

Our Young Folks.

MOTHER'S FACE.

Three little boys talked together,
One sunny summer day,
And I leaned out of the window
To hear what they had to say.
"The prettiest thing I ever saw,"
One of the little boys said,
"Was a bird in grandpa's garden,
All black and white and red."
"The prettiest thing I ever saw,"
Said the second little lad,
"Was a pony at the circus—
I wanted him awful bad,"
"I think," said the third little fellow,
"With a grave and gentle grace,
That the prettiest thing in all the world,
Is just my mother's face."

AN APPEAL FOR THE BIRDS.

O say, O say, can you hear them,
In forest and field and lane.
The starving nestlings crying
While the parent birds are slain?
Can you see the nests deserted,
And the pretty eggs chilled & cold,
And hear all Nature mourning
For the birds that sing no more?

O say, O say, can you see them,
The songbirds we love to hear,
Lying by hundreds and thousands,
Perishing year by year?
To the gaudy haunts of fashion,
We may trace their plumage gay,
But their hearts that throbb'd with music
Have ceased to beat for aye.

O songsters, beautiful songsters,
Ye come and sing no more.
Spring waits in vain for the carol
That welcom'd her coming of yore;
But beware! There is One who made them.
Our birds with their voices sweet,
And the cries of His dying songsters
Ascend to His mercy-seat!

Margaret Francis Munro.

A LITTLE MAN.

He was only ten years old—the little
man of whom I want to tell you. A boy
does not need to be very old to be a manly
boy.

You must not think he was goody-goody;
not at all, for there was not a boy on his
street who loved to romp and play better
than he did, or who could run faster or fly a
kite higher. Yet there was always some-
thing in his face and manner that told you
he was above doing anything mean.

Still he had a quick temper, which would
sometimes get the better of him. Whenever
this happened, however, he was ready to con-
fess that he had done wrong, and that was one
mark of manliness. Besides, he was learn-
ing by degrees to control his temper.

But one evening, as he was going home
from school, he gave way to a spasm of
anger that caused him a good deal of trouble.
He had just put on a nice new suit that
morning, and was especially careful not to
get it soiled. One of his school-mates, Burt
Corson by name, was a very rough boy, and
had scarcely a friend in the ward. When
he noticed Luther Weston's new suit, he be-
gan to make fun of him, calling him
"proud," "stuck-up," and so on.

But Luther kept his temper, and did not
reply. At last Burt stole up behind him
and suddenly thrust a stout stick between
his feet in such a way as to trip him and send
him sprawling into the mud in the gutter
by the side of the walk. This was too much
for Luther to bear with patience.

He leaped to his feet, took a hasty
glance at his bespattered suit, and then
rushed upon Burt with a cry of anger.

"I'll teach you!" he muttered. "If
you have no sense, I'll have to beat some
into you, that's all!"

Before Burt knew what was coming his
stick was jerked out of his hand, and he
was receiving one stinging blow after
another over his back and head. He howl-
ed with pain and rage, but still the blows
rained fast upon him. Then he was flung to
the ground with Luther on the top of him,
driving at him with his fist, till the young
rowdy begged for mercy.

"You did just right," said Tom Miner, a
boy of twelve, after the fight was over. And
so said the rest of the boys. "Only you

didn't give him half as much as he deserved.
He needed a lesson—such a mean insulting
boy as he is!"

Luther walked on toward home looking
very crestfallen and ashamed. What had
he done? Got into a fight just like a
rowdy! So his thoughts ran. By-and-by
he said to Tom, who was walking by his
side:

"I'm not sure I did right after all, Tom.
It wasn't manly to fight. I might have
done some other way."

"But after he'd thrown you down in the
mud? Just look at your new suit! Of
course, I don't believe in fighting either, as
a rule, but this time it was just the thing to
do, precisely."

"Well, I'll think about it till morning.
Good evening, Tom."

Luther's parents were greatly surprised
when they saw his muddy clothes, and still,
more surprised when they heard the story of
his fight with Burt Corson.

"Do you think it was right to fight,
Luther?" asked his mother.

"What else was I to do?" said Luther,
his eyes filling with tears.

"You might have left your teacher
punish Burt. That would have been better
than to fight him yourself," said Luther's
father.

The boy looked down at the floor
awhile.

"I guess I did wrong," he admitted at
length.

