

The Orphans' Friend.

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WARNING THE MODERATE DRINKER.

A figure all dirty and ragged
Sat on a rickety chair;
As it rocked itself to and fro
'Twas the picture of woe and despair.

It rocked, rocked, rocked
Itself on the chair to and fro,
And sang aloud in a doleful strain
This song of grief and woe.

"Drink—drink—drink!
And destroy the vigor of youth;
Drink—drink—drink!
And blight all virtue and truth.
Better, far better, 'twould be
With the savage and heathen to dwell,

Than with swillers of brandy, beer
and wine,
And sink in the drunkard's hell.

"O, moderate drinker, beware!
The snare of the mocker fly!
Quick dash the poison chalice down,
Ere the drunkard's death you die.
My fate is already sealed;
Repentance comes too late;
Once there was time, but now, alas!
'Tears cannot blot my fate."

This the inebriate sang,
And rocked on his chair to and fro,
Would that all could have heard him
sing,
And the poison cup forego!
He gave a shriek when his song was
done,
And starting up with dread—
"Back! back! ye fiends!" he wildly
cried,
Then fell—his spirit had fled.

O, temperate drinker, beware!
He that is dead we know
Once felt as safe and spoke as loud
'Gainst intemperance as you:
And yet—died, mad with drink—
Oh, who may his doom foretell?
God gives power to banish rum
And save all from the druggard's
hell.

MEN WHO CANNOT BE TRUSTED.

"Confidence," said the great
Lord Chatham, "is a plant of
slow growth." Those whose
confidence has been abused and
subverted, know by experience
how true this is. There must be
a sure foundation on which a
reasonable confidence can be
based; and when men have torn
away this foundation they can
never be trusted, except by those
who are ignorant of their
character.

When a man has once been
found guilty of falsehood, de-
ception, and misrepresentation,
he cannot be trusted by those
who know the facts. When a
judge has decided a case unjustly,
when a jury has brought in a
false verdict, when a church or
ecclesiastical body has violated
the principles of Scripture, law
and gospel, to condemn the in-
nocent, they have placed them-
selves where no honest man can
ever put confidence in them, un-
til by hearty repentance and
open confession they show them-
selves willing to begin a new
life.

A man who has broken one
agreement, can not be trusted to
make another. A man who has
slandered those who have told
him his faults, may not have the
privilege of having his faults
pointed out, but may perhaps be
permitted to carry them on to
the judgement day, without pro-
test. He who defends himself
in wrong doing is likely to have
his fill of wrong, and reap its bit-
ter fruits.

Men who have sold themselves
for gain, or have bartered prin-
ciple for office or bread; men
who have winked at lies told
for their benefit, and who have
gathered the wages of unright-
eousness, and stilled their denun-
ciations of wrong lest they should
injure their pecuniary prospects,
can never be trusted.

We need men in this age who
will not lie, and who will not
allow any one else to lie for
them. We need men who shake
their hands from holding bribes,
—who cannot be bought, coaxed,

wheedled, or frightened; men
who stand in the strength and
majesty of God; men around
whom Satan fawns and frowns
in vain; men who rebuke sin in a
friend as strongly as in a foe,
and who deal with themselves
more sternly than they deal
with others; men who are
often alone with God,
and in the white light of his
righteousness see their own weak-
nesses, faults, frailties and sins,
and who, coming forth from his
presence pardoned and purged
from all iniquity, walk in the
light, as he is in the light, in up-
rightness, in holiness, in purity,
and fidelity to the end.

AS THEY EXPECTED.

The common belief that a
pistol will go off, and the fact
that every one thinks the pis-
tol he is handling an excep-
tion to the general rule, are
both illustrated in this hu-
morous sketch from the De-
troit *Free Press*.

In front of a Detroit butch-
er shop yesterday a butcher
sat cleaning a revolver. It was
a rusty old "Colt," which had
not been used for years, and
was to be put in order and
traded off. A shoemaker
came along directly, and ob-
served,—

"Of course there'll be an ac-
cident."
'Ye-s, I presume so,'
'It isn't load-d, is it?'
'Oh no.'
'But it will go off?'
'It will.'

