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## SCHEDULE OF BELLS.

Rising,	5.30	A. M.
Prayers,	6	"
Study,	6.30	"
Schools Dismissed,	7.20	"
Children's Breakfast,	7.30	"
Teachers' Breakfast,	7.50	"
Recitations,	8.40	"
Morning Recess,	10.10	"
Recitations,	10.30	"
Noon Recess,	12	M.
Children's Dinner,	12.20	P. M.
Teachers' Dinner,	12.30	"
Recitations,	1.30	"
Afternoon Recess,	3	"
Recitations,	3.15	"
Schools Dismissed,	4.30	"
Children's Supper,	5.50	"
Teachers' Supper,	6	"
Prayers,	8	"
Silence,	9	"

## CONTRIBUTIONS

TO THE ORPHAN ASYLUM FOR THE WEEK ENDING SEPTEMBER 12TH.

### IN CASH.

Rountree Lodge, No. 243,	\$10 00
Rhode's Sunday School,	3 00
Miss Alice Marks, Manly,	2 00
Coharie Lodge, No. 379,	7 50
King Solomon Lodge, No. 138,	2 00

### IN KIND.

Miss Cronly's Class, composed of Marie Taylor, Daisy Cronly, Isabella Hienberger, Mary Carpenter, Annie Van Gohahn, Virginia Sharp, 1 chemise, 45 yds. calico, 2 yds. Lace bunting.

Chatham & Wyn, of Elkin, 64 yds. of assorted cloth for boys.

## SPECIAL MENTION.

War is imminent between France and China.

Thick clothing and fire have been in order this week.

Intelligence from various directions shows that crops of every kind will most probably be short this year.

We are pleased to meet our young friend, Dr. J. Mack Hays, who has recently returned home from Charleston, on a visit.

We are pleased to see it stated in the papers that Gen. W. R. Cox has safely arrived from across the ocean.

Open air religious services aer conducted every Sunday afternoon at the old Governor's mansion in Raleigh.

Rev. Oscar J. Brent, an esteemed minister of the North Carolina Conference, died at Wadesboro North Carolina, on the 10th inst.

Rev. J. R. Brooks has sold his paper "The Gleaner" to Mr. Josiah Evans who proposes to publish a political paper in Fayetteville to be called *The Sun*.

It is said that the prospect for an unusually fine exhibit at the State Fair this fall is very flattering. A State Convention of farmers is to be held in connection with the fair, and is likely to prove attractive and profitable.

Our friends who may wish to contribute to the Orphan Asylum, would do well to remember that hats and shoes are very seasonable gifts to the children at this time of the year.

Gov. Jarvis is said to have acquitted himself handsomely at Boston. North Carolina has a larger exhibit than any other State except Massachusetts.

We are indebted to our friend F. N. Skinner, Esq., Principal of Bethel Academy, Lenoir county, N. C., for a club of subscribers and the promise of "more to follow."

Hon. Z. B. Vance, and Hon. J. C. Scarborough have been appointed special commissioners from this State to the Conference of Charities and Correction to be held at Louisville this month.

Gen. T. L. Clingman has secured patents for his electric light in the United States, France and Germany. His application for a patent was resisted by Edison, but after much effort, was secured and he is elated with his success.

The Morganton 'Mountaineer' points out the fact that a line stretched from Cherokee to Currituck will just reach from Currituck to Boston. If you do not think North Carolina is that long, take your map of the United States and measure it. Truly, North Carolina is a great State in size as well as in resources.

On Saturday night last W. R. Brooks, of Phelps, N. Y., discovered a singular object in the constellation of Draco. He was not certain as to its real character, but on Monday night Prof. Lewis Swift, Director of the Warner Observatory at Rochester, N. Y., verified it by means of the large Warner telescope as being a comet. It is quite large nearly round, and moving slowly westward.

## CLIPPINGS.

Forty is in want of much, but avarice of everything.

Many are fond of ministers who are not fond of Christ.

Some men have a Sunday soul, which they sow on in due time and take off again every Monday morning.

To be angry with a weak man is a proof that you are not very strong yourself.

Style is only the frame to hold our thoughts. It is like the sash of a window—a heavy sash will obscure the light.

"Gwendoline: "Uncle George says every woman ought to have a profession, and I think he's quite right." "Indeed! And what profession do you mean to choose?" Gwendoline: "I mean to be a professional beauty."

It is said that the drinking-water of Paris is so bad that, if a spring of it were to be discovered at one of the American summer-resorts, 500,000 persons would go there next summer for the express purpose of drinking it.

Weak arguments are often thrust before my path; but although they are most unsubstantial, it is not easy to destroy them. There is not a more difficult feat known than to cut through a cushion with a sword. - *Whately*.

