

TWO GOOD MEN GONE.

During the past week, North Carolina has laid in the silent tomb two of her noblest and best men.

Dr. W. H. McKee was a gentleman of pleasant manners, tender heart and magnanimous soul. He devoted his life to the healing of diseases. His cheerful face and his kind consolations chased away the sorrows of the sick, and his services seemed to be most joyfully rendered to those who had nothing to pay.

Prof. A. S. Stephens, of Peace Institute, was a faithful and efficient teacher, and a model christian gentleman. His classes gave unmistakable proof of thorough instruction, and his deportment was full of dignity and decorum.

These men were probably taken because they were ripe for heaven and ready to go; but so far as human eyes can see, the earth was not prepared to give them up so soon.

Mr. J. H. Moore, Steward of Orphan Asylum at Oxford, is giving entertainments with eight orphans on the line of the Wilmington & Weldon Road. The object of these entertainments is to excite more interest in the Orphan work.

A Beautiful Parable.

A rich young man of Rome had been suffering from a severe illness, but at length it was cured, and recovered his health. Then he went for the first time into the garden, and felt as if he were newly born. Full of joy he praised God aloud. He turned his face up towards heaven, and said, "O Thou Almighty Giver of all blessings, if a human being could in any way repay Thee, how willingly would I give up all my wealth."

Hermas, the shepherd, listened to these words, and he said to the rich young man, "All good gifts come from above; thou canst not send anything thither. Come follow me." The youth followed the pious man, and they came to a dark hovel, where there was nothing but misery and lamentation; for the father lay sick, and the mother wept, whilst the children stood around naked and crying for bread. Then the young man was shocked at the scene of distress.

But Hermas said, "Behold here an altar for thy sacrifice! Behold here the brethren and representatives of the Lord!" The rich young man then opened his hands, and gave freely and richly to them of his wealth, and tended the sick man. Hermas said, "Ever turn thy graceful looks towards heaven, and then towards earth."—*Little Christian.*

A new Arab Protestant Church has just been dedicated in Jerusalem. The name given to it is the Church of St. Paul. It is of Romanesque architecture. The architect was an Englishman. The carpenter's work was all done in England and sent out to Palestine. On the altar there are three black marble tables with Arabic inscriptions, sent from Germany. Around the cornice of the church on a belt a foot and a half in width, the Beatitudes are written in Arabic—blue letters on a white ground. The church is outside of the wall, between the Jafa and Damascus gates. There is a low wall around it surmounted by an iron fence. The whole cost of the building is about \$20,000. This is the third Protestant church in the Holy City.

Bad Books.

It is not very long since a noted bandit was hanged by a mob in a far Western territory. While under the gallows he acknowledged that his crimes were inspired by the early reading of the *Life of Dick Turpin*, *Jack Sheppard*, *Murrell*, the Land Pirate, and other noted criminals.

This young man, whose reading made him a vile person, came from refined family, and had graduated from a leading New England college. The bad books he read so fascinated him that, as a bird charmed by a serpent, flattered into its open mouth, he was impelled to imitate the lawless deeds of his favorite heroes.

It is a short, sad story. One day an ingenious, sensitive youth secretly revels in the deeds of the "Land Pirate," and then—a brief life of crime intervenes—on another day his lifeless body swings from the limb of a tree.

"Whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap."

A father suddenly entering the room of his son, saw him hastily conceal a book.

"What is that book you are hiding?" he asked.

The boy, with a blushing face, handed it to his father. It was a vile book.

"My son, come into the library after the family have retired for the night, and we will talk about the book."

That night father and son talked as friend speaketh to friend. The character of the book was exposed, the effect of its reading upon the imagination was pointed out, and the result in life produced by an evil imagination was portrayed. The boy left the library with a vow never to read a bad book. He never did. He is an honored and useful man.—*Youth's Companion.*

There has been in operation, in Florence, Italy, for twelve years, an Asylum for the protection, care and education of the female orphans of Protestant parents. Many of these girls have been educated for teaching and are now engaged in that business. Others are trained to the use of the needle or to other domestic employments, and all qualified to sustain themselves by their own exertions. The Asylum is supported by voluntary contributions of Protestants, mostly in England and the United States, and is, we believe, under the immediate supervision of the Protestant church.

