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CONTRIBUTIONS

TO THE ORPHAN ASYLUM FOR THE WEEK ENDING AUGUST 29TH, 1883.

IN CASH.

J. M. Worth, State Treas.	\$1000 00
Sundry churches by Treasurer	Montague, 50 00
Second Bap. church, Raleigh, additional,	2 50
Grand Lodge K. of H., by Bro. Jacob,	20 00
Rev. E. F. Bahliw, Greensboro,	1 60
Toms Creek church,	25
Cedar Falls church,	50
Mr. Neal, Caswell,	1 00
Hiram Lodge, No. 98,	1 25
E. B. Atkinson,	1 00

IN KIND.

Miss Annie P. Yarrell, 1 skirt, 1 handkerchief, 2 prs. stockings, 3 yds. peeped, 1 apron, 1 cake soap

Odell Manufacturing Company, of Concord, 4 bolts plaid.

SPECIAL MENTION.

The editor is spending this week at Jonesboro.

We are credibly informed that a lady of Greenville, N. C., recently died, leaving property worth about \$1500 to the Orphan Asylum.

Rev. T. H. Pritchard, D. D., has accepted a call to the pastorate of the Baptist Church at Wilmington, N. C.

Our townsmen, H. G. Cooper, Esq., and Capt. A. H. A. Williams, are making preparations to have Granville represented at the Boston Exposition. The former in tobacco and the latter in minerals.

Rev. J. S. Hardway was called to Buchanan neighborhood, this county, last Monday morning to preach the funeral of Mrs. Wilbourn, a highly respected lady, about 60 years of age.

Rev. J. A. Stradley has closed his meeting at Island Creek Church. There were thirty conversions and an equal number of additions to the church.

Henry Jones, colored, was hanged in Raleigh last Monday for the murder of Deputy Sheriff Blake, of Wake county.

We are informed that there was about forty thousand dollars worth of leaf tobacco sold in Oxford last week. With a few factories, on a firm basis, Oxford would soon establish herself as one of the most substantial tobacco markets in the State.

It gives us real pleasure to learn that the schools of Oxford have opened under such favorable auspices. The Horner School is up to its full capacity while the Oxford Female Seminary, just opened last Wednesday, has an unusually large attendance. The officers of these schools are faithful and deserve success as the reward of merit.

The recent rains have improved a portion of the crops wonderfully, and the farmers are more hopeful than they were several weeks ago. Yet there cannot be anything like an average crop made in this part of the State.

We have received from Capt. T. C. Williams, Sec. and Treas. the Premium List of the approaching Fair of the North Carolina Agricultural Society to be held October 15-20. It presents quite an attractive array of Premiums, and the approaching exhibition will probably be one of the best in the history of the Society.

Joseph Dismukes, of Chatham, who ran away from the Orphan Asylum last winter, has been found near LaGrange. A drummer claims the credit of paying his fare and sending him far away from all his kindred and friends. They have been inquiring for him several months.

To-NIGHT! The Cabarrus Black Boys will give a first-class negro minstrel performance at the opera house to-night. Full brass band and orchestra. Fine specialty singing, and the best clog dancing ever seen in the South. Side-splitting jokes, comic and character songs, stump speeches and burlesque acting. For the benefit of the Oxford Orphan Asylum. Reserved seats for sale at the usual place. Admission, 25 cts. Reserved seats, 50 cts.

The Orphan Asylum needs money. But we would rather close the doors than resort to "clog dancing," "negro minstrels" and the like. We believe in pure charity, and we believe the people have enough of it to support the orphan work without connecting its name with any performance by unknown and disguised parties.

J. H. M.

Correspondence:

For the Orphans' Friend.

THE STORY OF AN ORPHAN.

If the orphan children of today only know how many of those who became great, began their successful struggles in orphanage and poverty, they would not despair of becoming great, in the best sense, themselves. The same knowledge would give hope and comfort to many poor parents who feel that they must soon die and leave their seemingly helpless and friendless little ones in this dangerous and difficult life.

There is much valuable suggestion in the life of

VALENTINE JAMERY DUVAL.

He was born in Astonay, in France, 1695. His parents were poor, and died when he was in his tenth year, leaving a number of children in destitute circumstances. In about two years Valentine was employed by a man "to look after his young turkeys." Now, perhaps owing to the fact that he had lost the watchful care of his parents, the lad got into some mischief that caused him to lose his place and to leave his home community. It is a bad sign when a boy gets into trouble so serious at any age. But it should be known that many young people ruin their prospects for life before they have well started. It may have been that young Duval was led off, in his thoughtless moments, by some larger and worse boys. He, no doubt, kept the company of rude, wicked boys. Nobody can afford to keep bad company.

When Duval, about 14 years old, was travelling in a cold winter, he was attacked with small-pox and would have perished but for the

kindness of an humble shepherd who took him to his cabin and nursed him, and of a preacher that gave him tender care. When he recovered, another shepherd employed him. He had an inquiring mind and was always trying to get knowledge.

