





RELIGIONS AND CHILDREN.

Heathen religion, as represented in their sacred books or Bibles, generally ignore children. Hence under them child life is very cheap. It is considered quite proper and right for fathers to have their little ones strangled or otherwise put away if they do not care for them. Hence no law protects babes and no inquiry is made when they disappear. In China, i. e., we are told no funerals of children are seen, but before day the dead cart goes through the streets and gathers up the little bodies cast out at night and dumps them into pits where they are covered with quick lime and thus returned to dust. So heartless to children is heathenism.

But our Holy Bible is full of child life. God commanded in the law that children should be brought into covenant relation to Him at eight days old, and should be carefully taught of Him afterward



CHRIST BLESSING THE CHILDREN.

from their youth. He spoke this a little child Samuel to one of His greatest prophets. Yea, "in fullness of time," he sent "His only begotten and well beloved Son" into the world as a little child. What a miracle was this! The Almighty God became a helpless babe. This was a great mystery from foundation of world, which the angels had long desired to look into. When they saw it, how they came to earth in hosts, sang their glad anthems and sent the shepherds speeding to see the wonder of the ages, and their song still rings and the world is still coming to the manger cradle drawn by this wondrous event.

JESUS AND THE CHILDREN.

We can easily imagine that Jesus when a child loved other children, as every child does. But when at manhood he became the most wonderful teacher and the mightiest worker the world ever knew, how did he then regard them? When he was engaged in setting forth those sublime truths about the glorious Kingdom of Heaven, would he pay any attention to babes? The disciples thought not. Hence when "they brought young children to Him that He should touch them, the disciples rebuked those that brought them. But when Jesus saw it He was much displeased and said suffer the little children to come unto me and forbid them not, for of such is the Kingdom of God. Verily, I say unto you, whosoever shall not receive the Kingdom of God as a little child he shall not enter therein. And he took them up in his arms and put hands upon them and blessed them." The disciples were no doubt astonished at such teaching, elevating babes above themselves in relation to the great Kingdom of Heaven, but though the Lord had em-



phasized the lesson by showing his displeasure toward them as well as pleasure in the children, yet they needed the lesson again. For at another time the disciples came and asked, "Who is the greatest in the Kingdom of Heaven." Then the Lord gave them another object lesson. "He called a little child unto Him and set him in the midst and said, Verily, I say unto you, except ye be con-

verted and become as little children, ye shall not enter into the Kingdom of Heaven. Whosoever therefore shall humble himself as this little child, the same is the greatest in the Kingdom of Heaven." in the same connection he added, "Take heed that ye despise not one of these little ones; for I say unto you, that in heaven their angels do always behold the face of my Father who is in heaven." And do we not all need this lesson just as much as the disciples? We think ourselves much above the children. Christ the Lord, says, Beware! In the Kingdom of God they are far above you. You must teach them many things, but you must learn of them the one thing needful, how to enter the Kingdom of heaven.

THE CHURCH OF CHRIST AND THE CHILDREN.

Every true follower of Christ must therefore think very highly of children. In every church where the spirit of Christ is cherished, little children are also cherished as very closely connected with the Father and the Savior in heaven. Therefore we bring them to Him in Holy Baptism, being certain that he receives them and us with pleasure. We should fear his displeasure if we kept them away. Also when celebrating the great events in the work of the Lord for our salvation which we commemorate in the great church festivals, we have little children take a prominent part with us, especially in the singing. Who does not love to hear children sing? At every great gathering, no matter how eloquent the speaking, children's singing is always prominent. Jesus and the Father also love to hear them. After the multitudes had sung their glad Hosannahs on Palm Sunday, the praises were completed by the children singing in the temple. This irritated the Jews so that they asked Jesus to bid them be still. But Jesus answered, "Yea, have ye never read, out of the mouth of babes and sucklings thou hast perfected praise." Therefore we may well believe that in heaven where praise is perfect, amid the choirs of holy angels and the new songs of the redeemed, the highest place of all will be assigned to the children's choirs. We are quite right in singing here:

"Around the throne of God in heaven,

Thousands of children stand;

Children whose sins are all forgiven,

A holy, happy band, singing glory, glory, glory be to God
on high."

