

A DAY WITH THE ORPHANS AT BARIUM

The Home for the Fatherless of North Carolina Presbyterians.

NEED \$50,000 FOR IMPROVEMENT

Rev. W. T. Walker a Splendid Man for Superintendent—Orphanage Crowded for Lack of Room—Loving Care of the 185 Children Now There.

When the university of Erfurt was the greatest school of learning in Germany, Prof. John Treobnius was accustomed to take off his hat and bow to the scholars whenever he came into the class room, "a great condescension in those pedantic times," we are told. The colleagues of Dr. Treobnius one day expressed their astonishment, and received this answer: "There are amongst these youths, some whom God will one day raise to the ranks of burgomasters, chancellors, doctors and magistrates. Though you do not now see the outward signs of their respective dignities, it is yet proper to treat them with respect."

One of the students who sat under the doff of Dr. Treobnius's hat was Martin Luther. One cannot but think of the opportunity of the teacher when one stands face to face with the 185 children of the Barium Orphan Home. This at least was my impression on the occasion of visit, in a delighted compliance with a request from the Board of Regents of the orphanage.

It was a cold January day when I got off the train and a blustering wind was drying up the wet sand clay road, which Iredell County's \$400,000 bond issue has recently helped to build, threading the orphanage village on its way from Statesville, four miles northward, to Mooresville. The numerous red brick buildings on either side of the road looked snug, like huge Rhode Island Reds, sheltering their little broods. I wondered if when poor homeless John Howard Payne wrote, "There's no place like home," he would be willing to accept an orphanage.

THE MOTHERLINESS OF BARIUM.

I was rather glad that my first sight of the children was at the dinner hour. There they were—upwards of 185—standing back of their chairs in the big dining room of Rumpel Hall, waiting for the blessing to be asked. As we entered and were pausing by the doorway, I saw two tear drops in a little girl's eyes. I knew what it meant, even before some one said to Superintendent Walker: "This is our little new comer." Those tear drops were in sharp contrast to the scores of bright faces all about. The little wet-eyed girl was Geneva Marks, of Salisbury, ten or eleven years old, lately bereft of both father and mother. I was glad Geneva had come to stay the day I had come to visit, because it gave me the chance to take notice of the motherliness of Barium, the tenderness with which the women folks of the orphanage family sought to staunch the bleeding of that little stricken heart. When, later on, the children in the cottage in which Geneva was to live, marched into the parlor to sing into the ear of visitors the sweet Christmas carols which they had not yet forgotten, we overheard one of the teachers, who had an arm flung easily around the child's shoulder, telling her that she too would soon be a member of that bonnie choir. As Mr. Walker led the way into the playground of this same cottage, dollies were left scattered over the floor and he was mobbed in an affectionate assault by the baby girls of the orphanage family, and seemed to enjoy the riotous attack of love.

SCHOOLING AND TRAINING.

I felt certain before I went to Barium that the Presbyterian orphans of North Carolina were well housed as far as brick and mortar were concerned, for I had never passed the place on the train without a certain satisfaction over the glimpse of that cluster of red brick buildings. But home is infinitely more than floor and wall and roof. The Presbyterian people of North Carolina will be glad to be confirmed in their confidence that Love lives at Barium, not as lavishly as a mother's, of course, but as genuinely concerned for the present and future welfare of the children.

When for the loss of the sweet influences and memories of home lies in the fact that at the orphanage he gains immensely in educational advantages. The orphans are those usually of poor parentage, for none are taken who have means for their own support and education. I made free to go into the school rooms when Mr. Walker was called away by numerous interruptions. The teaching seemed to be thorough. The school work corresponds to the work in the public schools of a city. That it seems to be inspirational is attested by the fact that out of sight of the orphanage graduating class of last year, five are pursuing their education in higher schools—one taking a business course while one has entered the Springs Seminary and Conservatory of Music, one Statesville Female College, one the State Normal and Industrial College. Of the remaining three, two married and the other is working in a department store, having become a member of the family of the proprietor.

