

MOTHER'S PRAYER.

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Once in my boyhood's glad some days, My spirits light as air, I wandered to a lonely room, Where mother knelt in prayer...

The Power of Prayer.

One day last winter, at the close of a sombre Saturday afternoon, a sad-eyed woman came up to the platform to an engineer of a train in Massachusetts, and said to him, "The conductor tells me that when we reach F—, the last train for S—, will have been gone fifteen minutes."

"Yes'm; that is so." She said, "I am a poor widow, taking my orphaned children to my father's home, I have no money to stay over Sunday. I must get home to-night."

"Can't be done," said the engineer. And she said, "Are you a Christian?"

"Yes'm. Indeed, I try to be," he answered.

"Then you will join with me in prayer that that train may be delayed till we get there?"

"Yes, I'll pray. But it is of no use."

The train sped on, a woman praying earnestly in the rear, and the engineer in the front occasionally saying, because he had promised, and feeling that it was more blasphemy than prayer, "Lord, detain that train fifteen minutes."

At the first station everybody got out in such a hurry that the conductor's lantern was swinging in the air the signal to start almost as soon as they stopped.

The engineer got the idea that the Lord was helping him, and he began to have a little faith. As they left the last station before the junction, the faith that could not compass fifteen minutes, cried, "Lord, keep them ten minutes, I'll make the rest."

And he pulled on the whole head of steam.

Away they flew. The widow prayed in the rear, the engineer prayed and put on steam in front, and they dashed into the depot five minutes ahead of time.

There stood the other train, on the north track, ten minutes behind its starting-time.

"I don't know what has kept me here so long," said the conductor.

But there were three who knew what kept him—the engineer, the widow, and the widow's God.

A True Story.

Some years ago there lived in a city not very far away, a little girl whom we will call Winnie. Her mamma almost called her so, and then decided upon another name. She was much like other little girls, with plenty of faults, but one of her strong good points was her truthfulness.

One day her mamma found that some one had been to the pros-er-ve closet, and as she had no other little girl, she thought that it must have been Winnie's small fingers that had been tempted to go wrong.

On questioning the little one, she stoutly denied it. Her mamma was very careful in her training, and it seemed so sure that Winnie must have been the one, and caring most that her little girl should be brave to tell the truth always—she talked quite seriously to her about it, urging her if she did do it to tell mamma.

Winnie's face was a study—grief and surprise at her mamma's distrust showing itself there. Finally she burst out—"Well, if I did take the jam, God saw me do it, and he didn't see me do any such thing."

Mamma was convinced.—H.C.

Two girls at the Colorado School are receiving lessons in the use of the type writer.

The Iowa School had asked for special appropriations of about \$25,000 and was granted \$16,000.

It is stated that the Pennsylvania Institution contemplates increasing the number of her strictly oral pupils, or what is equivalent, gradually discarding the combined system in favor of pure oralism.



The European deaf seem to be making preparations to come to the National Convention in Chicago in 1893.

Ebtor Van Allen, of the Silent World, has been dangerously ill with typhoid fever, at his home in Mount Airy.

Dr F H Williams, of Bristol, Conn. is a semi-mute. He has an extensive practice, and is an able physician.

The Louisiana Supreme Court decided that deaf mutes cannot recover damages for injuries resulting from carelessness on their part.

Dr. Gillett, the veteran Superintendent of the Illinois School for the Deaf, has passed the 59th mile stone in his earthly pilgrimage.

Miss Maxwell of Detroit, spent Sunday, 27th of March, ult., with Miss L. Herraull, in Windsor. They both took tea with the Misses Lafferty.

John M. Knieze, now living in Calumet, Mich., says he attended the School here for five years. He also claims to be a friend of Mr. A. S. Waggoner, of Berlin.

The birthday of Dr Gillett, of the Illinois School, was pleasantly remembered by his pupils with gifts and addresses, and an exhibition in gymnasium work.

Prof. Dudley, of the Colorado School, has prepared a condensed history of the United States for use in the school. We have such a history of Canada specially prepared.

The Hawkeye has its pages liberally embellished with the words, "The Iowa School for the Deaf." The State Legislature has sanctioned the change of name. Well done!

A petition, signed by over 800 deaf mutes in Germany, has been presented to the Emperor, praying for the restoration of the sign language in the education of this class.

According to one of our school exchanges, the postmaster at Little Sandusky, Ohio is a deaf-mute. There is said to be another deaf-mute postmaster in Virginia.

The Tablet emphatically declares that there is nothing the matter with the sign language, but that "her (sic) interpreters need a little shaking up." Some of them do,—'tis a fact.