As by the light of opening day The stars are all concealed, So earthly pleasures fade away When Jesus is revealed.

The brass, by long attrition tried, Placed by pure metal's side, Displays at length a dingy hue, That proves its former claim untrue; So time's discerning hand hath art To set the good and ill apart.

When God has a great work for any one to do in the world, he usually gives him a peculiar training for it; and that training is just what no earthly friend would choose for him; and sometimes it is so long continued that there seems to be but little time left for want.

An esteemed reader wants to know what an Agnostic is. An Agnostic is a man who doesn't know whether he has a soul or not; doesn't know whether there is a future life or not; doesn't believe that any one else knows any more about these matters than he does, and thinks it a waste of time to try to find out.

COMPOSITION OF A DUDE.—Kate Field says: Take a strip of something that, for the sake of convenience, we will call a man—which, by the way, is a gross libel on man. Around its neck place a tight collar, enshrouded with a hideous scarf and a beaupin. Put upon it a silk hat and a cutaway coat. Clothe its lower extremities with pants where-in calves were never meant to grow. In its hand put a cane and on its feet boots that creek at every step in limping measure. Place a cigarette in its mouth, teach it a brief vocabulary of adverbs and adjectives, commencing with "immensely clever," and finishing with "see you later, you know," and, in my humble opinion, you obtain a fair conception of the brains and capacity of the American dude.

## WORTH SEEING.

A traveler has put in his book that he found certain young Englishmen hunting foxes across the fields that border Rome. The wonders of the imperial city were as nothing to the charms of the chase. The cunning reynard might make tracks over "Scipio's dust," and the foot-print had more interest to these fellows than the fame of the conqueror of Carthage.

The cars on the Chesapeake and Ohio road are crowded with people hurrying to Virginia summer resorts, seeking new sensations. As the road begins the ascent of the Blue Ridge there is a depot with the unpoetical name of "Mechum's." Toward the left hand, among the broken foot hills, half dozen miles away, quite on to a century ago, was born in a lonely cabin, and in low life, a boy. It is worth while to visit the birth-place of this son of the Ragged Mountains. There is nothing in all the South, or perhaps on the Continent, that will give you a more surprising or pleasing sensation.

That boy made a start in life by cutting with a Barlow knife wooden combs, and selling them to the slaves of the rich farmers in the Flat Woods section. Presently he emerged from his obscurity, began business in a city, prospered, and died in old age a millionaire. His Will, carefully drawn, directed that on the humble site of his own childhood home there should arise a structure matching princes' palaces, and in it the orphans of his native county should have comfort, clothing, food, education, without money and without price. He made himself forever the father of the fatherless in Albemarle. In his testamentary wishes, he said that "kind Providence" had given him his wealth. It is related that in his large business, covering decades, he never lost a dollar by broken debtors, false clerks or bad investments. Three hundred thousand dollars in bonds stolen from his home by Federal soldiers were recovered after the war.

A broad paved road leads from the depot to the location of this splendid charity. For the last three miles the turnpike is cut through forests and hills. As you emerge from the dense woods a massive pile of noble masonry, beautiful, with pleasing architectural devices and imposing by dimensions and height, meets the eye. On the same plateau are kindred buildings of varied design and superior material. This is the Miller School. Here are gathered one or two hundred children from eight to eighteen years of age, and

taught (while receiving a good education from books) practical agriculture, printing, telegraphy, wood and iron work. They till a farm of a thousand acres. They tend a herd of cattle, they turn out steam engines, they print books, and they finish elegant furniture. Presses, machinery, masters are ready to help the little men to learn the mechanical trades. If a boy shows aptness for mathematics and a turn for drawing, he is put under a skilled instructor. If his bent is towards the furrows, he is kept much in the fields, and drilled in agricultural chemistry.

I make a rough reckon, and say that somewhat of a quarter of a million has been expended in these buildings and equipments. And so carefully has the Fund been guarded that now there is an annual income from it of seventy thousand dollars. It is not risking anything to say that no Trust has been so wisely and conscientiously administered. Col. Venable, Prof. Smith, of the University, and Judge Cochran, of Charlottesville, inaugurated the school. This Board had a happy union of scientific attainments and sound sense. Many visitors of critical faculty and experience have gone over the buildings, room by room, and the plan of instruction, school by school, and wondered at its perfection. Every dollar told double the dollar that goes in "appropriations for public buildings." There were no "jobs." These gentlemen scrutinized every brick, pipe, window, and nail. They guarded the dead man's money, and protected the orphans' property with the vigilance of Argus. They gave their own valuable services in engineering, and practical knowledge without stint to this Institution.

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