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Our Orphan Children.

The annual proclamation by our President, calling upon all people to give thanks to Almighty God for his manifold mercies and blessings during the past year should draw the minds of our people more than ever to the needs of the great work which is being done for the dependent orphan children of our state.

This work is growing each year and the number of applications for admission of destitute, homeless children, who have been deprived of their natural protector, is constantly increasing. Most nobly have our people responded to the increased needs, caused by advance in cost of living and expansion of the work. We look with pride at the various institutions where these little ones are being cared for and trained for the greatest usefulness to God and the world. There is every reason to believe that the investment which has been made has already paid rich returns in an educated, Christian manhood or womanhood of former inmates, who, but for these institutions, would have remained in ignorance and want.

The needs of the work are constantly increasing as the cost of living advances, the number cared for grows larger, and their education and training takes a broader scope; therefore, in order to do the greatest good to the greatest number these institutions must have increased and larger gifts. In the good state of Georgia a plan has been inaugurated to get all friends of the work to give one day's salary or wages to aid this cause. The result was an offering of \$150,000. Will not each of our readers follow this example and give their income for one day out of three hundred and sixty-five and thus help the homeless children of our state? We desire to publish a list of those who will make this contribution. Send us the amount, state what orphanage you desire it sent to, and we will forward the contribution and credit same in the published list. If you prefer to send it direct to the institution of your choice, you may do so. What we desire is to get each man or woman who feels it in their heart to aid this cause to adopt a systematic plan of giving and thus realize the blessedness of helping this worthy cause. Will you do it?

Tuesday's Elections.

Elections held Tuesday in many states and cities throughout the country resulted in the election of democratic governors in Massachusetts, Kentucky; a republican governor in Rhode Island, a republican assembly in New York which will challenge the continuance of Governor Dix's policies. A New Jersey legislature with majorities probably not in accord with Governor Woodrow Wilson of that state, with results of the state elections in Maryland and New Mexico still in doubt.

Matters of Local Interest.

Walden will keep everybody guessing from the time the performance starts 'till its finish with his truly marvelous and apparently impossible tricks. Graded School Auditorium, Nov. 11.

The new train to be placed on the Southern between Salisbury and Asheville to be known as the "Asheville Special," which it was thought would start service on November 5th, it is now definitely stated will be put on Sunday, November 26th.

The Sylvan Valley News, Brevard, says that at the recent meeting at Troy of the Blue Ridge Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, commonly known as the Northern Church, Rev. M. A. Matheson, who has been serving at Etowah for some time, was given the appointment at Caesar, in the Statesville district. Mr. Matheson was formerly on the McDowell Circuit and moved from Stroudtown to Etowah.

A. Blanton, J. Q. Gilkey and D. F. Giles spent a few days in Asheville last week. The gentlemen made the trip through the country in the automobile of Mr. Blanton, and made record time, having covered the distance of the forty-one miles across the Blue Ridge mountains on a steep grade in three hours and ten minutes. They report that the roads between Marion and Asheville are good; that the trip was a most pleasant one, although some delay was experienced in fording a number of streams.

Bridgewater News.

Bridgewater, Nov. 7.—W. Hennessee of Gardin City was here last week on business.

Miss Eva Logan was called home last week to be with her father who was seriously ill. Miss Henderson of Marion has taken charge of Miss Logan's work in the graded school here during her absence.

Miss Eddie Young and Mary Greenlee of Nebo visited at the former's home here several days last week.

Irwin Pitts of Glen Alpine spent last Sunday with friends here.

Mrs. Tom Haliburton of Nebo, who has been here with her daughter, Mrs. A. P. Hunter for some time, has returned home.

Mrs. J. Q. Blackburn and children have returned to their home on Buck Creek after several weeks visit here with their grandfather, D. R. Brown.

Dr. J. B. Riddle of Morganton was at Bridgewater Friday to see Dr. S. Haynes who has been sick for the past week.

Mr. and Mrs. S. P. Tate were in Marion on business Saturday.

Miss Celia Ballew was shopping in Marion Saturday.

Miss Olin Yelton attended the teachers meeting in Marion Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. M. F. Tate attended quarterly meeting at Nebo Sunday.

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