underneath and around us: Let us be still-quiet as an infant in its moth-er's arms. Let us commit all our interests to the keeping of our Heavenly Father.

Be cheerful: de not brood over fond hopes unrealized until a chain, link after link, is fastened on each thought and wound around the bear. Nature intended you to be the fountain-spring of cheerful-ness and social life, and nor social in the second social in t

A POOR ORPHAN.

There's a newspaper man in town who meets an old re-tired Methodist parson every day on his way to the office, and the old disciple of John Weeley invariably asks, "What's the news to day, my friend?" friend

The man of squibs and par agraphs finally got tired of answering the daily conun-drum and determined to give the parson a stunner the next

the parson a stunner the next time they met "What's the news to day, my friend?" asked the latter yesterday morning as they again met at the usual place. With a look full of revenge and a taunting smile the newspaper man answered: "Hell's full of water and the devil's drowned." "Ah," replied the parson with a solom look and a sar-castic gleam out of his eves,

castic gleam out of his eyes, "then accept my sympathy, you poor, dear orphan boy." The usual morning conun-drum is no longer asked, be-

cause the newspaper man gets to his office by another but longer route now.--Ex.

# A REMARKABLY PRECOCIOUS

The famous preacher, Bish-op Thirwall, of London, Eng-land, had a most remarkable childhood. He was taught Latin before he was big enough to wear trowsers, and could read in that language at the age of three years. At four, he could read Greek 'with an ease which astonish-ed all who heard him,' or in other words, perhaps,

ed all who heard him,' or in other words, perhaps, "Could speak Greek As easily as pigs squeak." At seven he composed an essay 'On the Uncertainty of Human Life.' At eleven, he published a volume contain-ing thirty-nine sermons.--Ex.

### NATURE IN SIBERIA.

"The history of animal and regetable life on the tundra," ays a writer in Chamber's Journal; "is a very curious one. For eight months out of the For eight months out of the twelve, every trace of vegeta-ble life is completely hidden un-der a blanket six feet thick of anow, which effectually covers every plant and bush; trees there are none to hide. "During air months of this time, at least, animal life is only traceable by the footprints of a reindeer or a fox on the enow, or

reindeer or a fox on the snow, or by the occasional appearance of a raven or snow-owl, wandering above the limits of forest growth, where it has retired for the win-ter. For two months in midwinter, the sun never rises above the horizon, and the white snow reflects only the fitful light of the moon, the stars, or the aurora borealis. "Karly in February, the sun

only just peeps upon the scene for a few minutes at noon, and then retires. Day by day he prolongs his visit more and more; until February, March, April and May have passed, and continu-ous night has become continuous

day. "Early in June the sun only the horizon at midnight, does not set any more for some time. At midday, the sun's some time. At midday, the sun's rays are hot enough to blister the skin, but they glance harmlessly from the snow, and for a few days you have the anomaly of unbroken day in midwinter. "Then comes the south wind,

when comes the south wind, and is fastened on each thought and wound around the heart. Nature intended you to be the fountain spring of cheerful-ness and social life, and not the traveling monument of despair and melancholy.—Ar.

summer produces a brilliant Al-pine flora, like an English flower garden run wild, and a profusion of Alpine fruit, diversified only by storms from the north, which sometimes for a day or two bring cold and rain down from the Arctic ice."

#### THE MERSEY TUNNEL.

Among the important engineering works which are now prosecuted abroad is the tunnel under the Mersey, connecting Liverpool with Birkenhead. It is now pushed far on to comple-tion, the work on both sides be-ing well under the bed of the river, where it is being carried river, where it is being carried through a stratum of new red sandstone, of a very firm de-scription, well adapted for tun-neling, and yielding but little water. The total length of the tunnel will be about three miles, water. The total length of the tunnel will be about three miles, and the length of the sub-aque-ous portion three-quarters of a mile; and the work, as a whole, will not only connect the towns by local trains, so as to do away with the inconveniences of the ferry boats now in use, but it will also permit the passage of through trains belonging to the several railway companies of the district, all of which will be able to obtain running powers over the underground line. Several hundred men are now constantly employed on the works, and it is expected that it will be possible to walk through the drainage headings, from one side to the other, in the course of the pres-ent year, and that trains will be running through the main tun-nel in about eighteen months or two years. The occavations have been carried on, until lately, by pick and shovel, but these are now superseded by the Beau-mont boring machine, driven by compressed air, a contrivance which has been in use on the French side of the Channel Tun-nel. This machine has been found in practice to accomplish an ad-vance of a quarter of an inch per-minute, or tan yards in twenty-four hours. THOUGHTS TO THINK OF.

