

A NEW LEAF.

He came to my desk with a quivering lip—
The lesson was done—
"Dear teacher, I want a new leaf," he said;
"I have spoiled this one."
In place of the leaf so stained and blotted
I gave him a new one all unspotted,
And into his sad eyes smiled—
"Do better now, my child."

I went to the throne with a quivering soul—
The old year was done—
"Dear Father, hast thou a new leaf for me?
I have spoiled this one."
He took the old leaf, stained and blotted
And gave me a new one all unspotted,
And into my sad heart smiled—
"Do better now, my child."

—Carrie Shaw Price, in *Episcopal Recorder*.

A Criminal Case.

Jean is a boy who had a year ago, and whom we may have again this year. When or how we look or think of him we cannot help pitying him. He is now about 25 years old. His education must have been to nothing. Why did he come so late? The explanation is this. His father was afraid to send him here, though he had heard of our School, until he was long and earnestly persuaded to try it at least one year. The boy came last year. He learned the names of domestic animals, and other common things, but what a sad face he wore to find himself sitting with little children, he being about six feet tall. He was bashful and his teacher had difficulty in making him look at her or stand up and write on the black board. In the study room he was caught trying hard to read a newspaper now and then. How he always threw the newspapers down, and casting a wandering look at the wall or floor, was painful, indeed, to see. He very often talked with us in his natural sign, and his theme was always about the little ones learning so fast, while he was no better. Here is a case of an uneducated deaf boy. How hard it must be for parents to keep children away from getting the benefits this school affords. When a deaf child is eight years of age, it should be sent here right along. An education for the deaf is the greatest blessing, and the one keeping such in ignorance is a criminal.—*Pelican*.

One True System.

In a well-considered article on the increasing favor with which speech and speech teaching is viewed by schools for the deaf in America, the *Silent World* says:—"This increased attention paid to oral work is not due to any recent and startling improvements in the methods of speech teaching, but rather to the fact that those who have hitherto looked upon oral teaching with disfavor have arrived at a higher appreciation of the value of speech and of the methods by which it is imparted, and have come to recognize the fact that no rational system of education can afford to neglect good in whatever quarters it may be found. Then, too, it has been amply demonstrated that there is nothing essentially antagonistic between the various methods of instruction and that they can exist side by side in harmony and mutual helpfulness, and the friends of each method have learnt to appreciate and respect the work of those who, while differing in regards to certain points, are joined with them in a common work for the uplifting of the deaf. The general trend of sentiment justifies us in believing that the golden age of deaf-mute education is before and not behind us, and that the time is not far off when all existing methods will coalesce in one true "American" system" of educating the deaf."

World's Food for One Day

Pearson's Weekly: The average healthy man eats nearly two and a half pounds of solid food in a day. Some races eat much more than others, but against this we can set the smaller consumption of children and the delicate members of civilized communities. Now, as there are, according to the most careful computations, 1,497,000,000 human beings on the planet, we may conclude that 3,607,770,000 pounds, or about 1,610,612 tons of solid food are eaten the world over. With regard to the drinking capacity of the human race, as the proper individual allowance is nearly two and three-quarter pints a day, we may take it that the above-named quantity of food is washed down with about 4,047,888,000 pints of liquid, in some form or other—that is to say, enough to fill a reservoir 144 yards long, 144 broad and 144 deep.

Work Ensures Success.

Say young man, there is one thing you cannot do. You can't make a success in life unless you work. Better men than you have tried it and failed. You can't loaf around street corners and saloons, smoke cigars, tell foul stories, drink whiskey, and sponge on someone else without making a failure in life. You must learn a trade or get into some honest business. If you don't you will be a chronic loafer, despised by all, producing nothing—simply making yourself a burden on your parents or the State. There is no place in the world for loafers. The ripe fruit is all at the top of the tree. You must climb to get it. If you wait for it to fall at your feet you will never get it. Smarter men will jump up and pluck it all. Move. Do something, no matter how small. It will be a starter. Help yourself and others will help you. There is no royal path to success. Toil, grit, endurance—these are the requisites. Wake up and see what you can do.—*Forreston Herald*.