"I never see a revolver
without wanting to handle it.
Let me look at that weapon.
Ah! I'm satisfied now that it
doesn't contain any stray bul-
lets. Do you suppose you
could hit my foot at this dis-
tance?"

"Certainly I could. Now if
she was loaded, I'd take a
dead sight like that, and pull
the trigger and—"

The shoemaker jumped two
feet high and yelled like an
Indian, and when he came
down he danced and kicked
and galloped around until
people thought him crazy.

It was only after a crowd
had collected and cornered him
up in the shop that any one
found out the trouble. The
butcher had put a bullet along
the sole of his foot close
enough to draw blood.

"I told you she'd go off!"
howled the shoemaker, as he
sat with his boot in his hand.
'And didn't I agree with
you?' innocently responded
the butcher.

Some of the Philadelphia pa-
pers speak of the English Bishop
of Rochester as "the Lord Bis-
hop." He is a bishop and a lord,
but no one in England would call
him "the Lord Bishop." When
Americans handle foreign titles
they are very apt to be as suc-
cessful as the New York boy-
servant who was told one morn-
ing, to go up and wake the late
Dean Stanley, then on a visit to
this country. He was told that
in answer to the Dean's question
"Who's there?" he should say:
"The boy, my Lord." He got
along with the knocking at the
door very well, but when it came
to answering the Dean the best
he could do was to call out; "the
Lord, my boy."

This is probably the oldest
piece of furniture in the coun-
try," said a collector of antique
curiosities to a friend, pointing
to an old table as he spoke.

"How old is it?" asked the
friend.

"Nearly four hundred years,"
said the collector.

"Is that is nothing? I
have an Arabic table ov'r two
thousand years old."

"Indeed?"

"Yes, the multiplication ta-
ble!"

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 dis-
charged 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 im-
provement 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 Or-
phan Asylum is dependent on volun-
tary contributions from subordinate
Lodges, churches of all denominations,
benevolent societies, and charitable in-
dividuals; 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 in-
digent 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 as-
sist 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 po-
litical parties shall be invited.

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 re-
ceive such preparatory training and
education as will prepare them for use-
ful occupations and for the usual busi-
ness transactions of life.

Resolved, That the sincere thanks of
this Grand Lodge are hereby tendered to
many benevolent ladies and gen-
tlemen, 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 as-
sistance in the great work of ameliorat-
ing the condition of the orphan chil-
dren of the State.

Resolved, That all benevolent so-
cieties and individuals are hereby cordi-
ally invited and requested to co-operate
with us in providing funds and supplies
for feeding, clothing and educating in-
digent and promising orphan children
at the Asylum in Oxford, Virginia.

Resolved, That the Master of each sub-
ordinate Lodge appoint a Standing
Committee upon raising funds for the
Orphan Asylum, and require said com-
mittee to report in writing each month,
and that said reports and the funds re-
ceived 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 Communica-
tion.

"Should deserted children be admit-
ted?" was decided in the negative.
"Should children having step-fathers
be admitted?" was also decided in the
negative.
"Should deformed children be admit-
ted?" This was left to the discretion of
the Superintendent. When the de-
formity is such a character as to re-
quire extra attention, it was thought
unadvisable to admit the parties in the
present condition of the Asylum.

"Should boys learn trades at the Asy-
lum?" Decided in the negative, it be-
ing impracticable at this time to em-
ploy skilled mechanics in the various
trades, erect suitable work-shops and
purchase necessary tools.

"Should collecting agents be appoint-
ed 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 ad-
vised against employing and paying
agents.

THE ADOPTION OF ORPHANS.

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fer that they should come and
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treatment of children already discharg-
ed, and living in their jurisdiction, and
use their best efforts to secure good
treatment, or the return of the chil-
dren.

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. 18.....
This is to certify that..... is an or-
phan, 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.....
admission into the Asylum at Oxford. I
also relinquish and convey to the offi-
cers 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
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