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An Appeal for the Orphans.

The people of North Carolina have never failed to tread the path of duty open to them. To each and every call to service, in the interest of home and country, they have responded with liberality and cheerfulness. Her young men are covering themselves with glory by evidences of devotion to the flag, in word and action, and will give a splendid account of themselves at every turn of the way towards a lasting peace. Her captains of industry and her sons of toil have opened their hearts to the Liberty Loan, the Red Cross, and the cause espoused by the Y. M. C. A. Her noble women have dedicated themselves to the service of their country and are showing to the world a love for human freedom that is beautiful to contemplate. The cries of heart-broken mothers, starving children, outraged daughters, and tortured fathers, in unpeaked need beyond the ocean wave, have fallen upon sympathetic ears throughout our christian land, and the spirit of service here in North Carolina shows that, with our people, the first consideration is the honor of the flag, the safety of the Nation, and peace to all the world. And it is well, for with out self-sacrifice true happiness may not be attained in this world.

But while the measure of the Nation's honor and the Nation's heart is being taken, in relation to world conditions of today, let us not overlook the urgent needs of fatherless or motherless waifs at our own doors. Let us not overlook the hundreds of dependent children whom the orphanages of our state are training for individual efficiency and good citizenship. Every one of these institutions needs better equipment and larger support, and every one of them is besieged with applications for admission which must be denied for lack of means. Their capacity must be increased, or else hundreds of children now wandering the highways and byways, subject to every temptation the world has to offer, will be neglected and probably irretrievably lost. We cannot—we will not—forget, for the Master says, "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto Me." We are admonished to conserve the products of the farm, the forest, the factory and the mine. Is it not equally—aye, vastly more—important to conserve the manhood and the womanhood of N. C.? Shall the orphaned children of this glorious old commonwealth be handicapped for life because, in their tender years, they did not have the sheltering care and culture of an orphan home?

The North Carolina Orphan Association again calls upon every man, woman and child in the State to contribute on, or near, Thanksgiving Day at least one day's income (more if they will, less if they can do no better) to the orphanage of his or her choice. The need for such a call was never more urgent than now. Expense necessary to the maintenance of every orphan home in the State has increased, while the responsibilities have multiplied. So, let not the day pass without making a thank-offering to your Master, by denying yourself some pleasure, some luxury, even some necessity, to help the helpless become what their God and your God intended they should attain in this life and in the life to come.

This is a reasonable request, for any one can share with the orphans the earnings of one day out of three hundred and sixty-five. It is practicable, for rich and poor alike can participate

The Farmer and the "Raise."

A farmer, who seemed to be "just a little bit out of humor," approached Editor Green of The Marshville Home with the information that he had been taking one of the Charlotte semi-weeklies for a long time, "but they've raised the price and I've stopped it." The farmer, no doubt expected that he would receive a commendatory pat on the back from Editor Green, but on the contrary he was invited to sit down to a little calculation. "The price of corn went up this year to \$2.50 a bushel this year," figured the editor of The Home, "and it will hardly come much below \$2 next year. The price of cotton is more than four times what it was in 1914 and the price of other farm products have doubled, but because a publisher raised the price of his paper from \$1 to \$1.50 (when he should have placed it at \$2.00 to be on a basis of what it costs him to get out the paper) this farmer stopped it from coming into his home." Editor Green is not stating the experience of North Carolina editors as a whole when he says that "this sort of thing does not often happen." He finds that publishers who have raised the subscription price to meet the cost of production have lost comparatively few subscribers on that account. And then he quotes Clyde Newsome assaying: "They complain about the high price of merchandise, but when asked if they would prefer another period of low prices for everything they always answer that they like the high prices best. Falling into reflection on the state of affairs, the editor of The Home writes that "people working on salaries in towns and cities have some reason to complain, but a farmer who has had the good sense to make his living at home and can sit down in his rent-free home by a hot fire made of wood that costs him nothing but to cut it and haul it to the house, and who can eat his home-made food products three times a day with no thought of a heavy grocery bill to pay at the end of the month, is the last individual in all this world that should raise any complaint about prices." The farmer is the best-fixed man in the country at the present day. He gets the full benefit of war prices for everything he can produce and he is caught the most lightly by the war tax. If there ever was a "favored class," the farmer is in it. The farmer who would complain in the midst of prosperity which now walls him in might as well rail against the blessings of God.—Charlotte Observer.

