

Predestinated.

Not always told the tolling and the striving.
Does solitary effort claim reward.
Not often in the fevered rush of living
Do single sparklets flash from out the dark.

Yet, now and then, some sweet, renewed existence
Shines, unthought, 'gainst a dull, cold sky.
And shows us, with a power beyond resistance,
That it is purposeful, and cannot die.

For even when the golden bowl is broken,
And when the silver cord is loosed for aye,
We hold the words that helpful lips have spoken,
To guide us gently on our rugged way.

God takes the harvest, man is left the blessing,
And to justifying ones, the Spirit saith,
"There is no life without its perfect meaning,
There is no chance in that which men call death."

Sweet lives pass on; the world may never find
Them,
And souls, though bright, may show no dazzling
Ray,
But God will know exactly where to find them,
When He makes up His jewels in His day.

Bring, then, O hearts! the first fruits of your
treasure:
Yield up your living, trust your sacred deal,
Weigh not the cost, for He who holds the
measure
Will smooth and straighten every tangled
thread.

—NANNIE POWER O'DONOGHUE.

Clear Grit.

"About thirty years ago," said Judge P., "I stepped into a bookstore in Cincinnati, in search of some books that I wanted. While there a little ragged boy, not over twelve years old, came in and inquired for a geography.

"Plenty of them," was the salesman's reply.

"How much do they cost?"

"One dollar, my lad."

"I did not know they were so much," he turned to go out, and even opened the door, but closed it again and came back.

"I have got 61 cents," he said "could you let me have a geography and wait a little while for the rest of the money?"

"How eagerly his little eyes looked for an answer! and how he seemed to shrink within his ragged clothes when the man not very kindly told him he could not. The disappointed little fellow looked up to me, with a poor attempt at a smile, and left the store. I followed him and overtook him.

"And what now?" I asked.

"Try another place sir."

"Shall I go, and see how you succeed?"

"Oh, yes, if you like," said he, in surprise.

"Four different stores I entered with him, and each time he was refused.

"Will you try again?" I asked.

"Yes, sir, I will try them all, or I should not know whether I could get one."

"We entered the fifth store, and the little fellow walked up manfully and told the gentleman just what he wanted.

"You want the book very much?" said the proprietor.

"Yes, sir, very much."

"Why do you want it so very, very much?"

"To study, sir. I can't go to school, but I study when I am at home. All the boys have got one, and they will get ahead of me. Besides, my father was a sailor, and I want to learn the places where he used to go."

"Does he go to those places now?" asked the proprietor.

"He is dead," said the boy sadly. Then he added, after awhile; "I am going to be a sailor, too."

"Are you though?" asked the gentleman, raising his eyebrows earnestly.

"Yes, sir, if I live."

"Well, my lad, I will tell you what I will do; I will let you have a new geography, and you may pay me the remainder when you can, or I will let you have one that is not new, for 60 cents."

"Are the leaves all in it, and just like the others, only not new?"

"Yes, just like the new ones."

"It will do just as well, then, and I shall have 11 cents left toward buying some other books. I am glad they did not let me have one at any of the other places."

"The bookseller looked up inquiringly, and I told him what I had seen of the little fellow. He was much pleased, and when he brought the book along I saw a nice white paper in it.

"Thank you, sir, you are very good."

"What is your name?"

"William Haverly, sir."

"Do you want any more books?" I asked him.

"More than I can ever get," he replied, glancing at the books that filled the shelves.

"I gave him a bank-note. 'It will buy some for you,' I said.



DEAF AGENTS EARN

"GOOD MONEY"

Selling the handsome illustrated 32 page booklet, "The Lord's Prayer in the Sign Language." The book sells at 15 cents each, and interest-bearing to deaf people old or young. Our agents say "they sell like hot cakes." Write for free circular with terms to agents and testimonials. The booklet mailed postpaid to any address for 15 cents.

AGENTS WANTED. Conn. Magazine Co., Hartford, Conn.

He Was a Dandy.

An advertisement in a newspaper calling for a "first-class book-keeper at \$3 a week" drew forth the following:

"I am a young man 37 years of age, having had a business experience of 23 years, being connected with the United States Embassy at Madagascar, and feel confident if you will give me a trial, I can prove my worth to you. I am not only an expert book-keeper, proficient stenographer and typewriter, excellent operator and erudite college graduate, but have several other accomplishments which might be desirable.

I am an expert snow shoveller, a first-class peanut roaster, have some knowledge of removing superfluous hair and clipping puppy dog's ears; have a medal for reciting "Curfew Shall Not Ring To-night," am a skillful chiropodist and practical farmer; can also cook, take care of horses, crease trousers, open oysters and repair umbrellas.

Being possessed of great physical beauty, I would not only be useful, but would be ornamental as well, lending to your office that delightful artistic charm that a Satsuma vase or stuffed billygoat would.

