

MAKE REPORT ON THE ORPHANAGE

Board of Charities and Correction Finds Thornwell In Fine Shape.

The Thornwell Orphanage, Clinton, S. C., was visited August 1, 1919, by Secretary Williams, of the State Board of Charities and Corrections.

This orphanage is supported by and is under the management of the Presbyterian Church in South Carolina, Georgia and Florida. The synods of these States elect the members of a Board of Trustees that controls the institution. Ex-Governor Martin F. Ansel, of Greenville, S. C., is President of the Board and the Reverend L. Ross Lynn, D. D., is President of the Thornwell College and Thornwell Orphanage. Dr. Lynn and about 40 assistants form the staff of workers at the College, High School, Industrial Department and Cottages.

At the time of our visitation there were 285 inmates, 125 boys and 150 girls.

The institution originally stood by itself on the outskirts of Clinton, but it is now surrounded by the town dwellings. The several cottages and other buildings are picturesquely set in a grove, their red and gray colors blending most attractively with the green of the trees and lawns. The grounds are spacious enough to afford ample room for the circulation of fresh air about the cottages and for play grounds.

This orphanage has a modified cottage unit system. The children are grouped in cottages not containing more than 30 persons each where they eat, sleep, study and play. The meals, however, are furnished from a central kitchen to the cottage dining rooms. A large building is going up that contains a congregate dining room large enough to accommodate all of the children of the institution. When this is completed the cottage dining rooms will be abolished. The water supply is from wells on the grounds, lighting is done by electricity from the city of Clinton.

The children wear Oxford caps and a modified uniform. It has been found more economical to have modified uniforms than to have clothes of many different patterns and fabrics.

The cottages are: Home of Peace, Silliman Cottage, Gordon Cottage, McCormick Home, Edith Home, Harriet Home, Augustine Home, Anita Home, Virginia Home, Fairchild Cottage, Fowler Home, Faith Cottage, Georgia Home, Florida Cottage. These cottages are mostly constructed of granite and brick. All have baths with hot and cold water, and each has a sitting room, dining room and sleeping quarters. Over each cottage there presides a matron, who manages the cottage and bears to it the relations of a mother to a home.

The Library contains about 10,000 volumes, these volumes are distributed in the various fields of reference works, science, religion and fiction. The collection of religious works is larger and more valuable by far than any other part of the Library. In this building there is also a large reading room furnished with chairs, tables and modern magazines. Here, too, is preserved the study of William Plumer Jacobs, the founder of Thornwell—a saint of his Church and a benefactor of his State.

The Laundry is inadequately and poorly equipped. The call of 235 children, with all of their home accessories, for a laundry of ample size is very insistent.

The Museum contains an interesting and unusual collection of bird skins, mounted and unmounted; a number of mounted animal skins; and an array of curios and of mineral specimens. This Museum contributes a valuable field for the students in the High School and in the College.

The Lesh Infirmary is in charge of a trained nurse. Six older girls live in this infirmary and assist in its keeping. The furniture here is of a good hospital type, the clinic being exceptionally well equipped. There is also a dental room with a chair, dental lathe, and cases for instruments. The medical care of the Orphanage is excellent.

Here is offered facilities for education from the first grade through the collegiate department. In the collegiate department the senior class reads the Odes and Epodes of Horace, completes trigonometry and college algebra, has conversational French and reads such literature as "Les Miserables," and Moliere's "Les Precieuses Ridicules." In this department education is also studied in order to prepare the graduates for the profession of teaching.

Vocational training is given in the following branches: Stenography, Manual Training, Shop, Printing Shop, Laundry, Dairy and Farm. The Printing Shop is adequate for all the needs of the institution and does excellent work.

Special mention should be made of the Dairy. There are 30 cows giving milk, these amply supply the institution with fresh milk, cream and butter. The cows are carefully attended to. The stalls are properly constructed and have concrete floors.

The orphanage owns a farm of 1,200 acres situated on the Enoree River. We were informed that of this 1,200 acres not over 175 are in actual cultivation. Much of the other is in wood land and many acres beside which would furnish excellent pastorage. The present management is laying plans and organizing forces for the proper employment of this large tract of land.

Thornwell Orphanage, of course, is careful in its religious training. The President says: "Effort is made to

ASSESSMENTS RAISED BY TAX COMMISSION

One Hundred and Sixty-Nine Merchants In Laurens County Will Be Affected by Raise.

One hundred and sixty-nine wholesale and retail merchants of the County have been recently notified in the changes made in their assessment of merchandise for taxable property of this County alone by several hundred thousand dollars. In some instances the increase was slight while in others it was doubled, tripled and so on up to an increase of six or seven times the original assessments.

It seems that the increase, which is now causing so much talk throughout the State, came about in this way:

A few years ago a law was passed, creating a State Tax Commission with the authority to equalize assessments. The first year the commission took up corporations and a considerable stir was made by corporations over the State, many of whom claimed that their assessments had been unjustly raised. The next year they took up real estate and ordered that the valuation be materially raised. This year the commission seems to be studying the mercantile and automobile lines and the increases mentioned above are due to this fact.

