

Daffodils.

I wandered lonely as a cloud
That floats on high o'er vales and hills
When all at once I saw a crowd
A host of golden daffodils
Beside the lake beneath the trees
Fluttering and dancing in the breeze

-William Wordsworth

Jim's Strange Visitors.

Jim Carlton was such a cruel boy! He would pull off the wings of flies, pin live butterflies to boards, break in the backs of turtles and amputate the legs of frogs. When any one remonstrated with him about his cruelty he would say, "Oh, pshaw! they can't feel much," and then go in quest of another victim. The long summer days he devoted entirely to his wicked sport, and in time all the neighbors spoke of him as "Hard-hearted Jim Carlton." To be sure, the boy had not kind parents to teach him better, and the aunt who was bringing him up cared very little what he was about so long as he was not troubling her.

One night Jim had not been in bed very long when a brilliant light suddenly filled his room and he sprang up to see what had caused the illumination. There, seated in his best chair, he beheld an immense cat. The animal was actually larger than Jim himself, and by the time Jim had recovered from his astonishment at seeing this visitor, he discovered on another chair a turtle almost as big as the cat. Near by he saw a butterfly of extraordinary size, and when his eyes opened wider, he found that all the seats in the room were occupied by just such strange visitors. In fact, there were more than the chairs could accommodate, and these were seated on the floor. Presently they all began to talk at once, and they made such a hubbub that the cat rapped on a little stand he had drawn up in front of him, and said, with a very serious manner, "This meeting will please come to order."

Instantly all voices were hushed and then a frog, who was present, stood up on his hind legs and looked so very funny that Jim would have laughed outright had not the creature's words struck terror to his heart.

"Mr. President," began the frog, "as the chairman of the Committee for the Prevention of Cruelty to insects and animals of all descriptions, I arise to state what the committee has decided to do. We intended to make the last and greatest offender feel what our brothers and sisters have suffered. The culprit, is the boy, Jim Carlton. Mr. House Fly is to pull out his eyelashes and a large bunch of hair."

"Oh, but that will hurt!" yelled Jim from the seat which he had taken on his bed.

"That is no consideration," said Mr. President. "You had no thought for the feelings of Mr. Fly's brothers when you cruelly pulled off their wings and legs and left them to suffer. That hurts, too."

"Mr. Bull-frog," continued the chairman of the committee, "you are to cut off one of his legs."

"You wicked thing!" screamed Jim; "you don't know what a painful operation that is. Besides, I can't walk without my leg."

"Neither could Mr. Bull-frog's brother," answered the cat; "but you cut off his leg, and left him wounded and bleeding. It hurt him just as much as it will hurt you."

Jim groaned, and wished he had not interfered with frogs. He remembered that he had thus cruelly treated a poor, helpless one that very morning.

"You, Mr. President, are to step on him, and kick him all around the room."

"I won't stand it!" cried Jim.

"But you will be compelled to stand it," calmly said the President. "You made my poor mother endure your kicks and abuses."

"I'll run out of the room," thought Jim, and he quickly slipped to the door, only to find it locked and the key gone.

Then he sat down in despair and waited for further developments.

"And last, but not least," said the chairman of the committee, "Mr. Yellow Butterfly is to pin him to a board so fast that he will have to stay there and suffer till he dies."

Jim was magony. Could it be possible that these creatures would be cruel enough to kill him?

"O please, Mr. Cat, don't let them murder me!" he cried, dropping on his knees before the president. "I am my aunt's only nephew and she would grieve very much if I met such a violent death. And, then, think how it would hurt to have a pin stuck through my body?"

"But you didn't consider that pain when you stuck pins through the bodies of Mr. Yellow Butterfly's relatives. Neither did you think of the sorrow of the mourners. We must make an example of some boy or these abuses will go on to the end of time. You are the worst offender, and at the last meeting we decided to make an example of you. Our relatives are just as sensitive to pain as you are, Mr. Jim Carlton, and have as much right to enjoy the good things of this world as you have."

"But I didn't think how it all hurt," pleaded the frightened boy, "and I'll promise never, never, never to do it again!"

After that speech, the committee had a consultation, and returned to say that they thought it better to show no mercy. If once let loose, the boy would be as bad as before, and cruel boys had become the terror of the entire animal and insect world.

Still Jim continued his pleadings; but the president turned down his furry ears, and said to the members, "Form in line!"

First came Mr. House Fly, who was all ready to tear out Jim's hair and eyebrows; next came Mr. Bull-frog with his big knife, prepared to amputate the boy's leg; then Mr. President, ready to do his part of the abusing, and lastly Mr. Yellow Butterfly, carrying a prodigious pin, with which he was to fasten the unhappy boy to a board.

"Oh, mercy, mercy!" screamed Jim—and with the words his horrible visitors vanished, and he awoke to the fact that he had been dreaming. "At any rate," he said to himself, with a shiver, "I have been taught a lesson, and I'll keep that promise I made to Mr. President. It will be easy enough, too, for I never again could hurt a living thing without feeling what I felt in my dream."

The neighbors wondered thereafter what had caused such a marvelous change to come over Jim Carlton, for he grew to be so gentle with insects and animals that his companions forgot his old nature and gave him the name of "Jim Carlton, the tender-hearted." - Congregationalist.

The Knot in the Boards.

"No one will ever know the difference. A knotty board or two here on the back side will never be noticed. The knots will be covered with paint, and when the owner comes to inspect the building it will be all right."

He was a young man just starting in business as a builder. This was his first contract of importance, and upon its faithful performance went in great measure depend his future success.

Naturally I was curious to know how this method of doing work would result, and I watched the matter for sometime. The building was finished. The owner looked it over and accepted it. Why should he not? Every part of the work seemed to have been well done. So the young man received his pay.

