

The Smith of Ragenbaeck

In a little German village... On the waters of the Rhine...

When a cry rang thro' the welkin... And appeared upon the scene...

God had given this man his place... Nature stamped him as complete...

From the most appalling danger... That which makes the bravest quail...

"One must die to save the many... Let it then be thy duty be..."

In the death grip then they struggled... Man and dog with scarce a sound...

"Friends," he said "from one great peril... With God's help I've set you free..."

Then into his forge he straightway... Walked erect with rapid step...

To his anvil first he bound it... Next his limbs he shackled fast...

Long he suffered but at last... Came a summons from on high...

Frank Murray.

John's Opportunity.

John Grant, a strong, healthy boy, eighteen years old, fairly good-looking...

The situation was freely discussed at home. His father was willing that John should make a change if he was convinced that he could do better...

Mr. Williams, the junior member of the firm, said to him: "I cannot promise you anything definite. The business is a good one to learn. You can make yourself a useful man to us by becoming thoroughly acquainted with all the details of the business..."

John accepted the position because it offered him some chance of advancement, and as the complicated details of the business became more and more familiar, he felt that he was making progress...

By watching closely for several weeks every detail, he noticed that large lots of goods were constantly coming from abroad, and that Mr. Williams always attended to the checking of the bills and marking the goods.

strange, for Mr. Williams was a very busy man, and had enough to do without looking after such minor matters. John soon found, however, much to this dismay, that these bills were made out in French or in German, and that no one in the store but Mr. Williams could decipher them.

John was not afraid of even two such formidable foes as French and German. He purchased text-books and commenced to study at once. By constant application, he was able at the end of the year to make out a bill of goods in either of the languages. He obtained access to the old bills, and made a special study of them.

One day a larger assortment than usual came in, much to the dismay of Mr. Williams, who exclaimed, "I don't see how I can spend the time to mark these goods."

"Let me do it," quietly replied John. "You?"

"Yes, sir, I think I can do it correctly." "But the bills are in French."

"I know it, and I have been studying French and German. I think I can read any bill that we have ever had." "Well, try it and see how you can make out."

Mr. Williams watched him for a while, and then said, "You seem to know what you are about. If you can do this, all right, it will relieve me more than I can tell."

John did the work so satisfactorily that at the next importation the bill was handed to him as a matter of course.

One day, a month later, he was called into the office and interviewed by both active members of the firm. The senior member said "In my forty years' experience in this business you are the first boy who has seen this opportunity and improved it. I had to do the work until Mr. Williams came, and one reason why he became a member of the firm was because he could attend to this part of the business. We want you to take charge of the foreign goods. It is an important position; in fact it is a matter of necessity that we have some one who can do this work. You only of the twenty men we have here saw the place and fitted yourself for it. We cannot pay you yet as much as we may pay you later, for it is necessary to prove your staying qualities, but we have little doubt they will be shown in due time. For the rest of the year we will pay you ten dollars a week. At the end of the year we will consider the matter again."

The result was that after John had been there five years he received eighteen hundred dollars a year, had been sent to France and Germany, and Mr. Williams said to a friend, "John Grant will probably become a member of the firm by the time he is 30 years of age. He saw the opportunity, fitted himself for it at some sacrifice and it paid. It always pays."—The Youth's Companion.

Definitions of Home.

Home is the blossom, of which heaven is the fruit. A world of strife shut out, a world of love shut in. The golden setting, in which the brightest jewel is mother. The only spot on earth where faults and fallings of humanity are hidden under a mantle of charity. The place where the great are sometimes small and the small often great. The father's kingdom, the children's paradise, the mother's world. Where you are treated best and you grumble most. A little hollow scooped out of the windy hill of the world, where we can be shielded from its cares and annoyances.

Emerson in his day was fond of telling a story of a little Quaker girl, which he admitted always called the tears to his eyes. A wise and saintly Quakeress with whom he was acquainted was once asked by her small daughter if she might do something that took her fancy for the moment. Her mother replied: "What does the voice in thee say?" The child went off and after a while returned to say: "Mother, the little voice says No!" There is certainly a voice which speaks for God in the soul. But unless that voice is felt to be the voice of God and distinguished from the many false accents which constantly sound within the heart little of moral benefit will result. Conscience must be educated by a close reference to God's word. There is an objective test as well as a subjective experience that must be regarded.—New York Observer.



