

# The Orphans' Friend.

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Dear Little Heads in the Pew-

BY MRS. MARGARET E. SANGSTER.

In the morn of the holy Sabbath  
I like in the church to see  
The dear little children clustered  
Who worship there with me,  
I am sure that the gentle pastor,  
Whose words are like Summer dew,  
Is cheered as he gazes over  
Dear little heads in the pew.

Face' earnest and thoughtful,  
Innocent, grave and sweet,  
They look in the congregation,  
Like allies among the wheat,  
And I think that the tender Master,  
Whose mercies are ever new,  
Has a special benediction,  
For dear little heads in the pew.

Clear in the hymns resounding,  
To organ's swelling chord,  
Mingle the fresh young voices  
Eager to praise the Lord,  
And trust that the rising anthem  
Has a meaning deep and true,  
The thought a d the music blended,  
For the dear little heads in the pew.

When they hear, "The Lord is my  
Shpherd,"  
"Or suffer the babes to come,"  
They are glad that the loving Jesus,  
Has given the lambs a home;  
A place of their own with His peo-  
ple.

He cares for me and for you  
But close in His arm He gathers  
The dear little heads in the pew.

So I love in the great assembly  
On the Sabbath morn to see,  
The dear little children clustered  
And worshipping there with me;  
For I know that my precious Sa-  
viour,

Whose mercies are ever new,  
Has a special benediction  
For the dear little heads in the pew

## NOT TRUSTWORTHY.

One afternoon a gentleman was shown into Mr. Lamar's library.

"Mr. Lamar," asked the visitor, "do you know a lady by the name of Gregory Bassett?"

"I guess so," replied Mr. Lamar, with a smile. "That is the young man," he added, nodding toward Gregory.

"A bright boy, I should judge," commented the visitor, looking over the top of his glasses. "He applied for a clerkship in my mill, and referred me to you. His letter of application shows that he is a good penman. How is he at figures?"

"Rapid and correct," was the reply.

"That's good! Honest, is he?"

"Oh, yes," answered Mr. Lamar.

"The work is not hard, and he will be rapidly promoted, should he deserve it. Oh! one question more, Mr. Lamar, is the boy trustworthy?"

"I regret to say that he is not," was the grave reply.

"Eh?" cried the visitor. "Then I don't want him."

That ended the interview. "Oh, uncle!" cried Gregory, bursting into tears. He had set his heart upon obtaining the situation, and was very much disappointed in the result.

"Gregory, I could not deceive the gentleman," Mr. Lamar said, in a low tone, more regretful than stern.

"You are not trustworthy, and it is a serious failing; nay, a fault rather. Three instances occurred, within as many weeks, which sorely tried my patience, and cost me loss of time and money."

Mr. Lamar's tone changed into one of reproach, and his face was dark with displeasure.

"I gave you some money to deposit in bank," he resumed. "You loitered until the bank was closed, and my note went to protest. One evening I told you to close the gate at the barn. You neglected to do so. The colt got out through the night, fell into a quarry and broke its

leg. I had to shoot the pretty little thing to put an end to its suffering."

Gregory lifted his hand in a humiliated way.

"Next I gave you a letter to mail. You loitered to watch a man with a tame bear. 'The 9 o'clock mail will do,' you thought. But it did not, being a way mail and not a through mail. On the following day I went fifty miles to keep the appointment I had made. The gentleman was not there to meet me, because he had not received my letter. I lost my time, and missed all the benefit of what would have been to me a very profitable transaction. It is not too late for you to reform, and unless you do reform your life will prove a failure."

'This lesson was not lost upon Gregory. He succeeded in getting rid of his heedless ways, and became prompt, precise, trustworthy. - Sunday-School Times

## ANCIENT WIT AND WISDOM.

An illustration of Solomon's saying that "There is nothing new under the sun," is forced upon us in the frequent reappearance of scraps of humor or happy good sense that are older than the Christian era. Some of the following incidents are familiar, and have been attributed to various modern authors; but it is interesting to trace them to their ancient source.

The loquacity of barbers is proverbial. It is evident that there is something in the profession which conduces to it, or how shall we account for the following anecdote, which dates several centuries before Christ? Archelaus of Macedonia, going to have his hair cut, was asked by the artist, "How will you have it cut?" "In silence," said the monarch. Do we not all sympathize with him?

The same king had some dirty water thrown over him. His courtiers would have the offender punished. "No," said Archelaus, "he didn't throw it over me, but the man he thought I was."

This reminds us of Macaulay in one of the Town and Gown Cambridge riots, when a dead cat came full in his face. The man who had thrown it came up to him and was profuse in his apologies. "I didn't mean it for you, but for Mr. Adeane." "Oh, very well, my good friend; but I wish you had meant it for me, and hit Mr. Adeane."

Hardly any saying is better known than that "Speech is silver, silence golden." Simonides used to say that he never regretted holding his tongue, but very often was sorry for having spoken. Every one knows the modern parallel to the saying of Socrates: "The wicked live to eat and drink; the good eat and drink in order to live."

Some one remarked to Socrates that it was a great thing to have one's desires. "It is still greater," said the philosopher, "to have no desires."

This is very like the well-known saying of Brotherton, M. P., of Salford, Eng., which deserves to be written in letters of gold: "My riches consist not in the extent of my possessions, but the fewness of my wants."

We all know the rich man who, finding fault with an extravagant son, told him that at his age he did not squander money. "No; but you hadn't a rich old hunk of a father like I."

We can go back to Plutarch for this. Dionysius, reproving his son for bad conduct, said, "You never knew me to do so." "No," replied the youth, "but you hadn't a king for a father." "And you won't have a son a king," said the monarch.

# 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 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, 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 an incurable character as to require constant 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.

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..... an orphan, without estate, sound in body and mind, and ..... years of age. His..... father died in 18.....; his..... mother in 18..... I being..... 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 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. O.....  
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.

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