The meals are cooked and the clothes washed by the larger girls; the farm is tilled, the cows are milked, and type for the orphanage stationery and the newspaper is set by the boys. We saw the girls in the kitchen and in the laundry, and the lads in the composing room of Our Fatherless Ones, and they were working with a will, happy in the tasks of the day. We are assured too, that the training in the Bible was as efficient as that of the grammar and industrial schools. The children, by the way, together with the workers, had just made a gift out of the little pocket monies sent them by friends, of \$134.20 or with \$12.80 added from a collection taken in Little Joe's Church, of \$147.00 toward paying off the foreign mission debt of the Southern Presbyterian Church.

Here at Barium is indeed is a splendid feeder to the State and Church, and if these children had never lost their parents they would hardly have had such a chance to prepare for the battle of life. The touch of culture is on their lives from the teaching force; the library is carefully stored with the best of children's books; the art room in the Burroughs Building containing the oil and water colors of the late gifted Mrs. Carrie Burroughs Dula is to the Barium Orphanage what the parlor, with treasures of painting, is to the usual wealthy home; while the 220 acres of surrounding land supply "The orchard, the meadow, the deep tangled wildwood, And every loved scene that my infancy knew."

The boys tickled the 220 acres of the orphanage farm with their hoes, and it laughed with the following harvest, the crop values being carefully estimated:

Garden vegetables \$250.00, 600 bushels of corn \$425.00, 100 tons of hay \$1500.00, tops and fodder \$100.00, 125 bushels Irish potatoes \$100.00, 75 bushels of sweet potatoes \$50.00, 200 gallons of syrup at 50¢ \$100.00, 600 gallons of beans \$225.00, 1200 gallons of canned pears \$450.00, making a total value of \$3,500.

DAIRYING.

The silo is full and the management hopes to made enough corn and forage till another crop is gathered. The results from the dairy will doubtless be much better another year for the reason that a splendid new cow barn is nearing completion, front dimensions 56x34 with high loft above, rear 37x26, with stalls for 60 cows. The barn is built according to specifications from the State Department of Agriculture, and is on the top of a knoll with slope on either side, so that the drainage is ideal. "Torment," the Jersey bull, is the only occupant at present; but soon the 25 cows will move in from the old excuse of a barn nearby. "Torment," since he was dehorned, has actually consented to do a little hauling and plowing.

THE MANAGEMENT.

The homeyness, the chance in life and the management of the Barium Home are the three outstanding impressions of my visit. We Presbyterians of North Carolina have established a big enterprise there at Barium, the physical plant itself—the brick and mortar—is valued at about \$70,000. In the arithmetic of Heaven the value of 185 children is 185 times the value of the whole world. It is no small

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Music on Menzies Hill

Mr. Geo. W. Hall has taken the agency in Hickory for the Victrola, and has already sold one to Mr. K. C. Menzies; one to Dr. W. B. Ramsay, as well as purchasing one for himself. His house has been full of the greatest of the world's musicians and singers the last few nights, who have been giving concerts, unbeknownst to themselves, to Mr. Hall's appreciative neighbors. Mr. Dave Moore McComb likes Tetraxini's echo song the best, it probably waking in his breast undreamed, unconscious memories of the songs his highland ancestors used to sing when they slipped down from the Trossachs to drive off the cattle from the lowland pastures of the Menzies boys' ancestors; Uncle Ellis McComb likes the soft, plaintive "Abide with me", rolls out into the room in the rich notes of the most famous of modern contraltos; Mr. Doll prefers the Spanish Fandango, Mr. Banks hankers after Elsie Baker's bell-voiced lullaby because its wonderful power puts his three rowdy boys to sleep; Mr. K. C. Menzies used to like "Annie Laurie" the best but since he and ex-sheriff Blackwelder sat together in the gallery of the Hub theatre and took a lesson on classical music from Edward Baxter Perry, he rather leans to the Lucia Sextette from Donizetti; while Dr. Murphy, the Catawba Dutch Irish parson, with the Claremont pianos ever in his ear and Mrs. Murphy coaching him at home, makes out that he likes Liszt's Steenth Hoongareean Rhapsodie better than Kathleen Mavourneen. Oh there's music-canned, classical music—on the Menzies hill these nights!