It is stated that the National College faculty have granted the desired permission for the establishment of a college journal. The initial number will be anticipated with much interest.

Helen Keller reads the lips of those conversing with her by placing her hand over the speaker's mouth. She can speak well, and is indeed a wonderful child—deaf, dumb, and blind.

The editor of the Tablet recommends everybody to obtain "a little knowledge of Latin, Greek, French and German, to gain an insight into the shades of meaning of unimported English words." My!

The Missouri Deaf-Mute Record very courteously answers our queries about the time-table in that school and says, "While the classes in the shop the teacher can take what exercise or recreation is desired, on the premises."

The friends of Miss Clara P. Smith, of Detroit, will be pleased to hear that she will soon be part owner of the "Millard Gallery"—one of the oldest and most popular galleries in Detroit, and in which she has industriously labored for several years.

Editor Taylor, of the Texas Juvenile Ranger, says he is justly indignant because one of the exchanges dubs him Harriet Taylor. He is not a woman and does not want to be considered one, for if he were one he would be an old maid. Just now he is turning out lovely side whiskers, and wants to be known as a male man.

Colonel H. F. Garretson, of Tacoma, Wash., has been visiting the school for the deaf at Vancouver, in that state, and speaks glowingly of the good work being done by Director Watson and his assistants. He is convinced that it is one of the most important public institutions of the state.

Says the Goodson Gazette, of April 2nd:—"While our grass is green and our gales those of spring, our good friend, the CANADIAN MUTE, is still shivering in the midst of his snow and ice. Not quite. On that very date we were luxuriating in a balmy spring atmosphere, with no snow and little ice."

AS OTHERS SEE US.

Of what we think of the deaf and dumb, it is not necessary to say. It was free money a thousand times over.

THE CANADIAN MUTE, published at the Institution for the Deaf and Dumb, at Belleville, the first number of which is before us, is interesting in itself, and will appeal powerfully to the sympathy of many besides the members of this afflicted class of our fellow beings.

Printing will hereafter be taught at the Belleville School for the Deaf from which a paper THE CANADIAN MUTE, under the editorship of Mr J H Ashley, will be issued semi-monthly.

Our Canadian neighbors have at last adopted the principle of reciprocity. Hitherto we have sent our little paper to them and have received none in exchange. But hereafter we shall get a quid pro quo.

We hardly expected the pleasure of bidding a welcome to another new member of the family of little papers this school year, but that pleasure was unexpectedly turned upon us last Monday when we opened our mail.

THE CANADIAN MUTE is a new paper published from the Institution for the Deaf and Dumb, Belleville, and affords a large amount of important information which will be of interest to the general public but especially to those who live in the silent world of Mute-land.

The first copy of THE CANADIAN MUTE is to hand. It is an eight page quarto, printed on tinted heavy paper, and ably edited.

Ontario Business College, Belleville, Ont. Twenty-fourth year. This institution is the most widely attended Business College in America.

Robinson & Johnson, Ontario Business College, Belleville, Ont. Institution for the Blind.

The Provincial Institution for the Education and Instruction of Blind Children is located at Brantford, Ontario.

Business Education. A book of valuable information on the subjects of bookkeeping and shorthand.

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GENERAL INFORMATION.

Classes: School Hours: From 9 a.m. to 12 noon, from 1:30 to 3 p.m. Drawing Class from 4:30 to 5 p.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

Articulation Classes: From 9 a.m. to 12 noon, and from 1:30 to 3 p.m.

Religious Exercises: Every Sunday Primary pupils at 9 a.m. Junior pupils at 11 a.m. General Lecture at 2:30 p.m. immediately after which the class will assemble.

Clergymen of all denominations cordially invited to visit us at any time.

Industrial Departments: Printing Office, Shoe and Carpentry shops from 7:30 to 9:30 a.m. and from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m.

Visitors: Persons who are interested, desirous of visiting the institution will be made welcome any school day. No visitors are allowed on Saturdays, Sundays or Holidays.

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 with their children.

Visitation: It is not beneficial to the pupils for friends to visit them frequently. If parents wish to see their children they will be made welcome to the class rooms.

Clothing and Management: Parents will be good enough to give all directions concerning clothing and management of their children to the Superintendent.

Sickness and Correspondence: In case of the serious illness of pupils letters or telegrams will be sent daily to parents or guardians.

Parents and friends of deaf children are warmly invited to visit the institution.

Belleville Business College, Belleville, Ont.

R. MATHISON, Superintendent.