

### "I'll Do What I Can."

BY KELA WHEELER WILSON.

Who takes for his motto, "I'll do what I can,"  
Shall better the world as he goes down life's  
hill.  
The willing young heart makes the capable man,  
And who does what he can oft can do what  
he will.  
There's strength in the impulse to help things  
along,  
And forces undreamed of will come to the aid  
Of one who, though weak, yet believes he is  
strong  
And offers himself to the task unafraid.  
"I'll do what I can," is a challenge to fate,  
And fate must succumb when it's put to the  
test;  
A heart that is willing to labor and wait  
In its tussle with life ever comes out the  
best.  
It puts the blue tinge of depression to rout  
And makes many difficult problems seem  
plain;  
It mounts over obstacles, dispels doubt  
And unravels knots in life's curious chain.  
"I'll do what I can," keeps the progress machine  
In good working order as centuries roll,  
And civilization would perish, I do ween,  
Were those words not written on many a  
soul.  
They fell the great forests, they furrow the soil,  
They seek new inventions to benefit man;  
They fear no exertion, make pasture of toll,  
Oh, so, it is earth's debt to "I'll do what I  
can."

### Evil Associations.

"The influence of evil companionship," says a writer, "is one of the worst evils with which those who love purity, and are seeking to elevate and benefit their fellowmen, have to contend. One bad boy may do more harm in a community than can be counteracted by clergymen, Sabbath school teachers, tract distributors, and other Christian workers combined. An evil boy is a pest compared with which the cholera, small-pox, and even the plague are nothing. The damage which would be done by a terrific hurricane sweeping with destructive force through a thickly settled district, is insignificant compared with the evil work which may be accomplished by one vicious lad.

"No community is free from these vipers. Every school, no matter how select it may be, contains a greater or less number of these young moral lepers.

"Often they pursue their work unsuspected by the good and pure, who do not dream of the villainous bent up in the young brains who have not yet learned the multiplication table and scarcely learned to read. I have known instances in which a boy seven or eight years of age has implanted the venom of vice in the hearts and minds of half a score of pure-minded lads within a few days of his first association with them. Vice spreads like wild fire. It is more 'catching' than the most contagious disease, and more tenacious, when once implanted, than the leprosy.

"Boys are easily influenced either for right or wrong, hence it is the duty of parents to select good companions for their children and it is the duty of children to avoid bad company as they would avoid carrion or the most loathsome object. A boy with a match in a powder magazine would be in no greater danger than he is when in the company of many of the lads who attend our public schools and play upon the streets. It is astonishing how early children, especially boys, will sometimes learn the hideous, shameless tricks of vice which yearly lead thousands down to everlasting death.

"Mothers cannot be too careful of the associations of their children. Often those who would be least suspected of such wickedness, are the agents of sin, and will instruct their innocent little ones in the most debasing habits. Trust no one not known to be pure. Keep your little ones under your own roof until you are sure that their characters are sufficiently well-formed to resist the encroachments of evil. Build up bulwarks against vice by developing the pure and good in their characters and repressing evil tendencies. The first impure thought instilled

into a child's mind is usually the source of all subsequent ruin. A prurient curiosity is excited, which craves satisfaction, and will not rest until the desired information is obtained. Thus the evil seed germinates and develops, and in due time, under ordinary circumstances, brings forth an abundant crop of impure acts. A child whose mind has been contaminated by evil communications may be restored, but cannot be fully restored to the innocence which, when once lost, is gone forever. A scar will always remain which cannot be effaced. Hence it is vastly better to prevent evil communications than to undo their effect after the mischief has been done."

### It Worked a Change.

What is good and pure and beautiful exercises a silent but powerful influence toward driving out what is low and evil. A telling illustration is the following incident, told by a recent writer:

About a year ago a friend of mine gave to a young man whom we both knew a lovely picture, and asked him to hang it up in his room for a year. The recipient of the picture was a lively young Oxford undergraduate, who cared much more for having a "good time" than he did for his studies, and who was not always particular as to the character of his good times. Calling upon him at his rooms one day, I found the picture which my friend had given him hung in a prominent place but surrounded by an incongruous medley of low sporting prints and questionable pictures. He himself did not seem to be conscious of the glaring contrast, but cheerfully called my attention to the gift picture.

I happened to be in his room again one day when the year was about half gone, and I was startled by the change. The picture still hung in its old place, but its low companions had vanished, and their places were filled by other pictures in harmony with its beauty and purity. My face must have expressed my surprise, and possibly a question as well, for the young man was quick to speak of the change.