burden—this responsibility for managing an orphanage. In the good providence of God he has sent us a man gifted with executive ability, common sense and consecration. Rev. W. T. Walker is well equipped for this work. As he takes you over the place, and unfold his plans, you are impressed with the excellence of his judgment. He hates debt. His first move when he took charge was to raise the \$4,500.00 debt on the orphanage. He said he would not remain there with the debt—one or the other must go, and our people kept him. We will continue to help him by that way, too. No such enterprise as our orphanage could have been established without making mistakes but Walker would never let a boat strike on a reef twice. He has an abiding confidence in the Presbyterians of North Carolina. I was pinning him down close: "Have you ever failed to receive enough for all needs?"

"Our people are supporting the orphanage," he answered. "I have never appealed to them that they have not come across.—No, sir; we never had a deficit."

We owe it to this man who represents us at Barium to give him a hearty, prayerful and systematic support. It takes about \$20,000 support a year for the Orphanage. One fourth of this comes in the Thanksgiving Day offerings. The amount received on support last year (from Oct. 1st, 1911, to Oct. 1st, 1912) was \$21,469.48, an increase over the previous year of \$1,999.55. About 160 children of the 185 or 190 are clothed by ladies' societies or individuals. The estimated worth of this clothing is \$1760.

I had a glimpse of the Barium cupboard. Editor William Laurie Hill, who took me in tow whenever some highwayman of business held up Mr. Walker, and Walker is an overworked man, found a key to the basement of the Burroughs' Building, where the Thanksgiving and Christmas goodies are stored. We raided the peanut bags and orange boxes we found there. I felt like a David when he ate the shew bread-taking orphan children's candy this way, though Brother Hill didn't seem to have any qualms of conscience, but then he is a sort of priest in the Barium temple and enjoyed inalienable rights where I didn't. And by the way, Our Fatherless Ones ought to have 5,000 circulation instead of 1,600.

A number of Sunday Schools, societies, Bible classes and individuals send monthly gifts to the support fund, but if all the 375 Presbyterian Sunday Schools would give \$5.00 a month on an average they would over-raise the amount of the annual support fund. This they could easily do if they undertake it systematically.

The famous Goodyear Apple Farm, near Waynesville, N. C., is now owned by John Farrow, Esq., who said: "King's Wild Cherry and Tarr is the best Cough Medicine. It is pleasant and effective, and I would not be without it." Even a slight cold is not a thing of no moment. It may end in catarrh or pneumonia. Keep the breathing apparatus open and clean. All diseases of the throat and bronchial tubes are cured quickly and pleasantly by Dr. King's Wild Cherry and Tar. 25c., no cure, no pay. Sold by all medicine dealers.

Children Cry FOR FLETCHER'S CASTORIA

A Great Pianist Coming.

"A poetess on the piano" is the way the Boston Globe describes Mme von Unschuld, court pianist to the Queen of Roumania, who is to be at Claremont College, Hickory, on Miss Mary Ramsay, of the Claremont music department, has been able to secure this young, lovely and gifted musical genius for a recital.

Mme Marie von Unschuld is a member of the Austrian nobility, her father being Royal Imperial Field Marshal. She was talented as a child and was given every advantage, taking the full course at the Vienna Conservatory, and studying under such teachers as Dont, Stavenhagen, Leschetzky and Gredener. She has played at the Austrian court and in all the great cities of the continent, and possesses ten high orders and medals from the crowned heads and music academies of Europe. The New York Sun says:

Her program was one of liberal proportions, and her choice ranged over the field pianoforte literature in a fashion that showed no narrowness of taste, nor any special daintiness.

She has remarkably agile fingers, a beautiful developed scale technic, a sound and ingratiating tone, a good variety of tone, color and knowledge of the use of pedals.

