

THE LITTLE ANGEL.

There's a little face
In the presence of God:
There are beautiful feet:
Where bright angels have trod
There's a sweet baby voice
In the chorus above,
Singing anthems of praise
To the Sovereign of Love.

There's a poor little soul
Sin never can stain,
Nor the world ever blight
With its sorrow and gain,
There's a fond little heart
Which forever will rest,
From earth's labor and care,
On its Saviour's breast.

There's a void in your heart
Earth never can fill--
A wave of wild sorrow
No tal hands can not still
A dear link is broken--
A bright hope is riven,
But the hope is not lost--
'Tis anchor'd in heaven.

'Always Spek Pleasant When Ennybody Speks X'

AN OLD STORY.

'Alice and Harriet, take your knitting-work. John and Henry, you may each bring nine armfuls of wood into the wood shed. May, you may take your slate and write; and I guess, if they are left alone, the two babies will take care of themselves. Now, for half an hour, let us have silence. If any body speaks, let it be in a whisper.'

The fact was, that there had been so much noise, and some of it in half quarrelsome tones, that Mrs. Ford was tired and took the best way to stop it for half an hour at least. The children were all young, and all wanted their own way. But they had learned to mind their mother.

So there was silence in the kitchen, except the noise the little mother made with her baking, and the occasional prattle of the two babies.

Little May sat with her slate on knee, looking thoughtful. She wrote and erased, and wrote again with much painstaking labor. At last she seemed satisfied, and, going to her mother, said in a whisper:

'May I have a little piece of white paper and a pencil out of your drawer? I want to copy something.'

'What is it? Let me see,' said her mother.

May hesitated and blushed, but held it up to her, saying, 'You won't tell, will you, mother?'

Her mother read it twice over: Tears gathered in her eyes.

'You won't tell anybody, will you?' entreated little May.

'No, no, certainly not! It shall be a secret between you and me.'

She got a nice piece of paper, and sharpened the pencil anew for the child, although she was pie making.

May copied it very carefully, and laid it away in the bottom of her handkerchief-box, saying, 'I shall see it often there, and nobody goes there but mother and I.'

But it happened one day that Harriet was sent to distribute the pile of clean handkerchiefs from the ironing into the different boxes, and as

May's was empty she saw the writing. It was so short that she took it in a glance, 'Always spek pleasant when ennybody speks X. May.' Somehow it fixed itself in Harriet's mind, and that evening she was busy with pen and ink. The result was a writing in Harriet's hand, kerchief-box, with a resolution written more neatly, but to the same effect--

'Resolved, That I will try this year to return pleasant words for cross ones.

'HARRIET FORD.' It made a difference that was easy to see when two of the children began to practice this resolution. There was less of quarrelling.

'That's mine! You better mind your own business!' said John to Harriet one day, when she took up a top and was putting it in his drawer.

'But, John, mother wants me to clear up the room,' said Harriet.

'Well, I want the top to stay there!' said John obstinately.

'Well, perhaps it's no matter. A top isn't much litter,' said Harriet, pleasantly.

John was fully prepared for a contest. I'm afraid he would rather have relished one. He started. Then he looked ashamed.

'What made you say that, Harriet?'

Harriet laughed and colored a little.

'Tell me what made you?'

John insisted.

'Come here, and I'll show you,' said she.

She took him into the clothes press, where was the row of handkerchief-boxes, each labeled. She opened little May's, and took out the clean, soft pile of handkerchiefs. 'Look there!' said she. John read.

'The good little thing! She never does quarrel anyhow,' said John. --Selected

It is hard telling what a trifling means. Everything in nature seems to be closely connected with everything else. An undue preponderance of one force sets in motion all other forces. The eddying of a few particles of air may give rise to a tornado. A few drops of oil slowly leaking from a cask may seem of little account, but in due time the vessel will be empty. A small pin, bolt or screw out of place may stop a powerful engine. A particle of dust may stop or retard a chronometer useless as a time-keeper. The prick of a pin in a balloon may destroy it. There is no such thing as a trifle. Any person who has lived many years and been engaged in the transactions of daily life will certainly appreciate this quotation. A very useless expense of a few cents daily to a laboring man will amount to no small sum in a series of years while a judicious expenditure in the same way will be exhibited in a few years in the general appearance of thrift all around such a man.

Got the 'bloos,' have you? --feel terribly depressed?--sincerely can claim to be a Christian? See prescription, James i., 27. Leave a nice little package of sugar and coffee, or a sack of flour when you say 'goodbye,' and it will leave the 'blues' so far behind you that they won't overtake you in a week or a month. --Ex.

The diamond which shines in the Saviour's crown shall burn in unquenched beauty on the forehead of every true Christian.

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 of 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, 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 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 at 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 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.

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:

This is to certify that..... is 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..... 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 Masons at Oxford. I also promise not to annoy the Orphan Asylum, and not to encourage the said orphan to leave without the approval of the Superintendent.

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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