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MAGNOLIA, N. C.,
April 29th, 1876.

MR. MILLS—Dear Sir:—Three little boys of this place, Jimmie Scott, Louis Merriman, and Vickie Scott, aged respectively 8, 6 and 2 years, gave last week, for the benefit of the Oxford Orphans, a comic burlesque on the strolling Gypsy Musicians. They raised one dollar and twenty cents from the good people of this place, and beg you to accept it for the orphans, regretting that it is not more.

Very Respectfully,
MRS. WALTER SCOTT.

An Earnest Life.

Earnestness does not always move with a clatter. There are other things in this world which are quite as pleasant and edifying as the rub-a-dub-dub of a snare drum. In fact this kind of melody is not generally the highest style of music. Have you never known a man bustling and officious, clamorous and loud, but who did not weigh heavy after all—a thing very well understood by every one except just the man who might have profited by that piece of information? And have you never known a man, quiet and unostentatious and faithful, and who was a perpetual blessing, a golden man, deep-souled and true, whose memory lingered long after he was gone, like light upon the hills after a gorgeous sunset?

The shallow stream rattles along its course; but when it is met and drowned by the majestic tides rolling in from the seas, there is silence on the hills. In the great tide there is the power of more than a hundred rivulets, yet its coming is almost as quiet as the celestial forces than bring it. The tide flows down, and shallow grows the stream, and again the empty clattering goes on. And this is what we wish to say, that things most potent, although demonstrative, as indeed they must be from their effects, are not necessarily noisy. A strong and earnest life need not make what people are in the habit of calling "a fuss." It is better to be known by the lead that strikes, than by the bang of the gun that sends it.—Selected.

A lady visited New York city, and saw on the sidewalk a ragged, cold, and hungry little girl, gazing wistfully at some of the cakes in a shop window. She stopped, and taking the little one by the hand, led her into the store. Though she was aware that bread might be better for the cold child than cake, yet, desiring to gratify the shivering and forlorn one, she bought and gave her the cakes she wanted. She then took her to another place, where she procured a shawl and other articles of comfort. The grateful little creature looked the lady full in the face, and, with an artless simplicity said, "Are you God's wife?"

HOW TO MAKE AN EOLIAN HARP.

Of very thin cedar, pine or soft wood, make a box five or six inches deep, seven or eight inches wide, and of a length just equal to the width of the window in which it is to be placed. Across the top, near each end, glue a strip of wood half an inch high and a quarter of an inch thick, for the bridges. Into the ends of the box insert wooden pins like those of a violin, to wind the strings around—two pins in each end. Make a round hole in the middle of the top, and string the box with small catgut or blue first fiddle-strings. Fastening one end of each string to a metallic pin in one end of the box, and carrying it over the bridges, wind it round the turning-pin in the opposite end of the box. The ends of the box should be increased in thickness where the wooden pins enter by a piece of wood glued upon the inside. Tune the strings in unison, and place the box in the window. It is better to have four strings, as described; but a harp with a single string produces exceedingly sweet notes, which vary with the force of the wind.

POWER OF SHORT WORDS.

The late Professor Addison Alexander, D. D., is the author of the following remarkable composition, which appeared originally in *The Princeton Magazine*:

Monosyllables.
Think not that the strength lies in the big round word,
Or that the brief and plain must needs be weak.
To whom can this be true who once has heard
The cry for help, the tongue that all men speak,
When want or woe, or fear is in the throat,
So that each word gasped out is like a shriek
Pressed from the sore heart, or a strange wild note
Sung by some fay or fiend? There is a strength
Which dies if stretched too far or spun too fine,
Which has more height than breadth, more depth than length.
Let but this force of thought and speech be mine,
And he that will may take the sleek, fat phrase,
Which glows and burns not, though it gleam and shine—
Light, but not heat—a flash, but not a blaze!
Nor is it mere strength that the short word boasts,
It serves of more than fight or storm to tell,
The roar of waves that clash on rock-bound coasts,
The crash of tall trees when the wild winds swell,
The roar of guns, the groans of men that die
On blood-stained fields. It has a voice as well
For them that far off on their sick-beds lie;
For them that weep, for them that mourn the dead;
For them that laugh and dance and clap the hand;
To joy's quick step, as well as grief's slow tread;
The sweet plain words we learnt at first keep time;
And though the theme be sad, or gay, or grand,
With each, with all, these may be made to chime,
In thought or speech, or song, in prose or rhyme.

