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A PEEP INTO THE NOBLE WORK AT OXFORD.

The Oxford Orphan Asylum... What it Has Done-- What it is Doing-How it Does it.

In a beautiful grove on the out-skirts of the town of Oxford is situ-ated the Oxford Orphan Asylum, an institution at the mere mention of which the heart of every true North Carolina responds with feelings of sympathy and almost reverence. The hundreds of stately oaks that rise above the broad lawn that spreads out in front of the main building stretch their branches heavenward and seem to emplore divine blessings upon those whose early lives knew naught but sadness and shadow; and as each spring returns sunbeams steal through the almost unbroken canopy of green to play over the lit-tle flaxen heads and make cheerful this orphan refuge from poverty-rid-den homes that are fatherless, moth-

erless and penniless, Feelings, mingled with both pleasure and pain, came over us as we leisurely walked through the difference. ent departments of the institution. How sad to think of the many strong and useful men, kind and loving fathers, who have in the vigor of manhood passed over the river and left their little ones to grow up un-taught and neglected unless public charity opens up avenues of enlight-

enment and future usefulness. Yet, how gratifying to see so excellent an institution with the different departments, presided over by in-dulgent and intelligent matrons and teachers, each vieing with the other | phans, and then the Masons-the in making useful men and women out of indigent and unfortunate foundlings. The friends of great men may build to their memory after their life-work has ended monuments magnificent and shining but the Oxford Orphan Asylum is a more lasting and more beautiful monument to the magnanimity and benevolence of those who first projected it than any that could be moulded from metal or carved from granite; and to that noble brotherhood that first assumed the responsibility of its establishment and maintenance, it will ever remain the greatest of all its great achievements—the one noble deed that will more firmly bind in beautiful sentiment the hearts of our

people to this worthy band of Mason-ic brethren. Visiting Oxford, some days ago I, in campany with Capt. A. H. A. Williams, one of the directors of the Asylum, and Dr. B. F. Dixon, its able Superintendent, went through the different departments of the institution, connected with which there is nearly two hundred acres of land. This land is in a high state of cultivation, and furnishes ample opportuni-ty for extended practical and experiion of an experienced farmer the boys are taught the rudiments of farming, while the result of their labor does much towards maintain-

ing the Asylum.

The main building, since the construction of the separate building for boys, has been used exclusively for the girls. In it is the office of the Superintendent, a general reception room nicely furnished, one of its attractions being a beantiful upright piano, donated to the Asylum hy friends through Mrs. S. A. Elliott, of Oxford. In this building is a commodious chapel in which the two hundred orphans and teachers gather such Sunday afternoon to engage in each Sunday afternoon to engage in religious exercises, while the trained voices of the little singers make joy-ful praise to the Father of the father-less. On the second flooor is the first less. On the second flooor is the first form of girls presided over by Mrs. S. M. Walker, of Durham; on the third floor, Mrs. S. B. Burwell, of Granville, teaches the second form of girls, and on the fourth floor the third form, which is the highest class, is taught by Miss Mary A. Marsh, of Clinton. Calisthenic exercises is one of the features of the girl's department, a sewing room is another feature, and with the assistance of Miss Sallie Hicks, of Raleigh, the girls make the dainty little dresses that challenge the admiration of their favorite boy. Mrs. M. Fowler is the matron of the girls department and under her excellent supervision everything is kept neat and tidy.

Some distance from this builing is the new boys' building around which the new boys building around which ninety-three hopeful and buoyant boys are developing into men. Good minds, instead of being dwarfed in their tender youth, are being trained into usefulness. Specimens of the most illiterate youth are mens of the most illiterate youth are found in the destitute homes in al most forgotten hamlets and brought here to be shaped and moulded into men. On the first floor of this boys' building Mrs. S. E. Taylor has charge of the first form of boys and among them are rare specimens of diamonds in the reugh. Among others one little eight year old fellow who imagines it his duty to look after the teachers and see that they are all properly directed. He reports promptteachers and see that they are all properly directed. He reports promptly to Superintendent Dixon anything that happens not to coincide with his views. The second form of boys is in charge of Miss Pattie Montgomery, of Raleigh, whose patience is taxed more probably than any other teacher. Her twenty-five or thirty boys are a little too big to be easily controled and not quite big enough to control themselves. Some of them are mischisvous and rude but withal Miss Pattie gets along with them wonderfully well. The third form of boys is presided over by Miss Julia Scott, of Onslow county. Many of them are well advanced in elementary studies and are growing into active and energetic young men.

