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The House of Childhood.

Contributed.
"He who helps a child, helps humanity with a distinctness, with an immediateness, which no other help given to human creatures in any other stage of their human life can possibly give again."

These words of the great Phillips Brooks express most briefly and clearly the aim and purpose of the House of Childhood—to help humanity at a time and in a way most effective.

With this purpose in view, the House of Childhood was begun at Foscoe, in connection with the Prout School, where a day school had been conducted for three years, and where two Christian women were giving their time and efforts to the work conducted by the Episcopal church. The first children to come were four children from one family, whose parents were no longer living together. They came the first of November, 1912, and in January, 1913, two others were received from another family in the same condition. Of these six children, four were girls, and two boys; the youngest child being about 6, and the eldest 11 years of age. These children remained with us for a year and three months.

Having occupied a rented house at Foscoe, the House of Childhood was moved, and was finally settled in a new, eight-room house, recently built by the Church at Glendale Springs in Ashe county. When this move was made, two of the children were returned to their parents, who were living together again, and could make a home for their children.

The other four children, who had first come, went to their fathers in March, and in August of last year two of them returned. In October, two more from a family of six children whose father is dead, was received; and in November just past, three more, from a family of six, whose mother is dead, arrived, making a total of seven children in the House of Childhood at present. Of these six are girls and one a boy. The two oldest girls are thirteen, another eight, one seven, another girl and the little boy five, and the youngest is a baby fifteen months old.

The distinctive idea of the House of Childhood is to provide a home, with school advantages, for the younger children of this region who may be entrusted to our care, where they may have every advantage it is in our power to give them. There are other schools, both public and under the auspices of various mission boards, which provide advantages for the older children; the purpose of the House of Childhood is to receive children ten years old and younger, keeping them until they are twelve or fourteen, preparing them for any school they may go to later.

Further, the desire is to prepare the children for a completely rounded education, laying foundations not only for the mind, but for the body and soul also, by providing instruction in Kindergarten and primary branches, as well as practical rudimentary industrial work also by surrounding the children with a wholesome Christian influence and teaching them the principles of Christian conduct. The earlier this training is begun, the more permanent it will be. Another feature of the House of Childhood is to limit the number of children in the House to a small group, ten in number. By this means the family idea is preserved, instead of that of an institution, and each child can receive the individual attention and lov-

Contributions to the new school building.

I take pleasure in acknowledging through the Democrat the receipt of the following local cash contributions to the Grandfather Orphans Home:

Linville Sunday School	\$4.40
Plum Tree Church	5.00
Banner Elk church	8.27
Banner Elk S. S.	12.33
Banner Elk S. S. primary department	5.00
Mrs. W. P. Pendley	3.50
Mrs. T. H. Coffey's Sunday School class	3.50
Mrs. W. L. Holahouser	5.00
Blowing Rock church	5.88
Miss Hattie Farthing	10.00
Friends at Valle Crucis	18.00
Rev. T. B. Shelton	5.00
Mrs. John Cox	.25

In addition to the cash contributions, there have been a good many donations in produce and furnishings for the Home, which go to prove that the mountain people are a liberal, warm-hearted people and that they have a sympathetic interest in the Orphans Home. We believe that this interest will continue to grow until the time will come when the Home will be supported as well as filled, by contributions from the people who live in the mountains.

There are at present eight in the Home, with more to come as soon as we can get the rooms ready.

EDGAR TUFTS.

Banner Elk, N. C.

The Gist of It.

"Last December I had a very bad cold and was nearly down sick in bed. I bought two bottles of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy and it was only a very few days until I was completely restored to health," writes O. J. Metcalf, Weatherly, Mo. If you would like to know the value of this remedy, ask one who has used it. Obtain it every where.

ing care of the House Mother and the Teacher, who compose the staff of workers.

The ultimate purpose is to establish a House of Childhood in as many centrally located communities as we are able, gathering together into a family a group of ten children not yet in their teens, with two workers, a House Mother and a Teacher. Such a home and school would be an addition to any community where it might be located, as the day-school would be open to any children of the same age.