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1. There is no place so large that the human mind does not feel itself a prisoner in it, and no season that the mind does not struggle to overleap the gate that swings into the sea-son that ensues. son that ensues. 2. "Whosoever believeth in

me shall never die' is spoken not of the bedy but of the soul. A soul charged with the Spirit of God is seasoned with the everlastingness of God

God 3. Old convictions are about the best things that are hand-ed down to us from old gen-erations. They are intensely personal. They are a key to the era in which they obtained

4. Simplicity, like obscuri-ty, is deceiving, and while sentences that are obscure often put us upon suspecting the presence in them of more meaning thau they contain, such as are transparent are likely to work in us the reverse suspicion; as limpid wa-ters seem never more than just to cover the pebbles they deeply embosom. 5. It is with boys as it is

with trees in a storm, a ques-tion of root and of compact tion of root and of compact filre, and warm Christian homes are God's manufacto-ries of personal root and of fibre. Infidelity in the world will not break down the boy whom wise and tender Chris-tian faith in the home has built we built up.

to inquire into the ircumstances and treatment of children already discharg-ad, and living in their jurisdiction, and use their best efforts to secure good treatment, or the return of the chil-The Orphan Asylum 18 1.0CATED AT OXFORD, the County-seat of Granville, forty-five miles North of Raleigh; twelve miles from Piederson 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. The 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 discharg-ed between the' ages offourteen and atteen. The average cash expenses for each orphan is five dollars a month, but the sum required varies according to the sessons, and does not include what is spent for repairs, furniture and im-provement of the premises. The Grand Lodge gives the building and grounds, and 82000 a year. The State gives \$0000 a year. For the remainder of its support, and for enlargement, the Or-phan Asylum is dependent on volum-IS LOCATED AT OXFORD,

dren. 3. It shall be the duty every secretary of a Lodge to send the names of the Committee of the Orphan Asylum to the Orphan Nas' Frikarko for publication, in order that persons wishing to em-ploy orphans. may know the steps to be taken.

HOW CHILDREN ARE ADMITTED Very often the 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 :

And a series of the series of the sald or black of the series of the sald or black of the series of the sald or black of the sald or bl support, and for enlargement, the Or phan Asylum is dependent on volum-tary contributions from subordinate Lodges, churches of all denominations, henevolents societies, and charitable in-dividuals; and their co-operation is earneally solicited. EXTRACTS FROM THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE GRAND LODGE OF MASONS: The design of the Orphan Asylum shall be to protect, train and educate in digent and promising orphan children, to be received between the ages of 8 and 19 years, who have no parents, nor property, nor near relations able to as-sist 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. 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 stock, and the cultivation of the soll. At least four religions denominations shall be represented among the officers of the Asylum, and the representatives of all religious creats and of all po-litical parties shall be treated alfke. The Institution shall be conducted on the cash system, and its operations enlarged or curtailed according to the funds received. Orphan children in the said Asylum shall be fod and clothed, and shall re-ceive such preparatory training and education as will prepare them for use-fus cand Lodge are hereby tendered to the cash system, and its operations enlarged or curtailed according to the funds received. The the institution shall be compared for the orphan children in the said Asylum shall be fod and clothed, and shall re-ceive such preparatory training and education as will prepare them for use-fus compations and for the usual busi-ness transactions of He. Resolved, That all benevolent soci-tiemen, to the ministers of the Gospel, to driverboevelent societies whose heardered time in the great work of amellor-ating the condition of the orphan ehild-ern and promising orphan ehildren at the signum in CACI. Re

