

ASYLUM NOTES.

Miss Bertha Hicks left on Wednesday to spend Easter in Winston Salem.

The farm activities are somewhat strenuous at this time.

The appearance of the grounds of the Oxford Orphan Asylum in the spring and summer is of surpassing beauty.

Dr. Dunaway impressively talked on Sunday last upon the theme, "Individual Responsibility." His text was: "To every man his work."

A little girl, who had an ordinary case of measles, but declared she was "mighty bad off," is also beginning to feel and act "natural" again.

The base balls received from friends at Christmas and at other times have this week been distributed to the several boys' cottages. The ball season is on.

The second hand diagonal planer for our shop has come and Manager Steed considers it in good condition and hopes to make it of great service in the shop.

Turnip salad is growing and growing fast and the demand for it here at our institution is strong. We have it often and could hardly have too much of it in the spring time.

The fancy naturally turns to turnip salad.

Our epidemic of measles seems to be that of the past. During the last two weeks no new case has developed. The sixty children who contract the disease are improving. We are grateful that this far no death has occurred as a result of the epidemic.

Miss Emma White, who has been sick for several weeks, had, on Thursday, the 21st, made improvement enough to accompany her sister, Mrs. Carr, to Durham. We learn that Miss White stood the trip well and we hope for her early recovery to health.

Lillian Barnes, one of our girls at Oxford Seminary is the fortunate possessor of a Golden Report for the quarter which closed a week or more ago. To be counted worthy of this honor it is necessary to read an average of 95 in scholarship and 100 in deportment. We think this an achievement of which anyone might justly be proud.

As we have announced through circular letters to the points in the East which have invited our Singing Class, the sickness in our institution will necessitate a postponement of the eastern tour which, we hoped to start between the first and tenth of April. While we shall be careful not to begin the Singing Class tour until it appears to be entirely safe to do so, we do not believe the delay will be longer than two or three weeks.

Prof. J. Henry Highsmith, of the Baptist University for Women, was a visitor at the Orphanage on Sunday. His singing at the afternoon service and at the meeting at night was greatly enjoyed. In song, he gave the great gospel message. Brother Highsmith's talk at the evening meeting on "The Game of Life" contained important lessons well presented. Whenever he will come again, the Orphanage community will again receive and hear him gladly.

As was stated last week, Tommie Latham, who several years ago had an operation performed which improved wonderfully a crippled foot, has been sent to Norfolk again for a further operation. Dr. R. L. Payne of Norfolk, performed the successful operation before and did it without charge. Saint Vincent Hospital cared for the boy, charging comparatively little for the service, and Tommie's uncle kindly met the expense. Again the Hospital is liberal. Dr. Payne will do the work gratis and the uncle comes to the assistance of the child. Tommie is a promising boy. We hope, before long, that foot will be nearly a normal one.

Along with marbles, kites a d base ball, spring brings to boyish hearts, both old and young, the call of the fishin' pole, the cool stream s bank the deep delight of "getting a bite." For some days the call has been heard among us but those prudent folk, the teachers, decreed that all we'd catch would be a cold, and therefore we must wait. Saturday, however was so warm as to call both fish and boys to the meeting. And so, a fishin' some of us did go, and they were successful too, returning with "quite a few fish" and all the honor of making the first catch of the sea son.

Some days ago the teacher was making a list of the boys in her cottage who had had the measles. One bright-eyed boy said "Yes I's had to measles." I's had to measles and to peacocks too." In spite of his confidence it wasn't many days before symptoms of that very disease began to develop, and he was feeling ill accordingly. When asked what the matter was, for a day or two he would invariably reply "I's tachine to measles." Finally, one morning, it was evident that his case had fully developed. The teacher asked him once again what the matter was and a pitiful little voice replied, "I's taught to measles." No less quiet was the unflinching reply of the wee bairnie who though never very sick was evidently far from comfortable, when asked how she was she would say with a sigh: "I's des about to die."

Masonic Department

THE NE'ER DO WELLS.

He was gentle and kind; he would plan half the day for an unlooked-for act that would please you some way; He would sit up all night with a friend who was ill, And to do you a favor would work with a will— But he never amounted to much.

There was something about him that got to your heart; It was plain that he never was playing a part, But that all that he did he was doing for you And that he was a friend who was lasting and true— But he never amounted to much.

All the boys he grew up with went rising to fame; There were some who made money, and all made a name; Art and music and letters, the law or finance, Every one of the rest made the most of his chance— But he never amounted to much.

Why, there wasn't a child but would come to his arms, For in jokes and stories he knew all the charms; Yes, and even the dogs in the street used to leap At his hand with a bark that was laughingly deep— But he never amounted to much.

