

The Orphans' Friend.

FRIDAY, -----AUGUST 3, 1888.

TWO RIVALS FOR HIS LOVE.

Two man's love I with all my heart,
And one is dark and one is fair,
Between the brown and golden hair

I really make no choice,
I dread fr in either one to part;
My joy is to be ever near
Them both, my wish to ever hear
Each laughing, silvery voice,

'Tis all that I can do to chase
The clouds of jealousy away;
I or both these fair ones, strange
to say

'Possess that same emotion.
I stoutly claim each form and face
Is well admired and equally;
And they--they say their love
for me
Would fill a little ocean.

When they're a little older grown
(For one is six and one is four)
They'll not be rivals any more--
At least in this direction.

Though they declare they're mine
alone,
I greatly fear some pleasant day
I'll wake up to the fact that they
Have transferred their affection.
--Fred G. Beach.

A GIRL IN BLUE.

This was just the way Helen looked when her cousin Carrie peeped in at her from the crack in the door that led to the dining-room. And this was much the way Carrie talked to herself about it:

'There she sits in her elegant new morning dress, nothing in the world to do but amuse herself, and I must stain my hands paring potatoes and unions, and I don't know what all. A dress with a train, and she only sixteen! Only two years and a few months older than I am! How would I look in a train? I never expect to have such an elegant dress as she has on this minute, and it is only her morning dress. To-night she will wear the lovely garnet silk trimmed with white lace. Think of me in my old blue flannel! It is everything I have to wear. I don't see why there should be such a difference between cousins! I wish Helen had stayed in New York. Why she wanted to come to the country in Winter is more than I can understand. She isn't home-sick a bit. I just believe I'll stay at home to-night. Almost all the girls will wear new dresses, and my old one will look older than ever beside Helen's grand one.'

'Carrie,' called that young lady's mother, and Carrie went to the kitchen. There she gave her hands to the potatoes and her thoughts to the discouragements around her. At last she shook some of them aloud: 'Mother, I don't believe I'll go to-night after all.' 'Not go to Kate's party? Why, what has happened? Is the child sick?' 'No'm, I'm not sick; only discouraged. I don't want to go and wear that old blue dress, and that's the truth. I shall look different from any of the others, and seeing me with Helen will make everybody notice it more.'

'My child, Helen's father is worth a million, and your father isn't worth a thousand dollars besides what it takes to support his family.'

'I know it, ma'am; I'm not finding fault, only I don't want to be looked at, that's all.'

The mother looked very sober, and so nothing besides the steam that puffed out of the pudding dish made her eyes moist. Carrie split a large potato savagely in two

and looked gloomy. Then the mother said speaking low: 'Won't you disappoint a good many people to-night, daughter? Isn't Kate depending on you to help with the charades and the music?'

'I can't help it, mother. People must not depend upon me. Most every girl has a new dress for to-night, and I can't be going there just to help other people have a good time when I know I shall be feeling mortified all the evening.'

'Can't you? Why, daughter, even Christ pleased not himself.'

After that not a word was said in that kitchen for nearly an hour. Carrie finished the potatoes and ran away. Where she went, or what she did, mother did not know; but when she came to set the table her face was pleasant to look at, and she stopped on her way to the pantry to kiss her mother.

'I'm going, mother; and I'll have as nice a time as I can, and not grumble a bit.'

She looked very pretty in her blue dress with its deep lace collar, and bright ribbons in her hair. At least her mother thought so, though when Helen came down in all the glory of her garnet silk and gold bracelets, there was certainly a difference.

It wasn't a young people's party entirely; in fact, it was a sort of family gathering, to which all the city aunts and uncles and cousins had come; and there were some elegant dresses there, and Carrie in her old blue one, did really feel a good deal alone. Yet she went cheerfully through the evening, helping with the charades and the music--helping in a dozen quiet little ways that nobody knew about, and yet trying to keep out of notice as much as possible.

Cousin Helen played and sang, and did both very nicely while Carrie only played accompaniments for others to sing.

Later in the evening there was a whispering between two of the city cousins, and presently it became known that Mr. Ames, who was Uncle Howard's college friend, was a wonderful singer, and would entertain the company if anyone would be found to play for him.

