Conceit

A fittle dog-barked at the big, round

moon,
That smiled in the evening sky,
and the neighbours smole him with
rocks and shoon,
sut-still-he continued his rageful-tune,
And he barked till-his-throat was dry

The little dog bounced like a rubber ball,

For his anger quite drove him wild,
And he-said, "I'm a terror, although I.
am small,
And I dare you you i...pudent fellow to
fall."

But the moon-only smiled and smiled

Then the little dog barked at a terrible

rate.
But he challenged the moon in vain,
or as calmly and slow as the workings
of fate,
h moon moved along in a manner
Sedate

And smiled-at-the dog-in-disdain.

But soon 'neath a_hill that obstructed the west. The most sank out of bis sight, And it milled as it slowly dropped under

the crest, But the little dog said, as he lay down

to-rest"Well I_scared-it_away all right-"

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Pleasant Hours:

A PAPER FOR OUR YOUNG FOLK Rev. W. H. Withrow, D.D., Editor.

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We have received many kind congratulations on our Christmas number of Unward The following, from the Rev. George M. Young, of Chatham, N.B., is a typical one. We propose still further to improve the paper .

You certainly deserve congratulations "You certainly deserve congratulations upon the very-creditable Christmas number of Onward You keep-up-a good reputation as a bright, readable, and hielpful-paper but your-tast-venture puts you in the front rank of-special-numbers May 1899 be your very-best year."

It is always a gratification to us to find an intelligent interest in the accuracy of statements made-in Pleasant Hours. nishes us the following instructive statement concerning the habits of the par-tridge. A good many of us the Editor included, would not know a partridge if we saw one. But we are glad to note such a close observation of nature and appreciation of bird life and its ways.

appreciation of bird life and its ways.

Mi. Boand eath in Jour Sundayschool paper, Picasant Hours, of December 3, the artist-makes a great-mistake
in showing the partridge and the hittochicks in the snow. How would sho
make her nest in the snow, and lay her
eggs where they would be frozen. They
would never hatch after. It is the fullgrown birds that sleep in the snow during the cold weather. The writer has
requently seen the head and neck of
several sticking up out of the snow at
once. They hear you walking, and-lookout to see if there is any danger. The
little ones are hatched out about the out to see it there is any danger. The little ones are hatched out about the first of June. When the mother partridge sees that you are coming too near,

she gives a peculiar note, and the little ones disappear before your eyes, and you can seldom find one. They are the ones disappear foctore your eyes, and you can seldom find one. They are the colour of the leaves. As soon as she sees the little ones safe, she drops her wings and runs away, as if wounded, so as to get you to follow her. I have known them fly in a cow's face when she came among the chickens."

OUR SCHOOLS AND OUR COLLEGES.

These-two institutions are more closely related than is often thought. It may be safely said that almost every student in our colleges has been a scholar in our Sunday-schools An increasingly large proportion of our Sunday scholars will year by year find their way to our college halls. But this is not the only tie. All our ministers are now required to spend-two-years in-college so that there soon will be, if there is not already, this direct and vital-link between the college and the church and school

and the church and school

The college is not an institution afar
off, like a snow-capped mountain peak,
cold and inaccessible, which our scholars
can never reach, and from which they
derive no benefit. Even the snowy peak
is a benefit to the plain beneath. It intercepts the clouds and causes them to
distit in fertilizing rain upon the land.
Its snows and glaclers are the fountain
head and source of the streams and
rivers, which water the whole country
side. So from our colleges, the fountain
head of learning, the fertilizing streams
of knowledge flow to every village and
hamlet of our fair Canada.
Our schools should, therefore, take an

or knowledge now to every vininge and hamlet of our fair Canada. Our schools should, therefore, take an active interest in the colleges. They should bear where they are, what their solonary organizations for they all have them—and where their missionaries go. They should read of them, think of them, pray for them, and, above all, give liberally in the collection authorized by the General Conference for the maintenance of those institutions of learning. In the United States, the rising mintenance of the Methodists churches are, in very large degree, supported at the colleges by the generous givings of the Sunday-schools II Canadian Methodism is to be worthy of our great country.

day-schools II Canadian Methodism is to be worthy of our great country, worthy of the traditions of Methodism in the past, and adequate to the neces-sities of the future, our colleges should have the generous co-operation of every church and every school throughout the entire Connexion. We trust that Dr. Potts' appeal to our schools will meet a very hearty-and generous response.

To Sunday-school Superintendents, Off-

cers and Teachers . ear fellow-workers,—You

Dear fellow-workers,-You represent one of the most important departments one of the most important departments of Canadian Methodism. The Sunday-school institution has an historic glory, but it has a prophetic glory that ex-celleth. It is of incalculable importance culeth. It is of incalculable importance that all our Sunday-schools be kept in sympathetic touch with our connexional interests. Property looked at, there is superficient and the sunday schools be supported by the sunday superficient and the superficient and interest than in Christian education, and interest than in Christian education, and especially the education of the coming pastors and missionaries of Methodism. The late General Conference renewed the action of four years ago in strongly recommending that a collection be taken yearly in each Sunday-school of our church.

