

The Orphans' Friend.

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FAITH, HOPE, LOVE.

When on the stormy sea,
With billows mountain high,
And thy frail bark is drinking in,
The waves that o'er it fly,—
Have Faith and lift thy prayer;
Ho who the deep controls
Will hear thee, and can keep thee
there

When ocean foams and rolls,
When in the darkest night
Th u wanderest afar,
And o'er thy pathway rough there
shines

Not e'en the faint star,—
Have Hope, there is no night
Without a coming morn :
The darkness quickly takes its
flight

When a new day is born,
When hate and passion rage,
And friends against thee turn;
When tempted to forget
And let thine anger burn,—
Have Love,—the purest gem
The brightest star in all the
heavens :

The one that goes not down.
Bright Faith, fair Hope, sweet
Love!

See t to the earth from heaven,
To point, to cheer, to lead us on
Until the crown be given :
United come and dwell
In every heart and soul;
The doubt, the gloom, the fear dispel
And make us perfect, whole.

How a Little Girl Suggested the Invention of the Telescope.

Some of the most important discoveries have been made accidentally, and it has happened to more than one inventor, who had long been searching after some new combination or material for carrying out a pet idea, to hit upon the right thing at last by mere chance. A lucky instance of this kind was the discovery of the principle of the telescope.

Nearly three hundred years ago there was living in the town of Middleburg, on the island of Walcheren, in the Netherlands, a poor optician named Hans Lippersheim. One day, in the year 1608, he was working in his shop, his children helping him in various small ways, or romping about amusing themselves with the tools and objects lying on his work-bench, when suddenly his little girl exclaimed:

"Oh, papa! See how near the steeple comes!"

Half startled by this announcement, the honest Hans looked up from his work, curious to know the cause of the child's amazement. Turning toward her, he saw that she was looking through two lenses, one held close to her eye, and the other at arm's length; and calling his daughter to his side, he noticed that the eye lens was plano-concave (or flat on one side and hollowed out on the other) while the one held at a distance was plano-convex (or flat on one side and bulging on the other). Then, taking the two glasses, he repeated his daughter's experiment, and soon discovered that she had chanced to hold the lenses apart at their exact focus, and this had produced the wonderful effect that she had observed. His quick wit and skilled invention saw in this accident a wonderful discovery. He immediately set about making use of his new knowledge of lenses, and ere long he had fashioned a tube of glass, in which he set the glasses firmly at their exact focus.

This rough tube was the germ of that great instrument the telescope, to which modern science owes so much. And it was on October 22d, 1608, that Lippersheim sent to his government three telescopes made by himself, calling them "instruments by which to see at a distance."

The discovery of an immense river in Alaska, hitherto unknown to geographers, has been made by Lieutenant Storey, who went up on the revenue steamer Thomas Corwin to distribute rewards to the Tchuckchee Indians of Alaska. The river had been vaguely spoken of by Indians to former explorers, and Lieutenant Storey determined to see if it existed. Accompanied by one attendant and an interpreter he proceeded inland from Hotham Inlet in a south-easterly direction until he struck the mysterious river. He traced it to its mouth, a distance of about fifteen miles, where he saw such huge pieces of floating timber as to satisfy him that the stream must be of immense size. He retraced his steps for a distance of fifty miles, where he encountered natives who told him that they had come down the river a distance of fifteen hundred miles, and that it went up higher than that. Having no time to go further, Lieutenant Storey returned. The Indians stated that the river in some places is twenty miles wide. It lies within the Arctic circle, but in August, when Lieutenant Storey was there, he found flowers and vegetation not hitherto discovered in so high a latitude. A despatch from Lieutenant Schwatka, who is also in Alaska, states that he has been exploring the Yukon, and that he had to travel nearly three thousand miles to reach the head waters of the river, which stream lies entirely within the boundaries of our polar possessions, and that descending the river on a raft the distance covered was nearly two thousand miles. He describes the river as being one of the largest in the world, discharging fifty per cent. more water than the Mississippi, and being at places seven miles in breadth.

A lady asks us to give our objections to lotteries. In the first place, they are great frauds and swindles. They take your money and pretend to have a fair drawing, when they have everything in their own hands and fix the tickets and drawings to suit themselves. In the second place, if the drawings were fairly conducted, it would then still be gambling. Prizes are put up and you give two dollars, or more, as the case may be, for a chance at one of them. This is a clear case of gambling. Thousands of dollars go annually from our State into these lotteries, and but little is ever returned to those who are foolish enough to spend their money on lottery tickets. There are many objections to lotteries and nothing to commend them, except a few secular newspapers, here and there.—*Ral. Advocate.*

The battle for truth and righteousness in these United States is a battle of ideas. Every cause not fairly won on this arena must be fought over again. "Nothing is settled until it is settled right." Defeat in a good cause is only postponement and fuller triumph.

There is a constant effort on the part of that grim monster "Disease" to become master of mortal man. Only a careful observance of natural laws can render his efforts unavailing. Yet too often injudicious excesses, sudden changes, too great exposure, improper food or other abuses of nature open the gateway and Disease gains a victory. Sometimes his mastery is so complete that Nature of herself can never effect a dislodgment. In such instances reinforce nature with a judicious use of Brown Iron Bitters and we guarantee, in a short time, all disease will be vanquished.

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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 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 under 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, 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? 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 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.

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 h..... hereby make application for h..... admission into the 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 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

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 beneficence 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 Governor Jarvis, 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 our 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, }
E. A. YATES, } Committee.

ACTION OF PRESBYTERIAN SYNOD.

Resolutions adopted by the Synod of North Carolina in session at Raleigh, N. C., November 14th, 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 E. 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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