

The Orphans' Friend.

FRIDAY, ----- JUNE 8, 1883.

LET IT PASS.

Be not swift to take offense;
Let it pass!
Anger is a foe to sense;
Let it pass!
Brood not darkly o'er a wrong,
Which will disappear ere long,
Rather sing this cheery song,
Let it pass!
Echo not an angry word;
Let it pass!
Think how often you have erred;
Let it pass!
Since our joys must pass away,
Like the dew-drops on the way,
Wherefore should our sorrows stay?
Let them pass!
If for good you've taken ill,
Let it pass!
O be kind and gentle still;
Let it pass!
Time at last makes all things straight,
Let us not resent, but wait,
And our triumph shall be great;
Let it pass!
Bid your anger to depart;
Let it pass!
Lay these homely words to heart,
Let it pass!
Follow not the giddy throng;
Better to be wronged than wrong;
Therefore sing this cheery song,
Let it pass!
Let it pass!

EVERY DAY BRINGS A CHANGE

Written by a little girl in Apex, N. C., on her 10th birthday.

Life is full of changes and each day brings one.

By one who rises early in the morning, what a beautiful change is seen as the sun makes his appearance from behind the Eastern hills. The sky behind begins to redden around his bed, and long, sharp rays go out in all directions. How quickly the darkness vanishes as the sun raises his head, from his downy pillow and sheds his beams over the world.

Very soon everything is up and active, doing the work of the day. What a change has taken place in so short a time. Everything is full of life and joy. All creation turns its eyes to the God of all nature and gives thanks for His goodness. Man goes to his work cheerful and happy. We little children are bright and rested, and the lambs sport all day, and the little birds hop from tree to tree singing their pretty songs to show how thankful they are that God has changed darkness into light.

Thus the day passes away. At last the sun, tired of his course, sinks to rest, and we are in darkness and gloom again. Let us compare the brightness of the sun at the middle of the day, when all is almost too bright to look upon, with the darkness of midnight, when all is blackness and solitude. So it is that each day is only darkness changed into light. Every day is not the same, for some are dark and cloudy and rainy, while others are bright and pretty. Sometimes one day brings a bright change. One day changes Winter into Spring. Winter takes from the trees all their clothing of green and yellow and throws it away. The trees must stand all the Winter and take the cold winds and hard rains without any cover for protection.

But one day changes it into Spring. Soon the trees put forth the buds which expand and make leaves, and the trees have their suit of pretty deep green. The laughing Spring warms the air and crowns the young year, filling the earth with gladness. How lovely

and nice! How much should we thank the day that made Winter leave and invited Spring to come!

Who can look around and not thank God for changing the bad cold Winter into such a nice and pleasant time? Then we see Summer coming. We weary along through the warm days and are glad when we wake up some morning and find Summer gone and a beautiful Autumn sitting around in its place.

What a good day it was that sent away the warm days and gave us cool and pleasant ones.

Then Autumn leaves and Winter with his rising train of clouds and storms comes again, and we retreat to some good fire and stay till he has left.

One day changes one year into another. One year may be cold and rainy and unfruitful, yet one day can bring another which will be bright and sunny and prosperous. We children pass through each year and never think of the changes which take place. We spend childhood very pleasantly, but know nothing of what is to come when we grow old. You see a little child, then leave it and see it no more till it is grown, so many changes have taken place that you hardly know the child. One day changes its first year into its second and so on till it arrives at manhood. So to-night I stand in the portal leading out of my tenth year into my eleventh year. To-day is my birthday and to-morrow I commence a new year. What a difference between the entrance into this year and my past years and how bright and attractive does the new year appear, with its path-way strewn with kind friends and cheering promises.

As we go through life, some days are sad and gloomy, while others are bright and full of joy. But "if it were not for the tears that come into our eyes what an ocean would flood our hearts." We who have not felt sorrow and pain can never know love and pleasure. And so we go through life with its many changes and at last arrive at death's door where we change this life for another and there see God in His purity and holiness.

THE OLD FRYING-PAN.

