

Asylum Notes.

Wait not for some great cross to show How much with patience thou canst bear...

Rev. W. S. Hester, so faithful always in his work here, conducted chapel service last Sunday afternoon.

We are glad that Miss Margaret Ferguson will be with us this summer, taking charge of the cooking department.

We are having fine cabbage now. Farmer Pendergraph brought one in recently that weighed about ten pounds.

Mrs. Anna Harrison, of Fuquay Springs, visited her sister, Mrs. Meadows, the past week. Her visits always give pleasure.

Miss Louise and Master Marion Wyatt, who have been visiting their grandparents at the Superintendent's Cottage, returned to Raleigh Monday.

The printing office force, of which Frank Brown is a member, gladly welcome him home, and he seems to feel really at home with the sticks, type, etc. of the printing office.

Zora Hannah, Bertha Hayes and Eula Blatcher are taking up the work at the main building in place of Lila Branch and Lizzie Rich, who are spending the summer with relatives and friends.

Ethel King, formerly one of our girls, visited Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Jones during the 24th and remained with them until last Wednesday. We are glad to see Ethel looking bright and well, and to hear good reports of her from those she is working with.

Charlie and Curtis Floyd, Robert and Henry Hudson, went out to the Asylum farm berrying the other evening, and after an absence of an hour and a half they were seen coming, grinning from ear to ear, and tugging a water bucket rounded up with the seeds of blackberries, which we all enjoyed immensely.

Mrs. M. H. Meadows, of Boys' Fourth Cottage family, left last week for the summer. We all miss her, especially on Saturday evenings, when she would so cheerfully and ably teach the Sunday School lesson. We trust she may have a pleasant vacation and return to us in the autumn, much improved. A merry welcome awaits her.

The members of the Singing Class received a hearty welcome last Friday. They came home with happy, smiling faces, full of life and good spirits, showing that the trip had been a most enjoyable one. The many kind friends they have met and the places of interest visited, are topics of conversation which do not fail to draw groups of eager listeners.

The First and Second Grades have started on their regular school work for the summer. The little ones who play about the cottages are given work in the class rooms a few hours each morning. The grades are small and we hope for excellent results. Miss Tripp is teaching the Second Grade, Miss Ives and Miss Smith each have a section of the First Grade.

The large boys of Fourth Cottage have organized a Reading Club for the summer months. Already much interest has been shown and we trust great benefit may be derived. The Club has kindly allowed the Matron to attend the meetings and she appreciates the pleasure of listening and reading with them. So far, the selections have been pure and wholesome.

Nettie Black, one of our girls, who has been quite ill, is recovering rapidly. It is such a pleasure as we watch her dear face, to see the languor and weakness give place to renewed vigor and animation, that we feel repaid for the days of anxiety we have endured. We more fully realize that God is merciful and gracious. He healeth all our diseases and crowneth us with loving kindness and tender mercy.

The little children of A II Grade were very happy to get back to their school work again. Each one seemed to have rested long enough. Several of them said, "Ask Miss Bemis to let us come to school all day." One little boy said, "Ask her to let us come at eight o'clock." We hope such enthusiasm will cause them to rise above the inaction so often caused by summer heat and that many valuable lessons shall be learned.

Donations Received Since Issue of June 26th.

Table with columns: Name, Amount. Includes Beren Lodge No. 204, Friend, Durham, G. Rosenthal, Raleigh, Waxhaw Lodge No. 442, South Creek Lodge No. 518, Post-ell, Durham Lodge No. 352, Fairfield Lodge No. 530, Sylva Lodge No. 513, Oaks Lodge No. 255, Knapp of Reeds Lodge No. 158, Kedron Lodge No. 357, Hendersonville, New Hope Lodge No. 415, Pearl, IN KIND, Long Bros., Oxford, 12 yds. oil cloth, W. A. Erwin, West Durham, 1 box cakes, F. W. Devoe & C. T. Reynolds, 5 gals. Devoe's paint.

A Riddle and its Answer.

The following poetical riddle is attributed to the famous English statesman, George Canning.

Now, any noun you chance to take By adding 's' you plural make; But lo! by adding 'er' to this How strange the metamorphosis!

Ah! sharper than our sudden snares We feel the sting of daily 'cares'! Which, while its plural form we own,

A noun of multitude is known; To change its plural 's' we take, And singular to plural make;

We give a name the charm to bless; And 'cares' meet sweetly in 'caresses.' —Exchange.

Four-and-Twenty-Blackbirds.

You all know this rhyme, but have you ever heard what it really means? The 'four-and-twenty blackbirds' represent the four-and-twenty hours in the day. The bottom of the 'pie' is the world, while the crust is the sky which overarches it.

The 'king' who is represented as 'sitting in his parlor, counting out his money,' is the sun, while the gold pieces that slip through his fingers, are the counts that are the golden sunbeams.

The 'queen' who sits in the dark 'kitchen,' is the moon, and the 'honey' with which she regales herself is the moonlight.

The 'industrious 'maid' who is 'in the garden' at work before her king, the sun, has risen, is day-dawn, and the 'clothes' she hangs out are the clouds.

The bird who so tragically ends the song by 'nipping off her nose,' is the sunset. So we have the whole day, if not 'in a nutshell,' in a 'pie.' —Ex.

The Fourth in Japan.

Our Fourth of July is celebrated in Tokio, Japan, with what is probably the handsomest display of fireworks in the world. The enthusiasm of the hour is felt in the Japanese city, not only by the resident Americans, but also by representatives of other nations.

The hosts of people cry something which sounds much like, 'Rah! rah! rah!' at the appearance of a specially fine piece.

After eleven o'clock, just before the masterpiece picture, it is almost sure to rain. Then the coolies hurry out their straw rain coats, and the people on the banks raise their oilpaper umbrellas, and a scramble for jirikushas and umbrellas takes place.

The celebration was established originally to commemorate the opening of the Sumida river, but now it is regarded as in honor of the fourth of July. —Y. P. Weekly.

In the June 'Cosmopolitan' appears an excellent character sketch of George Gilbert Williams, President of the Chemical National Bank, New York, by Robert N. Burnett.

Mr. Williams's reply to the question, 'To what do you owe your success in life?' would seem affected in many ways the author, but it was purely natural and typical of the man. He said:—

'I attribute it to Divine power and uprightness of transactions. I take no stock in the notion that one cannot succeed without so-called commercial sharpness, or tricking. Any young man will succeed who is diligent and practices uprightness. Mind you, all cannot reach the top round of the ladder. In the banking business the great army must follow the routine departments, but opportunities for advancement are ever present.'

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Masonic Department.

Edited by John Nichols, Past Grand Master.

DO NOT FORGET.

Do not forget as you go on your way Through the busy world with its toil and strife, Open a kindly word to say To those you meet on the paths of life.

With delight does the true Craftsman look forward to the breaking of the endless day, when he shall have safely moored his ark, the emblem of a well spent life, in the heaven of eternal rest.

Demoralization of Society and its Cure.

There is either a rapid demoralization of society, or else the press is more prompt and accurate in the record of social crimes. The daily press is burdened with the recital of most horrible affairs, including both sexes, all ages and conditions of humanity.

The true Craftsman, having his faith centered upon Judah's Lion, is able to overcome in triumph the present short testing season, looking for the promised rainbow of peace.

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