The next morning when he started to
school, he met Tom Miner at the front
gate.

"Tom," he began presently, as they
walked along, "I'm sure I did wrong yester-
day to fight Burt Corson. And so I guess
I'll have to tell him I'm sorry. I think I
ought to—what do you call it when you say
you're sorry?"

"Apologize," prompted Tom. "But
you're not going to apologize to Burt Corson
are you?"

"Yes, I think I ought to."

"Pshaw! Luther, don't be a baby! He
ought to apologize to you, for he began the
quarrel by tripping you."

"Well, maybe he ought to, but if he
doesn't, that won't excuse me for not doing
what's right. If I ought to say I'm sorry,
I ought to say it whether he says he's sorry
or not. Don't you see?"

"But he's such a mean small-minded
boy. He'll just make fun of you. He won't
have sense enough to treat you decently if
you do apologize." Tom meant that Burt
wouldn't have enough manliness to accept
an apology.

"That makes no difference," declared
Luther. "There's Burt now, just coming
up the alley. Let's wait and see him."

When Burt saw the boys he hesitated,
thinking perhaps that he was about to re-
ceive another thrashing; but Luther called
to him kindly, "Come here, Burt, I want to
see you a minute."

Burt came out to the street, keeping a
sharp eye on Luther, as if ready to defend
himself should an attack be made on him.
His coarse, surly face betrayed a mean
spirit, and for a moment Luther's moral
courage almost failed him. But he soon
gained the victory over himself.

"Burt, I'm sorry for the way I beat you
yesterday," he said, in brave manly tones.

"I know it was wrong, and I a—apologize."

A sneer curled the rough boy's lips.
"Yer sorry, air ye?" he scoffed. "He,
he, he! Well, yer orter be—such a lam-
mion' as ye give me;" and he turned on his
heel and hurried away.

"There! didn't I tell you he wouldn't
treat you decently. I'd never apologize to
such as he," muttered Tom Miner.

"Never mind, Tom," said Luther, man-
fully, struggling with his feelings. "I've
done right and I'm glad of it. If Burt
doesn't do right that rests with him."

Don't you think Luther was a real little
man? Such boys are scarce. I have no
doubt, but you will find one sometimes, and
he is always respected. Even Burt Corson
was heard to say some days later.

"Luther Weston's party much of a boy,
ain't he?" —*Leander S. Keyser, in The
Presbyterian.*

POINTE-AUX-TREMBLES SCHOOLS.

Montreal, 9th April, 1895.

To the Supporters of the Schools:

DEAR FRIENDS,—On Sabbath last, in com-
pany with the Rev. Professor Coussirat, I visited
the Pointe-aux-Trembles Mission Schools to as-
sist in administering the ordinance of the Lord's
Supper. We found the chapel well filled by a
deeply attentive and devout congregation, chiefly
composed of the teachers and pupils of the school.
After an appropriate sermon by Dr. Coussirat,
four of the pupils were baptized and twenty-two
of them were received into fellowship with the
Church upon a public confession of their faith in
Christ. The ordinance of the Supper was then
administered, some seventy of the pupils and
teachers together commemorating the Saviour's
death.

The service was a most solemn and impressive
one and fraught with spiritual profit, it is believed,
to very many of those who took part. The ab-
sence of the Rev. J. Bourgois, the Principal, was
felt by all. Mr. Bourgois caught a severe cold in
the discharge of his duties a fortnight ago, which
developed into a bronchial affection, causing his
family and friends very considerable anxiety. At
the time of writing, though slightly better, he is
still very low, and it will be many weeks, should
God spare his life, before he will be able for work.
We ask the prayers of all our friends on his be-
half. Mr. Bourgois has been connected with the
Pointe-aux-Trembles Schools for upwards of
twenty-four years. We know not how so valuable
a life could be spared from this work at the pre-
sent time, and we earnestly pray that God may be
pleased to raise him up and strengthen him for
many years of further service at Pointe-aux-
Trembles.

The session now closing has been one of the
most successful—if not the most successful—in the
history of the schools. The attendance has been
one hundred and seventy-three (108 boys and 65
girls), of whom ninety-four came from Roman
Catholic homes. About eighty of the pupils are
members of the Church. Twenty-eight of them
have been brought to Christ during this school
session. The pupils' prayer meetings and the
meetings of the Christian Endeavor Society have
been seasons of great spiritual blessing to many.