"Now, then, who would care to read about an old frying-pan?" do I hear some reader say, as he carelessly turns over the pages and looks for a more interesting title. But had you stood with me in our garden one sunny morning last May, you would have seen what interest could be invested in an old frying-pan. "Come, granny, come away," cried my little grand-daughter Sally, running with a hop step and jump to meet me, and twirling her white sun-bonnet by the string; "come and see what a beautiful green-house we have made. It is quite as grand as Uncle Willie's."

"Wait on us, wait on us, though, Sallie," said Bobbie and Katie, coming up from the well, the one carrying a toy watering-pan and the other a noseless teapot filled with water. "You know, granny, we must water the plants," said Katie apologetically, seeing I was casting doubtful glances at their pinaflores, which were rather more soiled than they had been in the morning.

We soon reached the old wooden tool-house, which was the "beautiful green-house," of Sally's imagination, and oh! what a collection of

discarded beef-tins, blacking-bottles, and old jugs they had impressed into their service, filled with soil, and planted therein huge branches of lilacs, gaulder-roses, daises, feverfew, and even the despised dandelion; while occupying the place of honor stood the old frying-pan.

"And what is to be planted here?" I said, touching it with my foot.

"Oh, take care, granny, take care," screamed the chorus; "that is the preciousness of them all. We have sowed such a lot of beans there, and it is to be a bean-field. Such a sweet smell as it will have!" and Sally gave sundry little sniffs as if she had already inhaled the delicious perfume.

"Yes," said Katie, taking up the strain; "and when the sun gets hot we are going up to our summer-seat," pointing to a branch in the rowan-tree that overshadowed the tool-house, "to sew ever so many sample bags; and when the beans ripen we will fill our bags with them and give them to papa for a birth-day gift."

"But why don't you speak, granny?" said Sallie, looking anxiously into my face. "Will they not spring?"

"Oh yes, Sally, they will spring; but—"

"Oh, no buts then, granny," said Sally impatiently. "If harvest-time were only here, what fun it would be."

Eight days, ten days passed, and then the little troop came joyfully to summon me down to the green-sheaths piercing through the brown soil.

At the end of another fortnight Sally came with tearful face to tell me something had gone wrong with the prized bean-field.

True enough; the bean-stalks were hanging disconsolately in every direction, and some of them had withered off altogether.

"What is the matter with them, granny?" said Sally mournfully.

"Because they had no depth of earth they withered away," I said, kissing the tear-stained face.

And then, as I seated myself at the root of the rowan-tree, and gathered the little group around me, I told them how the Master Gardener came and sowed the heavenly seed in the heart gardens—how eagerly he looked for it springing up, how tenderly he watched over the young plants, and how disappointed he was when they withered away.

"I would like my heart to be one of the Lord Jesus' gardens, granny dear," said Sally earnestly; "but I don't know how to keep the young plants growing. I try to be good, but I often do wrong."

"Try to be good! That's right, Sally; but something else comes first. Ask God, for Jesus' sake, to make you good; then your heart will not be like the stony ground, but like the prepared soil, and will bring forth the plants the Gardener loves so much to see in your little hearts—kindness to each other, truthfulness, obedience, and best of all, love to the blessed Lord Himself."

Thoughtfully the little ones walked away, and I think we were all the better for the sermon the old frying-pan preached.

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The Orphan Asylum belongs to (and, 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 whether their fathers were masons or not. Children are received between the ages of eight and twelve, and discharged between the ages of fourteen 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 \$2000 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 MASONRY:

The design of the Orphan Asylum shall be to protect, train and cultivate 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.

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 preparation of fuel, the care of the stock, and the cultivation of the soil.

At least four religious denominations shall be represented among the officers of the Asylum, and the representatives of all religious creeds and of all political parties shall be treated alike.

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 fed and clothed, and shall receive such preparatory training and education as will prepare them for useful occupations and for the usual business transactions of life.

Resolved, That the sincere thanks of the Grand Lodge are hereby tendered to many benevolent ladies and gentlemen, to the ministers of the Gospel, to churches of various denominations, Odd Fellows, Knights of Pythias, Good Templars, Friends of Temperance and other benevolent societies whose hearty co-operation and liberal contributions have rendered timely and valuable assistance in the great work of ameliorating the condition of the orphan children of the State.

