

SALUTATORY.

THE CHILDREN'S FRIEND is the child of Necessity. It is imperatively required for the vigorous prosecution of the orphan work; and the children, rich and poor, need a live little paper for their edification and entertainment.

PLEASE EXCHANGE.

Yes, we wish to exchange with all the papers of our State, and with the papers published for children in other states.

"Never Can Git no Lurnen."

A poor orphan boy has written to the Asylum at Oxford for admission. He declares that unless admitted, he "never can git no lurnen."

THE RIGHT TO LIVE.

All children have a right to live, to grow, and to learn. These rights are inalienable. To deprive any child of their enjoyment is a crime.

cently tried for putting her own infant in Tar River, and while the testimony was plain, three of the jury were at first in favor of acquitting her, because the child was gone to heaven, and she, if hanged, would lose her soul.

APPEAL TO THE LEGISLATURE.

We respectfully ask our Legislature to pass a bill to the following effect:

- 1. That negroes shall not seize white orphans, when their parents die, and hold them as slaves during their entire minority.
2. That poor and degraded white women shall not hire out to negroes their girls under eighteen, nor their boys under twenty-one years of age.
3. That white boys and girls shall not be bound by law to negroes.

We use the word "negro," merely to include members of the negro race, and not through any want of kindness to them. We are anxious to see their rights respected, their property protected, and their children taught to be wise and good; but white children also have some rights, even when they are poor, and even after their fathers are dead.

Some judicious legislation for the benefit of neglected and unprotected children is needed and expected. Let not the reasonable expectations of the people be disappointed. The Orphans can not vote; but they have many friends who can vote and who will vote hereafter.

A Difference of Opinion.

Some judicious friends have expressed the opinion that the opening of another institution, at Mars Hill, was a great blunder on the part of the Grand Lodge, and that all our forces should have been concentrated at Oxford. Right or wrong, wise or unwise, the step has been taken. The work is upon us. 'Remember Lot's wife.' The children of the Mountains need the Asylum at Mars Hill. The people of the West, so far as we have seen them, are enthusiastic in its support.

Major Seaton Gales, Prof. J. A. Delike, Mrs. Carrie Jenkins Harris, and other gifted writers will be regular contributors to THE CHILDREN'S FRIEND.

ORGANIZATION OF THE ASYLUM.

- ORPHAN ASYLUM, OXFORD, N. C.
J. H. Mills, Superintendent.
J. H. Moore, Steward.
Mrs. E. J. Roberts, Matron of the girls.
Miss M. A. Harrison, Matron of the boys.
Miss J. T. Long, Teacher of the Fifth Form.
Miss A. H. Moore, Teacher of the Fourth Form.
Miss M. F. Jordan, Teacher of the Third Form.
Miss L. A. Leete, Teacher of the Second Form.
Miss E. A. Pool, Teacher of the First Form.
Miss Hattie McLean, House-keeper.

- ORPHAN ASYLUM, MARS HILL, N. C.
J. H. Mills, Superintendent.
J. R. Sams, Steward.
Miss S. S. Greene, Teacher.
Other officers to be supplied.

WELDON N. EDWARDS.

When Nathaniel Macon, the honest politician, was closing his earthly career, he appointed, his friend Weldon N. Edwards, executor of his will, without requiring a bond, or any responsibility to court. He knew that Mr. Edwards was an honest man and could be trusted in the management of other people's money.

NO SIGNS.

We sometimes see a man wearing on his bosom a golden square and compass, or a G decked with jewels. Any man can buy such ornaments at a jewelry store. They are not signs of anything, except of a fondness for ornaments.

From A Pastor.

I send \$5 as a Christmas gift for the Orphans. This is a small mite, but I hope to be able to do more soon. I hope also to be able to get up contributions from my congregations in the course of a few weeks.

Yours, &c., A. N. Ferguson.

Petersburg.

When Mayor Gregory, of Petersburg, was on a visit to Oxford, he attended a spelling match at the Orphan Asylum. After a while the number of competitors was reduced to seven, and these spelled a long time without missing. The good man arose and put an end to the contest by giving an equal prize to each.