When he was a child he collected snakes, toads, &c., and annoyed the people by asking questions about them. It is a good thing to try to learn about common things. It brings one to notice closely and to think. Well, Duval found a copy of Aesop's Fables, full of pictures. He wanted to know about these pictures, but he could not read. He saved money and paid other boys to teach him. When he could read, he soon saw a map of the world, bought it, and studied it thoroughly, though having little if any instruction. By his good character he soon got a situation with some religious people, and was given charge of their cows. These people had a few books which he gladly perused. His money he used in buying books and maps; and soon learned to write and cipher. Seeing some pictures at the bottom of maps, he learned that they did not represent real animals, but belonged to what was called Heraldry; so, he at once purchased a book on that subject and soon mastered it. He became fond of Geography and Astronomy. He would spend much of the summer nights in the woods, gazing at the starry heavens. He made himself an observatory by building a seat on twigs and vines in the top of the highest oak. He set traps for game, which he exchanged for books. He had a bloody fight with a wild cat, that wounded him very severely; but he fought till he killed it, and, in gay spirits, carried it home, that its skin might pay for another book.

One day, while walking in the woods, he found a gold seal. Next Sunday he went to church and asked the minister to advertise what he had found. The owner soon came, and was so astonished at Duval's knowledge of Heraldry that he gave him a valuable present in money—and afterwards continued to bestow favors upon him. Thus Duval's library grew, and, before long, numbered 400 volumes.

When he was 22 years old he was lying among maps and books under the trees, minding the cows, when he was aroused by the presence of a stranger. That stranger proved to be a count, who was tutor to the Princes of Lorraine. Soon all the count's party were gathered around the strange youth. One of that party became the husband of the famous Maria Theresa, and also the Emperor of Germany. After they had talked with the sunburnt scholar and learned about his past life and his brave efforts to get knowledge, the oldest of the princes offered to take him into his service at court; but Duval was afraid to enter into the wicked society about the palace. But, from this interview, it happened that he was sent to a college and to some great teachers at Paris, and became a very learned man. He was appointed librarian to the Duke, with a large salary, and a professor in the academy at Luneville, which also brought him considerable pecuniary reward. His lectures became celebrated—and even the renowned William Pitt was attracted by them. He afterwards held

honorable and lucrative positions under the German Empire. He keeps his simple manners and his good morals to the last. As he formed pure habits in his youth, he found it to be easy to be upright amid the temptations of voluptuous courts. In the years of his prosperity, he did not become ashamed of his early poverty; but had a picture of the scene, when he was found by the count, painted and hung on the walls of the library.

Good habits, faithful effort, untiring perseverance, with loyal devotion to God, never fail to lead boy or girl to ultimate success, in the best sense of that word.

A. W. M.,
Chapel, Hill N. C.

EXCHANGE GLEANINGS.

The Greensboro Patriot says: Two members of the board of county commissioners of Randolph have resigned rather than grant license to sell liquor in the county. The board consists of three members. Mr. A. C. Bulla "holds the fort" and seemingly enjoys the situation of things.

Since dueling is becoming fashionable again, we think it would be a good idea for men who want to murder each other to be compelled to draw from a gourd the black and white beans. The one who drew the black bean should be compelled to commit suicide. Then it should be arranged so that none but black beans could be put into the gourd.—Exchange.

Wm. H. Vanderbilt, finding thirty college boys acting as waiters at one of the hotels in the White mountains, gave to the proprietor his check for \$3,000 to be distributed among the boys. It was a handsome thing to do, and the amount received by each was one hundred dollars.

An enterprising Wilmingtonian has on the Cape Fear river a floating saw mill which he employs in the manufacture of boxes from sycamore. He also gets out from persimmon trees shoe lasts in the rough state, which are shipped to Albany, New York, where they are fashioned and prepared for use. He has already shipped 50,000.

On Monday, September 3rd, the new postoffice exchange notes system, to take the place of money orders, is to go into effect. By the exchange note persons can send sums of five dollars and less for three cents, instead of ten, as required by the money order system. The money order, however, is considered to be the safest, as the exchange notes are made payable to bearer, and the postmaster hands out the cash to whoever brings in the note.

As a matter of news, we copy the following public announcement made by ex-Gov. W. W. Holden: "I adopt this method of stating that I am no longer a member of the Republican party, neither do I belong to the Liberal Republican party. I may give my reasons hereafter for this course."

The Fayetteville "Observer" says that Mr. Knight, of Chatham county, has been recently bereft of his whole family of six children by such a strange and fearful tragedy, or rather by a succession of tragedies, as makes "truth stranger than fiction." Three of the children were taken with diphtheria and died shortly after, in quick succession. Just after their death two of the remaining three children were playing in the yard, the mother being inside the house with the youngest. A scream outside caused her to rush forth, to find that a rattlesnake had bitten both the children, who were even then in the agonies of death—and the crowing horror came upon the distracted mother when she discovered that a large pot of boiling soap had fallen from the fire, and burned or scalded the baby beyond recovery.

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