"DOMESTIC ECONOMY."—Miss Sedgwick has asserted that "the more intelligent a woman becomes, other things being equal, the more judiciously she will manage her domestic concerns." And we add that the more knowledge a woman possesses of the great principle of morals, philosophy and human happiness, the more importance she will attach to her station and to the name of a "good housekeeper." It is only those who have been superficially educated, or instructed only in showy accomplishments, who despise the ordinary duties of life as beneath their notice. Such persons have not sufficient clearness of reason to see that "Domestic Economy" includes everything which is calculated to make people love home and be happy there.

A good many years ago, a Massachusetts man was elected to the office of Lieutenant-Governor. When the fact of his election was announced he was called upon for a speech. He proceeded to acknowledge the honor in very handsome terms, and added that he had no doubt he should make a good Lieutenant-Governor, as that was the office he had always held in his own house.

CURE FOR WARTS.—Take a small ball of sweet-gum, say as large as a partridge's egg, and an equal quantity, simmer over a slow fire, and apply with the finger or a feather daily. Experience has taught me that the above is effectual. L. WARD.

CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE ORPHAN ASYLUM FROM APRIL 21st TO 27th, INCLUSIVE.

- IN CASH.
- Paid \$131.40, Musical Entertainment given by the young ladies and gentlemen of Fayetteville.
 - 50, Officers & students of Peace Institute.
 - 17.53, Collection at Ridgeway.
 - 11, Collection at Grassy Creek Church by G W Pittard of Adoniram Lodge No. 149.
 - 6.25, Collection by Dr. Summerell in Salisbury.
 - 5, Unknown Friend of Orphans.
 - 2.85, Hiram Lodge No. 40.
 - 1.73, Collected by Rev. J. Tillet.

IN KIND.

Legislature of N. C., 1 lot black calico and paper emblems, used at Gov. Caldwell's Funeral.

- Mrs. Dr. Ferabee, 3 pairs woolen stockings, 3 pairs cotton, do., 4 aprons.
- Reading Room, Wadesboro, 1 lot books and Periodicals.
- Elizabeth Pitchard, 1 bed quilt.
- A Ayldett, John Wafon, W W Sanderlin, each, 15 yards calico.
- P G Morrisett, 12 yards calico.
- Mary Ferabee, 10 yards calico.
- Melissa Bell, 74 yards calico.
- Sarah E Sawyer, 7 yards calico.
- Missouri North, 5 yards cotton cloth.
- Zilpha Lawton, 22 pr. socks—Knitting cotton.
- Mariada Ayldett, Quilt scraps.
- E M Sawyer, 2 pr. shoes.
- M A Savells, 1 pr. shoes.
- Clotilda Ayldett, 1 pr. shoes.
- A C Parham, collected 2 Barrels meal.
- H J Roberts, 1 Bu. meal.
- D A Hunt, 1 Bu. meal.
- R R Gwyn & Co., Elkin, 21 yds. Jeans.
- Miss Nancy Speers (blind) 6 prs. Stockings.
- Mrs. L A Armstrong, 2 prs. pantslets—pin-cushion.

1 Bed quilt, not labeled.

1 bushel of meal collected by G W Pittard of Adoniram Lodge No. 149.

- Collected by Walter A Thompson of Hillsboro: 1 bucket of apple butter.
- 1 jar pickles, 12 pr. shoes, 6 hamovals, 16 yards of calico, 1 book, Early Piety, 1 Lithograph, 1 Photograph, 2 milk pails, 2 wash pans.

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

- W S Moore, Miss R A Beasley, J L Clark, Peace Institute, 3 copies, Gen. E R Hampton, Miss Carrie Jennan, Howard & Peter Jones, Miss Addie Cheatham, Miss Cora Moore, Fletcher McMahon, Branch Armaworthy, Willis Johnson, J P Hannah, E N Crews, Miss Mattie Crews, Dr. P W Young.

A Close, Hard Man.

A hard close man was Solomon Ray,
Nothing of value he gave away;
He hoarded and saved;
He pinched and shaved;
And the more he had the more he craved.

The hard-earned dollars he toiled to gain
Brought him little but care and pain;
For little he spent,
And all he lent
He made it bring him twenty per cent.

Such was the life of Solomon Ray,
The years went by, and his hair grew gray,
His cheeks grew thin,
And his soul within
Grew hard as the dollars he worked to win.

But he died one day, as all men must,
For life is fleeting, and man but dust.
The heirs were gay,
That laid him away,
And that was the end of Solomon Ray.

