

Wednesday, March 3, 1875.

Contributions to the Orphan Asylum from Feb. 23th to March 2d inclusive.

IN CASH. Paid \$102, The Children's Friend. Paid \$69.03, Ladies of Elizabeth City, by Eureka Lodge, No. 817. \$15.00, George Washington Lodge, No. 174. \$5 each, C. S. Williams, J. C. Graham, by Elder John Monroe. \$2 each, B. A. Colonne, J. A. Simpson. \$1.75 Congregation of Union church. \$1.00 each, William Nowly and Barbara's Hotel.

IN KIND. Soap, Medicine and one barrel of Irish Potatoes, T. D. Crawford & Co. Half ton of Watson & Clark's Superphosphate, Watson & Clark, by Williamson, Upchurch & Thomas.

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

Moses F. Torgue, Marcom & Alford, Miss Bessie Harlow, Mrs Rufus Barringer, W. A. Elms, Willie R. Nelson, George T. Watkins, E. J. Boster, John Nance, Ailon Nance, Henry C. Nance, Mrs. Margaret J. Beck, Miss G. E. Atkinson, G. G. Maynard, H. C. Olive, N. Holleman, L. S. Yates, Mrs. Q. J. Hudson, Misses Howard & Tillery, John W. Thompson, J. W. F. Rogers, G. W. Woodall, D. B. Holland, Jno W. Maynard, B. Y. Rogers, H. A. Roams, D. C. Roams, James Blackwell, J. M. Roams, H. H. Sims, T. C. Oakley, W. G. Phillips, G. E. Lougee, G. W. Burch, W. G. Phillips, R. T. Faucett, Alex. Walker, Wm. M. Maynor, J. M. Horndell, F. C. Geer, H. Andrews, Laura Parthing, J. L. Markham, A. J. Cheek, B. W. Matthews, Nancy Watson, Mrs. Z. I. Lyon, W. G. Clark, B. L. Duke, D. W. Whitaker, R. T. Howerton, P. T. Conrad, S. E. Watts, W. H. Hurlbert, J. W. Cheek, Tempe Cheek, Miss Geneva Hall, J. R. Day, Mary Goor, Newton Cheek, F. F. Cheek, E. Dalby, Z. F. Lyon, C. P. Howerton, J. W. Carlson, S. H. Hartway, W. J. Lyon, T. S. Christian, James White, J. T. Driver, A. E. Piggabee, Lyon & Carr, J. J. Ross, G. E. Webb, O. E. Land, Nelson Turner, Stephen Walker, E. P. Harris, J. W. Halaway, Ed. A. Dickson, Chas. Hunt, Mollie F. Allen, Augustus Long, Mrs. Sallie Barnes, M. T. Womack, J. S. Latta, Sallie J. Coleman, Samuel B. Brummitt, Miss Elizabeth Granston, A. B. Slaughter, W. O. Allen, A. S. Hall, W. B. Skinner, Wm. Newby, M. C. Daniel, Mrs. Mary L. Graves, Susan Bush, A. W. Parham, Miss Mary N. Hunter, Harvey Nichols, Mrs. E. A. Gorman, John A. Simpson.

The past week has added 102 subscribers to our list. More than half of them came by active efforts of one man, and that man's contributions had been very liberal in cash and in kind. O for a few more such friends. We send this number to some who are not subscribers, with the hope that they will use their influence to increase the circulation of the paper.

Subscribe for the Children's Friend at Oxford. Besides helping in a good cause you will get your money's worth, as the paper is chock full of choice reading matter. Price only a dollar.—Raleigh Topic.

Thank you.

The best blacking we have ever seen is that manufactured by H. A. Reams & Co. Never buy any other kind. Besides, Mr. Reams lives among us, and we know that he is a useful citizen, and always ready to help a good work. Why will you send your money to those who hate you?

A Western lawyer, noticing the present of a cup to a brother lawyer says: "He needs no cup. He can drink from any vessel that contains liquor, whether the neck of a bottle, the mouth of a pickle jar, the spilet of the keg, or the bung-hole of a barrel.

Bishop Wiley, at a recent conference, made a good point when he sent some one to the vestibule and yard to announce to the members that they might come in now, as prayers were over! The same request would seem to be in order in many of our churches. The well-to-do people who are best clad and who have easiest conveyance to the sanctuary would be greatly comforted, no doubt, if a sort of sergeant-at-arms could be employed to post them when prayers are over! Ministers would be willing to take less salary, too, if they only had the assurance that the preliminary services would not be interrupted by newcomers at inappropriate times.—Holt's Hot Recorder.

Miss Louisa A. Leete, for some months a teacher in the Orphan Asylum at Oxford, left last Saturday, expecting to join the Presbyterian Mission in Japan. She is a faithful teacher and an exemplary christian lady. We parted with her with sincere regret; but she is needed and may be more useful in the foreign field. Miss Bettie L. Graves succeeds her as teacher of the Second Form.