in it. The business and professional man, the farmer, the landlord, the money-lender, the wage earner, the salaried worker, the housewife, the news and messenger boys—EVERYBODY, old and young, of all creeds and classes, may unite in beautiful cooperation for the support of a needed civic and Christian philanthropy. Let North Carolina make the approaching Thanksgiving a day of historic importance; a day on which the hearts of the people were opened to the little ones whom our splendid orphan homes are endeavoring to save from degeneracy and oblivion.

To this end we call upon the editors of our papers, daily and weekly, secular and religious, to give the widest possible publicity to this movement, which is philanthropic in purpose and statewide in extent; we call upon all church leaders of all denominations, including pastor, Sunday school superintendents, women

The German Toy.

A cargo of German toys, valued at \$4,000,000, ordered and paid for before the beginning of the war, but held at Rotterdam under the embargo declared by the British Orders in Council has, been finally released and will be permitted to reach the consignees, 128 in number, in the United States. Personal taste and personal feeling will determine the course of the people in relation to this merchandise when it shall be offered for sale, but some things that have happened in Belgium and France, since the outbreak of the war, will have to be forgotten, overlooked, or condoned by American parents before they can reconcile themselves to the thought of bringing home German toys to their children.—Christian Science Monitor.

Obituary.

It is with sadness that I chronicle the death of Brother James C. Harman which occurred September 14, 1917 at his home on Cove Creek, after a brief but painful illness, at the age of 54 years 8 months and 13 days. He was a son of Rev. D. C. Harman and Ellen Harman, whose maiden name was Ellen Shuffie. He joined the Baptist Church at Antioch about forty years ago, but some years later transferred his membership to Zion Hill church where he remained a member until death. He was married to Mattie Pritchard of Elk Park in 1881 to which union were born five children: Dallas, Cloyd and Orrin, and Flora, now Mrs. Cook and Beula, now Mrs. Ray. His companion and all of his children survive him to mourn the irreparable loss of a loving husband and a careful and affectionate father. I know that all readers of this article who knew Brother Harman will join me in saying that for generosity, neighborly kindness, and pleasant genial disposition he has never been surpassed and seldom equalled. He was engaged as traveling salesman for the last 15 years of his life and only laid off the harness of his patient toil when his heavenly Father bid him enter into the joys that await the faithful. We will miss him in all the walks of life for the good cheer he always gave his friends and we tender our heartfelt sympathy to his bereft and mourning family.

A sincere friend,
LOLA BAIRD.

workers, and others of influence, to urge the giving of a day's income to some one of our orphanages; we call upon the officers of the various fraternal orders to bring this appeal to the attention of each man in their membership and enlist his support of this modest offering; we respectfully request all superintendents and teachers of secular schools, colleges and universities to induce their students and friends to unite with them in giving a day's work or wages to the needy orphans of North Carolina. We invoke the cooperation of doctors, merchants, public officials, and all others with local following to pass the word along, with the Divine injunction: "Even so, it is not the will of your Father which is in heaven that one of these little ones shall perish." Actions speak louder than words.

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President Issues His Proclamation for Thanksgiving.

Washington, Nov. 7.—President Wilson issued tonight his 1917 Thanksgiving proclamation, calling upon the Nation, even in the midst of the sorrow and great peril of a world shaken by war, to thank God for blessings that are better than mere peace of mind and prosperity of enterprise.

The proclamation fixing Thursday, November 29, as Thanksgiving Day, follows:

Thanksgiving Day, 1917.

"By the President of the United States of America, a Proclamation.

