

foundation. Sir William Harpur, Lord Mayor of London in 1561, left a piece of land in London for the endowment of a free school at Bedford, and for portioning poor maidens there; the surplus income to go to the poor.

Twenty-five years ago the land produced £14,000 a year, and doubtless does much better now. It has made Bedford the best endowed town in England, considering its size. Nearly all the income of the fund goes to support schools, that being found to be the best way to spend it. Families from other towns come to Bedford to have their children educated, but still the fund tends to be over-ample, and the governors, being in constant peril of having money spoil on their hands, are moved to pay very good salaries. Naturally by so doing they get excellent teachers, and the reputation of the schools is kept at a high standard."—*Harper's Bazar*.

—GOT AND GOTTEN.—Got is frequently used with have to denote mere possession. This should not be done. In the sentence "the baby has got a spoon," got is superfluous. It is sufficient to say "I have a pencil," "you have more than your share." There was a time in the history of the English language, when gotten was almost obsolete. It owes its resurrection to the above mentioned mistake, for *gotten* meant *acquired*, and it was revived to use with have to express the idea of possession by acquiring. Either got or gotten may be used with have when there has been an actual getting as "I have got the book after diligent searching." The *Friends' Intelligencer* tells the story that a recent discussion at a dinner table, whether "gotten" or "got" were the preferable participle, received a practical solution, at least for the telegraph service, from the experience of a college professor who preferred "gotten." He had telegraphed to his wife, "Have gotten tickets for the opera to-night, meet me there." The telegraph operator rendered this into "Have got ten tickets for the opera, etc." Mrs. Professor was delighted with the opportunity of entertaining her friends, and accordingly made up a party of eight besides herself, whose greetings to the professor at the rendez-vous were probably more cordial than his feelings, until matters were explained. He now makes an exception to his customary use of "gotten."

—ACCENT IN ENGLISH WORDS.—Frequently the correct sound of the vowels and consonants in a word is given