

### WHAT HE SAID.

In school the day sat little Ned  
A sweet faced child with curly head  
And bright brown eyes that looked at me  
"Death lashes brown as brown could be

As at the childish face I gazed  
A tiny hand was shyly raised  
And with a flush upon his cheek  
He said "Please teacher may I speak"

Of course I thought he wished to say  
Something about his book or play  
So with no further thought said "Yes  
And then—ah—you could never guess"

Out to the middle of the floor  
He walked the little boy of four  
And with a look so sweet and wise  
He turned on me those bright brown eyes

Then with a bow dear little Ned  
Began, and this is what he said  
"The rose is red, the violet blue,  
The pink is sweet, and so are you

### Letters.

Letters! Who doesn't like to have a letter from home—from father and mother, the dearest friends we have on earth? With what tender feelings the children here hail the leather mail bag as it is brought from the postoffice brimful of letters—letters from home and friends far away—can be better imagined than expressed. Then comes the scramble, a crowd of eager and expectant children who seem to have faith in the saying: "First come first served." The joy which the receipt of a letter causes knows no bounds while the disappointment of the unfortunate ones is sometimes enough to move a heart of stone. If the parents of the latter could see them, they would remember them better. Sometimes letters come so seldom as to make some feel forsaken, and if you see a dejected face, it can be very frequently traced to the above deficiency.

The other day we saw a small boy sitting alone in a dark corner crying. On seeing us, he came up sobbing and said: "Father and Mother are dead." He could show no letter, and when we asked him why he thought so he said because he had not heard from them for a very long time and as he could not understand their failure to write he concluded that they must be dead.—F. C., in *Kentucky Deaf Mute*.

### Worth Trying.

"When you rise in the morning, says Sydney Smith, "form a resolution to make the day a happy one to a fellow creature. It is easily done, a left off garment to the man who needs it, a kind word to the sorrowful, an encouraging expression to the striving, trifles in themselves as light as air, will do it at least for twenty-four hours." By the most simple arithmetical sum look at the result; you send one, happily through the day; that is three hundred and sixty-five in the course of the year, and suppose you live only forty years after you commence that course of medicine, you have fourteen thousand six hundred human beings happy, at all events for a time. Now is not this simple? It is too short for a sermon, too homely for ethics, too easily accomplished for you to say "I would if I could."

### Talk on Their Fingers.

The other day while rambling through several hundred of papers that find their way into our sanctum, we ran across the item appended hereto—which, though containing nothing strange to deaf-mutes, is peculiar in itself: "Twenty years ago John B. Stetson, of Ottawa, Kansas, fell out with his wife about correcting a child, and vowed he would never speak to her again. She in turn vowed never to speak first. They are both superstitious about the effect of breaking their vows, and years ago learned to talk on their fingers and make signs freely to each other. To their seven children they talk as much as ever. This has been going on now for twenty out of forty years of their married life."—*D. M. Journal*.

### Morning and Evening.

Speak kindly in the morning, it will lighten all the cares of the day, turn sorrow into gladness, make household, professional and all other affairs move along more smoothly, giving peace to the one who thus speaks, and grateful joy to the one who hears. Speak kindly at the evening hour, for it may be that before the dawn of another day some tenderly loved one may finish his or her span of life for this world, and then it will be too late to recall an unkind word, or even to seek forgiveness for an injury inflicted upon the heart of a loved friend departed.

### Eyes Bright and Clear.

HOW TO KEEP THEM SO—AN ENGRAVER'S RECEIPT

Engravers, designers and workers of fine embroidery are apt to be troubled with congestion of the corner of the eyes and inflamed lids. Generally this does not interfere materially with their power of vision, but it gives them a most unpleasant expression. An old engraver told a Philadelphia *Record* writer his experience with his eyes, and how he cured them.

"Occasionally," he said, "my eyes would become so inflamed that I could not use them. Then I tried applications of cold tea leaves, extract of witch hazel and sometimes went to a physician and had my eyes leeched. If I went to sleep with cold tea leaves on my eyes the leaves would become dry, act as a poultice and make my eyes worse. Leeching, while affording a temporary relief, increased the tendency to congestion. Witch hazel was the best remedy, but often would afford no relief whatever. Nearly every engraver in our establishment was afflicted as I was, some of them losing three weeks' work in a year. Some went to eminent oculists others remained in darkened rooms for days at a time.

"Finally, about five years ago, one of our engravers went to a leading New York oculist paid him \$15 and received a prescription which cost him five cents to have a druggist put up. It cured his eyes like magic and he told us about it. We all laughed, for we had grown tired of hearing about remedies and had no faith. The prescription called for a 'saturated solution of boracic acid, or what we call 'powdered borax.' For five cents you can buy enough at a druggist's to last you for months. Put a heaping tablespoonful in an ordinary tumbler of pure water and let it thoroughly dissolve. Then apply to the eyes with the fingers; never use a sponge or cloth. Let it dry on the eyes. Use it first before retiring and after rising, or at any other time.