Three young women of the advanced class and
ten former pupils of these schools, some of whom
have Normal School diplomas, and also fifteen
young men, three of whom are in the fifth class at
Pointe-aux-Trembles, and the others pursuing
their theological studies or teaching, are being
employed by the Board as teachers, missionaries
and colporteurs during the coming summer.
Some of the fields to which they go have not seen
the face of a missionary for six months, the Board
being unable to provide winter supply. They are
rejoicing in the prospect of having, if only for a
few months again, some one to lead and guide
them in the way of truth.

The financial year closes on the thirtieth of
April. Nearly \$4,000 are still required to pay
salaries of teachers and other expenditure in con-
nection with the schools. Thus far, through the
liberality of friends, we have been enabled to end
every year free from debt, and we have confidence
that it will be the same this year, and that the
Sabbath Schools and friends who are supporting
pupils will forward their contributions, and that
the friends of the work generally will provide us
with the funds necessary, prior to the thirtieth of
April. With the fullest confidence we commend
these Mission Schools as worthy of the hearty
sympathy and support of our Christian people.

ROBT. H. WARREN.

NOTE—Contributions should be addressed to
me, Box 1169 Post Office, Montreal.

PRESBYTERY MEETINGS.

PETERBOROUGH. This Presbytery met in Port
Hope on 19th of March. Mr. Laird, of Port
Hope, was chosen Moderator for six months.
Reports were received as to visitation made to
several of the augmented congregations and the
necessary steps taken to secure the visitation of
those from which no reports have been received.
Reports were received from several congregations
in which Presbyterian visitations have been held
and great gratification expressed in connection
therewith. The remit of Assembly was the ap-
pointment of a Standing Committee on missions
to the Jews was approved of. The remit on the
amalgamation of certain committees was approved
of to the extent of recommending that reports on
the State of Religion, Sabbath Observance, and
Systematic Benevolence be amalgamated, but that
there be a separate report on Temperance. The
Rev. Dr. Gregg, of Knox College, Toronto, was
nominated as Moderator of Assembly. The fol-
lowing ministers were appointed as delegates to
the Assembly, viz., Anderson, MacWilliams,
Orwald, Smith, Cattanzach, McClelland and John-
son. The elders appointed were Messrs. Under-
wood, D. S. Hague, A. J. Johnston, and I. Craik.
Mr. W. H. Murray, barrister, Peterborough,
made application to be received as student in
theology with a view to the ministry. A commit-
tee was appointed to consider the application and
to confer with Mr. Murray. On the report of the
committee the Presbytery agreed to recommend
to the Assembly that "Mr. Murray be received as
a first year student in theology, and that he be al-
lowed to take two years extra-murally in theology."
The application of Mr. Anderson to be allowed to
retire from the active duties of the ministry was
considered and the necessary steps taken in the
case. An interesting report on statistics was pre-

sented. The Presbytery has now 26 pastoral
charges. Five congregations were settled during
the year—Havelock, Mill street (Port Hope),
Millbrook, Norwood and Lakeland—and two
remain vacant—Omemee and Springville. One
church and two manse were built during the year.
The total membership under the charge of the
Presbytery is 5,150. For Foreign Missions the
congregations have contributed slightly less than
the year before; but the W.F.M.S. has made a
gain greater than this loss. The Augmentation
Fund gains \$91 as compared with last year; the
colleges gain to the extent of about \$60, but the
Home Mission Fund comes short by about \$106.
About \$140 more than last year have been raised
for the schemes of the Church as a whole.