But of all the Christian festivals, Christmas is preeminently the children's festival, for it is the birthday of a little child who is

THE CHILDREN'S KING.

We have before noted how Jesus took a little child and set him in the midst as the model of his citizens. Therefore it is fitting that we all humble ourselves gladly and enter into this festival with childlike spirit bowing in lowly homage and joyous adoration be-

fore the children's king. Well may we count it a privilege to join them in singing praises to our infant Redeemer. But we cannot bear to have Santa Claus or any other saint or clown to crowd out the Christ-child from our Christmas celebrations. That turns it all into a mockery and tramples on the sacred message of the angels. It is too much like when "He came unto His own and His own received Him not." It is like saying, we do not want the Christ from heaven to be the author of Christmas blessings, we want Santa Claus from the cold frozen north. This is turning the King out of his birthright while pretending to honor Him. No, let Christ be all in all to us. Let us teach the children, like the disciples on the Mount of Transfiguration, to see "Jesus only with themselves." Then every celebration of our King's birthday will make us more true and loyal to Him every day in the year. It is certain that Jesus in heaven is pleased with such celebrations of His birthday on earth. Who of us does not like to revive our earliest memories? So you may be sure Jesus, the King, cherishes His early childhood memories of earth. He loves to live over again his early days with the children. How he must delight in mingling with so many little ones gathered together and showing good will to each other at his birthday which ushered in "on earth peace, good will to men."



Matth. 10:42.

JESUS AND THE ORPHANS.

An orphan is a child that has lost father, mother and home. Think if you can what that means. O, the forlorn sadness of a homeless, helpless destitute child! Often hungry, but the heart hungers for love and home, even more than the stomach for food. It is homesick. And never is the lot of an orphan more pitiful than at the glad Christmas time when the whole world blooms out with love and gladness for children, which it must see but not share. You have heard the story told of a man who had no recollection of

a home. But after he grew up he dreamed one night of a happy home and it wrought him up so that he wrote that beautiful song, called "Home, Sweet Home." The little orphan sees such a dream of happiness all around him every Christmas, but has no power to turn his longing into song. His only expression is sadness and tears. Did you ever think how CRUEL the Christmas time must seem to the neglected orphans? What! Can an institution which opens up all the fountains of love in heaven and earth be an instrument of torture to the very ones who hunger most for love? Yes, if they are shut out from its happiness. But be sure the loving God never intended it thus. Here are some words from God, "A father of the fatherless is God in his Holy habitation." "In thee the fatherless findeth mercy." "Thou art the helper of the fatherless."

But how does God help them? Not by sending food and raiment from heaven like manna to the Israelites in the desert, but by opening the hearts of His people, and pouring out to the orphan a rich portion of the love shed abroad in their hearts by the Holy Ghost which he has given us. His people who truly accept Him as King, are ready like the wise men to pour out before Him their gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh, and gladly do His will as soon as they know it. They thus enter into partnership in His kingdom and become laborers together with God. A labor of love is always attractive. The more we thus labor, the more we love to labor. And the more of God's love we bestow from our hearts upon God's helpless little ones, the more He fills our hearts again. Therefore, it is a significant fact that orphanages founded and carried on in the true spirit of Christ never die or suffer seriously for lack of support. On the contrary they usually grow and attract more helpers.

How entirely our entrance into heaven depends on the spirit of love and mercy ruling our actions toward the needy and especially the orphans here is shown by Christ in Matt. 25, describing the gathering of the nations before him for judgment according to the deeds done in the body. To some he will say, "Come ye blessed of my father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; for I was an hungered and ye gave me meat; a stranger and ye took me in, etc. Then shall the righteous answer, "Lord, when saw we thee an hungered and fed thee, etc., and the King shall answer and say, Inasmuch as ye have done it unto the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me." They had received the blessed spirit of sonship with God and had loved to do good to the least of His needy ones. And they will reap an unexpected reward of their toil. Brethren whatever we miss in this world let us not miss the joy of doing good to the needy, especially the little ones. If we miss this, we miss heaven, for the Lord continues, "Then will he say unto them on the left hand Depart from me, ye cursed, into everlasting fire, prepared for the devil and his angels; for I was an hungered and ye gave me no