MEMORIALS BIRTH.

The Masonic Temple Association has commenced digging out the foundation and basement of the magnificent building to be erected in Raleigh. The Agent, Mr. James Southgate, will soon be calling on subscribers for the amount they owe. The work should be kept hot (as Virgil says) and pushed to an early completion.

Mr. James Southgate, of Hillsboro, offers for sale the Masonic Library in numbers of 48 pages at 25 cents each. Also Dr. Mitchell's History and Digest of Masonry at reasonable prices.

In 1807, Robert (Old Bob) Ridley was Tiler of Hiram Lodge, No. 24, at Williamsboro.

Rev. Dr. Leo Rosser, of Virginia, has preached a series of very able sermons at the Edenton Street Methodist Church, of Raleigh.

FOR THE ORPHANS.—The secretary of the Wilson Gift Concert has forward to the Treasurer of the Grand Lodge at Raleigh \$500 for the Oxford Orphan Asylum.—Wilson Advertiser.

But the Treasurer understood his duty, and knew that the Grand Lodge had expressly ordered that the Superintendent should receive the funds contributed to the Orphan Asylum. So this attempt to over-ride the Superintendent did not succeed.

The usury bill, passed by the Legislature, makes 6 per cent the usual interest, and allows 8 per cent by contract. It inflicts loss of principal and other penalties on those who charge more. The people of the State are very much divided in sentiment on the subject. Some say it will bring the country to ruin. Others say it will be easier to borrow. These times are so out of joint, that calculation in regard to the future are often unreliable.

We take great pleasure in announcing to the friends and patrons of the Asylum that it is now free from all contagious diseases and the Orphans are enjoying, under the blessing of the kind Providence, remarkably fine health.

The weather for several days past has been unusually stormy and we are told that the farmers are very backward in their agricultural operations. L. K. W.

For the Children's Friend.

MR. EDITOR:—In reading a child's paper about the beautiful city of Florence in Italy, I was particularly struck with a piece called "an angel in the stone," in connection with a beautiful boy that died during the war in Chapel Hill, an only child of a lovely lady whose husband was on the battlefield. The parents of this child never professed Christ, their risen Savior, until this child was given to them, and upon hearing of the sudden death of this bright boy, the first thought suggested the head of an obituary notice, "There is an angel in every house." Do you, kind readers, see the connection as I did? if

not let me show you wherein I made it.

This little child was gentle and amiable in his disposition, he displayed angelic traits of character, in his short, young life that caused all hearts to love him, and his parents looked upon him as a precious jewel God had given them to keep pure and bright for his service. To aid them in raising him rightly, they applied themselves to the study of God's word, looking upon it as a lamp to lighten the dark road they had previously pursued. His little body contained the image of an angel far more durable than the block of marble Michael Angelo, the great sculptor, found, half buried in dirt and rubbish, while walking through the streets of Florence. He had companions with him, just as you often have, they walked carelessly along and seemed astonished at his noticing a worthless piece of rock, upbraiding him for exerting himself to lift it from the mire in which it lay. This was a mere stone as many of us see every day, and perhaps had been passed by hundreds of times unnoticed; but Michael Angelo transformed it into a gem of art and gave it value for ages to come. His eye was educated and so may ours be to see in every child the possibilities of virtue and usefulness, if like him we would with patient toil "try to let the angel out" in human form, if not with a sculptor's chisel. Let us, dear friends and teachers of Oxford Orphan Asylum, encourage affection more and more for every fatherless child, be gentle and winning in our manners, and try to find traits of character to educate, that will prove more valuable to them in their day, than Angelo's famous gem of art, looking rough-hewn until his fine delicate touch brought out the angel his fancy pictured. S. A. E.

The Influence of Newspapers.

Occasionally, an individual says to us, "Times are so hard with me, I must stop my paper," or, as in some instances, "my wife thinks we can dispense with the paper now, and I must stop it." Thus it is: stop the paper the first thing as a useless expense, without thinking of the actual waste of money for many things drunk, and smoked or chewed, which can do the system no good, or rather harm.

The newspaper can or should be regarded as a benefit to every household. It imparts useful information; it furnishes subjects for thought and conversation; it adds a charm to social intercourse; it makes agreeable members of society. To be without a newspaper one might as well be out of the world; he becomes a perfect nobody; when he goes into society, hears other folks talk about current events, and discuss questions of local or general interest, he can take no part in these things because he is not posted, not having read the papers. And to the family circle what an influence the newspaper has! the children read it, and gain knowledge; it serves to occupy their leisure hours; to keep them from frivolous amusements, and gives an attraction at home. Surely, then, no wise parent would consent to go without a newspaper in his family—and a local newspaper, too. He may think he can get along without it, because he is out in the world, and can have the reading of the paper from his neighbor's shop or store, or can learn what is going on from oth-

ers. But this is rather a mean way. Men ought to be independent. They ought to read for themselves. If, however, they think they do not need the paper themselves, they may rest assured that their families do. Considerations like these should have weight, and should induce those who have had thought of stopping their newspapers not to do so, and for those who have not taken a paper to subscribe at once for one.—Exchange.