And the New York Herald: She displayed a beautiful singing tone and fleetness of fingers. The most pleasing impression was occasioned by the playing of the Heller preludes.

The 600 Baptist Sunday Schools in North Carolina furnish 40 per cent., or \$35,000 for the huge Thomasville orphanage. I wish that we could have a Synodical Convention of the Presbyterian Sunday Schools Superintendents of the state at Barium, or if Barium could not take care of the crowd for a day, at Statesville. I would like to be a member of the program committee for the same.

The Presbyterians of North Carolina have maintained cheerfully and liberally this great enterprise, so close to the hearts of the covenant-keeping God who calls himself "the God of the fatherless." They will continue their liberality, both to the annual support and toward raising the \$50,000 needed for new buildings and equipment, and Rev. J. Murphy Williams, who will have charge of this campaign, will find an open ear to his appeals.

NEEDED IMPROVEMENTS.

The bill of improvements, endorsed by Synod, contemplates the following: 1st. An up-to-date school building. The present rooms are inadequate for the number of children now in the home. The majority of the class rooms are on the second floor of the Rumpel Hall, but with a new building to house the school, the old rooms could be used for dormitories and would furnish the equivalent of a new cottage.

2nd. An infirmary, thoroughly equipped and sufficiently commodious to provide for epidemics among the children. The present accommodations are entirely too small. Room is needed for isolating children with contagious diseases, especially any who might have tuberculosis. There is no adequate provision now for isolating children when they first come to the home for examination, disinfection of clothing, etc.

3rd. The enlargement of the industrial building in which are located the printing office, the laundry and the shop, all of which are over-crowded.

4th. A central heating plant by which the institution may be more economically and thoroughly heated.

5th. A horse barn to complete the barn facilities, the cow barn being now nearly finished.

6th. Extensive repairs on the present buildings.

Catawba College Notes.

The Philomathean Literary Society held an open meeting Friday night. After devotional services conducted by the president, H. F. Ingle, and J. C. Peeler, there came the delivering of a declamation by G. A. Ingle and the reading of "College Notes" by L. C. Ledbetter and of a selection from "The Bishop of Cotontown" by H. F. Ingle. After this the secretary, Lucien Perry read the querv. Resolved: That the high tariff laws are for the best interests of the people of the United States." The affirmative was represented by N. H. Fravel and H. A. Fesperman; the negative, by J. C. Peeler and S. J. McNairy. All the speakers did well; but it was felt by all that Fesperman, in view of the fact that at the last minute he had agreed to take the place of a member called home by the death of his aunt, and S. J. McNairy, who is a member of the Freshman and whose arguments were especially clear and forcible, that these two deserved special mention. The rejoinders were full of wit and to the point. The judges, G. C. Peeler, A. R. Tosh, and Miss Gracella Shank, decided in favor of the negative.

Mr. McConnell, who was on the affirmative side was called away by the death of Mrs. Flora McClure at Huntersville.

The last meeting of the combined Y. M. and Y. W. C. A. was a most enjoyable one. The young ladies had charge, Miss Mary Peeler leading. After several Scripture readings and a song by the female quartet, Misses Minnie and Mattie Reinhardt, Lucy Fesperman, and Mary Peeler, talks were made or papers were read by the following: Ethel Josey, "What is a Christian?"; Gail Zug, "Why I should be a Christian?"; Julia Ludlow, "what difference does my being a Christian make in my life?"; Ethel Peeler, "why is the non-christian indifferent?"; Mary Peeler, "How to win the non-christian."

Reformed Church Notes.

Dr. Murphy will fill his appointments morning and night on next Sunday. The male quartette will sing at the night service.

The class of young people meet on Saturday afternoons at three o'clock for Bible and catechetical instruction.

The Teacher's Training Class taught by Prof. Wisenhunt meets every Wednesday night after the prayer service.

Will Enlarge Cotton Mill

Lenoir Topic The Caldwell Furniture Company has purchased from the Moore Cotton Mill Company a lot on which they contemplate building an extension to their already large manufacturing plant. The Moore Cotton Mill Company has also bought of W B Watson & Co a lot adjoining their mill with a view to enlargement.

