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Mrs. S. E. Edwards, Ridgeway—10 prs. socks.....	10

THANKSGIVING.

I am not able to express my gratitude to the people of our State for their liberal contributions to the Orphans, nor for their accompanying words of kindness to myself. Contributions have come from beyond the mountains and from the ocean, kind words have come from Boston and from the Gulf of Mexico. Children heretofore restrained will now be permitted to come, and the comforts of those already here will be increased.

Receipts and private letters have been sent in large numbers. Some mistakes will probably occur. These will be corrected with great pleasure, whenever discovered.

Certain exhibitors have been using the name of the Orphan Asylum merely to dodge taxes. County officers ought to require such parties to show their authority. The Orphan Asylum has no fellowship with any immoral or disreputable exhibitions.

SPECIAL MENTION.

The town of Williamston, Martin county, was destroyed by fire last week.

In our acknowledgements of contributions last week, we accredited \$6 to the High Point Presbyterian congregation that was contributed by the different denominations of Jamestown. Also \$5.65 to the Rutherfordton Baptist church that was contributed by the different churches and the people of the town, and \$7 to the citizens of Louisville that was contributed by the citizens of Salisbury.

The small pox has made its appearance at the Masonic Orphans' Home, Louisville, Ky. Only one death. The disease is under control. How thankful we should be that our Great Master has permitted no pestilence to visit our Asylum. Our Kentucky brethren have our deepest sympathy.

At an election of officers of Wm. G. Hill Lodge, A. F. & A. M. held in Raleigh last Monday evening, the following officers were elected for the ensuing masonic year; W. M., Thomas Badger; S. W., E. M. Uzzell; J. W., Chas. Wain; treasurer, Leo D. Heart; secretary, John B. Neathery.

Last week Miss Smith sent us a good list of subscribers, asking us to tender her thanks to Messrs. A. H. McNeil, A. W. Campbell, Carthage, to Mr. London Pittsboro, to Messrs. Hudson and Hunter, Apex, and to Mr. J. R. Guess, Cary, for assisting her in procuring subscribers. These friends will please accept the thanks of the Friend, also.

On the 26th of November, at the residence of the bride's uncle, Judge Wood, Mr. William I. Howell was united in marriage with Miss Mamie Adams. Willie was recently a citizen of Oxford, and has many warm friends among our people.

At the Episcopal church in Oxford last Wednesday, Miss Meda Hicks was united in marriage to Mr. Charlie Ward, of Franklin county. Dr. Baird officiated.

Several numbers of the *Masonic Home Journal*, published under the auspices of the Masonic Widows' and Orphans' Home, Louisville, Ky., are before us. It is indeed a credit to the institution it represents and to the Masons of Kentucky. We bid it welcome and wish it along life.

The spring session of T. J. & W. D. Horner's Classical, Mathematical and Commercial School, Henderson, N. C., begins on the 7th January, 1884. The Principals and teachers of this School have been tried and found worthy. We can therefore cheerfully recommend them to the consideration of parents who have sons to educate.

We admit that this is an age of progress, but we believe if some of our parents knew how their boys and girls deport themselves when they attend church at night as "gentleman and lady," or "beau and belle," that the aforesaid boys and girls would be spanked and put to bed before dark, and not allowed to attend church again without a nurse, instead of a *beau*, until they get large enough to reverence the house of divine worship.

Rev. J. B. Martin has been assigned by the M. E. Conference to the Granville Circuit, Rev. J. T. Gibbs' late charge. Mr. Gibbs comes to Oxford Circuit, and Rev. L. H. Gibbons goes to Haw River. Mr. Gibbs is well known here, and receives a cordial welcome. During the past year Mr. Gibbons has been associated with the Friend as editor, and we part with him with feelings of profound regret. A more zealous, conscientious man it has never been our privilege to know.

Last week's *Methodist Advance* announces that "Prof. J. S. Midyette and wife left Goldsboro last Tuesday to take positions in the Oxford Asylum." This is totally untrue, as Mr. Midyette left the Asylum about twelve months ago, and is not likely to return. The article in the *Advance* must have been intended for publication some two years ago.

P. S.—Since the above was put in type we have received this week's *Advance*, which contains the following explanation:

"The editorial paragraph published last week in reference to Prof. Midyette was furnished by the editor by mistake. It was an old piece of copy, and the publisher and editor both being absent, the printer in charge was not supposed to know the movements of Prof. Midyette. Do you see?"

How the Monmons dance: They sit on opposite sides of the dancing room; numbers are distributed among the males, and when called to the floor, those having the numbers called select their partners, dance, and all take their seats on opposite sides of the room, as before, when the next numbers are called.

