BY THE BABY'S BED

BY EBEN E. REXFORD

Swings the cradle to-and-fro, Rocking softly, rocking slow. As the child it pillows seems Almost in the land of dreams Then, behold! wide open flies All at once the baby's eyes! What shall mother do to keep Sleepy little eyes asleep?

Droop the rose-leaf eyelids, but Kisses will not keep them shut. Into mine laugh baby's eyes, Oh, so roguish and so wise! So a flower at break of day Shakes the spell of sleep away. What shall mother do to make Slumber come, my wide-awake?

Sleep, my bahy, sleep and rest. Little birds in the warm nest Sleep beneath their mother's wing. Do they dream of anything? Of the rose or of the rain, Of the moons that wax and wane, Summer's sun or winter's snows? Ah, my baby, no one knows.

leep, my baby, dream and rest Guddled in your cradle nest, While I drop warm kisses in Dimples deep on cheek and chin Just for kisses, baby dear, Nothing else, are dimples here.
Mother'll be a bee to sip Honey from her baby's lip. With life's riddle all unguessed Sleep, my little one, and rest, Sleep and rest.

MR. DICK.

BY ALICE M. KELLOGG.

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Year younger.

The first time I heard Mr.
Dick referred to was on the evening of my arrival at the Perry house to make a visit of several days. We were all in the cozy sitting-room, the three children gathered around the student-lamp, with their school books, busy over the next day's lessons. Lula was next day's lessons. Lula was next day's lessons. Lula was lines a composition, I a composition a composition and I a composition and three children gathered around the student-lamp, with their school books, busy over the next day's lessons. Lula was preparing a composition, I knew, by the anxious lines that were deepening between her pretty eyebrows, and the way in which she every now and then stopped to bite the end of her pen-holder. Compositions are hard, even for High-School girls.

'Say, Gordon,' she said, confidentially, 'do you spell receipt 'cie' or 'cei?' I always get it mixed.'

'I don't know. Ask Mr. Dick,' was the reply.

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The suggestion seemed to please Lula, and she was out of the room in an instant, and back again directly, with a satisfied expression on her face.

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At dinner the next day,
Gordon remarked:

'Our teacher wants us to
find out when Admir's Farragut was born. Do you
know, papa?'

Mr. Perry was busily cutting slices of corn-beef, but
managed to rank.

managed to reply:

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'I think Mr. Dick can help you, my boy.'
Sadie, too seemed to be on friendly terms with the old gentleman. She came to her mother one day looking very happy, and said that Mr. Dick had the flags of all the different countries.
One atternoon, Lula and some of her schoolmates were in the next room, and quite a

in the next room, and quite a controversy arose about a very simple thing—the pronunciation of the word 'neither.'
One said the i should be hard: another said that it should be pronounced like e, to make the metic.

word rhyme with 'either,' and 'my teacher says,' and 'my father pronounced it,' were flying thick and fast. A quarrel seemed near, and I wondered how it would end, when

dered how it would end, when Lula exclaimed:
"Wait a minute, girls, till I come back, and left the room. Then I heard a laugh, which was joined by another, and some one said:
"Share gone to consult that

'She's gone to consult that poor Mr. Dick.' And the dispute was settled

amicably.

This made me more curious This made me more curious to see the person who was held in such estimation by these young people, and was in such demand with the Perry children. As he did not appear, and the days went by I determined to ask Mrs. Perry about him. She seemed aroused at my question, and

ry about him. She seemed amused at my question, and called to her son:

'Gordon, won't you bring Mr. Dick in here, please?'

The boy ran out of the room, and before I realized that the mysterious object was so near, he returned, and laid on the table a—'Webster's Unabridged.'

TELLING JESUS.

A correspondent sends the following to the Christian as a true incident:

"Nelly, who had lately recovered from a dangerous illness was out one day with her moth was out one day with her mother. As they were getting near home the mother noticed the child had been unusually silent for a time, and all at once she stood still and as if with a determined effort much thus. (Marn Mr. Dick was a great favorite with the Perry children. There was Lula, who had just entered the High School; Gordon, who was looking forward to a fourteenth birthday, and the arrival of a bycicle, and Sadie, a wise little maiden a year younger.

Child nau both for a time, and all at once sne stood still and as if with a determined effort spoke thus: "Mam-a"—then a pause—"I prayed last night, mamma." "Did you, dear; don't you always pray?" "Oh, yes, but I prayed a REAL prayer last night. I don't think I ever prayed a real prayer be fore.

such a heap piled up, and then I was sure I had not remembered them all. This made me so miserable, and I thought, What if Jesus had come for me when I was so ill? I was sure I could

was so ill? I was sure I count not have gone to heaven.

"Then I thought about Jesus coming to die for bad people, and that he had promised to forgive them; so I got out of bed and knelt down and tried to tell. Jesus how bad I was, and that I could not remember all the sins of even one week, so I just asked him to think of them all for me, him to think of them all for me, every one, and then I waited to give him time to think, and when I thought he had remembered them all, I asked him to forgive them, and I am sure he did, mamma, because he said he would, and I felt so happy. Then I got into bed, and did not feel a bit afraid of God any more."