And nobody could tell why he had such a hold On the rich and the poor, and the young and the old; He was always on hand for some kind little deed, He instinctively knew when a friend was in need— But he never amounted to much.

They have folded his hands, they have laid him to rest— And the church couldn't hold all the friends he possessed; And fair memories mingled their smiles with the tears Of the ones who recalled the good deeds of his years— But he never amounted to much.

—W. D. Nesbit in Chicago Tribune.

THE TEMPLE.

Work has been commenced and the Masonic Temple will be erected without further delay.

It will doubtless be gratifying news to every Mason in North Carolina to learn that the work of building the Masonic Temple has at last commenced. The old buildings on the site where the Temple is to be erected are now being torn away, and the work of commencing the Temple will be started in earnest next month.

The Temple Committee is to be congratulated on the wisdom which they have displayed in not starting this work before they were ready to push it to completion. They have been criticized to some extent, by the brethren through out the State on account of the long delay in building the Temple, but they have pursued the right course. They were waiting in order to get their financial affairs in good shape before any start was made. They did not want to make the mistake of commencing the work and then be compelled before its completion to stop work on account of lack of finances. They have paid \$36,000 in cash for the site on which the Temple is to be built, and they now have a good amount in cash on hand to start the work.

The Lodges in the State and the individual Masons have donated and subscribed for bonds amounting to about \$60,000, and the Grand Lodge has subscribed \$25,000. A good part of these amounts has been paid. The Committee will now urge upon every Lodge and every Mason in the State to pay up their donations and subscriptions as far as they can conveniently do so. It is necessary that these payments should be made as promptly as possible in order that the Committee may have no trouble in handling the financial end of the proposition. First mortgage bonds to the amount of \$50,000 will be issued in order to complete the Temple.

This is one of the largest enterprises ever undertaken by the Masons of North Carolina. Already the splendid move has attracted many business men in the State to our order. It is a practical demonstration of the force and strength and power of Masonry in North Carolina. The income from the Temple, which is estimated to be about \$10,000 a year, will be used to establish and maintain a Home for aged and indigent Masons. Every individual Ma-

son in North Carolina should feel a personal interest in this building, and it is expected that every Mason in the State will give something within the next twelve months toward this building. It is our building, and we must all take a personal pride in it and assist in its erection.

Queries and Answers. Does the objection to the advancement of a candidate for degrees remain valid, and binding upon the lodge after the objector (there being only one) has been suspended from the rights and privileges of Masonry? OPINION.

It has been frequently decided by Masonic authorities, that the removal from the Lodge by death or expulsion of the objector removes the objection so far as he is individually concerned and the candidate is at liberty to proceed. The same principle holds good and applies in case of "suspension." A suspended Mason is no longer affiliated with the Lodge, and his name is accordingly dropped from the roll of members. His dues cease while he is under suspension. He has nothing whatever to do with the business of the Lodge, and consequently his objection to any work the lodge may have in hand has lost its force and effect. On other grounds—any one who thinks so little of Masonry as to refuse to pay his dues, or so lightly as to commit any offense against its regulations requiring his suspension by the Lodge certainly ought not to have the power and privilege of objecting to candidate taking Masonic degrees, or influencing in any manner the work of the Lodge.

If he wishes to exercise his prerogative of preserving the purity and good fellowship of the Order by interposing his objections to candidates, he must keep in good standing himself. The fact that he has been suspended is not a good endorsement of his judgment as a Masonic censor.

CONCLUSION.

An objection to the advancement of a candidate is removed by the dismissal, expulsion or suspension of the objector, from the Lodge.

Evasions of the Law.

We have had some little experience in the line of questions on Masonic law and usage and we can safely say that a majority of them are based on the idea that there is some way of evading fixed laws, and we have often been asked to point out that way. In reply to many such we can say that no Grand Officer in North Carolina (even if disposed to do so—and they are not) is authorized to set aside a law of the Grand Lodge or of a Subordinate Lodge even, when such law has been approved by the Grand Lodge, and it is therefore perfectly useless to write to anybody an inquiry whether certain things can be done which are positively prohibited, for the universal answer of every good Mason must be, that "the law must be obeyed." Masonry does not permit the doing of things by indirection that are positively forbidden by universal law. It detests the tricks of the demagogue and the short cuts of the slyster.

Where President McKinley was Made a Mason.

RALEIGH, N. C., March 19, 1907. TO THE ORPHANS' FRIEND: Among the visitors at Hiram Lodge No. 40, last night was one from Winchester Hiram Lodge No. 21 of Virginia. This is the Lodge in which the late President William McKinley, was made a Mason when a very young man.