"I was induced to try it and have used it freely, sometimes four or five times a day, for four years. It is no exaggeration to say that it acts like magic. I have no further trouble with congested eyes and haven't lost a day from work in four years. My daughters and their young lady companions use it before going to parties and after their return, and their eyes sparkle. The borax is a mild astringent, contracts the congested blood vessels and sends the blood into its natural channels."

### Poor Girls.

The poorest girls in the world are those not taught to work. There are thousands of them. Rich parents have petted them, and they have been taught to despise labour and to depend upon others for a living, and are perfectly helpless. The most forlorn women belong to this class. It is the duty of parents to protect their daughters from this deplorable condition. They do them a great wrong if they neglect it. Every daughter should be taught to earn her own living, the rich as well as the poor require this training. The wheel of fortune rolls swiftly around—the rich are likely to become poor and the poor rich. Skill added to labour is no disadvantage to the rich and is indispensable to the poor. Well to do parents must educate their daughters to work; no reform is more imperative than this.—*Es.*

### Blue Eyes and Great Men.

In a recent article *The London Opinion* says: Blue eyes have always predominated among the great men of the world. Socrates, Shakespeare, Locke, Bacon, Milton, Goethe, Franklin, Napoleon, and Renan all had blue eyes. The eyes of Bismarck, Gladstone, Huxley, Nirehow, and Buchner are also of this color, and all the presidents of the United States except General Harrison enjoyed the same cerulean color as to their optics.

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EVENING STUDY from 7 to 8.30 p. m. for senior pupils and from 7 to 8 for Junior pupils.

#### Articulation Classes:—

From 9 a. m. to 12 noon and from 1.30 to 4 p. m.

#### Religious Exercises:—

EVERY SUNDAY - Primary pupils 9 a. m., senior pupils at 11 a. m. General Lecture at 2.30 p. m., immediately after which the Bible Class will assemble.  
EACH SCHOOL DAY the pupils are to assemble in the Chapel at 8.45 a. m. and the Teacher in charge for the week will open by prayer and afterwards discuss them so that they may reach their respective school rooms not later than 9 o'clock. In the afternoon at 10 o'clock the pupils will again assemble and after prayer will be dismissed in a quiet and orderly manner.  
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1.—Clergy men of all Denominations are cordially invited to visit us at any time.

#### Industrial Departments:—

PRINTING OFFICE, SHOE AND CAREENER SHOPS from 7.30 to 8.30 a. m., and from 1.30 to 3.30 p. m. for pupils who attend school for those who do not from 7.30 a. m. to 12 noon, and from 1.30 to 5.30 p. m. each working day except Saturday, when the office and shops will be closed at noon.

THE SEWING CLASS HOURS are from 9 a. m. to 12 o'clock noon, and from 1.30 to 4 p. m. for those who do not attend school and from 5.30 to 7 p. m. for those who do. No sewing on Saturday afternoons.

1.—The Printing Office, Shops and Sewing Room to be left each day when work ceases in a clean and tidy condition.

2.—PUPILS are not to be excused from the various classes or Industrial Departments except on account of sickness, without permission of the Superintendent.

3.—Teachers Officers and others are not to allow matters foreign to the work in hand to interfere with the performance of their several duties.

#### Visitors:—

Persons who are interested desirous of visiting the Institution, will be made welcome on any school day. No visitors are allowed on Saturdays, Sundays or Holidays except to the regular chapel exercises at 2.30 on Sunday afternoons. The best time for visitors on ordinary school days is as soon after 1.30 in the afternoon as possible, as the classes are dismissed at 4.00 o'clock.

#### Admission of Children:—

When pupils are admitted and parents come with them to the Institution they are kindly advised not to linger and prolong leaving-taking with their children. It only makes discomfort for all concerned particularly for the parent. The child will be tenderly cared for, and if left in our charge without delay will be quite happy with the others in a few days, in some cases in a few hours.

#### Visitation:—

It is not beneficial to the pupils for friends to visit them frequently. If parents must come, however, they will be made welcome to the class-rooms and allowed every opportunity of seeing the general work of the school. We cannot furnish lodging or meals, or entertain guests at the Institution. Good accommodation may be had in the city at the Hoffman House, Queen's Anglo-American and Dominion Hotels at moderate rates.

#### Clothing and Management:—

Parents will be good enough to give all directions concerning clothing and management of their children to the Superintendent. No correspondence will be allowed between parents and employees under any circumstances without special permission upon each occasion.

#### Sickness and Correspondence.

In case of the serious illness of pupils letters or telegrams will be sent daily to parents or guardians. IN THE ABSENCE OF LETTERS OR FRIENDS OF PUPILS MAY BE QUITE SURE THEY ARE WELL.

All pupils who are capable of doing so, will be required to write home every three weeks. Letters will be written by the teachers for the little ones who cannot write stating, as nearly as possible, their wishes.

1.—No medical preparations that have been used at home or prescribed by family physicians will be allowed to be taken by pupils except with the consent and direction of the Physician of the Institution.

Parents and friends of deaf children are warned against Quack Doctors who advertise medicines and appliances for the cure of deafness. In 999 cases out of 1000 they are frauds and only want money for which they give no return. Consult well known medical practitioners in cases of deafness and be guided by their counsel and advice.

H. MATHISON,  
Superintendent.

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