While in almost every community there is some charity work to be done, yet the opportunities for education and training offered by the House of Childhood are not limited solely to those children whose parents or guardians cannot pay anything. The cost of board for each child is \$5.00 per month, either in cash or produce, and for day pupils attending the school, a tuition fee of 50c. a month is charged for such child. The children whose parents can pay are as welcome as those whose parents or guardians cannot pay. For those who cannot pay we need the generous support of the people in this mountain region to give an equal opportunity with those who are more fortunate.

The House of Childhood is for the children of the mountains, and we want the interest and cooperation of everybody in this section to help do a work for the benefit of humanity. "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these ye have done it unto me."

For further information address either Mrs. J. R. Field, Glendale Springs, Ashe county, or Rev. J. N. Atkins, Shulls Mills N. C.

IN MEMORIAM.

Doctor Calvin J. Parlier.

When a community, with one accord assembles to do honor to the memory of a private citizen, it is unmistakably a sign that the citizen was no ordinary person, but, to that community, of more consequence than the judge of a circuit or even the Governor of a State.

On the night of Sunday, the 27th day of December, 1914, the Baptist church at Blowing Rock was filled with a congregation of friends and admirers of Doctor Parlier, their object to prove in a public way their confidence in the practitioner, their esteem for the citizen, their admiration for the man, their love for the friend.

After appropriate religious exercises, Rev. Edgar Tufts preached an excellent sermon upon the subject of "Leadership," pointing out the fact that the great General, Joshua, who followed Moses, the great leader and lawgiver of Israel during their wanderings in the wilderness, and that the famous prophet Elisha, who took up the work of Elijah, the noble man of God and writer of the greatest of the prophetic books, and whose mantle Elisha fell heir to—these men, the speaker ably showed, could not fill the place of their Master, but, as they, so now, one can but take up the work of the fallen hero, in his own way, according to the ability given of God, the Ruler of the Universe never allowing the work to lack for workmen, the army for a leader, because a workman falls by the wayside or a leader drops out wounded; but pushes to the front some one who in his own way again, is ready and willing and able to carry on the work which God in His infinite wisdom wills to be done, furnishing the new leader ability and courage needed to take up and carry on the work of another whom he succeeded.

After making an earnest appeal to those in authority to unite with renewed zeal in the uplift of the community, as leaders bravely going forward, setting an example such as we would like a leader to set us, Mr. Tufts opened the meeting for any one to speak a word in memory of the good doctor, no regular program having been prepared, the music such as the doctor loved, his favorite hymn among others, Mrs. Thomas H. Coffey ably presiding at the organ, assisted by the combined choirs of the several churches of the village, the meeting in every respect in good taste, refined to the point, quite enough to prove that the community realizes deeply its great loss, and desires to put on record the great value placed by it upon the most faithful and efficient services of one man in public life, who for a score of years went in and out among them as trusted physician and beloved friend.

Mr. Thomas H. Coffey, representing "the close friend," arose, and with deep feeling read a few statistics of the Doctor's life among us, also reading a letter from Mr. A. H. Washburn, of

Charlotte, in which he expressed deep sympathy for the Doctor's "best friend," as Mr. Coffey certainly proved himself to be, and, in choice language wrote most beautifully of the Doctor's ability and worth, even as physician to the summer visitors, the Doctor greatly valued and implicitly trusted and beloved by many a visitor from the Low Country.

Mr. George M. Sudderth, representing "the business man," testified to the Doctor's high sense of honor in his dealings with the community as head of the Local Bank, feeling proud of the high trust placed in him by the directors, having also the whole-hearted confidence of every patron of that institution, Mr. Sudderth also, in touching words speaking of the Doctor's great love and tender care of his dear mother, who, in this her sad hour of trial, has the sympathy of the Doctor's many patients, who are likewise his friends.

Mr. Jeff. D. Brown, representing "the patient," spoke of the faithful physician ever ready to respond to a call to "wrestle with disease," and, while the beloved family doctor was also the family's intimate friend and advisor, Mr. Brown feelingly relating an incident in which the Doctor figured; when, last summer he and his dear mother descended the mountain for the last time together, the Doctor calling out "goodbye," and so it proved!