Resolved, That all benevolent societies and individuals are hereby cordially invited and requested to co-operate with us in providing funds and supplies for feeding, clothing and educating indigent and promising orphan children at the Asylum in Oxford.

Resolved, That the Master of each subordinate Lodge appoint a Standing Committee upon raising funds for the Orphan Asylum, and require said committee to report in writing each month, and that said reports and the funds received be forwarded monthly to the Superintendent of the Asylum, and that the support of the Orphan Asylum be a regular order of business in each subordinate Lodge at each Communication.

"Should deserted children be admitted?" was decided in the negative.

"Should children having step-fathers 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 inadvisable 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, great 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 agents.

THE ADOPTION OF ORPHANS.

We are always glad to accommodate childless couples who wish to adopt children as their own; but greatly 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 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 applicant resides.

2. It shall be the duty of the said committee to make due inquiry into the desirability of the situation offered before endorsing an application; and also

to inquire into the circumstances and treatment of children already discharged, and living in their jurisdiction, and use their best efforts to secure good treatment, or the return of the children.

3. It shall be the duty every secretary of a Lodge to send the names of the Committee of the Orphan Asylum to the ORPHANS' FRIEND for publication, in order that persons wishing to employ 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 should see them before they start. When this is impracticable, a formal application should be made by a friend. Here is one in proper form:

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This is to certify that..... is an orphan, without estate, sound in body and mind, and years of age. H..... father died in 18....., h..... mother in 18..... I..... hereby make application for h..... admission into the Asylum at Oxford. I also relinquish and convey to the officers of the Asylum the management and control of the said orphan till 16 years of age, in order that..... may be trained and educated according to the regulations prescribed by the Grand Lodge of North Carolina. I also promise not to annoy the Orphan Asylum, and not to encourage the said orphan to leave without the approval of the Superintendent.
Approved by.....
W. M. of.....

The application should be sent to the Superintendent, and he will either go for the children or provide for their transportation. In no case should a community take up a collection to send a man with the children, nor send the children before the Superintendent has been consulted.

ACTION OF EPISCOPAL CONVENTION.

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

"Resolved, That this Convention does heartily approve the efforts of the Oxford Asylum to alleviate the sufferings and to provide for the welfare of the helpless orphans of North Carolina; and that we commend to the imitation of all, the example of this spirit of active charity and beneficence from the part of the Masonic fraternity in thus fulfilling the Apostolic injunction to remember the poor."

ACTION OF THE N. C. CONFERENCE.

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 this Excellent 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 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 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 report to our Annual conference the amounts collected under the head of "For the Orphan Asylum."

JNO R. BROOKS, } Committee.
E. A. YATES, }

ACTION OF PRESBYTERIAN SYNOD.

Resolutions adopted by the Synod of North Carolina in session at Raleigh, N. C., November 13th, 1880: "Whereas the Oxford Orphan Asylum of North Carolina is a purely benevolent institution, and is doing great good for the needy Orphans of our State, therefore,

Resolved, That we approve of its purposes and suggest that the congregations within our bounds take up at their own convenience an annual collection in behalf of that institution, and forward the same collected, in connection with any articles of food and raiment which may be contributed, to the Superintendent.

ACTION OF BAPTIST STATE CONVENTION.

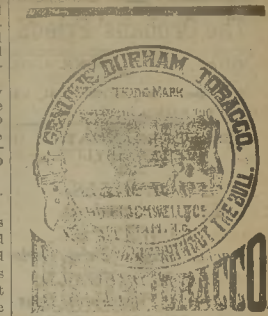
At the Baptist State Convention, held in Goldsboro, November 17th, 1880, the following resolution was adopted: "WHEREAS, We feel a deep interest in the work of the Oxford Orphan Asylum, and believe it is doing an incalculable amount of good; and

"WHEREAS, 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

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

Elder F. J. Ivey submitted the following resolution, which was adopted at the Convention held in Winston in 1881:

"Resolved, That this Convention feels an undiminished interest in the work of the Orphan Asylum; and that we repeat, with earnestness and emphasis, the recommen dation to all our pastors to take up at least one collection during the year in aid of the Oxford Orphan Asylum, and also



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