However ludicrous this may appear to some, we believe it more tolerable than the fashionable hugging dances, such as the waltz, polka, &c., which are approved of or participated in by some church members, and winked at by some others.

MISCELLANEOUS.

—When you fret and fume at the petty ills of life, remember that the wheels which go round without creaking last longest.

—A mine is a pit in which rich men may sink fortunes, and the most successful miner is one who makes them do it.

—The house-fly can only see a distance of thirty-eight feet, but that never bothers him any. He always manages to keep within thirty-seven feet of everything.

—Admiral Porter says that our navy now is "mostly officers and water." We ought to be thankful that it isn't mostly officers and whisky.

—It is the same with a book as with a man. With a good title the demand for the book or the man will be immeasurably increased.

A large floating buoy, lighted with compressed gas, was anchored on the Sandy Hook Shoals several months ago, as an experiment, by the light house board. It is claimed that the light will last nine months longer without renewing.

—A boom in early marriages is prevailing in Georgia. Miss Georgia Garrett between twelve and thirteen years old was married on Thursday, and became Mrs. Wm. Hogg. A sister when at the same age set the example. In America, Robert Sullivan, aged 17, and Miss Eddie Cobb, aged 14, have been married.

—A Pennsylvania paper believes that butter-milk will soon supersede beer as the national beverage. That can never be. Buttermilk is not intoxicating enough for political purposes.

—Pittsburg Dispatch: "Whiskey," said a considerable of a politician the other night, as he held up a glass of it, "is the typical American beverage. It is a kind of leveller that is characteristic of our glorious country. Take a view of this bar and tell me if I am not right. At one end is a United States Senator with whiskey in his tumbler, and here back of us stands a hack driver, whose glass has been filled from the same bottle. Is there anywhere else than a bar, or anything else than whiskey, that puts men more on a level?" Whiskey, he might have added, will land the Senator and caddy in the same gutter.

—The Duke of Argyll, in a recent Glasgow lecture on "Geology and the Deluge," said he "thought among the characteristics of the Scottish people there were none which conferred greater honor upon them than the immense exertions—he would also say than the heroic exertions—which many of the poorest among them made for the education of their children. He became acquainted a very few months ago with the case of a shepherd, on his own property, whose whole income he believed did not exceed the sum of £18 a year, together with a house and some ground for a potato garden, but who, nevertheless, had found himself able to maintain for years, at one of the great schools of the city, one of his boys, who he was happy to say, was a most promising student."

—An unmistakable something in the air foretells the pressure, the charm, and the pathos of the holiday time. The pursuit under difficulties occasionally, of materials for gifts, the fascination of planning for surprises which seldom surprise, so sure are we of the good things coming, and the remembrance of those in need of substantial help, will make the season once more an inexpressible delight. The heart grows more tender, the hand is not so tightly closed, the eye looks further into the depths of poverty, benignity is more readily put on. The glad and hallowed time is at the door.

—A young man of twenty-nine, college graduate and lawyer, married an elderly lady of fifty-three because she had \$5,000. Now after living together for three years, they have become parties to an

amicable suit for divorce, the condition being that the old lady should select her husband's second wife and remain in the house as a sort of brevet mother-in-law.

—The country is at present over-run with tramps. The like of them has never before been seen, and it is remarkable that they are something better than the usual order of tramps. The failures of mills in the North, turning thousands of people out of employment is the correct explanation of the present deluge of tramps. Most of them are honest people, looking out for employment, but there are a lot of bad ones among them, and the vagrant act should be rigidly enforced in all the towns of our State. —*Charlotte Observer.*

Do you wish to make an appropriate present to your friend, parents, children or sweet-heart? If so, go to J. G. Hall's.

Genuine products of the dime novel are discovered in three Boston small boys who were arrested in the suburbs of New York, where they had made arrangements to abduct blushing maidens and wealthy tourists.

Dr. I. C. McLaughlin, Wolfesville, N. C., says: "I used Brown's Iron Bitters for vertigo and I now feel like a new man."

What does it mean? we allude to the large rush at Hall's drug store. It means that Hall has just received the largest supply of Xmas goods to be found in Oxford.

PROVERBS.

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Look not upon the horse race and monkey with the pool-seller, for it is not wise to bet, unless you can win.

Try not to guy the stranger who sojourneth in thy land, and, seemeth meek and sad, for of such are three-card monte men made.

If a man smites thee on thy right cheek, turn also to him thy left cheek, and peradventure thou canst with great ease plant a kick that will cause him to become discouraged and repent of his folly.

The foolish man saith to himself: "I will blow in the muzzle of this empty gun," and the wise coroner will say in his report: "Accidentally blown to hearafter."

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