

The Better Land.

I hear thee speak of the better land.
Thou art of a different country.

Is it where the feathery palm-trees rise.
And the date-trees rise to form a sky?

Is it far away in some remote old
Where the rivers wander o'er sands of gold?

Eye hath not seen it, my gentle boy.
Ear hath not heard it, my sweet - my joy.

A Friendlier Spirit.

It scarcely seems possible that, holi-
days over, we are again at the com-
mencement of a new term.

I have always an inclination to say a
word or two at this time to those who
are setting out with their first class.

I once knew a young girl who had
great difficulty in keeping order, and in
consequence found the work of teaching
very hard indeed.

There is no one thing more necessary
than this, that a true spirit of friend-
liness exist between teacher and pupils.

It may seem to take a great deal of
time and strength to come to know
thirty or forty new pupils, but there are
so many ways and opportunities of
doing so that a determination to let no
one of them pass unmissed soon brings
about the desired end; the play-hour,

the walk to and from school, noon-time,
assistance in preparing material for
work, etc., etc.

How easy teaching is when a right
spirit prevails in the class, and how
difficult it is when this is lacking, or y

Kindness is the surest key to a child's
heart. The word has a broad meaning,
however:

Kindness is wisdom. There is no life
but needs it and can learn.

It does not exclude firmness or justice,
nor punishment for wrongdoing, for all
the secret to make up true kindness is
the wisdom that must characterize one
who has given to her the sacred trust of
teaching and training little children -
Rochester.

Convention Amusements.

At the Oral Convention held in Phila-
delphia last summer there were many
merry jests and bon-mots passed around
for general amusement. Here are a
few: -

Principal W. O. Conner is responsible
for the following: Just before the war
a Southerner was visiting Boston and a
well educated lady in conversation, re-
marked that she thought it an outrage
that Southern planters should hitch six
or seven negro slaves to a plow and
make them do the work of mules. The
Southerner was indignant; it was one of
many calumnies he had heard from time
to time, but he calmly began asking
questions as follows:

"Madam, do you know what a good
nigger is worth?"
" Yes, sir, I suppose \$1,000 to \$1,500."
" That's right, say \$1,200. Now if six
of them were hitched up to a plow their
value would be, for the team \$7,200.
Now, madam, do you know what a good
team of mules costs?"
" I suppose \$100."
" Right again, my dear madam; now
do you suppose we Southerners are
blank fools enough to plow with a \$7,200
team of niggers when we can do the
work with a team of mules worth \$100?"

Supt. Mathison, of Belleville, is re-
sponsible for the quaintest little "gag"
that went the rounds. Two of his
pupils, needless to say, boy and girl,
were reported to be too much interested
in each other. That is that they had
fallen in love and that their respective
advancement was materially retarded
on account of their affinity. The "cul-
prits" were called before the superinten-
dent to give them a little fatherly advice.
The following is the substance of the
conversation that took place:

The supt. - "Well, young man, what's
all this I hear about your courting. What
have you been doing?"
The boy. - (terrified) "I put my arm
around her."
The supt. - (horrificed) "You did!
What else?"
The boy. - (more terrified) "I kissed
her!"
The supt. - (petrified) "You did!!?"
(The girl) - "Well Miss and what about
you?"
The girl. - (unmollified) "I patient to
bear it!"
Tableau. - Slow curtain.

Supt. Mathison got off another one on
one of a species of oral-teachers that
the speech association is rapidly driving
out. It was one of those teachers, who
had certain set questions for his pupils
when he showed them off to visitors.
On one of these occasions he had asked
the usual questions, and reached a boy
in the middle of the class of whom he
asked:

"Who made you?"
In reply he received a frown. Think-
ing the boy had not understood he re-
peated the query, and again the boy
frowned. The third time the boy
"Spilled a whole bag full of cats" by
replying:
"The boy that God made is not here
today!"

At the class of the kindergarten
session, a lady reproached a well known
educator who had cast doubt on some
statements, and who is anxious to learn
it all, as his ambition is practically
boundless. The lady told him the
reason he did not understand the par-
ticular phase of childhood involved was
because he had never been a mother.

"No, that's so," he replied rather
dolefully, and then added cheerfully,
"but I am young yet!" No one needs
to be told who the gentleman was.

Dr. Bell tells of a young man (deaf-

mute) who was studying in Washington.
He was bright in everything, but Eng-
lish, and to acquire a better command
of his mother tongue he was obliged to
go among the hearing as often as possible.
The very same evening he arranged
himself in his best clothes and started
for the residence of a young lady
resident of Washington. On his arrival
he produced pad and pencil and inform-
ed her that he had come to make a call.
She received him graciously and desir-
ing to "fix up" a little, wrote: "Make
yourself at home," and with a bow she
hurried upstairs. The young man read
it and at first did not comprehend the
meaning of the words she had written,
but in a moment or two he hurried out
into the hall, got his hat and left. His
idea of the meaning of the words was
that she had sent him home; and he
was furiously angry at what he termed
"the meanness of hearing people."

A Hopeful Future.

The aged but truthful editor of the
Bugle beamed kindly over the tops of
his glasses.

"There is something quite nice about
your verses, Miss Budley," he said in a
gentle voice, "and we are indeed sorry
we cannot use them."