And now Messrs John Arrington & Son, R. A. Martin & Co., and in fact nearly all the City have united in sending a car load of supplies for the orphans. Let us read the list on the fourth page of this paper and be grateful to our friends.

Price Brothers & Co., of Danville, Va., gave the orphans half the profits on their sales on the second of December. But they paid \$50 in advance that the money might be used in buying clothes for the winter. Since the sale day they have sent besides \$27.43. Some years ago, when the present writer was hungry, dusty and way-worn, the father of these young men took him in, refreshed him with dinner, lent him a lively horse, and sent him on his way rejoicing.

- Contributions to the Orphan Asylums, from the first to the fifth of January, 1875, inclusive:
IN CASH.
Edgecombe Lodge, No. 298, \$10.00
Mite box of Paul, Rowland & Jacob Parker, 2.00
Schools of Mrs. McNeill & Major Rankin, 12.00
John Charlotte, of New York, 5.60
Cary Lodge, No. 193, 5.60
White Stone Lodge No 155 \$1.85

IN KIND.

4 large and valuable bins, Betts & Allen.

Mrs. Kate A. Buford, wife of Col. A. S. Buford, President of the Richmond and Danville Railroad Company, has recently died in Richmond.

Col. Buford has been a very quiet and efficient friend to the orphan work, and we feel a sincere sorrow for his sad bereavement.

From the beginning Mrs. S. A. Elliott, the author of Mrs. Elliott's House-Wife, has done what she could for the orphans, and her three sons in Norfolk, imitate her example. Those barrels of apples sent by Messrs. Gilbert and Warren Elliott helped to make the whole of Christmas lively.

Mrs. Ettinger has very often furnished hats to orphan girls passing through Raleigh. But at Christmas there came a whole box of hats and gloves from Mr. Isaac Ettinger, and now a large number of our girls wear plain, but handsome hats.

The price of THE CHILDREN'S FRIEND is only \$1 a year, just enough to the expense of publication.

The Unguarded Tots of the Poor.

Alas! what secret tears are shed,
What wounded spirits bleed;
What loving hearts are sundered,
And yet make no heed!

He goeth in his wily course,
Made fat with wine and wine,
And pitieth not the weary souls
That in his bondage pine—
That turn for him the mazy wheel,
That delve for him the mine!
And pitieth not the children small
In smoky factories dim,
That all day long, lean, pale and faint,
Do heavy tasks for him!

To him they are but as the stones
Beneath his feet that lie
It entereth not his thoughts that they
With him claim sympathy;
It entereth not his thoughts that God
Heareth the sufferer's groan,
That in his righteous eye their life
Is precious as his own!

MARY HOWITT.

For the Children's Friend.

Dear Little Orphans:

Permit me to express the hope that you have all hailed the advent of the new year in happiness. Permit me further to express my most ardent desire, that the present may be to you a year filled up with rich temporal and spiritual blessings. That very day may add a gem to your crown of wisdom, and a drop to your cup of happiness. May all its suns illumine your pathway with bright pleasure, and its moons beam delight. Its mornings realize joyous anticipations and its evenings afford glad surprise. May its close find you, your kind Superintendent and teachers, all in the enjoyment of life and health, and in the possession of the most precious treasures from the endless mines of God's wealth—with as many real friends as you would wish to have and better and happier than any preceding year.

Oxford, N. C.

FIXING.

There are few words which perform such various duties as this word "fix." It is the Caleb Quotien of the American vocabulary. You call upon a gentleman in a country town, and his help informs you that he is "fixing himself" just now, but will be down directly; by which you are to understand that he is dressing. You inquire on board the steamboat of a fellow passenger, whether breakfast will be ready soon, and he tells you he should think so, for when he was last below they were "fixing the tables," in other words, laying the cloth. You beg a porter to collect your baggage and he entreats you not to be uneasy for he'll "fix" it presently; and if you complain of indisposition you are advised to have recourse to Dr. so and so, who will "fix you" in no time.—Dickens.

A few days since a seedy person applied to a wealthy citizen for help, and received the small sum of five cents. The giver remarked as he handed him the pittance: "Take it, you are welcome: our ears are always opened to the distressed." "That may be," replied the recipient, "but never before in my life have I seen so small an opening for such large ears."