

THE SAME PLAN.

The Grand Lodge, at its last session, made no change in the plan of supporting the Orphan Asylum; but ordered that the plan heretofore in operation be continued. Here it is:

"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."

We invoke the attention of Masters of Lodges to this resolution, and request them to send us immediately the names of their committees in order that we may know who is cooperating with us, and with whom we are expected to cooperate. If any Lodge has a committee that will not work, the members should be excused from further service and live men should be appointed in their places. Let us open a lively campaign in the orphan work and do more good than we have ever done before.

The circulation of THE CHILDREN'S FRIEND is gradually enlarging; but it is not growing as fast as we desire, nor as we had reason to expect, especially in some localities. We believe it has the good will of every body that has seen it or heard of its publication, but good will without substantial accompaniments is of no material advantage to the paper; it will not pay for paper and ink and type-setting. A few friends have interested themselves in some localities in getting up clubs of subscribers and have succeeded in getting many names with the money. Others could do the same if they would only devote a little time to the matter. Hundreds of persons would subscribe if the subject were presented directly to them by some friend who would take the trouble to collect and forward the names and money for the paper. We want THE CHILDREN'S FRIEND to visit every family in the State if practicable, that the people may see what the Asylum is doing for the orphans, and what the good and charitable are doing for the Asylum, and if the paper is of a character to do good, we want it to do all the good it is capable of, by being read by every body that can read.

We call upon our friends, the friends of the orphans and of the Asylum, throughout the State, to give us their aid in giving the paper a large circulation, and we do this the more freely and confidently because we have no pecuniary or other interest in the enterprise more than should be felt by every friend of the orphan in North Carolina.

The Youngest.

Master Howard A. Foushee, of Roxboro', sends one dollar to pay for THE CHILDREN'S FRIEND one year. He is the youngest subscriber on our books, being only five years old. We hope the entering of his name as a subscriber to THE CHILDREN'S FRIEND may be an augury of it being hereafter written among those of the great and good of his day.

OUR HOTELS.

(CONTINUED.)

Mr. S. W. Davidson keeps a good village hotel at Murphy, and Mrs. Mary Siler keeps a pleasant boarding house at Franklin. Mr. Leatherwood feeds the hungry at Webster. At Waynesville, Mr. Smathers gives you a bountiful meal for 25 cents, and his rooms and beds are clean and comfortable.

At the Warm Springs, and at Alexander's on the French Broad, the milk is rich, the beef is fat, the bread is sweet and the cooking is uniformly good.

At Asheville, the Eagle Hotel is closed for the winter; but may open again in spring. The stages stop with Mr. Robinson of the Central Hotel. He gives you a good meal; but his servants have not acquired any very remarkable fondness for making fires, or blacking shoes. The other hotels in Asheville are preparing for the summer campaign. At Old Fort, Mr. Bergin keeps the Mountain Hotel. When he does his best, all is well; but we have known him to be careless. One cold morning we had to get up without fire or water. Now we are Methodist enough to want fire in winter, and Baptist enough to want water all the year, and both articles are always abundant at the foot of the Blue Ridge.

At Morganton Dr. Hapoldt keeps the Mountain Hotel, and Mr. Mallard the Morganton Hotel near the Court House. At Hickory we find the Central Hotel and the Western Hotel. At Statesville, Mr. Blair and Mr. Schloss welcome travelers. The competition at these three places is lively and a great blessing to the public. Good fare at a reasonable price. Statesville, Hickory and Morganton are all pleasant places for Eastern people to spend the summer. We pass by Marion deliberately, and expect to do so until the market improves. Too little variety! McDowell buys too much meat and bread, and sells too little butter and beef. The rail-road injures those who make nothing to sell, and benefits producers.

At Salisbury, the hotels change hands so often that we know not what to say about them, and will try to do them justice hereafter. Col. Brown (now of the National Hotel, Raleigh) once made Salisbury a delightful place; but he now occupies a larger field, and merits all that the papers have said in his favor. And now we note a hotel kept by a bachelor, without a woman, white or black, on the premises. We had missed breakfast and dinner, and arrived just in time for supper. The coffee was hot—and this is all we can say in its favor. The biscuit were done to death. The steak was lean, tough, and scorched, but not cooked. The milk, the rolls, the butter, the eggs, the turkeys, and all such things would have been good, if there had been any; but, alas! they were not known in that country. We were very sick that night and we advise our dearest friends to die rather than board with a bachelor. We make no charge for this advertisement, because when a bachelor hires a raw section-hand to keep house and cook for himself and the public, all the papers ought to dead-head him.

(To be Continued.)

The Legislature proposes to pass a law levying a heavy tax on useless dogs. Such a law will do good, by giving proper protection to sheep, and by reducing the price of sausage.