HOME, SWEET HOME.

Mid pleasures and palaces, though we may roam, Be it ever so humble, there's no place like home.

SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE

Belleville, May 16th, 1898.

To Parents and Friends:

The present term will close on Wednesday, June 15th, 1898, and our pupils go to their homes on that day. An officer of the Institution will accompany those who are to travel on the Main Lines of Railway, taking care of them and their baggage, to the points agreed upon.

At the close of this session a number of pupils will have completed their term, but those who can be benefited by one or two extra years will be allowed to come back. If you know of any deaf and dumb children of school age in your neighborhood, kindly send the names of the parents, with their post office addresses, to me.

The Grand Trunk, the Canadian Pacific and Central Ontario Railway Companies have liberally arranged to issue return tickets at reduced fares, good until September 21st, 1898.

The pupils will leave Belleville for home, on Wednesday, June 15th, by early trains under the charge of Officers of the Institution, arriving at the various stations at the times specified in time tables by Grand Trunk, Canadian Pacific and Central Ontario Railways, and parents and friends must meet them, and be standing on the platform of the station when the train arrives. This is important.

Money for fares must be remitted to Mr. Alex. Matheson, Bursar, by P. O. Order or registered letter, before the 1st of June, in order that final arrangements may be made for Railway tickets.

The next term will commence on Wednesday, the 21st September, and I hope the pupils will be sent back promptly.

With kind regards,

Yours faithfully,

R. MATHISON, SUPERINTENDENT.

Grand Trunk Railway.

TRAINS LEAVE BELLEVILLE STATION: WEST—3:15 a.m., 6:20 a.m., 11:15 a.m., 2:15 p.m., 2:55 p.m. EAST—1:20 a.m., 6:40 a.m., 10:17 a.m., 12:05 p.m., 5:10 p.m. MABOC AND PETERSBORO' BRANCH—5:40 a.m., 12:15 a.m., 3:15 p.m., 6:20 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 End A. M. C. A., Corner Queen Street and Dovercourt Road, at 11 a.m. General Central, up stairs at Broadway Hall, Spadina Ave., 10 or 12 doors south of College Street, at 3 p.m. Leathers Moors, Nassimith, Briden and others. East End meetings, Cor. Parliament and Oak Streets. Service at 11 a.m. every Sunday. Bible Class—Every Wednesday evening at 8 o'clock, corner Spadina Ave. and College Street, and Cor. Queen Street and Dovercourt Road. Lectures, etc., may be arranged if desirable. Address, 273 Clinton Street. Miss A. Fraser, 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 3 p.m. DRAWING from 3:10 p.m. on Tuesday and Thursday of each week. GIRLS' FANCY WORK CLASS on Monday afternoon of each week from 3:20 to 5. EVENING STUDY 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 12 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 8:15 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 no later than 9 o'clock. In the afternoon a 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, Right Rev. Monsignor Farrelly, A.C. Rev. T. J. Thompson, M.A. (Presbyterian) Rev. Chas. E. McIntyre, (Methodist), Rev. V. H. Cowart, (Baptist), Rev. M. W. Maclean, (Presbyterian), Rev. Father Connelly, Rev. R. Cole, D.D., Rev. J. J. Rice, Rev. N. Hill. BIBLE CLASS, Sunday afternoon at 3:15, International Series of Sunday School Lessons, Miss ANNIE MATHISON, Teacher.

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

Industrial Departments:—

PRINTING OFFICE, SHOP AND CARPENTER SHOPS from 7:30 to 8:30 a.m., and from 1:30 to 3:30 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 3:30 p.m. each working day except Saturday, when the office and shop will be closed at noon.

THE SEWING CLASS HOURS are from 9 a.m. to 12 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, Shops and Sewing Room to be left each day when work ceases in a clean and tidy condition.

PUPILS are not to be excused from various Classes or Industrial Departments except on account of sickness, without permission of the Superintendent.

Teachers, Officers and others are not allowed to interfere with the performance of the 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 12 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 classrooms 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 Quilts Hotel, Huffman 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.