I write now to ask your hearty co-operation in this matter, because of the pressing need for large increase in the funds of the Educational Society. The funds of the Educational Society. The legislation of the General Conference makes it necessary for all probationers to attend college at least two years. The present income will not enable the Society-either to help the colleges sufficiently or to give the probationers a loan large enough to carry them throughtheir college residence. If the church is wise in requiring the young men to attend college, it is the manifest duty of the church to enable them to do so by giving them such ald as will help them to take advantage of our educational institutions. One collection in the year will not sectiously tax your school, while is the advantage of our educational in stitutions. One collection in the year will not seriously tax your school, while it will be the collection of the collection in the year will not seriously tax your school, while it will be the collection to the collection of your officers and teachers subscribed in sums of \$11 and upwards the same may be entered in the report as from the Sunday-school.

Dear friends, I appeal to you on behalf of our collects and ministry, for the mother and carried it to her being so much needed in view of the imbellies of the work."

portance of having a well-trained min-istry for our beloved-church. I fully expect your sympathy and practical help.

Ever yours. JOHN POTTS, General Secretary of Education. Victoria College, December, 1898.

THE REFORMATION OF KATHERINE.

BY EMILY O. PULLER.

T.

"But, Charles, something must be done to break-Katherine of this. The habit grows constantly, and if her fault is ever to-be corrected, we must begin at once. She is now fifteen, and I have thought

to be corrected, we must expent as once, the standard of doing that, the habit is, as I said, becoming worse."

"Oh, pahaw, Mary, that's just imagination on your part, nothing but imagination. Katherine displays vivacity in he language, to be sure, but not too much to be interesting, and it just suits me. Would you take all the picturesqueness from her-descriptions? Why, scarcely a day passes but some one remarks to me about Katherine's Dirightness."

"Yes, I also hear of Katherine's brightness, Charles, but I fear to hear of her untruthfulners. At least you will not interfere when I correct hero'in your presence.

interfere when I correct her in your presence?"
"No, no, certainly not; but don't make her dull and ordinary in your reforming process, Mary, or-"
"Oh, paps," crief Katherine, sweeping fato. the room like a hurricane, her big what was the special of the could guess in a hundred years, though to what was the second of the processor Schultze said my voice was going to be simply magnificent! With such a perfectly wonderful voice at my age, he sai' absolutely no success was too great for mot to expect! What do you think of that momelo? Don't, please, please don't think I'm concelted, mamma: I'm not the least, tiniest mite, for! i woldn't tell a single person in all the world, but you and paps, what the professor said."

and papa, what the professor said."

She was on her knees now, at her mother's side, with her arms about her

neck.
"Did he say anything about practicing?" asked Judge Marley, with a twinkle in his eye.
"Indeed he did, papa. He talked a solid hour about it."

"My dear," Mrs. Marley remonstrated,
"your entire lesson lasts but an hour.
How could he talk all that time about
practicing, and hear your lesson be-

sides?"
"Oh, you know what I mean, mamma.
"Oh ead me a regular lecture about it,
and now that school is out I intend to
practice six hours of the day every week;

and now that school is out I I intend to practice six hours of the day every week; two on vocal and four on instrumental Then I must put an hour on my harmony, and she sprang up and went into the property of the six hours will dwindle in the course of two days, "he said "But what about the new girl? She is here, is she? You look very tired, my dear. Try to rest, now that you have some one to relieve you. I'll be through with courtleve you for a little change. It will do you good." "Perhaps it might," Mrs. Marley answered absently. "Charles, you must he proposed the processary it is that something be done." "Well, if Katherine must be reformed.

Well, if Katherine must be reformed well, if Kainerine must be reformed suppose I shall have to assist; and the judge, who had been standing with his hai in one hand, the other upon the door knob, hastened to take his departure. He could not bear to hear that his pet He could not bear to hear that his pet and I faults. He knew her to be so much his miself that he considered her metter.

much like numeri cuas as construction perfect.
Unfortunately, as it turned out, the reformation of Katherine was delayed by Mrs. Marley's liness.