A GOOD EXAMPLE.

The church of the Good Shepherd in Raleigh, has recently bought a lot to build on, and is now erecting a house for public worship. In the midst of its struggles, it finds time and finds heart to make a liberal collection for the Orphan Asylum. Yet if one-tenth of the wealthy churches, which have bought no lots and are building no houses, would follow the example of the Church of the Good Shepherd, we would have sufficient funds to help all the orphans now applying for admission.

MURFREESBORO.

On last Friday evening, in company with our esteemed friend, Rev. J. D. Huffam, of the *Biblical Recorder*, we attended the Concert at Chowan Institute, and found the venerable town of Murfreesboro full of educational life. Wesleyan Female College, in charge of President Starr, is full, though the accommodations have recently been enlarged. The Male Academy prospers under Mr. Conrad. Chowan Institute, as usual, has room for only a few more good girls. Dr. McDowell, Prof. Delke and the female teachers are full of work and full of vim. The evergreens, the artificial baskets, the attractive paintings, the wax fruits and flowers and the glad faces of happy children made even old folks feel that it was good to be there. Mrs. Myrick ruled the rostrum, and the pieces were rendered with excellent taste and skill. Here is the

PROGRAMME:

- PART I.
- Overture to Opera "La Dame Blanche," (12 hands, 3 Pianos),—*Boeldieu*.
  - "Oh! that we two were Maying," (Vocal Duett),—*Gilbey*.
  - "Prohlon" March, (14 hands, 3 Pianos and Organ),—*Hauschild*.
  - "Merrily Dance the Stars to-night," (Chorus),—*Palmer*.
  - "Mareia Franco-Italiana," (6 hands, 3 Pianos),—*Conterno*.
  - "The Butterfly,"—*Carulli*.
  - "Ask me Again and I will Not Say No," (Vocal Solo),—*Millard*.
  - "Fackeltanz," No. 1, (8 hands, 2 Pianos),—*Meyerbeer*.
  - "Chiming Bells," (Chorus),—*Emerson*.

PART II.

- "La Chasse au Lion," (14 hands, 3 Pianos and Organ),—*Külling*.
- "The Bostonians Song," (Vocal Solo),—*Blumenthal*.
- "Shades of Night," (Vocal Trio),—*Perring*.
- "La Fautaire des Dragons," (14 hands, 3 Pianos and Organ),—*Bosowitz*.
- "The Roman Charioteer," (Vocal Solo),—*Millard*.
- "Bend to your Oars," (Chorus),—*Whitemore*.
- "Le Nord" [4 hands, 2 Pianos],—*Alberti*.
- "Returning Home," [Vocal Duett],—*Kücken*.
- Overture to Opera "Sargino," [12 hands, 3 Pianos],—*Paer*.
- "Oh! as Fair as Poet's Dreaming," [Vocal Solo from Opera "Lucrezia Borgia,"]—*Donizetti*.
- "The Huntresses," [Chorus],—*Bordese*.

The Murfreesboro people, the Hertford people, the Chowan people have cultivated heads and magnanimous souls. We always leave them with extreme reluctance, and intend to visit them as often as possible.

EDUCATION.

Our educational outlook is a little more cheerful than it has been for several years. The Trustees of the University have held a meeting, and their proceedings promise an early resumption of scholastic exercises, provided the Legislature can be induced to provide the means, or even to restore the funds appropriated by Congress for an agricultural college.

The Civil Rights Bill has assumed a shape which does not interfere with schools. Col. Pool is therefore at liberty to proceed with his plans for the improvement of the public schools. The prices of cotton and tobacco have recently advanced, and the people are in a better condition to patronize our colleges and academies. Some of these have already opened with an increase of numbers, and pleasant weather will open the way for children who are now detained at home.

NO CONNECTION.

In old times, each Lodge paid five pounds a year to the Grand Charity of the Grand Lodge. When the currency changed, the five pounds was changed to fifteen dollars. At its last session the Grand Lodge decided to equalize the burden of the Grand Charity, by allowing each Lodge to send up fifty cents for each name reported. Lodges reporting only ten members will send up five dollars. Lodges reporting fifty members will send up twenty-five dollars. This plan seems to be fair and equal, and it may, or may not, increase the annual income of the Grand Lodge. But this change has no connection whatever with the Orphan Asylum, or with its support. Yet we are sorry and surprised to learn that some Lodges have supposed that this change is merely some new plan for the support of the orphan work. One of the most difficult tasks in the world is to make a matter plain to those who do not wish to understand it.

Chicken Pox.

A severe case of chicken pox appeared in Oxford last week and was mistaken for small pox. The people were alarmed, and several citizens, who had been exposed to the disease were vaccinated three miles from town. The excitement has now subsided, and business moves on as usual.