Contributions to Oxford Orphan Asylum to May 16, not before acknowledged.

- IN CASH.
Paid \$54.40, Collection at Louisburg.
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10 cts each, John Gales and Jas. M C Hyman.

IN KIND.

- R N Wynne, 4 hats.
L C Dunn, 3 bu corn.
C M Walters, 1 bar flour.
Dickson & Purefoy, 1 bar flour.
Mrs Dora Dunn, 1 pr blankets.
Rev. Dr. Wingate, 1 bolt calico.
Mrs Emma Lewis, 1 bundle clothing.
Minnie & Lena Allen, 36 yds dress goods.
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Everett & Bro., hats and shoes.
Willis Crofton, 10 yds calico.
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Contributions to the Asheville Orphan Asylum for two weeks, ending May 9th, 1876.

- IN CASH.
Paid \$52.75, Collection in Asheville, May 9th.
" 7.97, " " " 1st.
" 5.45, " " at Shufordsville.
" 5.00, Mrs. E N Grant.
" 4.40, Contribution box Baptist Ch., Asheville.
" 3.70, Dunns Rock Lodge, No. 267.
" 3.21, Collection at Mills River.
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" 2.25, Collection at Fairview.
" 1.00, Mr Blake, of Wilmington.
" 50 cents, Mrs G M Roberts.
" 40 " Contribution box, M. E. Church, Asheville.
IN KIND.
Mrs Nancy Harrison, 1½ yds pant goods.
I A Warlick, 2 hams.
Mrs I A Warlick, 10 yds calico.
Lady friend, lot knitting yarn.
Mrs J C Allen, 1 pair socks.
Misses Allen, 2 prs stockings.
Samuel C Shelton, 1 horse, valued at \$75.
Dr Jones, of Fairview, 50 lbs flour.
Mrs S V Morrison, 1 pr socks.
Rev E E Hoss, 1 shoulder bacon.
M P Penland, 1 bag flour.
Mrs Maggie Anderson, 1 pr woolen stockings
Lawrence Pulliam, 14 lbs bacon.
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W T Justice & Son, 1 wheelbarrow.

The following persons have paid for THE ORPHANS' FRIEND for one year:

- A A Nicholls, S Wilkens, M W Hyman, T Sills, Willoughby Robinson, W R Cherry, William Melson, Samuel P Taylor, William L Meekins, Franklin F Meekins, Cortland Blivin, John E Goodwin, Thomas P Reed, Edgar Dough, Stewyan Cudworth, Miss Sallie E Watts, Dr. J C Jacobs, W E Womble, W C Liverman, J H Poel, Edward Pearce, Mrs T S Piemont, J H Cox.
For six months, Miss Sallie V Pelt and Harrellsville Bap. S S two copies.

THE LEGISLATURE AND THE ORPHANS.

Correspondents so often ask what the Legislature has done for the orphans, that we find it necessary to keep a standing answer to the inquiry. The Constitution of North Carolina says:

"There shall also, as soon as practicable, be measures devised by the State for the establishment of one or more Orphan Houses, where destitute orphans may be cared for, educated and taught some business or trade."

Every member of the Legislature, before taking his seat, solemnly swears "that he will support the Constitution and laws of the United States, and the Constitution of the State of North Caro-

lina, and will faithfully discharge his duty as a member of the Senate or House of Representatives."

Both political parties have been in power since the present Constitution was adopted, and the only appropriation made to the orphan work was the gift of the crape used at the funeral of Governor Caldwell. 10-1f.

Resolutions of the Grand Lodge.

Adopted Dec 3d, 1875.

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 at 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.

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

ADVERTISEMENTS.

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JOHN DIVINE,
General Superintendent.

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E. G. GHIO,
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Leaves Weldon. 10.00 a. m.
Arrives at Raleigh. 3.30 p. m.
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Leaves Weldon. 5.15 a. m.
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JNO. C. WINDER, Gen. Sup't.

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