

## The Orphans' Friend.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY -- 3, 1883.

### THE SUSTAINING PILLARS.

The great moral temple of Freemasonry is supported by Wisdom, Strength and Beauty. Its foundation was laid in wisdom, and its strength and beauty are derived from the moral lessons which it teaches. It was suited to the times in which it was founded, and its wisdom is displayed in the fact that it has been suited to the times through which it has subsequently passed. Within its sacred precincts no lesson is taught which is inconsistent with the precepts of the Volume of Inspiration; no doctrine is inculcated which is at variance with good government, or submission to the laws; no duty or service is required which may not be performed. When a proper disposition is united with a determination of purpose to carry out the principles of the Order, its beauties will be displayed in adorning the characters of its professors.

### AN 1883 RESOLUTION.

At the beginning of each new year, people are wont to form new resolutions, as they turn over a page in the book of life; but man is weak, and unless the help of God is asked, these resolutions will be lost. Below we publish a letter, written by a young man we know well, to a minister of the Gospel of this place, asking his special prayer, that he may be enabled to carry out a new-year resolution. We congratulate the young man on the course he has taken, and, with Divine assistance, sincerely trust he may be faithful to the end, and become an honor to his parents and society.

OXFORD, Dec., 28th, 1882.

DEAR SIR:—I have great confidence in you as a Christian gentleman and a minister of the Gospel, and that is why I address this to you. I want to ask your sincere and earnest prayers in my behalf. I am overtaken in a fault. I have been in the habit of drinking too much strong-drink at times, and I do feel so badly over it afterwards, and then, when under the influence of the same I do and say things which under no other circumstances I would think of doing. I have made up my mind to begin with the approaching new year ('83) and abstain from the use of the accursed stuff altogether, "but Flesh is so weak." I fear lest I fail. I address this to you to ask you as a man of God in whom I have much confidence to always remember me earnestly in special prayer to God, and ask him to give me strength and strong inclination to resist the temptation and save me from a drunkard's grave.

Also please ask all of God's people (who feel that they have any interest at a throne of Grace) to ever remember me in their supplications to the God of Power and Love to bear me up in His strong arm and help me in this my time of need.

Yours in deep sorrow,

### LITTLE MINNIE.

Among the presents to the orphans this Christmas, none were more highly appreciated than a quilt made and forwarded by little Minnie Perdue, of Wilmington, only seven years of age, while convalescing from typhoid fever.

It is received as a thanksgiving

offering from the child to her Jesus for delivering her safely from her bed of sickness. Her example is worthy of emulation. Here is the letter written by her father:

WILMINGTON, N. C., Dec. 14th, 1882.

MR. MILLS:—Dear Sir and Brother, I have the pleasure of sending you a quilt for the Orphans, which my little girl made last month while convalescing after a very severe case of Typhoid Fever. It is true that the work is imperfect, but it is strong, and as she is only seven years and five months old, and weak from long sickness, I overlook the little crooked stitches and thank God for giving my darling the tender heart that prompted her without any suggestion from any one, to sit and sew, hour after hour, and day after day, to make a quilt and send it to the poor little Children, who, she said, had no mother to nurse and work for them.

Yours truly,  
JNO. W. PERDEW.

### BETRAYING.

By a full and fair exposition of our great principles, we betray no masonic secrets; these are safely locked up in the heart of every Mason, and are never to be imparted except in a constitutional manner. But our leading tenets are no secrets. It is no secret that Masonry is of divine origin; it is no secret that the system embraces and inculcates evangelical truth; it is no secret that there is no duty enjoined nor a virtue required in the volume of inspiration, but what is found in, and taught by, Speculative Freemasonry; it is no secret that the appropriate name of God has been preserved in this institution in every country where Masonry existed, while the rest of the world was literally sunk in heathenism; and above all, it is not, neither can it be, a secret, that a good Mason is, of necessity, truly and emphatically a Christian.

### FRIENDSHIP AND BROTHERLY LOVE.

Among the cardinal virtues of the Order are Friendship and Brotherly Love, and there are none that should be more carefully cultivated; from those noble virtues spring others to elevate and adorn the human character. These virtues are inculcated in every degree; they are impressed upon the novice when he passes the threshold of the mystic Temple, and they meet him at every step until he takes shelter under the banner of the cross. Without Friendship and Brotherly Love, the pillars that support the edifice would be shaken to their foundations, and the whole building would exhibit nothing but a melancholy wreck.

### MASONRY WAS ONCE RELIGION.

The time was, when Masonic principles, in a moral point of view, superseded all the religious institutions of the world; that period is past; the period here alluded to was when all nations bowed in adoration to idols. The Society, without arrogating to itself any goodness, has existed, under Divine Providence, for ages, wherein was preserved the unity of the God-head, amidst idolatry and universal corruption.

### CHRISTMAS AT THE ASYLUM.

This has been a season of plenty and rejoicing at the Asylum. The contributions have been very liberal, everything has passed off smoothly, and the children were again delighted by the approach of old Santa, escorted by their tried friend Col. W. F. Beasley. The Colonel had collected everything calculated to make the children happy. There were books, cards, wagons, pop-guns, tin-horns, marbles, and many other toys, some of which were of great value. Besides these were gloves, mittens, stockings, handkerchiefs, hats, and in fact every thing that a thoughtful and careful friend could suggest. The presents were worth more than two hundred dollars.