"Then," faltered Miss Budley, as she
once more received back the dainty little
roll tied with blue ribbon. "You think,
do you not, Mr. Slatt, that if I persevere,
in time I may be able to write very ac-
ceptable poetry?"

"Yes," slowly assented the editor of
the Bugle, "in time. Or, at least," he
hastened to add, as a glad thought burst
upon him, "if not in time, Miss Budley,
what is the matter with trying eternity?"
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Tr. Cinchon. Co.....
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Spts Vin. Rect..... 6 ounces
Glycerine..... 8
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Orris Root..... 1 ounce.
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to be put in the alcohol....
Santalum, enough to color.
Fill up with rain water to..... 24 ounces

Sig. Put a few drops on a wet brush,
and use after each meal. A quarter of
the above quantity will last six months.

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Grand Trunk Railway.

TRAINS LEAVE BELLEVILLE STATION
West Bound: 7:30 a. m., 11:30 a. m., 3:30 p. m.,
5:30 p. m.
East Bound: 6:30 a. m., 10:30 a. m., 12:25 p. m.,
4:00 p. m.
Main and Passenger Branch: 11:30 a. m.
to 8:30 p. m., 12:30 p. m.

GENERAL INFORMATION.

Classes.

SCHOOL HOURS: From 7 a. m. to 10 a. m. and
from 1:30 to 4 p. m.
DRAWING CLASS from 2:30 to 4 p. m. on Tu-
esday and Thursday afternoons of each week.
OTHER FANCY WORK CLASS on Monday and
Wednesday afternoons of each week from
12 to 2.
SIGN CLASS for Junior Teachers in the
rooms of Monday and Wednesday of each
week from 4 to 6.
LATIN STUDY from 7 to 8:30 p. m. for
pupils and from 7 to 8 for Junior Teachers.

Articulation Classes:

From 9 a. m. to 12 noon, and from 1 to 2 p. m.

Religious Exercises:

EVERY SUNDAY, Primary pupils at 9 a. m.,
senior pupils at 11 a. m. in General Lecture
Room, immediately after which the
Church will assemble.
EACH SCHOOL DAY the pupils are to assemble
in the Chapel at 8:45 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
later than 9 o'clock. In the afternoon, at
3 o'clock the pupils will again assemble,
after prayer will be dismissed in a quiet
orderly manner.
BROTHER VISITING CLERGYMEN: Rev. J. J.
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Rev. Chas. E. McIntyre, (Methodist), Rev.
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Cormack, (Presbyterian); Rev. Father Connolly.
BIBLE CLASS, Sunday afternoon at 3 p. m.
National Series of Sunday School Lessons.
Miss ANNIE MATHISON, Teacher.

Clergy men of all Denominations are
cordially invited to visit us at any time.

Industrial Departments:

PRINTING OFFICE, SHOP AND CARPENTERS
SHOP from 7:30 to 8:30 a. m., and from 1:30
to 3:30 p. m. for pupils who attend school.
Those who do not from 7:30 a. m. to 1:30
p. m. and from 1:30 to 3:30 p. m. in each working day
except Saturday, when the office and shops
will be closed at noon.
THE SEWING CLASS HOURS are from 7 a. m. to
11 o'clock, noon, and from 1:30 to 3 p. m.
for those who do not attend school, and from
3:30 to 5 p. m. for those who do. No sewing
on Saturday afternoons.
The Printing Office, Shop and Sewing
Room to be left each day when work is done
in a clean and tidy condition.
PUPILS are not to be excused from
various classes or Industrial Departments
except on account of sickness, without per-
mission of the Superintendent.
Teachers, Officers and others are not to
allow matters foreign to the work in class to
interfere with the performance of the
several duties.

Visitors:

Persons who are interested, desirous of
visiting the Institution, will be made welcome
at any school day. No visitors are allowed on
Saturdays, Sundays or Holidays except to
the regular chapel exercises at 2 p. m. on
Sunday afternoons. The last time for visit-
ing on ordinary school days is as usual after 3
p. m. in the afternoon as possible, as the classes
are dismissed at 3:30 o'clock.

Admission of Children:

When pupils are admitted and parents
advise them to the Institution, they are to be
advised not to linger and prolong their
staying with their children. It only causes
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 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
come, however, they will be made welcome
to the class-rooms and allowed every oppor-
tunity of seeing the general work of the
school. We cannot furnish lodging or
entertainment at the Institution, but
accommodation may be had in the city at the
Quinte Hotel, Hoffman House, Quebec Hotel,
American and Dominion Hotels at moderate
rates.

Clothing and Management:

Parents will be good enough to give all in-
formation concerning clothing and manage-
ment of their children to the Superintendent. No
correspondence will be allowed between
parents and employees under any cir-
cumstances without special permission on
each occasion.

Sickness and Correspondence:

In case of the serious illness of pupils letter-
or telegrams will be sent daily to parents or
guardians. In the absence of parents or
guardians, 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 teacher to
little ones who cannot write, stating as far as
possible, their wishes.
No medical preparations that have been
used at home, or presented by family physi-
cians will be allowed to be taken by pupils
except with the consent and direct order of the
Physician of the Institution.
Parents and friends of deaf children should
write against Quack Doctors who advertise
cures and appliances for the cure of deaf-
ness. In such cases out of both they will
lose money and only want money for which they
will not return. Consult well known
practitioners, in cases of deafness, and
be guided by their sound advice.
H. MATHISON
Superintendent