"It has long been the honored custom of our people to turn in the fruitful autumn of the year in praise and thanksgiving to Almighty God for His many blessings and mercies to us as a Nation. That custom we can follow even now in the midst of the tragedy of a world shaken by war and immeasurable disaster, in the midst of sorrow and great peril, because even amidst the darkness that has gathered about us we can see the great blessings God has bestowed upon us, blessings that are better than mere peace of mind and prosperity of enterprise.

"We have been given the opportunity to serve mankind as we once served ourselves in the great day of our Declaration of Independence by taking up arms against a tyranny that threatened to master and debase men everywhere and joining with other free peoples in demanding for all Nations of the world what we then demanded and obtained for ourselves. In this day of the revelation of our duty not only to defend our own rights as a Nation, but to defend also the rights of free men throughout the world, there has been vouchsafed us in full and inspiring measure the resolution and spirit of united action. We have been brought to one mind and purpose. A new vigor of common counsel and common action has been revealed in us. We should especially thank God that in such circumstances, in the midst of the greatest enterprise the spirits of men have entered upon, we have, if we but observe a reasonable and practical economy, abundance with which to supply the needs of those associated with us as well as our own. A new light shines about us. The great duties of a new day awaken a new and greater national spirit in us. We shall never again be divided or wonder what stuff we are made of.

"And while we render thanks for those things let us pray Almighty God that in all humbleness of spirit we may look always to Him for guidance; that we may be kept constant in the spirit and purpose of service; that by His grace our minds may be directed and our hands strengthened; and that in His good time liberty and security and peace and the comradeship of a common justice may be vouchsafed all the Nations of the earth.

"Wherefore, I, Woodrow Wilson, President of the United States of America, do hereby designate Thursday, the twentieth day of November next, as a day of thanksgiving and prayer, and invite the people throughout the land to cease upon that day from their ordinary occupations and in their several homes and places of worship to render thanks to God, the great ruler of Nations.

"In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the United States

Of course the all-absorbing topic of these days is the World War. In the opinion of many good thinking men the fate of this and succeeding generations depends on how we consider and teach certain phases of the war. Many have a strange, uneasy, compelling, and even disturbing feeling that, unless we Americans are wide awake to a realization of present conditions, that, while those who are trying to do their full duty may deeply deplore conditions, that may prevail after the war, those who are slack in their attitude and are not helping, and some even positively hindering, will live to sorely regret their present attitude. Some may smile at this feeling, but 'tis better to be true to duty now, and smile a nobler smile later.

An Old Man's Stomach.

As we grow older and less active, less and less food is required to meet the demands of our bodies. If too much is habitually taken, the stomach will rebel. When a man reaches the advanced age of 85 or 90, you will find that he is a light eater. Be as careful as you will, however, you will occasionally eat more than you should and will feel the need of Chamberlain's Tablets to correct the disorder. These tablets do not contain pepsin, but strengthen the stomach and enable it to perform its functions naturally. They also cause a gentle movement of the bowels.

Halloween Celebrated at Training School

The students of the two dormitories celebrated Halloween in due form. They were well behaved ghosts and everything passed off pleasantly for all. The young ladies remained at the hall, and the young men, accompanied by teachers, visited the young ladies' home, but did not tarry, simply walking through the halls in ghostly silence and returning to their hall.

Don't Invite Serious Sickness

"A stitch in time saves nine," is an old and true saying, but it is nevertheless true. Common colds and a constipated condition are the foundation of much serious illness and dread disease that could be avoided if prompt attention were given to the first so-called slight ailment. Every family can provide prompt treatment for these first attacks of ill health—and every family should be prepared for an emergency by having on hand that standard old family cough syrup, Foley's Honey and Tar Compound, for the relief of coughs, croup, whooping cough, irritated and inflamed throat, tight and sore chest, croup and bronchial coughs. Foley Cathartic Tablets are just the thing for constipation and sluggish bowel movement—a wholesome laxative and cleansing cathartic. They are not gripe or cause nausea or inconvenience and are particularly welcome to stout people.

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