meat, etc. Then shall they answer: Lord, when saw we thee an hungered or athirst, or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison and did not minister unto thee? Then shall He answer them, Verily, I say unto you, inasmuch as ye did it not to one of the least of these, my brethren, ye did it not to me. And these shall go away into everlasting punishment, but the righteous into life eternal."

From this we see how well it pays to cultivate a merciful spirit toward the needy and how dangerous it is for us to neglect the little ones. He identifies himself with them so that in doing good to them we please Him and in neglecting them we offend Him. As we deal with His own here, so He will deal with us hereafter.



AN ORPHAN CHURCH.

Our Church here has been an orphan among strangers in a strange land. For many years she was helpless and at the mercy of adventurers. Finally the good Lord sent Father Cossman of blessed memory, who labored faithfully according to his ability. She also came under the fostering care of the Pittsburg Synod, who furnished pastors and did everything possible at such a distance. Yet in the nature of things our church here had still to struggle along in much loneliness and poverty. But now the Lord has so prospered us that we are about to set up an independent household of our own, connected with our brethren elsewhere by only general ties. But as a household, we need to have some common work of the Lord to be a bond of union with God and each other, and there is no institution with which it is so fitting for us to begin as an Orphans' Home. Those who best know the history of our church in Nova Scotia hitherto will agree that she has been an orphan church, and it is therefore fitting that our first institution should be an orphanage.

AN ORPHANAGE IN OUR MIDST.

The Lord has set a child in the midst of his disciples here. No one here has planned the beginning of this work at this time. For years the hearts of pastors have been touched by occasional tales of the hardships of destitute orphans, and the wish has often been spoken of to each other that there might be a home planted here to care for them in the name of Jesus. But none saw any way to bring this about. The thought came, however, that since we have an annual Reunion and Harvest Home Festival, where thousands of people gather, that would be a good place to have the subject brought up for consideration and possibly among those thousands

the Lord would enable some one to find the way in time, if such was His will. With this vague hope and dependence on the Lord, a resolution was passed at the meeting of the conference at West Northfield, in July, 1901, asking the Reunion Park Association, whose members are elected by conference, to secure a competent speaker to present this subject to the people. They cheerfully agreed and secured Rev. Dr. G. C. Berkemeier, the efficient director of the Wartburg Orphans' Farm School, at Mount Vernon, N. Y.

His presentation of the subject was all that could be desired, but it was through the Wartburg orphans that the work was really started. When the speaker in closing held up the \$25.00 which his orphans had sent to begin the work, the fact dawned upon the minds of the multitude that the first step in the founding of the institution had been already taken and it was for them to take the second. A collection was then given and thus within a few minutes \$51.37 was placed in the hands of the officers of conference for this purpose.

Events now followed each other with to us startling rapidity. Word was brought of a very suitable farm to be had on favorable terms. In looking it over the conviction settled into the hearts of the ministers that this was the Lord's leading and we could do nothing else but follow. Hence a bargain for it was made and signed on the 31st day of October, 1901, for \$530. \$130 was paid in cash, \$100 to be paid in five months and the balance in eight months. The children of the Sunday Schools were then appealed to solicit a Christmas offering, and they took hold with a will. The results are shown in the following financial report to November 1st, 1902:

RECEIPTS.

Wartburg Orphans.....	\$ 25 00
Collection at Reunion, 1901.....	26 37
Collection at Reunion, 1902.....	36 51
Reunion Park Association.....	80 00
From Parishes:—	
Lunenburg.....	152 97
Bridgewater..	99 32
Mahone Bay..	84 36
Midville.....	51 75
Rose Bay.....	51 37
New Germany.....	21 00
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Rents.....	41 71
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DISBURSEMENTS.