HIDES.

Prices paid at the Hickory Tannery: Green Hides 10c per pound, Partly cured hides 11c. Green Salted Hides 12c Dry Flint Hides 18c Dry Salted Hides 17c Tallow 6c Rye Straw 50c per 100 lb Baled and delivered.

Rev. W. R. Walker, superintendent of the Barium Orphan Home, spoke in the interest of the \$50,000 new equipment fund last Sunday morning, and also preached again at night. He spent Monday canvassing and met with a liberal response.

A MOTHER'S LOVE.

The Instinct of a Mother Greater and Stronger Than Anything in the Known World.

We read a great deal about a Mother's Love and it is all right, but we read more about a Mother's Instinct to preserve her young. When it is possible to buy for fifty cents or a dollar a bottle of Gowans Preparation—a certain and infallible remedy for Pneumonia, Croup and Colds, the marvel is that so many mothers do not make the purchase. This wonderful remedy is applied externally and will positively cure croup, croup, and that dread disease, pneumonia. It is a remedy that has been on the market several years, contains no dope, no harmful ingredients, but acts as no other medicine ever acted on the afflicted parts. All druggists sell this marvelous remedy—Gowans Preparation, and every home should contain a bottle.

Some Important Needs.

To the Editor of the Democrat.

Will you allow me a short space in your valuable paper to present my views on a few of the questions that are now agitating the minds of many of the people in our county, state and nation. While I am in favor of all the laws that we now have in regard to the manufacture and sale of liquor, and am in sympathy with the officers of the law that are doing all in their power to enforce these laws, I believe that if every official had the support of the community at large, they would then do their duty more faithfully with no fear of criticism from any service. They would be a great power to put down this great evil. Yet I believe that we need other amendments to these laws we already have such as the search and seizure law for the county and state and the Interstate Commerce bill that is now pending in Congress. And I believe it is our duty as citizens of this commonwealth to write our Legislators, Senators, and Congressmen, urging them to leave no stone unturned to bring about these desired legislations, and I believe it is the duty of our preachers to preach more along these lines, setting before their members, their duties along these lines, and I do believe when the laws are enacted, and properly enforced, then we parents who have boys can lie down at night and go to sleep, having no fear or anxiety as to the safety of our boys in regard to the demon, strong drink. May we soon see the time when these results are a glorious reality, Yours for Success, Bill Driver Newton, N. C., Feb. 16, 1913.

Claremont Items

The Columbian Society will hold its Anniversary exercise on March 17, under the direction of Miss Eulala Guinn president, the society is flourishing and the coming anniversary promises to be an event of more than ordinary interest to the friends of the college.

An interesting programme is being for Washington's birthday which takes place next Saturday. In addition to selection by the school, the Rev Dr. Head, rector of the Episcopal church of Hickory, has been secured to deliver an address. The friends of the school are invited to attend this meeting, the hour will be 11 A. M.

Mme. Von Unschuld who appears in the auditorium on the night of Feb. 28, is said to be a pianist of marked ability. She is a Russian and bears the highest testimonials from distinguished men.

Miss Ramsay who has been elected as Lady Principal is now living in the College and devoting her time, in connection with the music department, to caring for the girls.

Miss Mae Livengood spent Sunday, Feb. 16, in Conover, the guest of Miss Essie Rowe. Misses Stella Foil and Effie Neims visited Miss Lilly Hall Crowell at her home in Newton, on Monday, Feb. 17.

The Senior Class has recently held some very interesting meetings preparatory to the coming commencement. One innovation of the class is the decision not to have a literary address, but to content themselves with an annual sermon by some distinguished minister.

Married in the Road.