"Katherine, your mother is not well enough to come downstairs," said Judge Marley to his daughter as she came into the deline-come the next morning, " and the dining-room the next morning, "and you must look after the new girl as well as your mother. She will tell-you what she wishes done after you've break-

fasted."
"Is mamma very dangerously sick,
"Is mamma very dangerously sick
papa ?" asked Katherine, anylously.
"No. Do, not dangerously sick at all.
She has overworked, I think. I shall
leave word for Dr. Harter to call, and
you must take his directions. Be verycareful to make no mistake with the
medicine."

medicine."
When Katherino had finished her breakfast, she prepared a dainty meal for her mother and carried it to her.
"It is very unfortunate that I am not

Mrs. Marley. "So much depends upon a new girl being started aright. You must do the best you an with her, Katherine, for a short time, when I hope to be well again." And she gare in-

must to the east you as will nor, Katherine, for a short time, when I hope to be well sgain. And she gare in structions for Sail'y s installation.

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Katherine for Sail'y s installation. But very silling to learn at her employer's orpense. "Now that you understand all about our lunch, Saily, 'Ill tell you about
mamma's. She wishes only beet tea
and wafers. You mustn't take a great
quantity of either to her, for sick people
are very dainty, and mamma is the most
particular person you ever saw when she
is ill, about what she eats. Here is the
beef extract on this shelf. Take just a
tiny bit, for it is as strong as concentrated iye. There's pretty nearly a
whole beef in one little jar, so, of course,
you can't use much. Put the wafers in
the oven till they are crisp, not brown.
About half a second will do it, I
salvighted the said of the said of the
Sail'y follows: I must keep my word.
The beef the a mark of the
What is this ?" Mrs. Marley asked,
as Sailly gave her the cup.

"The beef tea, ma'am. I made it

"What is this?" Mrs. Marley asked, as Sally gave her the cup.
"The beef tea, ma'am. I made it just as the young lady said! should. Is it too strong, ma'am?" asked she, anxi-

it too strong, ma'am?" asked she, anxiously.

"A-little strong of salt, perhaps," was the answer, as Mrs. Marley returned the tea to the tray.

"Fall, 'its too bad, thin. But thir was the very wurruds she sald to me. The mato is one whole cow sthewed down into that little jar, and ye must take a teenty bit av it and a great big sphoon av salt; for it's most awful frish, thin-And I thinks to myself, thin was awful chape cows at forty cints. They tell me that is all the little jar costs, to say nothin' av the worruk."

Mrs. Marley could not doubt that Sally had followed instructions. She was too lit to explain to her, and when, as hour too had been cound her mother much worse.

"Oh, manma, it is all my fault. I never, never should have left you in that scarchitt whould have we. The luncheon

"Oh, mamma, it. is all my fault. In never, never should have left you in that perfectly thoughtless way. The luncheon was just simply adorable, and the girls looked like dreams of beauty—what is it. dear mamma?" she exclaimed, as she saw the colour die out of her mother's saw the colour die out of her mother's her was the colour she head sink back on the full of the saw of the colour die out of her mother's her colour she was a saw of the colour die out of her colour she can be colour she can be suffered from the colour saw of the colour she can be colour she can be colour she can be colour she can be colour saw of the colour saw of t

face and her head sink back on the fallow. "Oh, she's dying," she cried, "mamma's dying," She ran to the stairs and called franteally, to Sally: "Send for papa as quick as you can. Mamma's dying," the syou can. Mamma's dying," the syou can. Mamma's dying, in the Stain of the sassing and she shall be supposed to be assing a small boy mot he papered to be assing a small boy mot he papered to be assing a small boy mot he papered to be assing a small boy mot he papered to be assing a small boy mot he papered to come at once," said the breathless bot one of the officials, who broke the news to Judge Marley as gently as possible. Court was at once adjourned and the judge driven rapid y home. Katherine met him at the gate. "Oh, papa, it was a mistake! I was fright-need nearly to death, for I never saw mamma. cook so ill before, and you musta't blame me."

"Not this time, daughter," and he passed hastly into the house.

"Katherine was excited when alse sent you that word," said Dr. Harter, smilling, to the better now. She tells mo she the botter now. She tells mo she the tolking at noon, and she is very weak."

Judge Marley said nothing to Katherine, but he was convinced that his wife was right about her habt of exaggeration becoming a serious fault, and paged with her that the reformation should be attempted without further delay.

"Dear me," said Katherine in tears.

spread with her than the continuous should be attempted without further delay, should be attempted without further delay. The trief of half a century to watch every single word that passed my ilps. I am just completely worn out and winkled with trying. But if you think it is really noticeable, I'll keep on trying every second of my life, if it kills me, as no doubt it will."

"Katherine, Katherine," exclaimed her mother, despatringly.

"Why, what's the matter, dear mama? Don't you think I'll try when. I say I will?"

"I hope no, child," answered her mother, who, still weak from her illness, felt unequal to polating out the inaccuracies of her speech.

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rery the Well, Teddy, have you been a good boy to-day?" saked his mother upon her return home late in the afternoon: meal "No, ma'am," rolled the truthful Ted.
I hope you have not been a bad boy." in not "No, ma'am, not "N