Here is a list of those who contributed:

Hons. A. M. Scales, R. B. Vance, W. R. Cox, Z. B. Vance, C. Dowd, R. F. Armfield, M. W. Ransom, and J. Proctor Knott, of Kentucky, each contributed money.

### BALTIMORE MERCHANTS.

D. F. Haynes & Co., 347, Balto. St. Toy tea sets.  
Fenniman Bros., 11, N. Howard St. Knives.  
Day, Jones & Co., 9, S. Howard St. Trunk.  
W. A. Tottle & Co., 54, Hanover St. Marbles.  
Sickel, Hulin & Co., 22, Hanover St. dolls, stockings, marbles and toys.  
Robert T. Banks & Sons, 26, Light St. Toy mugs.  
Prior & Hilgenberg, 313, Balto. St. balls, etc.  
Wm. Devines & Co., 312, Balto. St. gloves, stockings, paper, pencils, etc.  
Armstrong, Cater & Co., 267, Baltimore street, 144 handkerchiefs.  
James A. Davis & Co., 200 Balto. street, 1 box tools.  
G. E. Cofforth & Co., 330, Balto. street, \$1.00.  
Goldsboro, Myer & Pitt, \$1.00.  
Stevenson & Sting, 329, Balto. St., \$3.00.

Frank & Hammerslaugh, 306, Baltimore street, 3 small caps.  
Glass & Co., No. 19, S. Charles St., 144 Christmas cards.

Roche & Koch, 348, Balto. St., 3 boxes blocks.

Tucker & Co., 246, Balto. St., \$1.00.  
W. P. Towles & Bro., 145, Balto. St., 70 cravats.

Henry Schwarz, 211, W. Balto. St., a number handsome toys.

L. F. Everett, \$1.00.  
C. W. Kellinger & Co., 35, Hanover street, 2 dozen bottles nice perfume.

Matthai, Ingram & Co., 56, Hanover street, box tin cups, buckets, etc.

Alexander Dodd & Co., 263, W. Balto. St., 1 trunk.

Johnson Sutton & Co., Sharp street, several boxes beautiful mits, etc.

Hushberg Bros. & Hollender, Sharp street, 2 pictures.

From the Smith & Egge Manufacturing Company of Bridgeport Ct., was received two large boxes of mechanical and other handsome toys of great value. These toys afforded the orphans an abundance of fun and they will ever remember their yankee donors with feelings of deep gratitude.

### BARE FEET.

Nakedness of feet was a sign of mourning. God says to Ezekiel "Make no mourning for the dead, and put on thy shoes upon thy feet," &c. It was likewise a mark of respect. Moses put off his shoes to approach the burning bush; the priests served in the Tabernacle with their feet naked, as they did afterwards in the Temple. The Talmudists teach that if they had but stepped with their feet upon a cloth, a skin, or even upon the foot of one of their companions, their service would have been unlawful.—Selected

### RELIGIOUS CLIPPINGS.

New York has seventy-five Catholic churches, and a Catholic population of 600,000.

A Presbyterian church was dedicated at Delaplane, Fauquier county, Va., on 13th ult., by Rev. Dr. Hoge, of Richmond.

The Presbytery of Montgomery has dissolved the pastoral relation between Rev. A. W. Ruff and the Locust Bottom church.

Notwithstanding the general impression that the interests of the Papal church are gaining ground in England, it is stated as a fact that there is not in the House of Commons a single Roman Catholic representative of an English constituency.

Rev. George R. Jackson and some other colored Baptists of Georgia propose to establish a new denomination, with Baptist principles and the Methodist system. It is to be called the "African Baptist Missionary Episcopal Church." The founder of the new Church says independency may do very well for white Baptists; but among colored Baptists it leads to divisions and fightings; from which Episcopal Methodism is free. It is proposed to have bishops, presiding elders and an itinerant, the limit being two years.

The Mt. Vernon Place Methodist Episcopal church, in Baltimore, has honored itself in caring for the children of Rev. Thomas Guard, who died as its pastor. The church has assumed the care and education of the seven orphans—now bereft of father and mother. Dr. Guard was twice pastor of Mt. Vernon Place, and at the time of his death, probably without a superior, as a brilliant orator, in the American pulpit. This example of Christian generosity and nature is to be commended. The thought of leaving his family without a support and his children without the means of an education, has burdened the heart of many a brave and toilsome itinerant.

A natural intermittent spring has recently formed in the French Alps. The water appears at regular intervals of five and seven minutes, about ten quarts being yielded each time. A singular circumstance is that one flow of water is luke-warm and colorless, while the next discharge is cold and wine-red.

### HORNER SCHOOL, OXFORD, N. C.

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Jan. 1, 1883.

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A. LANDIS, JR.

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### THE YOUNG;

especially those deprived of the benefits of parental and scholastic training. It also seeks to increase the soul-growth of the prosperous by suggesting proper objects of charity and true channels of benevolence, in order that they may, by doing good to others, enlarge their own hearts and extend the horizon of their human sympathies, as they ascend to a higher plane of christian observation. Address

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