They quarreled now, who had little cared
For Solomon Ray while his life was spared.
His lands were sold,
And his hard-earned gold
All went to the lawyers, I am told.

Yet men will cheat and pinch and save,
Nor carry their treasures beyond the grave
All their gold some day
Will melt away
Like the selfish savior of Solomon Ray.

SHARP REPLY.—A little boy, running struck his toe and fell on the pavement.—
"Never mind, my little fellow," said a bystander; "you won't feel the pain to-morrow!"—"Then," answered the little boy, "I won't cry to-morrow."

AN uncle of seven years lately went into a barber's shop and ordered one of the shaven to cut his hair as close as the shears would let him. "Did your mother order it so?"—"No," was the reply, "but school begins next week, and our ma'm pulls hair like thunder."

Dr. Guthrie says: "We have a great many things taught in our schools now—physiology, philology, etymology, geology—and what the better is a girl for it when she becomes a tradesman's wife? She cannot darn her stocking, bake her bread, boil a potato, or light a fire. When I see a servant making two or three attempts to light a fire, I am tempted to say, 'My good friend, let me try and do it for you.' I do not, remember, despise theseologies, but am for stitching, baking and boiling."

Once a careless man went to the cellar and stuck a candle in what he thought was a keg of black sand. He sat near it drinking wine until the candle burned low. Nearer and nearer it got to the black sand; nearer, nearer, until the blaze reached the black sand and as it was sand, nothing happened.

From the Proceedings of the Grand Lodge.

"The design of the orphan Asylum shall be to protect, train and educate indigent and promising orphan children, to be received between the age of six and twelve, who have no parents, nor property nor near relatives 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.

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.

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.

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, to Odd Fellows, Knights of Pythias, Good Templars, Friends of Temperance, and other benevolent societies, whose hearty cooperation 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 cooperate with us in providing funds and supplies for feedings clothing, and educating indigent and promising orphan children at the Asylum in Oxford.

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

- American George Lodge, No 21—Dr C L Campbell, H. C. Madry G. W. Spencer
- Hiram, No. 40.—J. C. R. Little, T. W. Blake, A. H. Winston.
- Canaan 18, W. G. Lewis, John W. Cottler Joseph P. Suggs.
- Scotland Neck, 68, A. P. Hill, W. F. White more, G. L. Hyman.
- Eagle, 71—James R Gattis, Charles C Taylor, Isaac R Strayhorn.
- Orr, 104—J F Randolph, T J Carnatt, Richard Geanger.
- St. Albans Lodge, No. 114—Ed. McQueen, H. T. Pitman and Neill Townsend.
- Mt. Lebanon, No. 117.—James W Lancaster, A. J. Brown, S. B. Waters.
- Tuscarora, 122, M B Jones, W S Grandy, W R Turner.
- Clinton, No. 124.—Thos. White, R Y Yarbo, G. S. Baker, J. G. King.
- Franklin, 100.—Wm. M. Thompson, F B Mace, B Lovenberg.
- Mt. Energy, 140—J B Floyd, H Haley, W E Bullock.
- Roseville, 156, C H Horton, I H Scarborough, A R Young.
- Buffalo Lodge, 172.—A. A. McIver, A A Harrington, B. G. Cole, A. M. Wicker and R. M. Brown.
- Mt. Olive, 203—Jesse T Albritton, Joel Loftin, D M M Justice.
- Berea, 204—W H Reams, F M Meadows, R W Hobgood, E C Allen, A Sherman.
- Lebanon, No. 207.—Jno. H. Sumnersett, Wm. Merritt, W. S. Frink.
- McCurrick, 228, A Dalrymple's Nathan Duggan, W O Thomas.
- Lenoir, 233, Beula S Grady, John S Bizzell, S B Palkor, John H Aldridge, Jacob P Harper.
- Rountree, 243.—Allen Johnston, Samuel Quincey, Wm D Tucker, W T Moseley, F M Pittman, Henry F Brooks.
- Newbern, 245, J E West, T Powers, E Hubbs.
- Catawba Lodge, No. 248.—R. P. Rienhardt, J. N. Long, D. W. Rainsor.
- Farmington, 265.—L. G. Hunt, W G Johnston, W. P. Farchos.
- Watauga, 273.—J. W. Council, J. Harding, L. L. Green.
- New Lebanon 314, Samuel Williams, John Jacobs, W M Spence.
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