The Sultan and the Angel.

There is an Eastern story of a Sultan who overslept himself so as not to awaken at the hour of prayer. So the devil came and waked him, and told him to pray. "Who are you?" said the Sultan. "O no matter," replied the other; "my set is good, is it not? No matter who does the good action, so long as it is good." "Yes," replied the Sultan, "but I think you are Satan; I know your face. You have some bad motive." "But," said the other, "I am not so bad as I am painted. You see I have left off my horns and tail. I am a pretty good fellow, after all. I was an angel once, and I still keep some of my original goodness." "That's all very well," replied the sagacious and prudent Caliph, "but you are the tempter; that's your business, and I wish to know why you want me to get up and pray." "Well," said the devil, with a flirt of impatience, "if you must know, I will tell you. If you had slept and forgotten your prayers you would have been sorry for it afterward, and penitent; but, if you go on, as now, and do not neglect a single prayer for ten years, you will be so satisfied with yourself that it will be worse for you than if you had missed one sometimes and repented of it. God loves your fault mixed with penitence more than your virtue seasoned with pride."

Resolutions of the Grand Lodge.

Adopted Dec 3d, 1872. Resolved, 1. That St. John's College shall be made an asylum for the protection, training and education of indigent orphan children. 2. That this Grand Lodge will appropriate \$—annually for the support of the institution; but will not assume any additional pecuniary responsibility. 3. That this Grand Lodge elect a Superintendent who shall control the institution and solicit contributions for its support from all classes of our people. 4. That 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. Adopted Dec 5th 1872: Resolved, That the Superintendent of the said Orphan Asylum shall report to each Annual Communication an account of his official acts, receipts, disbursements, number of pupils, &c., together with such suggestions as he may see fit to offer.

THERE is a floating idea in the minds of most of us, that great perils and great trials work a sort of charmed change, in our lives. This is seldom else than a delusion. The lessons of life are, for the most part, slowly learned. The page is often carelessly turned and hurriedly passed by, on which our Great Father has written much that He would fain have us study.

Teaching Public School.

Eighty little melodies. Coming through the door. Pushing, crowding, making A tremendous roar. Why don't you keep quiet? Can't you mind the rule? Please me! this is pleasant, Keeping public school.

Eighty little pilgrims. On the road to fame! If they fall to reach it, Who will be to blame? High and holy stations, Birds o' every feather, On a common level. Here are brought together.

Dirty little faces, Loving little hearts, Eyes brimful of mischief, Skilled in all the arts. That's a precious darning! What are you about? "May I pass the water?" "Please may I go out?"

Books and shoes are shuffling, Slates and books are rattling, And in the corner yonder Two pugilists are battling! Others cutting dices, What a boisterous! No wonder we grow crusty From such association.

Angels parent drops in, Merely to inquire Why his olive branches Do not shoot higher? Says he wants his children To mind their p's and q's, And hopes their brilliant talents Will not be abused.

Spelling, reading, writing, Putting up the young ones. Fencing, scolding, fighting, Spurring on the dumb ones, Gymnasts, vocal music? How the heart rejoices When the singer comes To cultivate the voices.

Institute attending, Making out reports, Giving object lessons, Class drills of all sorts; Reading dissertations, Feeling like a fool— Oh, the untold blessing Of keeping public school.

Committees of Sub-ordinate Lodges, Appointed under Resolution of the Grand Lodge, to raise Contributions for the Orphan Asylum.

- America George Lodge, No. 117.—Dr. C. L. Campbell, H. C. Maddy, G. W. Spencer. Hiram, No. 40.—J. C. R. Little, T. W. Blake, A. H. Winston. Mt. Lebanon, No. 117.—James W. Lancaster, A. J. Brown, S. B. Waters. Clinton, No. 124.—Thos. White, R. Y. Yarbrough, G. S. Baker, J. G. King. Franklin, 109.—Wm. M. Thompson, F. B. Mace, B. Lowenberg. Lebanon, No. 207.—Jas. H. Brannaman, Wm. Morris, W. S. Pritch. Columbia Lodge, No. 243.—R. P. Richardson, J. N. Long, D. W. Ramsour. Farmington, 235.—L. G. Hunt, W. G. Johnston, W. F. Ferebee. Watsons, 278.—J. W. Council, J. Harding, L. L. Green.

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