As to salary, I would feel I was robbing the widow and swiping the sponge cake from the orphan if I was to take advantage of your munificence by accepting the too fabulous sum of \$3 per week, and would be entirely willing to give you my services for less; and in accepting \$1.37 per week would give you an opportunity of not only increasing your donation to the church, pay your butcher and keep up your life insurance, but also to found a home for indigent paper salesmen and endow a free bed in the cat home.

"Yes, my hands are soft," said a coxcomb young fellow, the other night in a small court-yard, who admiringly looked at those useless appendages that had never done a day's work. "Do you know how I do it?" he exclaimed proudly. "I wear gloves on my hands every night to sleep in." "Do you sleep with your hat on also?" asked a port young woman. And the young fellow replied in the negative, and looked wonderingly because the company snickered.

Grand Trunk Railway.

TRAINS LEAVE BELLEVILLE STATION:
WEST—3:15 a.m.; 4:20 a.m.; 6:00 a.m.; 11:15 a.m.; 2:20 p.m.; 5:20 p.m.
EAST—1:20 a.m.; 10:17 a.m.; 12:10 p.m.; 5:50 p.m.
MADON AND PETERBORO BRANCH—5:40 a.m.; 12:10 a.m.; 5:25 p.m.; 6:50 p.m.

MONEY TO PATENT Good Ideas
may be secured by our aid. Address: THE PATENT RECORD, Baltimore, Md.

Uneducated Deaf Children.

I WOULD BE GLAD TO HAVE EVERY person who receives this paper send me the names and post-office addresses of the parents of deaf children not attending school, who are known to them, so that I may forward them particulars concerning this institution and inform them where and by what means their children can be instructed and furnished with an education.

R. MATHISON, Superintendent.

TORONTO DEAF-MUTE ASSOCIATION.

RELIGIOUS SERVICES are held as follows every Sunday:
West End Y. M. C. A., Corner Queen Street and Dovercourt Road, at 11 a.m.
And Y. M. C. A. Hall, cor. Yonge and McGill Streets, at 10 a.m.
General Central, up stairs at Broadway Hall, Spadina Ave. 10 or 12 doors south of College Street, at 3 p.m. Leaders—Messrs. Nasmith, Bruden and others.
BIBLE CLASSES—Every Wednesday evening at 8 o'clock, corner Spadina Ave. and College Street, and cor. Queen Street and Dovercourt Road. Lectures, etc., may be arranged if desirable. Miss A. Traver, Secretary to the Deaf in Toronto, 1 Major Street.

GENERAL INFORMATION.

Classes:

SCHOOL HOURS: From 9 a.m. to 12 noon, from 1:30 to 3 p.m. Drawing from 3 p.m. on Tuesday and Thursday week.
GIRLS' FANCY WORK CLASSES on Monday afternoon of each week from 3:30 to 5 p.m.
EVENING STUDY from 7 to 8:30 p.m. for pupils and from 7 to 8 for junior pupils.

Articulation Classes:

From 9 a.m. to 12 noon, and from 1 to 3 p.m.

Religious Exercises:

EVERY SUNDAY.—Primary pupils at 10 a.m. and senior pupils at 11 a.m. General Assembly at 12:30 p.m., immediately after which the Bible Class will assemble.

EACH SCHOOL DAY the pupils are to assemble in the Chapel at 8:15 a.m., and the Teacher in-charge for the week, will open by prayer and afterwards dismiss them so that they may reach their respective schools previous to 9 o'clock. In the afternoon at 3 o'clock the pupils will again assemble for prayer and will be dismissed in a quiet and orderly manner.

REGULAR VISITING CLERGYMEN: Rev. C. W. Burke, Rector; Rev. Monsignor Farrell, V. G. Rev. T. J. Thompson, M. A. (Catholic); Rev. Chas. E. McIntyre, (Methodist); Rev. A. H. Cowart, (Baptist); Rev. M. W. Mackay, (Presbyterian); Rev. Father Connolly, S. J.; C. W. Watch, Rev. J. J. Rice, Rev. S. Hill.

BIBLE CLASS, Sunday afternoon at 3:15. General national Series of Sunday School Lessons. Miss ANNIE MATHISON, Teacher.

Clergymen of all Denominations are cordially invited to visit us at any time.

Industrial Departments:

PRINTING OFFICE, SIGN AND CARPENTERS from 7:30 to 8:30 a.m., and from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. for pupils who attend school. For those who do not attend school, 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 5 p.m. for those who do not attend school, and from 3:30 to 5 p.m. for those who do. No sewing on Saturday afternoons.

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

Pupils are not to be excused from the various Classes or Industrial Departments, except on account of sickness, without permission of the Superintendent.

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 12:30 on Sunday afternoons. The best time for visits on ordinary school days is as soon after 1 p.m. in the afternoon as possible, as the classes are dismissed at 3:00 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 classrooms 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 Quinte Hotel, Hudson House, Queen's, Anglo-American and Hamilton 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 FROM 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.

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 99 cases out of 100 they are frauds and only want money for which they give no return. Consult well known medical practitioners in cases of adventurous deafness and be guided by their counsel and advice.

R. MATHISON, Superintendent.