The Skein of Lite.

This life of ours is a tangled skein.

Uf many a variet hac:
There are threads of pleasure and threads of pain,
Which get crossed and troken and joined again,
Unit a thread of hope all through.

There are threads of hate and threads of scorn, and the solden thread of love, which sheds its rays on the heart forlorn. Like the light in the eastern shes at morn, Or the stars in the heaven above.

There are threads of fear and of dark despair, lilack as the clouds of night. Mugled with threads of virtue rare, Which glisten like dow-drops in the air With radiance influite.

There are threads of folly which blind our eyes With glitter and false pretense. Twined in with the strands of prudence wise Of nobleness and acti-actifies. And child like innocence.

'Fis tangled and twisted, this skein of life;
But that will unravel it out,
And death in a moment will sever in twain
The threads which are knotted with purpose vain
By earthly strife and doubt J lift.

FOR THE CANADIAN MOTE. Bob.

(BY ANNIE MCPHAIL AN OLD PUPIL) I am going to write a story about my pet cat, whom I love dearly. I think you would like to hear about him. Two summers ago when I came home in June, my brother told me that there was a cat in the house, and I asked him to show it to me, and he did. I was a little frightened, when I saw him, because he is very big and fat. I nover saw any as big as he is. His name is Bob, and my brothers and sister sometimes call him "Mr. Bob Bust." He is of a blackish gray color, and he weighs more than 20 pounds. He is very smart and sly, and can kill sparrows. When I call "Bob," he will come to me quickly. Once a lady who fived next door to us, owed him, but he came into our house and became very fond of my brothers, sister and me. One day the lady moved to another house, which is about 11miles from our house, and she took the cat "Bob" with her. He does not love her as well as he loves us. One Saturday morning Bob ran away from the lady's new house, and came to our house. It was very early in the morning. He mewed at the door of the diningroom, and when my sister heard it, sho went and opened the door, and was surprised to see Bob there. Sho could not understand-how he came to the house. After a few days the lady came to our house, and tried to take him home, but he refused to let her take him. It shows that he likes us better than her. He likes to lick fco-cream and other sweet things. He hates other cats, and will not let them come into the garden. There is an old cat in our neighbor's yard, and I think Bob is the old cat's enemy, because he often fights with it. The old cat is very ngly. When she wants to go out, he always goes to a door, and sits, and looks at the knob for a little while, and when we see him there, we know he wants to go out, and open the door and let him go. My father always puts Bob in the summerkitchen at night before he goes to bed, but one night he forget and went to bed without putting Bob out. In the morning about 5 o'clock, as Bob was in the dining room, he saw the upstairs door open, and went up softly to my brother's bedroom, jumped on his bedand put one of his paws on his cheek and inowed softly soveral times which awoko him. He was surprised to see Bob on his bed, but he mowed again, and my brother got up out of bed. Bob ran downstairs, and my brother followed him. Bob stopped at the door, and looked at the knob. My brother melocked the door, and let him go out. then went to bed again. Bob is a wise cat. I always feed him myself when I am at home. Last year I got a short letter written by the cat Bob, and I am proud of it, and keep it at home in my trank. It is not true that he wrote the letter all by humself, my sister helped him. He is easily tamed, and he is a darling cat. When any one teases him, he will not get mad. Sometimes he scratches my hand unintentionally, but it never but me. I never forget one thing, when I was at home last summer, while I was drinking a small cup of milk. Bob came and sat up and looked at me. He looked as if he wanted me