For Farm.....	\$5 30
Abstract of Title, etc....	3 00
Printing Christmas Leaflets.....	3 50
Printing Act of Incorporation.....	3 50
School Tax.....	3 41
Recording Deed.....	1 00
Nails, Drayage, etc.....	5 20
Record Books.....	2 75
Balance on hand.....	118 00
	670 36

And now the sound of church building is heard in the land and some churches lately dedicated. What are these beautiful buildings for except for gathering together willingly to be taught of God; how to please Him by acceptable service. Let us not imagine that the building of churches is the end of our service of God. It is only a new and fresh beginning. It is enlarging and improving our plants for wider and larger service, for the glory of God, etc., good of our fellow men. The spirit of Christmas leads us not to think only of self but to live for others, "Even as the Son of man came not to be ministered unto, but to minister and to give his life a ransom for many."

And therefore while we are building, is there not here a call from Him for all of us together to build another house in His name into which to gather the helpless, destitute children; not only those of our day, but for the generations to come? Will we not be able to worship better in our churches, if we know that the needs of the least of His brethren are provided for? And can we not go to meet Him more peacefully and trustfully if we have while here done with our might this work which our hands have found to do for Him in the person of His little ones? He says "Whosoever receiveth one such little child in my name receiveth me," and if we have thus received Him gladly here, is it not reasonable to believe his assurance that He will receive and welcome us with the blessing of His father in His own heavenly kingdom?

Now please remember that we who are sending out this appeal to you are not asking for anything for ourselves. We have entered on this work without pay, in addition to the work with which we already feel overburdened. We have begun because deeply convinced it was the Lord who was calling and leading us. Hence we could do no otherwise than follow, trusting only in the Lord and his believing people. And now if you believe this

is really a work of God, then as surely as you count yourself really a servant of God, you must own that it is as much your work as ours. We are merely your leaders under Christ. We are all truly "laborers together with God," each in his appointed place, and only as we each perform faithfully and heartily the work belonging to our place, can we expect the Lord to prosper us here and bless us hereafter.

We are undertaking this as one denomination of Christians because we believe that such unity will best promote harmony and therefore the truest Christian spirit in the management of the Home. But as will be seen from Art. V, 1, of our By Laws, "No distinction shall be made in reference to the creed of the parents of any child for which application for admission is made." The benefits are for children of ALL DENOMINATIONS not otherwise provided for. Hence we have no hesitation in inviting all who have no similar work of their own and who believe this is a true work of the Lord, to join us in its support, and share in its blessings of service.

"The Lord is very pitiful and of tender mercy."

"Pure religion and undefiled before God and the Father is this: To visit the fatherless and widows in their affliction and to keep himself unspotted from the world."

AN ACT TO INCORPORATE THE BETHANY ORPHANS'
HOME OF THE EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN
CHURCH IN NOVA SCOTIA.

(Passed the 27th of March A. D. 1902.)

Section.

1. Incorporation.
2. Objects of corporation.
3. Corporation authorized to acquire land.
4. Corporation authorized to borrow money.
5. Provision respecting execution of documents.
6. Power to establish and maintain Orphans' Home, hospitals, etc.
7. By laws, rules, etc.
8. Misnomer shall not defeat or annul grant.
9. Power to receive orphan or half-orphan children.
10. Power to enforce terms of contract.
11. Exemption from taxation.

Be it enacted by the Governor, Council, and Assembly as follows:

1. Charles B. Lindtwed, Luther M. McCreery, William Marion Weaver, Jacob Maurer, Carroll H. Little, Charles Gurney Beck, Henry Mosher, Simeon Ernst, Alvin V. Conrad, Jacob Hiltz, Abram Ernst, and all such persons as may become members of the

corporation hereby created according to the rules and by-laws thereof are hereby created a body corporate under the name and title of "The Bethany Orphans' Home of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Nova Scotia."

2. The objects of the corporation shall be the relief, maintenance and care of orphans and half orphans, the establishment and maintenance of industrial schools, the education of youth and the exercise of mercy to the sick, unfortunate and destitute.

