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TO THE ORPHAN ASYLUM FOR THE WEEK ENDING JUNE 27TH.

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Geo. P. Tarry, Middleburg, one barrel flour.

SPECIAL MENTION.

Rev. Mr. Engle, of Henderson, occupied the pulpit of the Episcopal church here last Sabbath.

The supply of vegetables is rather larger than usual at the Orphan Asylum, but the children think they could destroy more if they had them.

Heavy rains this week. No damage done that we have heard of, but the farmers doubtless think it a bad time to kill grass.

Rev. W. S. Pettigrew will preach in the Episcopal church on the night of July 6th.

At Grassy Creek Baptist Church on Sunday the 24th inst, Rev. George N. Pittard was ordained to the full work of the gospel ministry by Elders R. H. Marsh and R. I. Devin.

Last Sunday a collection was taken at Salem Methodist Church for the purpose of improving the house of worship there. A sufficient amount (\$250.00) was secured. The work will be done as soon as practicable.

Our information is that the wheat crop now being harvested in this section is much better than was at one time expected. Though not so large as that of last year, the yield will be quite good, and of an excellent quality.

We observe that some long needed work is being done this week on the streets of this town. We trust that the authorities will not permit the work to cease till the streets are put in good condition.

A letter from Rev. Dr. Wm. P. Jacobs, Superintendent of Thornwell Orphanage, Clinton, S. C., informs us that he expects to attend the next session of the Conference of Charities and Corrections, which is to meet at Louisville, Ky., in September.

The congregation at Harris' Chapel, where Oxford Sunday Schools like so well to picnic, has taken steps to improve the house of worship at that place. A handsome new church is in course of construction at an eligible point on the road from Health-Seat to Fairport. Both these churches belong to the Methodist Protestant denomination.

The Hillsboro District Conference meets this week at Cedar Grove church, in Orange county, under the Presidency of Bishop John C. Keener, of New Orleans. Bishop K. is expected to preach next Sunday at Cedar Grove.

The recent Baptist State Sunday School Convention in Shelby was a most interesting and profitable occasion, judging from the published accounts. It was held in a Methodist church, and a Methodist preacher, Dr. H. T. Hudson, being introduced to the Convention, said that "Though the trees of a forest might be wide apart at the bottom, as they grow up near heaven, their branches touched. So it is with churches and with christians. We are near each other in the heavenly work, which is to save our country." Good.

We have seen a letter from Dr. Wm. Royall, of Wake Forest College, in which he says he is preparing an elementary work on Moral Science, and we understand that it is to be in the form of a catechism. We are greatly pleased to see an effort, by such a competent gentleman, to prepare a book to be used in teaching to young children in the school room what is right and what is wrong. In this connection, we call attention to an article on our fourth page under the caption "What Children Think." We shall have occasion to advert to this subject again.

The following letter breathes such a pleasant and kindly spirit that we print it entire. There are many of the poor of the land who are imbued with the true spirit of charity, and out of the little imparted to them bestow liberally to objects of need. Christ estimates such offerings, as he did the "widow's mite."

MR. MILLS: Sir—I have been trying for some time to spare some money for the orphans, but have not until now. I enclose you one dollar; hope it may help some. I have a large family, and it takes about all I can make to feed and clothe them. Will try to give you some more soon. May God bless you and the little orphans. A. C.

A PLAIN STATEMENT.

The buildings at the Orphan Asylum are now finished. The porticos and eating houses, mentioned in my last report, are done and paid for. I was hoping, that as provisions are now plentiful in the State, the demands on the Orphan Asylum would diminish. But it seems that fruitful years are sickly years, and that when men gather abundantly, death does the same. We are not able to admit all the orphans who apply for admission. Besides, I have lately learned that a little over twelve hundred dollars (which I confidently expected), will not be received during the present year. It is therefore plain that unless the lodges, the churches and liberal individuals shall very materially assist us, it will be necessary to limit admissions to cases of extreme distress, and to reduce the present hundred and fifty to one hundred. I greatly prefer to make the Orphan Asylum do all the work of which it is capable, especially as we are now done building, and I can give all my time to the children. But I leave the question in the hands of the people. I shall try to use wisely and economically the means put in my hands and to limit our operations accordingly. J. H. MILLS.