A few years later, not more than two or three at the most. I noticed that the knots in the siding of this building were coming out through the paint. The beating rain and warm sunshine had done their work, and it was plainly to be seen that the house had not been constructed according to contract. Nor was this all. The walls inside were cracked badly, for the mortar used had been poor. Then, too, the foundation had settled, and already this once beautiful house was in need of repair.

What an advertisement for the young contractor? And it did its work. It was only a little while before he found it difficult to secure contracts where he was known, for he continued to act upon the plan that it would be all right if he should slight his work in what seemed to him to be minor points. His business fell off so that he was obliged to discharge his hands one after another and finally he moved to a distant city.

It did make a difference, you see.

The manner in which this young man did his work was the dividing line between success and failure.

Quite likely some who knew about this contractor and his work would have said: "If I had been in his place I would have done better work. For my own sake, if for no other reason, I would have put into every building just the material agreed upon."

Are you sure there are no knots in the work you are doing? Are you yourself always doing good, honest work?

Did you ever hear a young man at school say: "It will make no difference whether this rule is thoroughly committed to memory just now or not. I am in a hurry, some day when I have a little time I will go back and master it."

But the trouble some rule is forgotten. Examination came. The student recites the very rule he had slipped over to enable him to solve a hard problem. In vain he strives to recall the principle involved. Memory is true to her trust, but can do nothing more. Failure results.

In a room at the national capital sat three hundred persons undergoing an examination for positions under the government. It was a searching test. There were pale faces and nervous movements in all parts of the room. Now each would learn how thorough had been his equipment. If he had done good, faithful work in the days of his preparation, he might reasonably hope for success. Of all those present only twenty succeeded in gaining a place on the eligible list. What words of regret from those who failed! But it proved just what the knotty boards taught the young contractor, that it does make a difference how work is done. - Mt. Arty World.

Otorrhoea.

Otorrhoea running from the ear, is frequently the result of acute otitis - i.e., sudden and severe inflammation of the ear - which may cause an accumulation of matter in the tympanum sufficiently great to occasion the rupture of the drumhead. The otitis may be brought on not only by fever, but also by a blow on the head or exposure to wet and cold in various ways. In scrofulous children otorrhoea comes on without any of the symptoms of acute otitis. In some cases of fever, deafness is the almost necessary result of the rapid disorganization of the auditory apparatus by discharge of sanguineous fluid into the tympanum; but in a very large proportion of cases it is traceable to the neglect of parents, who, instead of seeking a cure for the child's otorrhoea, have calmly assumed that "the little thing will grow out of it." One would naturally imagine that the risks to health and hearing implied by a perpetual foul discharge from the ear would speedily impress themselves upon the public mind, yet so far is this from being the case that there are actually persons who hold the extraordinary notion that such a discharge is positively salutary; and it is one's repeated experience that not the malady, but simply the offence to the sense of smell occasioned thereby is that which has at last induced a patient to seek aid. - Draf and Dumb.

Grand Trunk Railway.

TRAINS LEAVE BELLEVILLE STATION:
WEST 4:15 a.m.; 7:20 a.m.; 8:00 a.m.; 11:15 a.m.; 2:45 p.m.; 5:15 p.m.
EAST 1:30 a.m.; 6:00 a.m.; 10:47 a.m.; 12:05 p.m.; 5:05 p.m.
MADON AND PETERSBURG BRANCH 5:00 a.m.; 12:15 a.m.; 6:45 p.m.; 8:00 p.m.

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 Lobby, M.C.A., Corner Queen Street and Davenport Road, at 11 a.m.
General Control, up stairs at Broadway Hall, Spadina Ave. 10 or 12 doors south of College Street, at 1 p.m. Leaders, Messrs. Smith, Douglas and others.
L.A. End meetings, Cor. Parliament and Oak Street, at 11 a.m. every Sunday.
SINGING CLASSES Every Wednesday evening at 8 o'clock, corner Spadina Ave. and College Street, and on Queen Street and Davenport Road. Lectures, etc. may be arranged if desirable. Address, 27 Clinton Street.
Miss A. FRANK, Missionary to the Deaf in Toronto.

GENERAL INFORMATION

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Classes:
SCHOOL HOURS From 9 a.m. to 12 noon, and from 1:30 to 5 p.m. DRAWING from 3 to 4:30 p.m. on Tuesday and Thursday of each week.
GIRLS' FANCY WORK CLASS on Monday afternoon of each week from 1:30 to 3.
EVENING HRY BY 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 11 noon, and from 1:30 to 3 p.m.

Religious Exercises:
EVERY SUNDAY Primary pupils at 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 8:30 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 school rooms not later than 9 o'clock. In the afternoon at 3 o'clock the pupils will again assemble and after prayer will be dismissed in a quiet and orderly manner.

REGULAR VISITING CLERGYMEN - Rev. Canon Burke, High Rev. Monsignor Farrelly, V.G. Rev. J. J. Thompson, M.A. (Presbyterian). Rev. Chas. E. McIntyre, (Methodist). Rev. A. H. Cowart, (Baptist); Rev. M. W. Macleau, (Presbyterian); Rev. Father Connolly, (Catholic). Rev. D. D. Rev. J. J. Rice, (Rev. N. Hill).

HOME CLASSES, Sunday afternoon at 3:15. International Series of Sunday School Lessons. Miss ANNE MATHISON, Teacher.

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

Industrial Departments:

PRINTING OFFICE, SHOE AND CARPENTER Shops from 7:30 to 8:30 a.m., and from 1:30 to 5:30 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 5 p.m. for those who do not attend school, and from 9:30 to 6 p.m. for those who do. No sewing on Saturday afternoons.

The Printing Office, Shops and Sewing Rooms 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 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 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 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 Quince Hotel, 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 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.

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