

THE X.—We adopt the usual custom of notifying subscribers of the expiration of their subscription...

We hope none will be offended at having the paper stopped when they fail to pay up...

TO BUSINESS MEN.—We will again mention the fact that, for many sorts of business...

STRAW.—Some time ago we asked for information in regard to any one who had good, clean straw...

CHANGE OF DAY.—Without mentioning it at the time, we changed the day of publishing the ORPHANS' FRIEND from Wednesday to Monday...

HEALTH OF THE ORPHANS.—For so large a number of children, we have been remarkably exempt from cases of serious illness...

THE GRAND SENIOR WARDEN.—We had a visit last week from Grand Senior Warden, Samuel C. Shelton, Esq., of Asheville...

THE DISTRICT CONFERENCE.—The Conference of the Raleigh District of the M. E. Church, South, convened in Oxford on Thursday last...

On Friday afternoon the Conference, on invitation, visited the Orphan Asylum...

aroused in behalf of our little ones, as a very important part of that class it is their work to go out into the highways and hedges to seek and lead to the Savior.

ANOTHER CONCERT.—The little girls of Oxford repeated the Concert for the benefit of the Orphan Asylum, on Tuesday evening last...

CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE ORPHAN ASYLUM FROM JULY 17th TO JULY 25th INCLUSIVE.

- IN CASH. Paid \$82.50, Collection at Newbern. " 78.28, Collection at Beaufort. " 60.50, Orphans' Friend. " 58.80, Concert by the pupils of Mrs. Rimple's Music-School, Salisbury. " 49.25, Collection at Kinston. " 40.95, Collection at the Asylum. " 25.00, each, Clinton Lodge No 107 and W T Faircloth, Esq. " 23.27, Collection at Goldsboro. " 22.00, Baptist Church, Goldsboro. " 18.50, Second Concert Little Girls of Oxford. " 14.50, Strawberry festival, Beaufort. " 13.12, Collection at Lenoir. " 11.00, Collection at Maj Bingham's Lecture, Clinton. " 10.10, Collection at Clayton. " 10.00 each Delco Lodge 171 and a friend in Kinston. " 7.00 S S Mission Society Bethel Church, Hertford. " 6.00 James Tucker, Kinston. " 5.39, Carolina Lodge No 141. " 5.00 each Langley Taylor, Clayton Lodge No 68 1 O O F, James Fuller, S S Society Mt Vernon Church, Wake; O H Perry Miss Rosa P Kiddle. Paid 3 60 Cedar Park Lodge No 342. Paid 3 00 Rev M L Winston. Paid 2 75 Bethlehem Church Coleraine. Paid 2 50 Hillsboro Baptist Sunday School. Paid 2 00 each Troy Bacon W T Walters Mrs W O Allen. Paid 1 30 St Johns Lodge No 96 Kinston. Paid 1 10 each, Lollie Fuller J M Brewer Dr H W Montague Capt Page. Paid 50 cts each G W Crocker, Cash, W O Allen. Paid 25 cts each Calvin Pool Thos Johns. Paid 13 cts R Gower. Paid 10 cts each Troy Pool Henry Pool.

- IN KIND. J C Ellington Belt calico. Mrs Parker Goldsboro package calico. D J Ezell package calico. Mrs B W Stark 5 children's dresses. Ladies of Catawba Co a box containing 3 aprons, 6 bonnets 3 box buttons 3 coats 3 collars 11 dresses 2 prs pants 7 prs socks and stockings 1 sheet 2 prs pillow cases 2 towels 35 spoons and 2 banks thread, 15 undergarments 1 quiro paper, 1 doz hooks & eyes 7 yds sheeting lot knitting pins 1 pr suspenders 1 Belt 2 hats. G W Lewis Tarboro 1 Mt flour Mrs Dr Paschall quarter mutton Dr Wm Copland half bb1 herrings Henderson Pic-nic box bread cakes and crackers. Marchison & Edwards 2 doz prs socks W H Hardie package cloth W T Best 2 girls hats Mrs I Ettinger 6 girls hats A friend in Kinston 1 hat Mrs Harvey Kinston lot clothing J G Hargett 1 pr shoes Unknown persons in Kinston 2 packages of goods.

- AT MARS HILL.—CASH. Paid 42 60 Collected by Gen Vance at Hendersonville Dist Conf M E Church South. Paid 5 00 John A Carter. Paid 2 00 J P Hazley. Paid 1 00 Vance Lodge No 293. AT MARS HILL.—IN KIND. A M Alexander F cow & calf Capt M E Carter 1 cow & calf E L Brown 1 Bbl fish S P Carter sugar shoes brooms J D Barnard 1 sack flour 6 lb coffee Robert Weaver sack salt D V Smith 1 bag flour A L Logan coffee and other articles Henry C Fagg 8 lb coffee Rev J W Sams 2 Bu wheat Dr J Harris lot of tinware John Ponder 64 lbs bacon.