Contributions to the Orphan Asylum from Feb. 10th to Feb. 17th inclusive.

- IN CASH.
- Paid \$10.00, Morrison Council, F. of T.
  - " \$10.00, Children's Friend.
  - " \$5.00, Rev. John Mitchell.
  - " \$4.35, McCormick Lodge, 228.
  - " \$2.00, Elmwood Lodge, 246.
  - " \$1.00, J. J. Young.
  - " 75 cents, Granite Lodge, 322.

IN KIND.

- Lot Garden and flower seed, Hon. A. S. Merrimon from Patent Office.
- 13 Pair Shoes, John White & Son.
- 2 Bushels corn, W. H. Smith.
- 1 sack flour, J. J. Meadows.
- 1 Bushel corn, B. D. Howard.
- 3 Bushels wheat, J. H. Webb.
- 24 Bushels corn, D. J. Gooch.
- 24 Bushels corn, Thomas B. Daniel.
- 1 Pair socks, Miss Mittie W. Harris.
- 1 Pair socks, Mrs. Holmes.
- Printers Ink, Edwards & Broughton.
- 1 Bag flour, J. M. Blackwood.

The following persons have paid for THE CHILDREN'S FRIEND for one year from this date:

- Mrs. M. J. Snyder, Rev. A. D. Betts, Maj. R. Bingham, Master H. A. Foushee, J. E. Landis, John W. Grandy, Willie O. Mitchell, L. T. Spiers, W. W. Parker, Wayland Mitchell, Maj. Gus Fetter, Miss Pattie M. Winborne.

KNOWLEDGE.—Pleasure is a shadow, wealth is vanity; and power is a pageant; but knowledge is ecstatic in enjoyment, perennial in fame, unlimited in space, and infinite in duration. In the performance of its sacred office, it fears no danger, spares no expense, omits no exertion. It scales the mountain, looks into the volcano, dives into the ocean, perforates the earth, wings its flight into the skies, encircles the globe, explores sea and land, contemplates the distant, examines the minute, comprehends the great, ascends to the sublime. No place too remote for the grasp—no heavens too exalted for its touch.—*De Witt Clinton*.

"UNEXPECTED AND PERSISTENT OPPOSITION."

Finding that several newspapers and the holders of some blank tickets are blaming me because, at the drawing of the "Grand Gift Concert" in Wilson, thousands of tickets remained unsold, I ask permission to submit a few remarks:

1. It is said that my opposition was "unexpected." It is well known that, when editor of the *Biblical Recorder*, I denounced the Hester, Lottery as a violation of the Tenth Commandment, a violation of the laws of the land, and pernicious to the morals of all our people. After Capt. Hester's trial and conviction by Hiram Lodge, he told me that I had fought him honestly from the beginning. I had often published that the Orphan Asylum would not enter any partnerships, and did not wish to grind the axes of any parties, for any purpose. When consulted about the Wilson lottery, I stated that it would injure the friends of the orphans; to stop it. After all this, it seems passing strange that my opposition was "unexpected."

2. It is said that my opposition was "persistent." I put in the *Daily News* an advertisement that I had no connection, or affiliation with any lottery. In my report to the Grand Lodge, I stated why I had no sympathy with lotteries, even when managed for the benefit of the Orphan Asylum. But generally, in writing and in conversation, I have endeavored to avoid every allusion to the subject. It never would have occurred to me that this was "persistent" opposition.

3. My influence in the sale of tickets has been over estimated. The Kinston lottery was a complete failure, without any opposition on my part. The people of North Carolina are opposed to lotteries; the lottery in Wilson came nearer being a success than the managers had any reason to expect.

4. A large number of ticket holders got their money back; some drew more than they invested, and some drew blanks, as is usual in lotteries. It is true that no town lots were drawn; but powerful labor is required to draw a town lot through a lottery wheel. All the parties ought to be contented.

5. The Orphan Asylum has been very seriously injured by the Wilson lottery. Some lodges, some churches and some individuals have been, and are still, holding back their contributions with the expectation that the lottery will supply all the wants of the orphans. Our weekly reports are distressingly short.

6. The managers of the lottery first announced that forty per cent of the sales would be given to the orphans. At the drawing, they decided to reduce the amount to twenty per cent. On the same principle they might have reduced it to one thousandth of one per cent. It is, therefore, plain that the Orphan Asylum could not afford to enter a partnership with other parties who receive all the funds and divide according to the dictates of their own desires. I hope the advocates of lotteries for the benefit of the Orphan Asylum have now seen the sad effects of their great mistake, and that such schemes for raising money will never again be mentioned in connection with the orphan work.

J. H. MILLS,  
Superintendent.