'I wish he would sing "The Storm King" for us,' said Aunt Alice; 'it is the most wonderful thing! I would like to have mother hear it. Helen couldn't you play for him?'

'If I indeed; his music is all awful hard, and he is awfully particular; and that piece I don't know, anyway.'

But Aunt Alice was determined that her mother should hear "The Storm King." She talked with Mr. Ames, and then she moved among the guests trying to find one who was willing to play the accompaniment. Not a cousin could be found. They were all afraid of the great singer and the difficult looking music. At last the girl in blue grew ashamed of herself.

'Aunt Alice, I will play it,' she said, coming out from the corner.

'You!' said Aunt Alice, in surprise, for Carrie was one of the youngest of the cousins. 'Do you know it?'

'No, ma'am; I don't know it; but I can play from the notes.'

Then did Helen look at her young cousin in respectful astonishment.

'Can you play pieces that you do not know?' she asked her.

'Why yes,' said Carrie

laughing. 'I can if they are not very hard. I ought too. I have been taking lessons steadily for three years.'

'Well, but I have taken lessons almost five years, and I can't do it.'

'Carrie is very faithful with her practicing,' said Carrie's mother with a smile.

And Carrie played the accompaniment, which really was difficult, and played it so well that Mr. Ames, the great singer, told her that he had never had a player who pleased him better.

And don't you think she forgot all about her blue dress, until her attention was called to it in a very strange way.

'She not only plays remarkably well,' said Mr. Ames to his wife, 'but she is the best dressed young girl in the room.'

'Yes,' said Mrs. Ames, 'I noticed that; all the rest of the young people are overdressed. She must have a sensible mother.'

They did not know that Carrie stood just behind them and heard it all. But I really think it did her good; just as honest compliments often do good. It made her realize that there were two sides to the question of fine dresses.--*The Pansy.*

THE DEAR OLD MOTHER.

Honor the old mother.

Time has scattered the snowy flakes on her brow, plowed deep furrows on her cheeks, but is she not beautiful now? The limbs are thin and shrunken, but these are the lips that have kissed many a hot tear from the child's cheeks, and the sweetest lips in the world. The eye is dim, yet it glows with the soft radiance of holy love which can never fade. Ah, yes, she is a dear old mother. The sands of life are nearly run out, but feeble as she is, she will go farther, and reach down lower, for you than any one else upon earth. You cannot walk into a midnight hour where she cannot see you; you cannot enter a prison whose bars will keep her out; you cannot mount a scaffold too high for her to reach, that she may kiss and bless you in evidence of her deathless love. When the world shall despise and forsake you, when it leaves you by the wayside to die unnoticed, the dear old mother will gather you up in her feeble arms and carry you home, and tell you of all your virtues, until you almost forget that by vices. Love her tenderly, and cheer her declining years with tender devotions.--*Watch Tower.*

A HIGHER HAND

A little boy sat in front of his father and held the reins which controlled a restive horse. Unknown to the boy, the reins passed around him, and were also in his father's hands. He saw occasion to pull them. With artless simplicity the child looked around, saying, "Father, I thought I was driving, but I am not, am I?" Thus it is often with men, who think that they are shaping a destiny which a higher hand than theirs is really fashioning. They do their own will, but they also do the will of God. A stronger hand guides them, a mightier power holds the helm of their vessel, and saves from rock and wreck. Happy are they who quietly yield to the guidance of an Almighty hand.

If you follow the Lord and keep his company, he will always bear your expenses; if you run before him, or go alone, he may leave you to bear your own.

The Orphan Asylum

IS LOCATED AT OXFORD,

the County-seat of Granville, forty-five miles North of Raleigh; twelve miles from Henderson 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.

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 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 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.

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 this Grand Lodge are hereby tendered to many benevolent ladies and gentlemen, to the ministers of the Gospel, to churches of various denominations, Old 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, 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 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:

..... N. C. 188.... 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 being..... 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 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 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 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.

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 hereby 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 on the part of the Masonic fraternity. It 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 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 oft-repeated expression of sympathy with the 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."

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

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



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