It may be of interest to the readers of your paper, to hear the story of McKinley's being made a Mason, particularly those unfamiliar with it, and I therefore copy it from Foreign Correspondence, Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of North Carolina, for 1902, page 115, under the caption Ohio. "William McKinley's entrance into the Order was an incident of the war between the States. It came near the close of the memorable strife, while he was still an officer in the Federal Army with the rank of Major.

"The young officer from Ohio was stationed at Winchester, Va., where was located a hospital for wounded Confederate prisoners. In making the rounds one afternoon with the regimental surgeon, Major McKinley noticed that the surgeon was on very friendly terms with several of the Southerners. The interest of the future President was aroused, and when the opportunity presented itself he asked the reason for this rather unusual cordiality. The surgeon told him that the wounded Confederates were Brother Masons and that it was not only a duty but a pleasure to add something to the few pleasures of prison life. The Major met this information with the wish to become a member of a Fraternity on which neither prison bars nor rank had the slightest effect.

During the war the lines of jurisdiction were often forgotten. Military Lodges and Special Conventions of Masons, called together in a manner which would be regarded in these days as irregular and clandestine, were often held. In Winchester there was a regular Lodge of Masons, officered by Confederate soldiers or citizens on parole. The desire of young McKinley was made known to the officers of Hiram Lodge No. 21, of Winchester, his peti-

tion was presented and he was elected upon the night of May 1, 1865, he presented himself for initiation. J. B. T. Reed, a Confederate chaplain was Master of the Lodge, and conferred the degree of Entered Apprentice upon the candidate. On the following morning he was instructed in the work, and on the evening of the same day the degree of Fellow Craft was given. There was more instruction on the day following, and on the afternoon of May 3rd, at three o'clock, he received the Master Mason Degree. Soon after this the war came to an end, and the Ohio regiment (23rd Infantry Volunteers), was ordered home. Major McKinley took his dimitt from the Winchester Lodge, and affiliated with Canton Lodge No. 60 of Canton, Ohio. When Eagle Lodge, No. 431 was organized at Canton, Brother McKinley became one of its charter members and continued his membership therein until his death. His interest in Freemasonry was marked, and never flagged or failed."

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RESOLUTIONS OF RESPECT.

WHEREAS, By the dispensation of an all wise God, who doeth all things well we have been deprived, by death, of our much loved and highly esteemed brother, William W. Fimple, on the 1st day of March, A. D. 1907, at his residence in Warren County, N. C., therefore be it resolved,

1st, That, looking to Him, the great I AM, as the radiant Light of our Order, and knowing that He dispenseth all things for our good, we can but exclaim, with the deepest sorrow for the loss of our brother, Thy will, O God! be done.

2nd, That by the death of our brother, the institution of Masonry has lost one of its most zealous members, one who was most eminently emulated by that noble virtue, who best can work as an best agent, entwined by the sacred band of friendship, morality and brotherly love; the community one of its most valued citizens, and his surviving wife and children a devoted husband and most affectionate father.

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SUTTLEMYRE.

WHEREAS, God, the Great Architect of the Universe and a kind loving Father, hath called our beloved brother and fellow-laborer, H. S. Suttlemyre, the oldest and one of the charter members of this Lodge, from the toils of this probationary state into the temple not made with hands, eternal in the heavens, therefore be it

Resolved, That we bear record to the exalted character of our brother, his honesty of purpose and his purity of life.

Resolved, That in his death this Lodge has lost its oldest and one of the most faithful of its members. Masonry one of its noblest defenders and truest exponents, the community a valued citizen, the church of God a consecrated and faithful member, and the home a tender and affectionate husband.

Resolved, That we cherish his memory and emulate his virtues.

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W. E. RAMSEY, J. L. MURPHY, P. A. CLINARD, Com.

LUCAS.

WHEREAS, It hath pleased the Supreme Architect of the Universe to remove from our midst our Brother L. N. Lucas, therefore be it resolved,

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2nd, That we extend to the bereaved family our heartfelt sympathy, and commend them to our Heavenly Father who alone consoles our saddest woes.

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A Masonic Anachronism.

The use of a bell in the ceremonies of the Third Degree to denote the hour, is manifestly an anachronism, says Mackey, for bells were not invented until the fifth century. But Freemasons are not the only people who have imagined the existence of bells at the building of the Temple. Henry Stephen tells us of a monk who boasted that when he was at Jerusalem he obtained a vial which contained some of the sounds of King Solomon's bells. The blunders of the ritualist and the pious fraud of a relic-monger have equal claim to authenticity. The Masonic anachronism is, however, not worth consideration, because it is simply intended for a notation of time—a method of expressing intelligibly the hour at which a supposed event occurred.—Masonic Standard.

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