A Difficult Work.

Those who have never had an insight into the methods of teaching the deaf, do not know of the difficulties under which a teacher attempts to impart a fair command of English to the latter or they would not in their eagerness for appointment as instructors, say that they could soon catch on. In most cases, the children come to us without any language except natural gestures, and for the next few years, the teacher is their closest friend and companion, exclusively from whom they drink in all their juvenile knowledge, and this through signs. Even after they have attained the age of the adult, they still cling to the teacher, and it is only through the most skillful guiding that they can be induced to take up independent study.—*Tablet*.

Keep Them Interested.

When a pupil in the industrial departments, supplied with suitable work, and all necessary appliances, fails to improve, there is something wrong. It is not because he is deprived of speech and hearing. This has nothing to do with the constructive power, but it is because he has lost interest in his work. To keep up this interest is of paramount importance. Without it, the cleverest will make poor progress; with it, the veriest idler, dullard and laggard may be drawn out, under proper instruction, to his fullest capabilities. When pupils begin work in our shops they are full of enthusiasm, because it is new to them, and to keep them in this state the instructor must plan and act.

Mother Always Comes.

At the insane asylum on Blackwell's Island it is said that when the insane are first committed they are visited by family and friends. The friends drop off, but father, mother, sisters and brothers return week by week, month by month. Then the brothers appear no more. At length the father leaves to the mother and sisters the duty of looking after the afflicted son or daughter. The girls marry and husband and babies claim their time. Then the day comes when the mother alone is seen. Year in and year out, unmindful of the weather, unhooking the season, comes mother. When she comes no more they know at the asylum that she is dead.—*Er*.

Lift your feet when you walk. Don't shuffle along like a deaf and dumb man. Tread lightly and softly and quietly like ladies and gentlemen. Don't wear out the boards with the soles of your shoes.—*Nebraska Mute Journal*.

In addition to the new printing press which has been purchased for the printing office at the Indiana Institution, they are making considerable improvement in the cabinet shop. New machinery, costing in the neighborhood of \$1,000, will soon be placed in there.

Remember, my boy, you have to work. Whether you handle a pick or a pen, a wheel-barrow or a rot of books, digging ditches or editing a paper, ringing an auction bell or writing funny things, you must work. If you look around, you will see the men who are the most able to live the rest of their days without work are the men who work the hardest. Don't be afraid of killing yourself with over-work.—*Selected*.

The Quiet Girl.

The quiet girl! God bless her. No chatter, no giggle, no loud-sounding talk, no attempt at display. But thoughtful, careful, trustful, her influence goes out in constant benedictions. Because she is not always talking you imagine she does no thinking. That shows how poor a judge of character you are. Her eyes are watchful. Her mind is alert. And she possesses opinions that have granite foundations. She does not shine in "society." She does not believe that life is only worth living when associated with powder and paint and silks and laces. At home she is worth her weight in gold. When a sensible young fellow seeks a wife he does not select the giddy giggler, but his choice is the quiet earnest, properly dignified girl. And when he marries her he secures a jewel.

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R. MATHISON,
Superintendent.

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GENERAL INFORMATION.

Classes:

SCHOOL HOURS.—From 9 a. m. to 12 noon, 2 p. m. to 5 p. m.
DRAWING CLASS from 2:30 to 5 p. m. on Monday and Thursday afternoons of each week.
GIRLS' EXERCISE WORK CLASS on Monday and Wednesday afternoons of each week from 2:30 to 5 p. m.
SIGN CLASS for Junior Teachers on the afternoons of Monday and Wednesday of each week from 3:10 to 7 p. m.
EXERCISE 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 discuss 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.
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Industrial Departments:

PRINTING OFFICE, BOOK AND CHRISTMAS STORE from 7:30 to 8:30 a. m., and from 3:30 to 5:30 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 5:30 p. m. each working day except Saturdays when the office and shops will be closed all day.

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The Printing Office, Shops and Sewing Rooms 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 matters 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 3:10 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 test-taking with their children. It only increases 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 Hoffman 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 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.

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 case of adventitious deafness and be guided by their counsel and advice.

R. MATHISON,
Superintendent.