The following persons have paid for THE ORPHANS' FRIEND for one year from this date: Roger D Atkinson, Fairview Lodge 339, Fanny A Fleetwood, T L Buchan, B C Cates, B B Williams, Robt S Jordan, Robt S Pratt, Edward Johnston, Mattie J Fleetwood, Mary E Sutton, Martha E Farmer, Mrs A E Hughes, Donna Shannonhouse, Alex Duff, John Elliott, A J Sutton, J C Cullipier,

Louis M Neal, Monroe Olive, M Minus A Walker S B Cobb Mrs Alfred Underwood, J B Worsham Lawrence & Winston R B Andrews W H Morris Miss Bettie Burke Haywood Hon W W Hoiden Ed Pasnack W H Hicks S D Wait S W Waring Prof A Bauman J A Jones Hon Wm H Battle Fahion H Foyce Miss Julia Cain Miss Carrie Balingier T J Copeland N S Harrell Levi Hogard Miles Mitchell H L Thomas A J Godwin Dr R P Thomas J J Haggard Jos Mizell L J Haughton H L Morris B S Grady J L Watkins T A Harvey Mrs Mary A Belcher Miss Fanny Eaton L Magrader Manning John Baker. For six months H L Whitehurst.

Noble North Carolinians. NATHANIEL MACON AND WELDON N. EDWARDS:

A correspondent of the Raleigh News, speaking of the late residence of Hon. Weldon N. Edwards in Warren county, says:

This is a delightful country residence. Hon. Weldon Edwards owned and lived at this retreat for a number of years. When he died he left his immense estate to Mr. Marmaduke Hawkins. Mr. Edwards wrote a short sketch of the life of Hon. Nathaniel Macon. It was my pleasure to obtain and read a copy of this highly interesting pamphlet for the first time to-day. Every youth in our country would do well to read it. Nathaniel Macon was regarded by John Randolph only second for distinguished abilities as a statesman to Gen. Washington. Warren county has furnished a number of distinguished men, but Macon, perhaps, stands at the head of the list, although a heap of stones is the only thing that marks his last resting place. He gave directions to Mr. Edwards that they should be placed on his grave. Mr. Edwards was his intimate friend.

Not very far from this place the daughter of General R. E. Lee died during the late war. A beautiful monument marks the resting place of this beautiful daughter of the hero who now sleeps near Jackson, at Lexington, Va.

A Large Bridge.

When the Suspension Bridge at Niagara Falls was built it was hailed as one of the greatest feats of modern engineering skill. Now it is considered as only a moderate illustration, and will be far inferior to the one that is to join New York and Brooklyn. But a bridge which will be bigger than even that one, and the largest in the world, is to be constructed over the Firth of Forth, Scotland. The height will be 150 feet, and the number of spans 100. The great span in the centre is to be 1500 feet, or nearly one-third of a mile in width, and the smaller spans 150. It will cost about \$10,000,000.

A Weasel's Stratagem.

The ingenuity with which some animals entrap their enemies seems more like reason than what we consider instinct, though what instinct really is, philosophers are undecided. The following story is well authenticated. A grist-mill was infested with large rats, until a weasel came there and destroyed nearly all of them. There was, however, one large rat which he could not conquer. They had several pitched battles, in which the rat whipped the weasel, until whenever the rat appeared, the weasel would seek safety in flight. They were watched for several days, when the weasel was observed to be digging a hole in the earth under a pile of lumber. After he had completed it, he approached the mill, and the rat came after him as usual. He made some show of fight until he had got the rat into his hole. The rat

followed, when the weasel was seen to come out at the other end of the hole, and run in at the entrance after the rat. Subsequent examination proved that the weasel had made the hole large for the rat to enter, but had contracted the other end so that he could not get out. Having thus trapped his antagonist, the weasel took him in the rear and easily conquered him.

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 each at 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.

4. All churches and benevolent organizations are requested to cooperate with us in the orphan work and to collect and forward contributions through their own proper officers. Here are the resolutions:

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 feed-

ing clothing, and educating indigent and promising orphan children; at the Asylum in Oxford.

Form of Application for admission to the Orphan Asylum.

N. C. 1875:

This is to certify that S. B. is an orphan, sound in body and mind, and without estate. His father died in 1871, his mother died in 1871, being her. hereby make application for his admission into the Orphan House at Oxford or Mars Hill, and I also relinquish and convey, to the officers thereof, the management and control of the said orphan for years, in order that he may be trained and educated according to the regulations prescribed by the Grand Lodge of North Carolina. Approved by W. M. of Lodge, No. And by.

RALEIGH FEMALE SEMINARY, RALEIGH, N. C. The Fall Term will open September, 6th, 1875.

Board per month, \$15.00 English tuition, per month, \$4.00 The following testimonials from the President of Wake Forest College and the Pastor of the Raleigh Baptist Church will show the estimation in which this school is held. In the most beautiful part of this city, in the choicest spot of this most charming portion, is our Baptist Female Seminary. I am glad to see that some of our brethren, in their recent visit to Raleigh are telling some of the good things that occur to their minds about it. The wonder is that more has not been said. It is on high ground, with good water, good air, and delightful surroundings. It has good buildings, with airy and spacious rooms for dormitories and recitation, and with large, tastefully arranged front grounds for walks and amusements. It has a cabinet of minerals, an excellent apparatus, new and large pianos, and the beginning of a gymnasium for health giving exercises. And Prof. Hoggood, the Principal, is hale, vigorous and energetic, with an able body of teachers and professors. With its good management, its table rare, and the attention given to the comforts of the pupils, I can see nothing to hinder the largest success, and a constantly widening influence upon the daughters of our State. I am intimately acquainted with the Faculty of the Raleigh Female Seminary, and take pleasure in expressing my high appreciation of the excellence of the instruction they are accustomed to impart. Indeed I am persuaded that in accuracy and careful painstaking faithfulness their work possesses unusual merit, and do most heartily commend this institution to the patronage of all who wish their daughters thoroughly educated.

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