The most striking proof of Supt. Dixon's popularity with the children

in the following communication from little Laurie Hudgins published in the "Orphans Friend," which is true as it is simple and child-like: OUR SUPERINTENDENT,

'Our Superintendent is a very fine looking gentleman. He is very kind and we all think a great deal of him. He has certainly improved the looks of the Asylum grounds, the house and the management of affairs. We girl are very much pleased with our Superintendent and hope he will remain here as long as we do. He has already been here two years.

He has a very pleasant nice-looking wife; in fact the whole family

are as nice as they can be.

Our Superintendent's house is near ly finished, be will move in it this week, and we will be very sorry. It will be so lonesome and seems so

strange, if they are not in the same house with us. He goes off sometimes and stays one or two weeks, and we are always so glad to see him when he comes back. He is a very funny; some-times he goes up in the the school room and makes an ugly face at the

He is a preacher and also a doctor, which makes it so much better for us. He has everything arranged to suit the children as well as himself and the teachers. We know there is not another man in the world as inice as our Superintendent.

It has been more than three hun-

dred years ince Sir Walter Raleigh's ship landed hn Roanoke Island, and during all these years the State has contained orphans who had no near realatives and who have been thrown on the cold charities of the world. After a long time, opposed strenu-ously by some, the asylum for the insane was established by the State. An appropriation for this purpose was defeated at the 1848-9 session of the Legislature and afterwards another bill was introduced during the same session and Hon. James C. Dobbin, Speaker of the House, took the floor and made an eloquent speech in favor of the measure and by the effect of his speech the bill was passed. Prof. Shepherd well says that this speech "constitutes an unfading memoral of his majestic eloquence." Although the insane were then provided for, and an insti tution for the deaf, dumb and blind was built, it did not occur to the legislators that the State owed a duty

to the orphans of the State. It was not until 1872 that any plan was matured to take care of the orgratitude for assuming its duty and loing-what it ought to do-started the Orphan's Asylum at Oxford. Let us not forget that Mr. J. H. Mills was the originator of the proposition to establish this asylum and that he de-voted a number of his best years to making it a success. This ought to be an "unfading memorial" of his love for the orphans and the cause of humanity. It was under Mr. Mills' management that the State first aided this institution by an appropria-tion from the State Treasury. For a number of years it was successfully conducted without State aid.

About two years ago Dr. B. F. Dixon was elected, upon Mr. Mills' resignation, to the superintendency of the institution, and in that short time he has so won the love of the children, the confidence and esteem of the people of Oxford, the respect, admiration and co-operation of the people throughout the State, that every tongue speaks his praise. A man of medium stature, beard nearly brown covering his face, a kind and thoughtful eye, a sympathetic mouth, an erect carriage in which gentleness shows itself- such a man is Dr. Dixon. But if I do no more than demental farming. Enough vegetables are grown each year for the two hundred people connected with the institution, and under the supervise. Christian gentleman, than which, Christian gentleman, than which, when you have said this of a man, nothing more need be said—it is the highest meed of praise that can be given. He is a medical doctor, and before he became Superintendent of the Asylum enjoyed a large practice at King's Mountain. He is also a preacher—a local preacher of the Methodist Episcopal Church South, and can preach as good a sermon as you want to hear. Combining the healing of diseases and the preaching of Him who healed souls with much tact of the right kind and a big heart and sound head—he is emissioned the standard of heart and sound head—he is emi-nently and peculiarly fitted for the position. The poor orphans of the State will be guided and led by him into the ways of industry, applica-tion, morality and Christianity. Thus the people of North Carolina, after nearly three hundred years of neglect of duty, are fulfilling their moral obligation to the poor orphan children.

Every man is in danger of becoming selfish and sordid and hard-hearted, and if any man finds himhearted, and if any man finds himself growing more selfish, let him take the train and spend a day in the Oxford Orphan Asylum. His sympathies will be broadened, his heart will glow with love, and he will return a better citizen, a kinder father,

and more devoted husband.

There is no need to urge the people of North Carolina to be liberal in their contributions to this Asylum. They only need to be told that there is need of their money. Let every father who reads this Chronicle run his bond in his northet and send Dr. his hand in his pocket and send Dr.
Dixon a dollar. It will do the orphans
good, but not the least good such a
gift will accomplish is the blessedness
that will come to the giver. Try it, and if you have time run over and spend a day in the Asylum,

him there so long. On the contrary, he says that he has absented himself from Washington because he is dis-gusted with the administration and

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WASHINGTON ITEMS.