"You see," he explained, "I couldn't leave them up with that. The contrast was too dreadful. I didn't see it at first, but I suppose looking at the picture opened my eyes till I did see it, and then, I tell you, those cheap prints came down in a hurry! And it was the same way in putting up new pictures. That one set the standard, and I knew I couldn't have, and didn't want, anything that wasn't in harmony with it."

That was all he said, but in his whole manner and speech I felt a difference, and some of his old companions confirmed me in my belief that the influence of the picture had gone farther than the walls of his room, farther even than he realized.

By letting eyes and thoughts dwell as much as possible on what is pure and beautiful, we shall take into our hearts an influence whose power over our lives may be far beyond what we dream.

Be always employed about some rational thing, that the devil find thee not idle.—Jerome.

Prayer is a golden key, which should open the morning, and lock up the evening.—Bishop Hopkins.

Henry Ward Beecher once said: "He who is false to present duty breaks a thread in the loom, and may find a flaw when he has forgotten the cause."

From English and American novels alone the ordinary reader could construct the history of the English-speaking peoples from the dim dawn of the earliest invasions of their savage ancestors to the bright vantage of modern civilization.—September Ladies' Home Journal.

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"Did you get the money, sir?" asked the clerk, when he walked into his office.  
"Mind your business, sir," was the tart response.  
"I pity her husband," thought Mr. Deane as he turned the papers over on his desk. "How she will henpeck him. By the way, I wonder who her husband will be?"  
The next day he called at the Widow Clarkson's to assure Miss Mellen that he had no idea of breaking his promise, and the next but one after that, he came to tell the young lady that she need entertain no doubt of his integrity. And the next he dropped in upon them with no particular errand to serve as an excuse!

"When shall we be married, Olive? Next month, dearest? Do not let us put it off later."

"I have no wishes but yours, Matthew."

"Really, Miss Mellen, to hear that meek tone, one would never suppose you had locked me up here, and tyrannized over me as a jailer."

Olive burst into a merry laugh.

"You dear old Matthew, I gave you warning beforehand that I mean to have my own way in everything. Do you wish to recede from your bargain? It is not too late yet."

No, Matthew Deane didn't; he had a vague idea that it would be pleasant to be henpecked by Olive!—*Waverly Magazine.*

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EAST—12:45 a.m.; 1:45 a.m.; 11:45 a.m.; 2:10 p.m.; 6:30 p.m.  
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Toronto Bible Training School, 110 College St., at 3 p.m.  
Bible Class every Wednesday evening at 8 o'clock in homes of the deaf.  
Doras Sewing Circle meets every second Thursday from 2:30 to 5 p.m.  
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### GENERAL INFORMATION.

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SCHOOL HOURS.—From 9 a.m. to 12 noon, and from 1:30 to 3 p.m. DRAWING from 3 to 3:30 p.m. on Tuesday and Thursday of each week.  
GIRLS' FANCY WORK CLASS on Monday afternoon of each week from 3:30 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 9:30 a.m., senior pupils at 11 a.m. General Lecture at 12:30 p.m., immediately after which the Bible Class will assemble. Roman Catholic pupils go to the church in the city, in charge of officers, every Sunday and at other times when the rules of the church require their attendance—weather permitting.  
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 not later than 9 o'clock. In the afternoon at 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, V.O.; Rev. T. J. Thompson, M.A. (Presbyterian); Rev. J. W. Crothers, M.A. (D., Methodist); Rev. O. C. Elliott, (Baptist); Rev. M. W. Macleod, (Presbyterian); The Rev. Father O'Brien; Rev. J. H. Keal, Rev. M. J. Bates, Rev. Jos. H. Locke.  
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Clergymen of all Denominations are cordially invited to visit us at any time.

### Industrial Departments:

SEWING ROOM—Monday, Wednesday and Friday afternoons, from 3:15 to 5:15 o'clock.  
PRINTING OFFICE, SHOE AND CARPENTER SHOPS from 1:30 to 3:30 a.m., and from 3:30 to 5:30 p.m. for pupils who attend school; for those who do not from 1:30 a.m. to 12 noon, and from 1:30 to 5:30 p.m. each working day except Saturday, when the office and shops will be closed at noon.  
THE SEWING CLASSES are from 9 a.m. to 12 o'clock, noon, and from 1:30 to 5 p.m. for those who do not attend school, and from 2:30 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 the various Classes or Industrial Departments, except on account of sickness, without permission of the Superintendent.  
Teachers, Officers and others are not to allow inmates foreign to the work in hand to interfere with the performance of their 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 1:30 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 class-rooms 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, Hudson House, Queen's, Anglo-American and Dominion Hotels at moderate rates.

### Clothing and Management:

Parents will be glad 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 OR 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 999 cases out of 1000 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.