The mother had cut her little daughter's hair to make "bangs." Surveying her own work, she said: "Bessie, yesterday you looked as if you had no sense. To-day you look as if your mother had none."

EDUCATIONAL.

The late commencement at Davidson College was a most interesting occasion. Large crowd, distinguished visitors, accomplished speakers, and interesting exercises generally.

Three new professors were elected by the board of trustees to fill vacancies; Prof. Geo. F. Nicolson, takes the Greek chair; Prof. W. J. Bingham, that of Latin; and Prof. W. D. Vincen, the chair of Mathematics.

The degree of D. D. was conferred upon Rev. F. H. Johnston, of Winston, and LL. D. upon Rev. James Woodrow and Prof. H. E. Shepherd, of S. C. Davidson has a permanent endowment fund of \$88,411. The annual income is about \$15,000.

Randolph Macon College has conferred the degree of D. D. upon Rev. W. S. Black of the Raleigh "Christian Advocate."

A correspondent of a foreign journal recently examined some school children in geography. He found that while most of them knew the latitude of various countries and cities they had no sort of idea what was meant by latitude, and that while being able to give a pretty accurate list of the exports and imports, were totally ignorant of the definition of custom duties. But are the majority of our school children better informed?

We learn that it has been determined by the trustees of the University and the committee having in charge the erection of a monument to Governor Swain to work together and erect a monument that will endure for generations and be altogether suitable to the memory of the lamented dead. The plan is to build a memorial chapel capable of holding two thousand persons. This to be called the Swain Memorial Chapel.

Prof. H. E. Shepherd has the following to say in a recent number of the *Fayetteville Observer* concerning Normal Schools. Prof. S. is regarded as an accomplished instructor, and our educators would do well to give heed to what he says in the extract below:

The danger which seems to lurk latent in Normal schools, so far as my observation has gone, is a disposition on the part of those trained in their methods and imbued with their spirit, to substitute empiricism for genuine scholarship, to exalt out of all due measure the virtue and efficiency of their so-called "methods," to disparage the pure culture which they do not possess, and to set up in its stead a mechanical dexterity, a mere skill in manipulation, as though that were the acme and the ideal of the true teacher. How one is to impart to others that which he has never thoroughly acquired, the apostles and oracles of the Normal School method have never vouchsafed to explain. This dangerous fallacy, originating among the Normal school lights of New England, or receiving its inspiration from them, is being rapidly propagated throughout the country by its votaries, with all the enthusiastic zeal that characterizes a subtle heresy, whether in theology or in educational philosophy, and is even finding its way into our conservative Southern land. "Only acquire," says our Normal School champions, "my magical skill in 'methods,' and you may contemptuously flout all pure learning, all ennobling culture." A graduate of a Northern Normal School was heard seriously to declare that he would teach any subject successfully at half an hour's notice, by virtue of the invincible excellence of his "methods." The question of any previous academic training was, of course, ignored, as an entirely irrelevant issue. This absurdity has its parallel, so far as I am aware, only in an advertisement of Ashley Pho plates, which I once read in an idle moment. A gentleman at a certain hotel requested a waiter to bring him a plate of green peas, to which that functionary is represented as answering: "Have none on hand, sah, but can raise you some, sah, in half an hour, by the aid of Ashley Phosphates." This, though an undesigning, is a suggestive, caricature of the ideal Normal School method.

The life of a pious minister is visible rhetoric.

SENSE AND NON-SENSE.

It is all very well to talk poetically about the slender thread of fate, but the ugly truth is that a man's fate generally depends upon the number of hours of honest work he puts into every day.

