

WELCOME AND VISITORS SCHOOL

Do unto others
As ye would
That they
Should
Do unto
You.

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THE ELEPHANT.

The Elephant.

The elephant is the most intelligent creature next to man that God has made; and has from the dawn of historic time been an object of curious study. The distinguishing feature of the elephant is his proboscis, or trunk, which is not only the elephant's nose, but also his hand; for there is a kind of finger at the end of the trunk and a thumb-like thickening under the finger with which the great animal can pick up a single straw, while, twining his trunk about a tree, he can uproot it with ease. We all know that elephants

are valuable because of their tusks, but perhaps not many of us realize their value in India and Africa as beasts of burden. They are remarkably sagacious animals and very affectionate, an elephant many times proving a careful nurse for the children of its *mahout*, or driver.

Elephants have a great dislike to camels; though, if laden, they will travel with them without fighting. Nothing distresses an elephant more than to be followed by a horse, especially at a canter or any quick pace; but, of all animals, the rhinoceros is his special aversion, for he can hardly be induced to approach within sight or smell of one, even if the rhinoceros be dead.