A petition signed by many of the ladies of New York, has been presented to the Board of education of that Board of education of that city praying that the teaching of sewing to girls in the public schools between the ages of ten and twelve years be made compulsory. The petitioners claim that the distress and discomfort in the homes of the poor part of the laboring people in the city are largely attributable to the fact that the women and girls have not been taught how to sew, and they assert that sewing is more important to the mother of a family than arithmetic.

The New York Senate refused to agree with the House per fused to agree with the House fused to agree with the H

"The richer a nature,' says
Carlyle, 'the harder and slower its development. Two
boys were of one class in
the County-seat of Granville, forty-five boys were of one class in the Edinburg Grammar School John was ever trim, precise and dux; Walter was ever slovenly, confused and dolf. In due time John became Bailie John, of Hunter Square, and Walter became Sir. Walter Scott, of the universe. The quickest and completest of all the vegetables is the cabbage.' This slowly developed Sir Walter Scott of the universe was 34 when he made his first draft of 'Waverly,' and was 44 when he re-wrote and published it. Nearly every one of those tales which conferred immortality upon him were composed after he reached the age of 46. He wrote the "Heart of Midlothian' at 47; the 'Bride of Lammermoor,' 'A Legend, of Montrose,' and 'Ivanhoe, at 48; the 'Pirate,' and 'Peveril of the Peak' at 50; the 'Tales of the Crusaders' at 54, and the 'Chronicles of the Canongate' at 57.

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All who know French life are aware that it is in accordance with the laws of society for every one to leave cards on the 1st of January for all whose acquaintance is desired during the current year. A French lady of distinction last Christmas engaged a footman from the provinces and the provinces of the provi not used to Paris life. She started in her carriage on New Year's Day on her mission of card-leaving, but soon discovered that she had left behind her case containing the necessary paste

"Antoine," she said, "return

"Antoine," she said, "Petum quick! I have forgotten my cards. They are on my table. Put them in your pocket."

This order was obeyed and the visiting round began. Antoine was enjoined to leave two cards at one house, four at another, and so on according to circum-stances. The last house on the list was reached, and the faithful flunkey ordered to leave the next three cards.

three cards.

"Alas! madam," he cried, "I have dealt out the whole pack except two—the deuce of hearts and the king of diamonds."

A Texas boy sends an account of a fight, which he witnessed not long ago, between his dog and a turtle that was quietly sunning itself on the edge of a pond. As soon as the dog saw sunning itself on the edge of a pond. As soon as the dog saw the turtle, he began to worry it, barking furiously all the time. This he did for quite a little while, the turtle showing fight at first; but finding this did not pay, it drew its head and legs within its shell, and remained perfectly still. The dog started to go away; but just as he turned tail, the turtle's head shot forward and caught the dog by the right hind-leg. The howls of the carine were dreadful to hear as he made the fastest kind of time from the vicinity; but the turtle held on like grim death, with the odds all in its favor. The dog seemed to understand after a while that there was but one way out of the difficulty and that was to make for the pond, which he did at a gallop, yelping with pain and terror at every jump. The instant the dog reached the edge of the pond, the turtle let go, slipped quickly into the water, and disappeared in a twinkling.

the County-seat of Granville, forty-five miles from Henderson on the R. & G. R. R.

The Orphan Asylum belongs to fand, 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 whother their fathers were masons or not. Children are received between the ages of eight and twelve, and discharged between the ages of out-teen and sixteen.

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 spent for repairs, furniture and improvement of the premises. The Grand Lodge gives the building and grounds, and 82000 a year. The State gives \$5000 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, nor 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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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 if so, what wages should they receive? This was left to the discretion of the Superintendent: but the meeting advised against employing and paying securis.

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

APPLICATION FOR CHILDREN.

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Correspondents are requested to read and regulate applications for children by) the following resolutions of the Grand Lodge of Masons:

Resolved, That all our pastors are hereby estructed to take up a collection at each of their churches at least once a year in behalf of this great and important work.

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 applicant resides.

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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 OBPLANS' FRIEND for publication, in order that persons wishing to employ orphans may know the steps to taken.

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 CONVEN-TION.

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 Durham, in 1881.

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

1. That we reiterate our off-repeated expression of sympathy with this noble charity, and heartily commend it 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 ensuing Conference year as they may think most appropriate and best, and to forward the same to the Superintendent of the Asylum.

3. That the Recording Stewards of our several pastoral charges are requested to the Orphan Asylum.

JNO B. BROOKS,
E. A. YATES, Committee.

ACTION OF PRESBYTERIAN SYNOD.

SYNOD.

Research as adopted by the Synod of North Carolina in session at Ralicipl, N. C., November 19th 1380; "Whereas the Oxford Orpha: Asylum of North Carolina is a purely benevilent institution, and is doing great good for the needy Orphans of our State, therefore, Resolved, That we approve for its purposes and suggest that the congregations within our bounds take up at their own converience 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.

ACTION OF BAPTIST STATE CON VENTION.

At the Baptist 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 it is doing an inestimable amount of good; and WHENEAS, We believe that the Baptist 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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