

## EDUCATION.

(By a girl 15 years old ; deaf from 3 years ; 4 years at school.)

Education is instructing the children to learn to write and read, and to know about God and all other things. It makes our mind strong and intelligent. It is most precious for us to have education. Without education we do not know about God and His Son, and heavenly things, or how to write or read.

Before I came to school I had no education, though I had a soul. I was very unhappy, for I did not hear many news or the people talking; but now I have got education, and I can talk with my friends with my fingers, or write on the slate; so I am very grateful to the Institution. There are many people in all parts of the world who have no education. The Missionaries are educating them, and preaching the Gospel to them. I hope they will become wise and good and happy. It is more easy to educate the hearing and speaking than to educate the deaf and dumb.

If all the people in the world had no education, they would become ignorant savages, like those people in the South Seas. I do not like to have them to be so. Many people in Nova Scotia have no education. They do not go to school, for they have no schools, or their schools are so far from home, or their parents cannot afford to pay for their education, for they are poor. It is a pity! There are not so many people who are educated as who are not educated.

If the teachers who teach the deaf and dumb had not come to teach the deaf and dumb, they would have been more ignorant than the people in the South Seas; but God sent them to come to Nova Scotia to teach them. So we should be grateful to Him for sending them.

Before the teachers came to Nova Scotia, my parents were very sorry that I could not learn my lessons, and they thought that I could not improve myself, for there were no teachers to teach me in Nova Scotia; but when the teachers came from Scotland to Nova Scotia to teach the deaf and dumb, they were very glad, and sent me to school in Halifax, and I learned to write and read. My parents are very happy that I can talk with my fingers, or write on a slate, and read, and they are grateful to the teachers for educating me. I am thankful to my parents for not keeping me at home from going to school when I have not finished my education.

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## GREAT BRITAIN AND THE UNITED STATES.

(By a boy 13 years old ; deaf from 5 years of age ;  $4\frac{1}{2}$  years at school)

During the persecution of the Puritans in England, the Puritans left England for the United States, where they suffered hardships. The Indians killed many of them. Their graves were hid, lest the Indians would number their dead, and they would be aware of the number, which they were reduced to, so that they would perhaps destroy the settlers altogether, when they found the number was small. They were about to re-embark for England; but they were reinforced by the Dutch. An Indian king named Philip fought against the Europeans,

and set their houses on fire. An Indian. Captain Mian was killed, but he was captured and sent to death, and his daughter of the king was killed. The king settled a colony in Pennsylvania, where the Indians, who were friendly to the Europeans, lived.

In the year 1775, which carried on war between the Americans and the British, the Americans succeeded in achieving its independence.

The United States is a new country, but it was first peopled by savage Indians. The population of the United States has now reached three millions, and the United States has more people than any other country in the world. Great Britain has rapidly increased her population, and she has many splendid cities, and she has many splendid ships. Great Britain has many fine cathedrals, and some of the finest cathedrals in the world are in Great Britain. Great Britain is a monarchy, and the Americans are generally republicans. Great Britain is a monarchy, and the Americans are fond of a republic in the world; but