Tariff Bills .- Labor Arbitration. dence of THE OBSERVER

WASHINGTON, April 2.- The tariff bill passed at this session, as heretofore stated, will be a very moderate one. Some of the low tariff men are not confident that anything will be done. It is now regarded as certain that the report of the Ways and Means Committee will include the incorporation of the Hewitt customs administration with the Morrison tariff bill. The outlines of the propo sition heretofore considered in this correspondence were stated to one of the older Southern feformers this noon, and he was of the opinion that such a measure, while not at all perfect, would do pretty well.

Since the above was written, I learn that the Ways and Means Committee has not agreed, as reported just now, on a report on very much the general idea indicated day before yesterday.

Col. Wharton J. Green has been selected as the North Carolina member on the Congressional Campaign Committee. Fifteen or sixteen other members have been chosen. The full list is in the hands of Mr. Tucker, of Virginia, and has been promised to me for publication.

The labor arbitration bill has excited much interest, and a number of good and many very poor ones have been made. Mr. Dibble spoke against the bill as unconstitutional.

Mr Lawler just now, as did Mr Crain yesterday, in discussing the measure opposed the education bill. This does not look well for its passage. H.

THE FREEDMAN'S BANK SWINDLE.

How the Colored People have been Robbed by the Government. New York Sun.

The attention of members of Congress who profess peculiar friendship for the colored brothers is invited to the last report of the commissioner of the Freedman's Saving Company. By the Act of February 21, 1881, the remaining assets and affairs of that institution, which the Republicans organized professedly for the benefit of the negro, and which Republican Rings robbed, were turned over to the comptroller of the currency, who was allowed \$1,000 a year extra pay for that service, a merely nominal

The receipts of the year aggregated \$9,379.08, and the disburgements, exclusive of \$1,500 deposited in Supreme Court as security for costs in sundry cases, aggregated \$9,001. Among the disbursements are salaries, \$2,199 97; attorney's fees, \$648.77; rent, \$300, and postoffice box rent, \$8, or a total of \$3,156.74, and more than one-third of the aggregate. Adding receipts and disbursements tegether, these items would be nearly 18 per cent.

commission on the total. Every dime of this sum is taken directly from the trifling assets that remain for the poor swindled, de-positors, and adds to the outrage of which they have been the victims.
It was shameful on the part of Congress to pass the Act giving a salary to a well paid official for closing up this bank. The comptroller of the currency has abundant clerks and office room for this purpose, without drawing on the remnants of the assets, which should be distributed

among the betrayed colored people.

It appears from the report that the comptroller has regularly employed R. H. T. Leipold to attend to this business, and who appears every month as the recipient of \$125 for "office expenses and rent."

Mr. Leipold has been a beneficiary of the broken bank ever since Congress undertook to legislate for it. He was one of the original three commissioners who received \$3,000 a year each and he was allowed additional each, and he was allowed additional

each, and he was allowed additional compensation by his colleagues for doing the work. They signed their names and drew the salary, part of which was paid to him.

In fact, the plunder was continued after the bank failed, and new leeches were employed to suck whatever blood could be drawn from the improverished body. It is to be honed poverished body. It is to be hoped that when the appropriation bills are reported this shameful abuse will b reported this shameful abuse will be summarily stopped, and authority will be granted to wind up the bank and give the defrauded depositors every dollar that can be collected. This thing of billeting a high official and clerks and an attorney on that little fund is a positive disgrace to all who are responsible for it.

Washington Jottings. Secretary Endicott has received a dispatch from Gen. Crook confirming the news of the capture and subsequent escape of Geronimo.

Mr. Reed's proposed constitutional amendment forbidding citizens to be deprived of the right to vote on account of sex received three votes only in the House Judiciary Com-mittee yesterday.

The Commissioner of Pensions says that instructions have been sent to pension agents to pay the increase of pension to widows without their making application or surrendering their certificates. A counterfeit \$5 note of the series

of 1882 (with the bust of Garfield in an oval frame) has appeared on the Central National Bank, of Norwalk, Conn., but is easily detected by the fact that the charter number is given as 404, whereas the charter number of that bank is 2342. The Geat Remedy

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