3. The corporation may acquire by deed of conveyance or by devise or in any other manner for the time being recognized by law, lands within Nova Scotia, and may have, hold, possess and enjoy the same for the general uses and purposes of the corporation and may sell, alien, exchange, assign, release, mortgage, lease, convey or otherwise dispose of such lands, or any part thereof, for such uses and purposes, or any of them, in the manner herein provided.

4. The corporation may borrow money on deeds or deeds of trust, mortgage or mortgages of the land of the corporation, or other security, for the purpose of erecting, furnishing, enlarging or repairing any building or buildings erected or to be erected or to pay off any debt incurred by such corporation or for which the corporation may become liable.

5. All deeds, leases, mortgages, releases and other conveyances of the property of the corporation shall be under the corporate seal, and signed by such officers or members of the corporation as the rules or by-laws thereof direct.

6. The corporation shall have the power to establish, maintain, control, govern and manage any orphans' home, farm school, industrial school, hospital, asylum, retreat or other institution necessary and proper for the carrying out of the general objects of the said corporation as herein set forth; also to contract for and erect all necessary buildings and provide all necessary accommodations and conveniences requisite for the reception and care of orphans, patients and inmates and generally to do all things necessary and proper to carry out the objects of the corporation.

7. The corporation shall have power to make all necessary by-laws for the management of its affairs not inconsistent with the laws of the Province of Nova Scotia, and to elect and appoint all officers, committees and agents that it may deem necessary and advisable; but no person or persons shall be elected a member of this corporation who is not a pastor or member in good and regular standing of an acknowledged Evangelical Lutheran congregation in Nova Scotia, adhering to the unaltered Augsburg Confession.

8. A misnomer of the corporation aforesaid shall not defeat or annul any grant, gift, conveyance, assurance, devise or bequest to said corporation, provided the intent of the parties shall sufficiently appear upon the face thereof, whereby any estate or

interest was intended to pass to said corporation or to any orphan house, hospital, asylum, retreat or any other institution under the control and management of the corporation hereby created.

9. The corporation shall have the power to receive such orphan and half orphan children as its by-laws permit and to have them indentured, bound or apprenticed to the corporation in the manner, and by the persons, provided by Chapter 117 Revised Statutes of Nova Scotia, 1900, for the apprenticeship of infants, and in all instances where orphans are thus surrendered to the corporation, the said corporation may at its discretion retain such children in its institution or under its control until of age or place them by adoption, or at service in some suitable employment, and with some suitable person or persons, under articles of apprenticeship agreeably to the laws of Nova Scotia in that behalf, and the corporation shall be the legal guardian of all such children who are thus indentured.

10. It shall be the lawful duty of the corporation to enforce the terms of any such contract of indenture, and enforce the proper treatment of such children or wards and it is hereby made the special duty of the corporation to regularly enquire into the condition and treatment of every such child and redress any wrong committed against them, and it shall be the duty of every person to whom a child is thus indentured to report to the corporation, at such times and in such manner as its by-laws direct, the conduct and deportment of such child, and anything that pertains to the welfare of such child.

11. The property, real or personal, of the corporation shall be exempt from taxation.

BY-LAWS.

Article I.—Of the Trustees.

1. The persons named in the Act of Incorporation together with James W. Veinot, and their successors shall be known as the Board of Trustees.

2. They shall hold an annual meeting on the fourth Tuesday in January of each year. There shall also be regular meetings on the fourth Tuesday in April, July and October, and special meetings as often as the Executive Committee shall deem necessary.

3. They shall at the annual meeting elect a President, a Vice President, a Secretary, and a Treasurer, who shall perform the duties usually appertaining to such officers. The Treasurer shall be required to give bonds in a sum to be fixed by the Board of Trustees, and shall not pay out any money except upon the order of the Executive Committee.

4. They shall appoint a Housefather or Matron, or both.

5. They shall at each annual meeting appoint an Executive Committee, whose duties are set forth in a subsequent article.

6. They shall fill any vacancy in the Board of Trustees, either

at the annual meeting, or at a meeting called for the purpose, and of which due notice has been given to all the members of the Board.