"Advice" says an old man of experience, "why, I never had any one to come to me for that article who, before he got through, was not willing to give me twice as much as he asked for."

We never knew before that the Chinese could be sarcastic, but they are going into it now on a gigantic scale. The viceroy wants to reorganize their navy on the American plan.

A man who will wait two hours for a street-car, rather than walk five blocks, will walk eleven miles around a billiard-table from nine to eleven o'clock P. M.

Agitation prevents rebellion, keeps the peace, and secures progress. Every step she gains is gained forever. Muskets are the weapons of animals. Agitation is the atmosphere of the brains.

"Captain, we are entirely out of ammunition," said the orderly sergeant of a company of volunteers to his Irish captain at a late review. "Antirely out?" said the captain. "Yes, entirely out," answered the sergeant. "Then sase fring," said the captain.

Good manners at the table are an indication of common sense and refined associates. We used to sit near a lady who always drew the fruit-dish near her, fingered the peaches or pears to get the softest, and never failed to take the largest orange. And she was a fine Latin and French scholar!

All experience serves to illustrate and enforce the lesson that a man perfects himself by work more than by reading—that it is life rather than literature, action rather than biography, which tends perpetually to renovate mankind.

"Can I give my son a college education at home?" asked a fond parent. Well, you may be able to teach him as much of Greek and Latin and mathematics as the college could, but you never can so thoroughly imbue him with the idea that everybody else is a fool.

"Mother," said a little girl, who was engaging in making an apron for her doll, "I believe I will be a duchess when I grow up." "How do you expect to become a duchess, my daughter?" "Why, by marrying a Dutchman, to be sure!" replied the little girl.

Our American colored man, Uncle Billy, in discussing the Civil rights Bill, gave his opinion of it in this way: "We can smoke whenever we please, stop at de hotels, spit on de carpets, and make the white folks tend on de old nigger. You bet dar's fun comin'." But, when he was asked if he understood the provisions of the bill, he exclaimed, "Bless de Lor, am dere provisions in it? Den I'm heart and soul in it."—S. S. Cox, in a new lecture.

Geo. III. is said to have related with great gusto a tale of a Scotch school-master who accompanied him to the door of the school-room with his hat on, and when outside the door he said to the uncovered monarch, who, by the way, was then only Prince of Wales, "You will not think me wanting in courtesy, I hope, but the fact is this—that if the boys thought there was any one else as important as my self, I should never get any obedience again."

"That is right! Take care of the giraffes, but no matter about the children!" is a contemporary's comment on New York authorities who fined a man \$300 for giving tobacco to a giraffe, but fined a bar-keeper \$5 for selling whiskey to children. Kind sir, who in favor of bar-rooms, do you not pity the giraffes?—*Bibliocal Recorder*.

THOUGHTS.

When the cup is full carry it even.

To do right before children is the best way of teaching them to be good.

The unfaithful and inconsistent professor of religion is Satan's best argument and most eloquent plea against religion.

We are surrounded by an unseen realm of spiritual reality, which is opened to us only as we grow into it.

When the just Judge gives crowns at last, some of the very brightest will flash on unexpected brows.

Let your light so shine. Lord, have I any light to shine? If not, do thou enkindle a light in my heart, and make me one of the children of light.

It is better to have one God on your side that a thousand creatures, as one fountain is better than a thousand cisterns.

The sin you now tremble at, if left to yourself, you will commit; therefore, be humble, prayerful, and watchful.

David's little pebble from his sling was sent in the name and for the glory of Israel's God. That gave it direction and force. So let my feeble efforts to glorify God and oppose evil be directed and energized.

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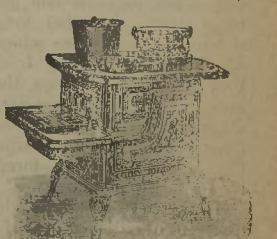
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