OWEN SOUND. This Presbytery met in
Knox Church, Owen Sound, March 19th, Dr.
Watts Moderator. A call from Hepworth, etc.,
to Mr. A. Russell was answered. Salary \$500, to
be paid quarterly. Provisional arrangements
were made for induction. The augmentation
grants were next revised. Commissioners were
present. It was agreed to make application as
follows: Knox, Sydenham, \$250; Markdale,
\$150; Temple Hill, \$25, till July 1st; Hepworth,
\$250. Mr. McLaren gave in Home Mission
report. It was agreed to apply for: (1) Indian
Peninsula, \$2 in summer, \$3 in winter, (2) to
join Crawford to Holland Centre, and Williams-
ford supply by Mr. A. Little in summer, with no
grant, afterward by ordained missionary with
grant of \$200; (3) Johnston, etc., \$150, (4)
Caven, \$50. It was agreed that Indian Penin-
sula include Adamville, Mar, Red Bay and Greig;
clerk to notify the Methodist Church. Dr.
Somerville was nominated as Moderator of the
General Assembly. The following were appoint-
ed commissioners to the Assembly: Drs. Watts,
Somerville, Fraser, Messrs. Little and Simpson,
ministers; Messrs. Crawford, Sutherland, Crich-
ton, Gordon and Armstrong, elders. Dr. Fraser
was appointed on Assembly's Committee, on Bills
and Ordinances. Mr. Simpson notified the Pres-
bytery that application is to be made to Synod
for the formation of a new Presbytery
to be called the Presbytery of Colling-
wood, and which will include Meaford and
Thornbury, of Owen Sound Presbytery. Mr.
McLaren resigned the positions of treasurer and
convenor of Home Mission Committee, and Mr.
I. McNabb and Dr. Somerville were appointed to
these positions respectively. Dr. Watts was ap-
pointed Convenor of Augmentation Committee.
Mr. Little was appointed Moderator of Crawford,
etc.—JOHN SOMERVILLE, Clerk.

MAITLAND. This Presbytery met at Wing-
ham, March 19th, Rev. R. Fairbairn, B.A.,
Moderator, Rev. R. S. G. Anderson, M.A., B.D.,
clerk pro tem. The following were appointed
commissioners to the General Assembly: Revs.
J. Malcolm, D. B. McKee, D. Forrest, A.
Sutherland, D. Muir, and, elders, James Dal-
garas, James Wylie, John S. McDonald, M.P.P.,
William Henderson. It was agreed to ask \$150
from the Augmentation Committee for Pine
Haven congregation. Rev. J. L. Murray was
nominated Moderator of the Synod of Hamilton
and London. Reports on Temperance, State of
Religion and Sabbath Observance were received
and adopted. The Presbytery instructed
ministers to preach a sermon on Sabbath Observ-
ance on the first Sabbath in May, and invited
members of other denominations to do the same.
Home congregation asked one third supply from
the presbytery's committee for next quarter,
Gaelic if possible. Rev. J. L. Murray was ap-
pointed convenor of Home Mission committee.
The annual report of the Presbytery W. F. M.
S. was presented and read by Rev. A. MacKay
and the following motion was carried unanimously:
"That having heard the annual report of the
W. F. M. S. we desire to express our gratification
at the satisfactory results of their self-denying
labors during the past year, as well as at the
superior spiritual tone pervading the report, and
that we commend their work of faith and labor of
love to the prayerful and sympathetic considera-
tion of the church at large." JOHN MACNAB, Clerk.

BRUCE. This Presbytery met at Paisley on
March 12th. A call from Glamis in favor
of Rev. Isaac Macdonald, signed by 95 members
and 97 adherents, and guaranteeing an annual
stipend of \$500 with manse, was sustain-
ed and forwarded, and application was made to
the Committee on Augmentation for a grant of
\$150. Provisional arrangements were made
for the induction. In reply to the remit on the
Book of Praise, the following recommendations
were adopted: 1. That the Psalms, as now in
use, be retained, and that no book published by
the authority of the Assembly shall omit any of
the Psalms. 2. That the selections from the
versions of the Psalms now in use be omitted.
3. That the National Anthem be omitted. 4.
That hymns 224, 123 and 477 from "Sacred
Songs and Hymns" be inserted. The Rev. A.
Tolmie, J. Anderson, J. Steven and D. Guthrie,
Ministers; and Messrs. R. Moore, S. Steel, J.
Rowland and J. C. Eddies, elders; were appointed
commissioners to the General Assembly. The re-
port on Sabbath Schools, State of Religion, Sab-
bath Observance and Systematic Benevolence were
received and forwarded to Synod.—J. GORDON, Clerk.

At Mount Pleasant, on the evening of the 1st
inst., Mr. Duncan McEwan, who is about remov-
ing to Bradford, was presented with an address,
along with a handsomely bound teacher's Bible, by
the members of the Presbyterian Church and the
Sabbath School respectively. Mr. McEwan will
be missed in both church and school.