Article II—Of the Housefather.

1. The Housefather must be a minister in good and regular standing of an acknowledged Evangelical Lutheran synod in Nova Scotia, adhering to the unaltered Augsburg Confession.

2. He shall be the pastor of the Bethany Orphans' Home and shall have the direct supervision and control of the outward and inner life of the same, subject to the authority of the Board of Trustees.

3. He shall be ex-officio a member of the Board of Trustees, and of the Executive Committee, but shall not hold an office in either.

4. As Housefather, Director and Pastor, he shall draw up and carry out whatever plans may be necessary for the order of the house, and for the physical, intellectual and spiritual education of the children, subject to the approval of the Board and of the Executive Committee.

5. He shall conduct public worship in the chapel on the Lord's day, on the festivals of the Church, and whenever necessary, and shall have the pastoral care of all the inmates of the institution.

6. He shall conduct all the correspondence required in the conduct of the Institution, under the direction of the Executive Committee.

7. He shall have charge of the "House Treasury," to meet the current expenses of the Institution. He can, however, make no purchase for the Institution, the amount of which shall exceed the sum of \$50.00, without being authorized by the Executive Committee.

8. He shall lay before the Executive Committee at their several meetings an account of all receipts and expenditures, as well as all necessary items of correspondence, and shall also prepare an annual report to be laid before the Board of Trustees.

9. He shall have charge of all the labor in the house, garden and farm, and shall have the control of all assistants, gardeners, farm hands and domestics, subject to the control of the Executive Committee.

10. All applications for the admission of children into the Institution shall be made to him, and it shall be his duty to investigate each case and report upon the same to the next meeting of the Executive Committee, without whose approval no child shall be received.

11. He shall also conduct the correspondence and negotiations connected with the indenturing of children, and shall watch over the conduct and treatment of children thus indentured and report the same to the Executive Committee.

12. He shall keep the records of the Institution, which shall contain the full name, date of birth, date of entrance into the Institution, and of its separation from the same by indenture, death or

in whatever other way, of every orphan or half-orphan, and such other items in the history of the Institution, as may be of importance.

13. He shall not absent himself without the consent of the Executive Committee, and without designating a substitute acceptable to the same.

Article III—Of the Matron.

1. She shall be a member in good standing of an acknowledged Evangelical Lutheran congregation, adhering to the unaltered Augsburg Confession.

2. She shall be under the direction of the Executive Committee until such time as a Housefather shall be appointed.

Article IV—Of the Executive Committee.

1. This Committee shall have the immediate care and management of the Bethany Orphans' Home.

2. They shall appoint all officers not elected by the Board, and all assistants needed in every department of the work. They shall also fix all salaries and wages.

3. They shall see to it that the rules, regulations and resolutions adopted by the Board of Trustees are faithfully carried out.

4. They shall hold monthly meetings for the transaction of business, and visit the Institution, either as a Committee or by Subcommittee as frequently as may be deemed necessary.

5. They shall have full authority to receive, to indenture, and to dismiss children in accordance with the rules laid down by the Board of Trustees.

6. They shall co-operate with the President in bringing the wants of the Institution to the notice of the churches in such ways as may be deemed best.

7. They shall authorize all necessary expenditures and make necessary purchases, and draw upon the Treasurer of the Board of Trustees for whatever funds may be needed to carry on the Institution.

8. They shall lay a full report before the annual meeting of the Board of Trustees and be ready at any time to furnish any information required by the same.

Article V.—General Principles in reference to the children received into the Bethany Orphans' Home of the Evangelical

Lutheran Church at Bridgewater, N. S.

1. No distinction shall be made in reference to the Creed of the parents of any child for which application for admission is made.

2. Though the primary object of the Institution is to provide a true home for destitute orphan children deprived of both their parents, yet where the one surviving parent is unable, by disease or otherwise, to support his or her children, half orphans may be received into the Institution on the same conditions as entire orphans.