The study began when merchants were furnished blanks just after they had made their assessments. Numbers of questions were asked to find out the amount of merchandise on hand and the amount of business done last year. It was on the basis of these reports that the new assessments were made by the State Commission.

It is not known whether the business houses will submit to this increase without a protest or not. It is understood that they have ten days in which to appeal to the State Tax Board of Reviews, which consists of one member from each Congressional district.

Of the 169 who have been notified of an increase they are located throughout the County as follows: Laurens 68, Clinton 45, Gray Court 14, Cross Hill 10, Waterlop 7, Mountville 6, Owings 3, two each at Lanford, Ora and Princeton, and one each at Barksdale, Chappells, Eden, Ekorn, Goldville, Kinards, Madden, Mt. Gallagher, Tylersville and Ware Shoals.

give to all the children religious instruction in such a way as to commend the Christian life. We try to maintain an ideal Christian home with a religious atmosphere. The children attend and take a part in the chapel exercises daily, participate in the work of the Sunday School and attend preaching services twice each Sabbath and also Wednesday evening prayer meeting, the first Sabbath night of each month and at other times if special occasion should seem to call for it. It is our purpose to try to arrange for a special evangelistic service for the Institution this fall. We are satisfied that this is an accurate statement of the methods and purposes of the religious instruction.

In the office we investigated the records of the children. These records were in many ways incomplete, not containing essential data about the individual child's social background and mental and physical characteristics, nor was there any system of follow-up records. The office also lacked proper index card systems whereby the records of the children, both of the past and of the present, might be readily found.

The physical appearance of the children show health, which in an institution like this is the result of medical and dental supervision, proper living conditions, and an adequate dietary. The manners of the children were good and showed freedom. In no institution have we seen children with an easier or more natural bearing, and seldom have we seen a group of children that bore so high a mark of cultural training grafted on the bounding spirit of youth. If "Manners maketh the man," as an aged proverb hath it, then the boys and girls that go out from Thornwell will be persons of mark. We do not know of any better argument for the principle of liberty and development in child training at the Thornwell Orphanage.

We commend the splendid plans and spirit of the new President, Dr. Lynn, and we believe that with the introduction of some modern methods of systemization the already splendid institution could be carried to untold lengths of efficiency.

NOTICE OF DISSOLUTION OF PARTNERSHIP.

Take notice that the partnership heretofore existing between R. E. Sadler and William Bailey Owens under the name of Sadler-Owens Pharmacy at Clinton, S. C., has been dissolved by mutual consent, and the said business is now owned and will be conducted in the future by Dr. R. E. Sadler. Thanking our friends for their patronage in the past and soliciting a continuation of the same for the future with R. E. Sadler.

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SENTENCES FOUR MEN TO CHAIR

GREENVILLE, Sept. 6.—Special

An impressive scene was enacted in the Greenville County courthouse here this afternoon in the presence of a crowd of spectators when four negroes were sentenced by Judge James H. Peurifoy to die in the electric chair on October 10, and another was sentenced to life imprisonment, all having been convicted of murder during the present term of the court of general sessions.

The negroes sentenced to pay the extreme penalty are Will Lomax, who killed his wife at Sampsonville, August 6; Arthur Coleman, who killed Will Henderson, another negro, in the city

about a month ago; Henry Leaks, who killed Herbert Smith, a negro, in the city on June 28, and Tohe Abercrombie, who killed his son, David, at Simpsonville, on August 10.

Melvin Farr, 18-year-old negro youth, who was found guilty with recommendation to mercy, was sentenced to life imprisonment, for the killing of Arthur Crouch on February 20.

The case of Hugh T. Bramlett, who is on trial on the charge of murdering his mother-in-law, Mrs. Lou C. McHugh, on June 10, concluded its fourth day yesterday and will be continued Monday morning. The defense has made a special plea of insanity, and a great quantity of testimony toward that end has been brought out. Bramlett was on the stand all day Thursday, and narrated a series of conflicts between himself and his wife's relative, who, he declared, wrecked his home. The case has attracted great interest throughout this section.

RESOLUTIONS OF CLINTON LODGE No. 84 K. of P.

Whereas, our brother Knight, Frederick R. Miller, has been taken from us by death on August 3rd, 1919, be it resolved:

I. That we bow in submission to the will of the all-wise and powerful God, who has seen fit to summon our brother Knight to the rest of the Heavenly Kingdom;

II. That we, as a Lodge, would express our sense of loss in the decease of a sincere and warm-hearted Pythian Knight. Though he was not permitted to meet with us very often, he ever showed true manliness, his gentle nature, his cheerful and friendly disposition.

III. That we hereby express to his widow and surviving children, our sympathy with them in the loss of a husband and a father, a loss aggravated by his having been so long time a sufferer and being taken from them in

middle life. May the God and Father of the widow and the orphan sustain and comfort them in their affliction and supply all their need.

IV. That these Resolutions be entered on our Records, and also published in the Clinton Chronicle, and that a copy be sent to the family of our deceased brother.

W. S. BEAN,
F. M. BOLAND,
Clinton, S. C., Sept. 2, 1919. Com.

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