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TO THE ORPHAN ASYLUM FOR THE WEEK ENDING JUNE 13TH.

IN CASH.	
Henderson S. S. Picnic,	7.90.
Dr. J. T. Fuller, Raleigh,	4.00.
Wm. Campbell,	4.00.
J. Brooks,	1.35.

IN KIND.
Grassy Creek Church, 7 bushels wheat, 2 1/2 bushels corn.
Unknown Friend, 18 yards wadded, 10 yards colico.

SPECIAL MENTION.

Commencement at Trinity and Wake Forest this week.

The graduating class at Greensboro Female College this year numbered twenty-four.

For several days the editor has been confined to his room by sickness. This will account for the scarcity of original matter this week.

We are greatly pleased with "Golden Days," a weekly for boys and girls, published by Jas. Elverson, Philadelphia. Nothing that comes to our office is more heartily welcomed.

Rev. Jonathan Sandford, the Methodist minister at Roxboro, visited Oxford this week. While here he was twice at the Asylum, and on Tuesday afternoon preached to the orphans an interesting sermon.

The press comments very favorably on the action of the University authorities in conferring a degree on Rev. Dr. Mendelsohn, the learned Jewish rabbi of Wilmington. It is the first instance in which a Hebrew has been so honored in North Carolina.

Rev. F. H. Jones, a devoted Baptist minister of Yanceyville, N. C., had his ankle severely sprained while in Oxford attending the commencement. Mr. Jones had two interesting daughters at the Seminary, one of whom, Miss Rosa, was the valedictorian of the graduating class.

At the late Chapel Hill commencement the degree of LL. D. was conferred on Hon. John Manning, Prof. H. E. Shepherd, Rev. S. Mendelsohn and Rev. A. M. Shipp, D. D., of the Vanderbilt University. The degree of D. D. was conferred on Rev. J. E. C. Smedes, of Raleigh, and A. M. on Prof. Alex. Graham, of Fayetteville.

Rev. W. E. Hatcher, of Richmond, Va., and editor of the *Religious Herald*, published in that city, while in Oxford last week on duty in connection with the Commencement of the Oxford Female Seminary, visited the Asylum and addressed the orphans, much to the gratification of all concerned.

We record with sorrow the death of Rev. Alex. Means, D. D., a distinguished educator of Georgia, but a native of North Carolina.

The Fall Session of the Henderson Horner School is advertised to commence on the 23d of July. We are personally acquainted with the Principals, and can cheerfully recommend their school as worthy the patronage of the public. See announcement.

The Wilson Collegiate Institute for young ladies is represented in our advertising columns this week. Wilson is proverbial as an educational centre, and Prof. Hassell, the Principal, has a fine reputation as an educator. Read his advertisement carefully, and see what inducements he offers.

We clip from the "Church Messenger" the following pleasant reference to a distinguished educator of this town:

Mr. Jas. H. Horner, the principal of the Oxford Classical and Mathematical School, was in attendance on the convention. Though one of the best of mathematicians he could not work out satisfactorily to himself the division of the Diocese. We hope however he will live to see it multiply.

We are indebted to the graduating class for a very handsome invitation to attend the Commencement Exercises of the Chowan Baptist Female Institute at Murfreesboro on the 26th and 27th June. Rev. Reubin Jones, of Churchland, Va., will address the Graduating Class, Rev. J. L. Burrows, D. D., of Norfolk, will deliver the Annual Address, and C. S. Vann, Esq., of Winton, will address the Societies.

The *Southern World*, published at Atlanta, Ga., is on our table. It is an exceedingly interesting periodical, issued twice a month, and is cheap at \$1.00 year. The matter is all good. Among other contributors, we notice Rebecca Cameron and Anna Alexander Cameron, of North Carolina, Dr. A. G. Haygood, of Georgia, and Rev. T. W. Moore, of Florida. Mr. M. was formerly of Person county, N. C., is a brother of Mrs. J. H. Horner, of this place, and is well known throughout this section of the State. He is contributing to the *World* a series of articles on Orange Culture.