Dr. J. E. Brooks spoke splendidly for "the profession" whose sole object is to help sick people get well and help well people to keep from getting ill, the great body of physicians doing their work from an unselfish motive, and though not having the privilege of knowing intimately Doctor Parlier as had the majority of the audience before him, yet from the testimony of others and the evident eminently successful results of his long and faithful work as the physician of a great territory, he was pleased to testify that, in his judgment Doctor Parlier was not only a great man and an eminent physician but that, among men whose object was the alleviating suffering and the suppression of disease and therefore, the lowering of the death rate in his great field of practice, Doctor Parlier was "undoubtedly a King!" and this was indeed a high tribute and came from the heart of the successor of Doctor Parlier, indeed it was Doctor Brooks who proposed the memorial Exercises and helped make of them an impressive lesson to all.

To the foregoing splendid testimony of those who took part in the Exercises above noted, the writer of this imperfect report desires to add his humble tribute—which he failed to make at the meeting, though earnestly urged to do so—to the memory of one who was, for a decade, not only his trusted physician but his intimate companion and valued, beloved friend.

WM. R. SAVAGE.

Blowing Rock, N. C.

Children Cry FOR FLETCHER'S CASTORIA

GENERAL NEWS ITEMS STATE NEWS

An up-to-date creamery will shortly be opened at Mooresville N. C.

The State Executive Com. of the Republican party, will meet Raleigh Jan. 12.

John Muir an Englishman well known in the U. S. as a naturalist died at Los Angeles on last Tuesday, aged 76.

During the last twelve months there has been sold in the city of Chicago, 16,000,000 food animals with a total value of \$509,134,000.

On Jan. the 5th in Chicago, top grades of flour advanced 55 cts on the barrel. The European demand for breadstuffs was held responsible for the rise.

On the 5th inst. Gov. Dlease of S. C. extended executive clemency to nine State prisoners. During his four years, as Gov. he has exercised clemency to 1,650 prisoners.

Rev. John Nelson Cole, Supt. of the Methodist Orphanage at Raleigh, since 1904 died on Jan. 1st. He was a fine speaker and writer and held some important pastorates of his denomination.

Pittsburg Pa. manufacturers have received orders for \$4,000,000 worth of barbed wire for European countries. This gives employment to 4,000 men, who have been out of work for nine months.

Theodore F. Klutz Jr. has been appointed editor of the Congressional library. The position pays \$1,800 per year. It was given Mr. Klutz by Senator Overman, says the News and Observer.

Asheville is to be the home of Wm. Jennings Bryan, for a part of the year. He has bought a ten acre lot near Grove Park Inn, and will erect a beautiful home in the near future.

Mr. Charles E. Jones has been appointed P. M. at Latimore, as the result of an examination held at Shelby more than a year ago. Mr. Jones is a graduate of the Deaf and Dumb School at Morganton, and is an adept at lip-reading. He took charge of the post office, at once.

Mr. W. C. Newland of Lenoir, has received a commission from Gov. Craig appointing him a director of the School for the Feeble Minded of Kinston in place of Dr. Kent, who has resigned to enter upon his duties as a member of the Legislature, says the Lenoir News.

A correspondent of the Biblical Recorder writes of the great revival just closed at East Bend, conducted by Rev. John W. Ham and co-workers. He reports forty conversions. The night the meeting closed, a bon-fire was made of cards and irreligious books. Mr. Ham is remembered with the highest esteem in Watauga.

Emmet R. Wooten, of Lenoir county, was chosen for Speaker of the House of Representatives by the Democratic caucus held in Raleigh on the 6th inst. Other officers were elected as follows: T. G. Cobb, principal Clerk; D. P. Dellinger, Reading Clerk; James H. Moring, Sergeant-At-Arms; Elias J. Jenkins Assistant Sergeant, and M. D. Kinsland Engrossing Clerk. The News and Observer speaks of the Caucus as a "Democratic Love Feast."

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