

**The Orphans' Friend.**

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**MEMORY'S MORNING MUSIC.**

BY CAROLINE MAY.

Ring through my ears, on first awaking,  
As if music was with morning born,  
Come sweet melodies, the gray veil breaking  
That the silent, shadowy night had worn.  
I like the statue of the classic story,  
Mummy-like, my soul is played upon  
By the herald gleams that bring the glory  
Of the full-orbed and harmonious sun.  
Bars of symphonies by grand Beethoven,  
Straips of Handel's oratorios;  
But more often than a well interwoven  
With the thoughts that come ere night's repose.  
Tunes that bring the words of holy Keble,  
Falling on the heart like heavenly dew;  
Freshening drowsy powers by sleep made feeble,  
stirring up the soul to worship true.

Tunes that sing the strains of happy Bonar,  
Plaintive minors mingling with the joy;  
Love of Jesus, and Jehovah's honor,  
Themes of his peculiar employ,  
Hymns of saintly and seraphic Father,  
Bells at even, ring no sweeter chime;  
Fervid, strong, yet flowing without labor,  
To the harps of angels keeping time.  
Never are the melodies that haunt me,  
Morning after morning, quite the same;  
But, if grave or gay, they all enchant me  
With their soothing, and joy-giving aim.  
In the world of music, for me ever,  
Lives a viewless but beloved throng;  
And without my striving or endeavor,  
Memory is thus made a home for song.

**FIRM.**

Senator Henry Wilson was a self-controlled as well as a self-made man. He left his New Hampshire home early in life, and changed his name in order to get out from under the baneful shadow of intemperance. He began on the lowest round of the social ladder, and climbed up, rung by rung, until he became a political power in the nation. The first step he took in the ascent placed him on the pledge never to drink intoxicating liquors. The second step made him an industrious laborer, the third a diligent reader. He was sent to Washington to carry a petition against the admission of Texas into the Union. John Quincy Adams asked him to a dinner party, where he met with some of the great men of the nation. He was asked to drink wine. The temptation to lay aside his temperance principle for a moment, in order not to seem singular, was a strong one. But he resisted it and declined the glass of wine. Mr. Adams commended him for his adherence to his convictions. After Mr. Wilson was elected to the United States Senate, he gave his friends a dinner at a noted Boston hotel. The table was set with not a wine glass on it. "Where are the wine-glasses?" asked several, loud enough

to remind their host that some of his guests did not like sitting down to a wineless dinner.

"Gentlemen," said Mr. Wilson, rising and speaking with a great deal of feeling, "you know my friendship for you and my obligations to you. Great as they are, they are not great enough to make me forget 'the rock whence I was hewn and the pit from which I was dug.' Some of you know how the curse of intemperance over-shadowed my youth. That I might escape, I fled from my early surroundings and changed my name. For what I am, I am indebted, under God, to my temperance vow and my adherence to it. "Call for what you want to eat, and, if this hotel can provide it, it shall be forthcoming. But wines and liquors cannot come on to this table with my consent, because I will not spread in the paths of another the snare from which I have escaped." Three rousing cheers showed the brave Senator that men admired the man who had the courage of his convictions. *Youth's Companion.*

**HOW HE BECAME SATISFIED.**

A great many boys mistake their calling, but all such are not fortunate enough to find out in as good season as did this one. It is said that Rufus Choate, the great lawyer, was once in New Hampshire making a plea, when a boy, the son of a farmer, resolved to leave the plow and become a lawyer like Rufus Choate. He accordingly went to Boston, called on Mr. Choate, and said to him:

"I heard you plead in our town, and I have a desire to become a great lawyer like you. Will you teach me how?"

"As well as I can," said the great lawyer. "Come, sit down." Taking down a copy of Blackstone, he said: "Read this until I come back, and I will see how you get on."

The poor boy began. An hour passed. His back ached, his legs ached, his head ached. He knew not how to study. Every moment became a torture. He wanted air. Another hour passed, and Mr. Choate came and asked:

"How do you get on?"

"Get on! Why do you have to read such stuff as this?"

"Yes."

"How much of it?"

"All there is in these shelves, and more," looking about the great library.

"How long will it take?"

"Well, it has taken me more than twenty-five years."

"How much do you get?"

"My board and clothes."

"Is that all?"

**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 of 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. 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 this 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. His father died in 18.....; his mother in 18...... ..... hereby make application for his 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 treated and educated according to the regulations prescribed by the Grand Lodge of North Carolina. I also promise not to annoy the Orphan Asylum, and not to encourage the said orphan to leave without the approval of the Superintendent.

Approved by ..... W. M. of ..... The application should be sent to the Superintendent, and he will either go for the children or provide for their transportation. In no case should a community take up a collection to send a man with the children, nor send the children before the Superintendent has been consulted.

**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 heartily 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 benevolence on the part of the Masonic fraternity in 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 this 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."

J. R. BROOKS, } Committee.  
R. A. YATES, }

**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 its 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 feels 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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