On last Sunday Squire Slets, the well known Justice of the Peace, out near the Ivey Mill, was called upon to marry a young couple who drove up in front of his home and asked his service. Of course the squire insisted on them going into the house to have the solemn ceremony but the young pair were in too great a hurry to do that, so squire performed the ceremony right there in the road. The participants were Mr. Ples. Marshal and Miss Gertrude Abernethy, both of the Ivey Mill village. The Democrat joins their many friends in wishing them a long and prosperous life together.

Lutheran Pastoral Association.

The Catawba County Lutheran Pastoral Association will meet Monday, Feb. 24th at 10 A. M. with Dr. W. A. Deaton, Hickory, for the discussion of following program:

- 1 4th Petition Lord's Prayer, Rev. J. P. Eric.
- 2 9th Art Angsburg Conf., Pres. K. L. Fritz.
- 3 Proper Methods of Church Publicity, Rev. J. H. Wanemacher.
- 4 Gospel Exegesis and Sermon Outline.

Prof. M. L. Stirewalt. B. L. Stroup, Sec'y.

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ALWAYS LOOK FOR A NIGGER IN THE WOODPILE

A Few Pertinent Points About the New Charter

DON'T BE BAMBOOZLED What to Say to the Man Who Talks About Cost of Cleaning Closets—Poll Tax Same in New as in Old Charter—The People the Only Bosses Under the New Charter

To the Editor of the Democrat. Allow me to take advantage of your offer of space in your columns to discuss the new charter. My chief object at this time is to sound a note of warning to many citizens who have been and are being, approached by those who would like to see the new charter defeated, in an insinuating and misleading way. To illustrate, when a man approaches you and expresses extreme solicitude over the cleaning out of your garden closet, don't for a minute suppose that he cares anything whatever how your garden closet is cleaned out, or what it will cost. This is the nigger in his woodpile.

(Extract From New Charter)

ARTICLE VII—Franchises.

Section 3.—The advertisement must state the character of the franchise or privilege it is supposed to be granted, that sealed bids therefore will be opened at a stated time and place, and that the franchise will be awarded to the bidder offering to pay to the city during the life of the franchise the highest percentage of the gross annual receipts received from the use, operation or possession of the franchise.

Section 11.—The grant of every franchise or privilege shall be subject to the right of the city, whether reserved or not, to prescribe and regulate the rates, fares, rentals or charges made for the service rendered under such franchises.

All bear in mind that the Sanitary Board under the present government has the same rights that the new charter gives the city physician.

Again, when another man comes along and tells you that your poll tax will be very largely increased, remember that it is not your poll tax that particularly interests your informer. Look for the nigger in the woodpile.

(Extract From New Charter)

ARTICLE VI.—The City Manager

Section 11.—He shall have power to suspend, fine and dismiss any member of the police, fire, water works and sewerage and street departments in the interest of discipline. But any officer appointed or elected by the City Council to a position in said departments who has been suspended, fined or dismissed, may appeal to the City Council at any of the regular meetings, and it shall review his case, affirm or modify or reverse the order of the manager and make any restitution within the law which it may deem advisable. The City Managers shall promptly report all suspensions, fines and dismissals as hereinafter provided in the article in reference to the police powers of the city of Hickory.

All bear in mind the fact that the poll tax under the new charter is the same as at present.

And still another man will come along and tell you that the new charter creates a BOSS in the form of a City Manager. Don't get frightened at this "bogey" man, because under the provisions of the new charter YOU will be the boss of this boss, who will simply be your employee to look after your business, and make a monthly report of everything that is being done. Could anything be clearer than this:

(Extract From New Charter.)

ARTICLE XIII

Finance and Taxation

Section 5.—The City Manager at the first of each month during the fiscal year shall file with the City Council an itemized report of all money received and disbursed by any and all officers of the city government during the preceding month, and showing from whom and for what such money was received and to whom and for what paid. To the said report shall be attached the monthly reports of each of the heads of the various departments of the city. The City Manager's report for the preceding month shall be published during the second week of each month in some newspaper published in the city of Hickory.

Section 8.—The City Manager in the collection of taxes shall be vested with the same power and authority as is given by the State to sheriffs for like purposes, and shall be subject to the same penalties