couldn't, because his head is larger than the cup, then he looked disappointed. Soon he was given the superintendency and was thinking how he could get the of small contracts, and his absolute milk that was in the cup. At last he rehability caused him in a few years to took a good plan, how do you think he to made foreman of the little shop, was going to do? Ha! he put one of Then came those larger oppertunities his paws into the cup, and heked the milk from his paw. When I saw him doing that it made me laugh heartily, and hastened to call my sister and when sho saw him, sho laughed too. Then I got a saucer, and poured the milk in it, and Bob had a good supper. What do you think of my pet cat Bob? Every you think of my pet cat Bob? Every to take a personal interest in their morning, the milkman, who comes to employer's business. our house to give us milk, always pets the cat Bob. My sister told me that the milkman wished we would sell him the cat Bob, but I told her that I would not sell my darling cat for one thousand dollars, and told her not to let any one buy Bob, as it is the best eat I ever had in my life. He is afraid of big dogs, but he always drives little dogs out of the garden. He can play with a ball, and we call him a ball-player. He also likes to play with grasshoppers and frogs. When he gets, fired of playing with a grasshopper, he will put it in his mouth, and take it out. I once thought he was going to cat or swallow it. but I made a mistake. When he is angry, he always goes to a pole, and scratches it to make his pans sharper. He hates to have his photo taken. He had been taken to the photographers several times to have the photo taken. but he would not sit long enough. think ho is naughty. Don't you think so? Last winter I got a letter from home saying that the cat Boh was very fat and playful, and I was pleased to hear it. I think my brotherwand sister feed him enough, while I am at school, My brother said in his letter that one fall, while he was putting double windows on for the coming winter, the cat Bob followed him, and looked as if he wanted to help him do his work. He said he thought the cat Hob was very wise. One of my brother's name is Robert, and I often call the cat Bob his little brother. He likes me to call him that anyway. One day last summer my mother put some fresh beefsteak on a plate on the cupboard, and while she was gone, the cat Bob jumped on the window, and then on the cup-board, and tried to take some, but the plate f.il, and broke into pieces. He was very much frightened, and hid under the stove. My brother heard a noise in the kitchen and went there to see what was the matter. I followed him, and we saw the broken plate. When I went to pick the pieces up, the cat Bob ran out of doors quickly. He was afraid because I would punish him. He didn't return until after dark, and sister and I gave him a good scolding. After that he didn't do it again. It was a good lesson for him. I-would like to write more about him, but I think this is long enough so I must stop. I hope this will interest you.

Do Your Best:

"Say, Ben. let's pitch in and tidy up the shop before one o'clock and give the bour a surpriso when he comes back. "Did ho say so?"

"No, but the shop needs cleaning up, and I'll bet he would like to have it dono.

"Well, if you are green enough to go to-putting in your noon hour working for old Markham without extra pay, go ahead, but not any of it for me. You'll ahead, but not any of it for me. You il nover get any thanks for it, Tom, and if you begin working over time that way, you'll have to keep it up"; and the speaker, a lad of some eighteen years, stretched himself out on the work-bench for a noon-time nap.

"All right," good-naturelly replied his companion, a boy some two years younger, I'll do it myself then, for I do not like to work in a place littered up like this, and there won't be time after.

The light of the second o

to get out this afternoon."

So saying he went briskly to work and by the time the one o'clock whistle sounded, the carpenter shop was neatly cleaned.

That was fifteen years ago. Those two apprentice boys are men now. The older one who refused to help clean up the shop for fear of doing something for the shop for fear of doing something for which he was notspecially paid, is still Mother. Meetings are open to all mutes and friends villago, barely able to keep his family

to give him some of the milk, so I put the small cup on the floor, and he looking like so I glad and wagged his tail; he tried his employer's business. Mr. Markham

to put his head in the cup but he noted his disposition and gave him an couldn't, because his head is larger than extra opportunity to master the trade.

It is the boys who do this that climb to the top in every line of business; while the sulkers and growlers, who are always afraid of doing too much, are pretty certain to remain well down to ward the bottom of the ladder.

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L-Teachers, Others and others are no allow matters foreign to the work in hand interfere with the performance of the several tuiles.

Visitors:—

Fersons who are interested, desirous of viring the institution, will be made welcome any school day. No visitors are allowed baturdays, bundays or Holklays except the regular chapel exercises at 230 cm se is a sternoons. The best time for side on ordinary school days is an soon after 1 in the afternoon as possible, as the class are dismissed at 300 o'clock.

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When pupils are admitted and parents cowith them to the institution, they are kind advised not to linger and prolong less taking with their children. It only mak discomfort for all concerned, switceularly the parent. The child will be tenderly can for, and if left in our charge without des will be quite happy with the others in a fealure, in some cases in a few hours.

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It is not beneficial to the pupils for friends visit them frequently. If parents must come, however, they will be made welcomed to the class-rooms and allowed exercipped thatly of seeing the general work of it school. We smoot furnish lodging or measured to the class at the Institution. On accommodation may be had in the city at it Quinte Hotel, Huffman House, Queen's, Angle American and Dominion Hotels at mederal rates.

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