

JUDGE NOT.

Gertie Ellis, as she burst into the pleasant sitting-room, where her mother sat sewing, exclaimed angrily, 'I just hate Nettie Raymond!'

'Why? what has happened? I thought you were very good friends this morning.'

'Well, so we were; but Nettie has been talking about me, and I shall never go with her any more. She told the girls that I cheated in school, and that was the reason I was at the head of the class this month. I wouldn't tell such wicked stories anyway. Ella Price says she thinks it is real mean.' And the little girl burst into tears.

'Who has told you all this?' quietly asked Mrs. Ellis, at the mention of Ella's name.

'Why, Ella told me at recess; and when Nettie came over to my seat to ask me about an example, I wouldn't speak to her. I guess I can be just as hateful as she is!'

Mrs. Ellis allowed her little daughter's passion to subside somewhat before she spoke, and then said, 'You may go and bathe your face now, Gertie, and when you come back I will try to tell you about something that happened to me when I was about your age, though it always makes me sad to think of it.'

Gertie did as she was told and then her mother began the following story:--

'When I was a little girl, I had a friend whom I loved dearly. We were together nearly all the time when out of school, and could hardly bear to be separated. One day one of the girls came to me and said, 'Did you know that Grace Walton was getting up a party?'

'She is not!' I exclaimed; 'for she would have invited me first of all if it were so!'

'Well, she is,--and has invited all the girls but you. Didn't you see her whispering to the other girls at recess?'

'Now that she spoke of it, I remembered seeing it. My dearly loved one was untrue to me. I'll never speak to her in the world for slighting me so,' cried I angrily, little thinking what I said.

I walked home from school with Lettie Gray, and would not relent, though I saw Grace's brown eyes looking at me sadly; and though she tried to speak to me, I would give her no chance. My mother was away at the time, or I would have told her, and everything would have been made right.

'The next week was vacation, and I went to my uncle's for a few days, without even bidding Grace goodby. When I returned my mother met me at the door. She said, 'My dear child, I have some very sad news for you, God has taken your little friend Grace to Himself. You will never see her again.'

'Oh, how I felt! When I was able, I told mother all about the trouble, and she said, 'I am very sorry about this. Grace was planning a surprise party for you, that is the reason you know nothing of it.' Then I understood it all, and bitterly reproached myself, but it was too late. Darling little Grace had only been sick a few days, but kept calling for 'her Annie,' but as she had diphtheria, they dared not send for me.

'You see, Gertie, that it was a severe lesson for me; but since then I have never

judged any one without hearing both sides of the story.'

'O mamma!' exclaimed Gertie putting on her hat and sacking, 'I'm going to run right down to Nettie's and make up with her. I don't believe she ever did say naughty things about me. Dear little Gracie!'

Gertie ran off, and came back with a happy face.

'There, mamma, Nettie did not tell any such stories. It must have been Ella Price herself. How glad I am that it is all right now; for I should not have been able to go to sleep to-night if I thought we had not settled our trouble, after your story! Poor Ella has no mother, or I don't believe she would do such things. I am glad I have a mamma that teaches me better!'

Mrs. Ellis felt well repaid for going over the sad story of her childhood by the happy result, and she said, 'Little daughter, always remember that it is best not to judge others too hastily, and when you are tempted to do so, remember the story I have just told you.'

A REAL BOY.

A real, true, hearty, happy boy is about the best thing we know of, unless it is a real girl, and there is not much to choose between them. A real boy may be a sincere lover of the Lord Jesus Christ, even if he cannot lead the prayer-meeting, or be a church officer, or a preacher, but he can be a godly boy in a boy's way and place. He is apt to be noisy and full of fun, and there is nothing wrong about that. He ought not to be too solemn or too quiet for a boy. He need not cease to be a boy because he is a Christian. He ought to run, jump, play, climb, and shout like a real boy. But in it all he ought to show the spirit of Christ.

He ought to be free from vulgarity and profanity. No real, true boy chews, or uses tobacco in any form, and he has a horror of intoxicating drinks. The only way he treats tobacco is like the boy who was jeered and laughed at by some older ones because he could not chew. His reply was, 'I can do more than that, I can eschew it.' And so he did all his life. A real boy is also peaceable, gentle, merciful, generous. He takes the part of small boys against large boys. He discourages fighting. He refuses to be a party in mischief and deceit.

Above all things he is never afraid to show his colors. He need not always be interrupting, but he ought not to be ashamed to say that he refuses to do any thing because it is wrong and wicked, or because he fears God, or is a Christian. A real boy never takes part in the ridicule of sacred things, but meets the ridicule of others with a bold statement that for all things of God he feels the deepest reverence. And a real boy is not ashamed to say 'father' or 'mother' will not like if I do so and so. 'It is only your sham, milk-and-water boys that are afraid to do right. Every one respects the real boy, and every one despises the sham, too-big-for-his-parents, smoking, tobacco-loving coward, who is afraid to do right for fear of a little ridicule.'--The Outlook.

Bees taken to Florida become lazy, and make only as much honey as they need from day to day.

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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 season, 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 ministers of the Gospel, to churches of various denominations, Odd 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 children as apprentices 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 desirableness 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 Committee of the Orphan Asylum 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..... I am an orphan, without estate, sound in body and mind, and ..... years of age. My father died in 18.....; my mother in 18..... I being ..... hereby make application for my 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 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 churches of this State of active charity and beneficence on the part of the Masonic fraternity in their 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."

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 inestimable 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.

Editor H. T. T. 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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