# ACTION OF EPISCOPAL CONVEN-TION.

Resolution adopted by the last an-nual Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church, at Winston, May 13, 1880:

1880: "Resolved, That this Convention does heartily approve the efforts of the Oxford Asylum to alleviate the suffer-ings and to provide for the welfare of the helpless orphans of North Caroli-na; and that we commend to the imita-tion of all, the example of this spirit of active charity and bere fit ence on the part of the Masonic fraternity is thus unfilling the Apostolic injunction to re-member the poor."

## ACTION OF THE N. C. CONFER-ENCE.

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

the Annual Conference held at Due-ham, in 1881. "The Committee to whom was refer-red the communication of his Excellen-ty Gov. Jarvas, bringing to our notice and commending to our favor, the Ox-ford Orphan Asylum, recommend. the adoption of the following resolutions : 1. That we reiterate our oft-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 re-quested to take a collection in all their congregations at such time during the ensuing Conference year as they may think most appropriate and best, and to forward the same to the Superinten-dent of the Asylum." 3. That the Recording Stewards of our several pastoral charges are reque-ted "For the Orphan Asylum." JNO B. BROOMS, B. A. VATES, Committee, ACTION OF PERSENTIERIAN

### ACTION OF PRESBYTERIAN SYNOD.

cation. "Should deserted children be admit-ted? was decided in the negative. "Should children having step-fathers be admitted?" was also dccided in the

SYNCD. Researchers adopted by the Synod of North Carolina in session at Ral-eight, N. C., November 19th. 580 : "Whoreas the Orford Orphas. Asplum of North Carolina is a purely benev-olent institution, and is doing great good for the needy Orphans of our State, therefore, *Resolved*, That we approve fof its purposes and suggest that the congre-gations within our bounds take up at their own convenience an annual col-lection in behalf of that institution and forward the same collected, in connection with any articlesof food and raiment which may be costarbu-ted, to the Superintendent.

# ACTION OF BAPTIST STATE CON-VENTION.

At the Baptas State Convention, held in Goldsboro, November 17th, 1880, the following resolution was adopted: WHEREAS, We feel a deep interest in the work of the Oxford Orphan Asylum, and believe its is doing an Ines-timable autount of good; and WHEREAS, We believe that the Bap-tist people of the State will feel it to be not only a duty, but a privilege, to con-tribute regularly to its support; there-fore 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.

APPLICATION FOR CHILDREN. Correspondents are requested to read and regulate applications for children by the following resolutions in the Grand Lodge of Masons: Resolved, 1. The Superintendent of the Orphan Asylum shall not consider any application for an another the Orphan Asylum shall not consider any application for an outpet of the Lodge In whose jurisdiction the application for an orphan until the reals and important the convention the Asylum shall be the duty of the said com-mittee to make due inquiry into the do-the data of the situation offered be-fore endorsing an application; as adalored Correspondents are requested to read and regulate applications for children by) the following resolutions of the Grand Lodge of Masons: Resolved, 1. The Superintendent of the Orphan Asylum shall not consider any application for an orphan until the same has been approved and endorsed by the Orphan Asylum Committee of the Lodge in whose jurisdiction the somelicative resider.

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be admitted? was also decided in the negative. "Brould deformed children he admit-ted?" This was left to the discretion of the Superintendent. When the de-formity is of such a character as to re-quire extra stitention, it was thought unadvisable to admit the parties in the present condition of the Asylum. "Should boys learn trades at the Asy-lum? Decided un the negative, it be-ing impracticable at this time to em-ploy skilled mechanics in the various trades, erect suitable work-shops and purchase necessary tools. "Should collecting agents be appoin-ted in different parts of the State; and it so, what wages should they receive?" This was left to the discretion of the Superintendent : but the meeting ad-vised against employing and paying agents. THE ADOPTION OF ORPHANS

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