3. The children received into the Institution must be en-

tirely given up to the same by the guardians, relations or friends. A legal indenture must be made between the parties having applied for the child, the child itself and the officers of the Institution—(Executive Committee.)

4. The officers of the Institution assume in all respects the place of parents towards the children admitted into the same.

5. The children to be received in to the Institution must be under ten years of age, unless in exceptional cases, bodily well, free from any chronic disease, and epileptic attacks, of sound mind and of good moral character. Vicious and immoral children, having obtained admission into the Institution under false pretenses, will be returned to the parties having had charge of them.

6. The following shall be the ruling principles in the education and instruction of the children:

a. They shall be faithfully and diligently instructed in the doctrines and duties of the Christian religion as set forth by the Evangelical Lutheran Church in the unaltered Augsburg Confession.

b. They shall receive a plain English education, so as to qualify them to learn a trade and become useful members of the society.

c. Though superior talents among the children shall not be neglected, it is the general object of the Institution to prepare the boys for some useful trade, and the girls to become good and faithful Christian domestics.

Article VI—Order of Business.

The regular meetings shall be opened and closed with religious exercises, and the order of business shall be as follows:

1. Reading of the Minutes.
2. Reports from Standing Committees.
3. Reports from Special Committees.
4. Report from the Treasurer.
5. Report from the Housefather.
6. Miscellaneous Communications.
7. New Business.

Article VII—of Amendments.

These by-laws shall not be altered, amended, added to or diminished except by a vote of two-thirds of the members of the Board of Trustees present at a regular meeting, and provided that such proposed alteration or amendment be moved and presented by not less than three members at a previous regular meeting.

QUESTIONS

To be Answered by person applying for the admission of children into the Bethany ORPHANS' HOME, of the Ev.-Lutheran Church, Bridgewater, N. S.

1. What is the child's full name?.....

2. Where and when was the child born?.....
3. What is the name of the father?.....
4. When did he die, at what age and of what disease? Where buried?.....
5. What was the maiden name of the mother?.....
6. When did she die, at what age and of what disease?.....
7. Where did the parents live? Province? County? Town?.....
8. When and by whom were the parents married?.....
9. Had these parents any other children? If so, state their names, ages and present residences.....
10. What was the occupation of the father?.....
11. What was the religious denomination of the father and mother?.....
12. Has the child been baptized? When? Where? By whom?.....
13. Has it been vaccinated?.....
14. What diseases has the child had? Smallpox? Measles? Whooping cough, or Scarlet fever?.....
15. Is the child of sound mind? Epileptic? Subject to Scrofula?.....
16. Has the child any chronic disease?.....
17. What is the moral character of the child?.....
18. What is the name and address of the child's guardian?.....
19. Name and address of the nearest relatives of the child?.....
20. Are there any near relatives able to provide for this child?....
21. Did the parents leave any property whatever to their children?.....
22. Has this child any property or any means of support or any means from which support will be available hereafter?.....

Any false statement in reference to the AGE, HEALTH and MORAL CHARACTER of the child will subject the same at any time to be returned to the person or persons having made the application, or to the relatives of the child.

CERTIFICATE.

We, the undersigned Pastor and officers of.....
.....Church, do hereby certify

to the truth of the statements in the application of.....
 for admission into
 the Bethany Orphans' Home at Bridgewater, N. S. We regard this
 applicant as a deserving and worthy case, and we hereby promise,
 in behalf of our congregation and Sunday School, to assist in sup-
 porting this child, according to our ability.

Dated at....., 190.....

Signed by,

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BOARD OF TRUSTEES.

OFFICERS.

President, Rev. L. M. McCreery.
 Vice president, Mr. Simeon Ernst.
 Secretary, Rev. C. H. Little.
 Treasurer, Rev. C. B. Lindtwed.

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Rev. Wm. Marion Weaver	Mr. Jacob Hiltz.
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EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

Rev. L. M. McCreery.	Mr. Simeon Ernst.
Rev. C. B. Lindtwed.	Mr. James W. Veinot.

FORM OF BEQUEST.

I give and bequeath to "The Bethany Orphans' Home of the
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