According to the *Charlotte Observer*, the most terrific rain fell near Salisbury last Saturday night ever known. We make the following extract:

"Mingled with the roar of the torrents, came the roll of thunder and the crack of lightning, and the course of the turbulent streams, with mill houses and bridges tumbling and rolling down their swollen currents were lighted here and there by blazing barns. Little streams that in ordinary times could be stepped over by a child were quickly converted into rivers, and ruin was being worked on every hand. The storm appears to have extended for 10 miles around Salisbury and was severest up the line of the Western North Carolina Railroad, where two overturned engines and a buried train, bore evidence of its disastrous results.

We note with unalloyed pleasure that our North Carolina exchanges are teeming with editorials and communications relative to the closing exercises of various schools, seminaries and colleges. From these we gather the gratifying fact that the educational interests of the State are in a condition of unusual prosperity, and that an elevated standard of literary instruction characterizes many of these institutions of learning. Coupled with the fact that the free schools of the State

are being in some measure systematized and improved, as compared with their past chaotic condition, we think the outlook of the future, in an educational point of view, is hopeful.

The noblest charity in the State and a feature about Oxford not to be overlooked is the Orphan Asylum. We learn that the new building for the boys is a thing of beauty. Let our churches not forget this work but continually gladden the heart of brother Mills with offerings of a substantial nature. It was a pleasure to meet brother Gibbons, the editor of the *Orphans' Friend*, while in Oxford, and we are glad that the paper prospers in his hands.

The above is clipped from the *Biblical Recorder's* account of a visit to Oxford to attend the commencement at the Seminary. We appreciate any good thing said about the Asylum, as well as kind expression about our paper, and regret that we did not have the opportunity of seeing more of Bro. Farriss during his visit.

Commencement Day at the Oxford Female Seminary.

We went to press too soon last week to give an account of Thursday's exercises at the Female Seminary. At 10:30 A. M. a large audience assembled in the chapel to witness the graduating exercises. After prayer by Rev. H. H. Gibbons, of Leasburg, N. C., and music, Miss Nutt read the Salutatory address and an essay on the "Dignity of Eccentricity," Miss Wood, an essay on "Character and Reputation," Miss Watson an essay on "Spectacles," and Miss Jones the Valedictory Address and an essay, subject, "Shall Criticism be Checked?" These young ladies constituted the graduating class. Their essays were good, displaying thought and taste in a high degree, and they were read with such distinctness that they could be heard, and with such gracefulness that it was a pleasure to hear them. The exercises were interspersed with music and with recitations by young ladies from the lower classes. These were highly creditable to the young ladies themselves, and also to their instructors. The audience was well pleased with the day's entertainment and Prof. Hobgood lost none of his reputation as an efficient teacher. At the close he announced that 112 pupils had been in attendance during the year, that all had enjoyed remarkably good health, there having been no instance of serious illness among the inmates of the institution during the entire year.

This is the close of the most prosperous year of the Seminary. It is evidently growing in public favor. Those who have children to educate will generally show their appreciation of good, honest work on the part of teachers by according them a liberal patronage. After the distinctions were announced and the degrees conferred the audience was dismissed.

GOLDEN THOUGHTS.

He who can plant courage in a human soul is the best physician.

The sympathy of one weaker than ourselves, the sympathy even of a little child, will aid the most resolute.

In the sight of God no man is poor but he who is wanting in goodness, and no man is rich but he who abounds in virtue.

What we do for ourselves, will soon be forgotten; what we do for others, may be the vision to cheer the soul when the eye can no longer behold the loved ones.

The good often sigh more over little faults than the wicked do over great. Hence an old proverb, that the stain appears greater according to the brilliancy of what it touches.

It takes but a moment to close the door tightly against temptation, when it hastens elsewhere. And this is better than to live hours, days, or years, under the shadow of regret.

Penitence can bring the very harlot and publican into closer communion with their Maker than the combined excellence of a thousand sand vapid and respectable hypocrites.

How pure the joy of Christian friendship! Interested in the same themes, sympathizing in the same trials, comforted with the same hopes, and animated by the same pleasures, the highest of which the human mind is capable—the pleasures of religious devotion! It is

EDUCATIONAL.

The school-fund of Texas owns about 50,000,000 acres.

Education is a capital to the poor man, and an interest to the rich man.

The Chinese course at Harvard last year cost over \$4,000, the fees received amounting only to \$30.

In Texas, during the past year, a greater quantity of school-land has been sold than during the six preceding years.

Among the proofs of educational progress in Italy may be cited the organization of pedagogical museums in the important towns of the Italian kingdom; and we now learn that Genoa is establishing a museum of that kind within its limits.

Mr. Henry Leslie notes that the enormous sum of \$600,000 is annually paid out by the British Government for musical results in board and denominational schools, and that these results are simply singing by ear, and that very much out of tune. He thinks the money utterly wasted, and proposes that at least a part of it should be used for the endowment of artistic musical education.

In glancing over the list of successful business men, the larger portion of them will be found to have received their early training for life-work on a farm; our leading professional men generally were trained in the common schools of the country, and those learned habits of industry and frugality which is the groundwork of success. The farm is the place for young men.

Remodeled regulations for the elementary schools in France have just been issued. They forbid corporal punishment, and provide that the wish of the father shall always be consulted as to participation in religious instruction; that children shall not be sent to church for catechism or service except out of class-hours; that the teacher shall not be bound to take them or watch over them there; that Sundays and Thursdays shall be holidays, and that punishments shall consist of bad marks, reprimand, partial privation of recreation, detention after school-hours, and temporary exclusion, not exceeding two days.

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heart mingling with heart and communing together with Heaven. It is heaven on earth begun.

I have grown patient; seeking not to choose
Mine own blind lot, but take that God shall send;
In which if what I long for I should lose,
I know the loss will work some blessed end,
Some better fate for mine and me, than I
Could ever compass underneath the sky.

VARIETY.

Fidelity is seven-tenths of business success.

There is nothing so fatal to comfort, as well as decorum, as fuss.

Eminent stations make great men more great and little ones less.

When you confer a benefit on a man, you spoil it if you ever after speak of it.

Politics is a science which no one believes those who differ with him to understand.

Death comes to a good man to relieve him; it comes to a bad man to relieve society.

Deep feeling, either of sorrow or of joy, is almost too much for one to bear alone.

Worry is rust upon the blade. It is not the revolution that destroys the machinery, but the friction.

To keep on repenting far past sins is easy enough. It is the beginning to do better that is difficult.

Any one may do a casual act of good nature, but a continuation of them shows it is a part of the temperament.

The distress of a child who cannot go to a picnic is only equalled by the misery of the tired one who has been.

A Meridian man has a Bible 142 years old. Strange how long a Bible may be made to last by temperate usage.

"Do try and talk a little common sense," said a young lady to her visitor. "Ah! but wouldn't that be taking an unfair advantage of you?"

Dr. Leonard Bacon says that a harness ought not to be all breeching, but old men are useful sometimes to hold back the young men in a Church.

I never listen to calumnies, because if they are untrue, I run the risk of being deceived; and if they be true, of hating persons not worth thinking about.

The conversation of women in society resembles the straw used in packing china; it is nothing, yet without it everything would be broken.

A swimmer becomes strong to stem the tide only by frequently breasting the big waves. If you practice always in shallow water, your heart will surely fail in the hour of high flood.

It is a pretty serious thing to break an old friendship; for, like old china, it can never be made whole again. A broken friendship may be soldered, but it will always show the crack.

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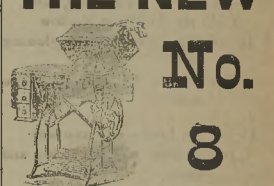


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