

**Mottoes for the Blackboard.**

There is nothing so kingly as kindness,  
 And nothing so royal as truth.  
 Work teaches us to be faithful.  
 Method will teach you to win time.  
 Set about whatever you intend to do; the begin-  
 ning is half the battle.

The workman is known by his work.  
 A work well begun is half done.  
 Promise little and do much.  
 Patience opens all doors.  
 Deserve success and you will command it.  
 Unfading are the gardens of kindness.  
 Cross words are like ugly weeds.  
 The wise man is not he who never makes a mis-  
 take; but he who never makes the same mistake  
 twice.

The only real teaching I ever got in good Eng-  
 lish came at the end of my college course, and occu-  
 pied less than ten minutes.

I was rehearsing my commencement oration to  
 Prof. Mark Bailey. The first sentence was: "It  
 is characteristic of the great masters of human  
 thought, that their works are suggestive."

Professor Bailey stopped me. "I don't think  
 you are saying that so as to express your meaning,"  
 he said. "Try it again."

I repeated it.

"No, I am sure that is not what you mean," he  
 said. "Once more."

He kept me repeating that sentence over and  
 over, until, as I analyzed it word by word, it flashed  
 across me that I should either emphasize "great"  
 or omit it. I omitted it and realized how I had  
 strengthened the sentence. It took me ten minutes  
 to work out for myself the principle that no ad-  
 jective not important enough to be emphasized  
 should be used; but I learned it, and it has cut out  
 thousands of adjectives from what I have written  
 since.—*C. W. Bardeen.*

Require each pupil to place, in a book provided  
 for the purpose, a specimen of his handwriting at  
 the close of each month. The degree of advance-  
 ment made by each pupil during the month should  
 be shown at the writing-hour.

A schoolgirl at Lee, England, has been awarded  
 a medal for a seven years' perfect school attend-  
 ance. All the members of the family — nine in  
 number — attended the same school, and not one  
 missed a single day.

**CURRENT EVENTS.**

Including Egypt and the Soudan, three-sevenths  
 of the total colonial territory of the world belongs  
 to Britain.

A contract has been signed for a direct steam-  
 ship service between France and Canada, to com-  
 mence in April next.

Though the English had claimed the territory a  
 century and a half before, the final occupation of  
 British Guiana took place in 1803. The centenary  
 of the event is to be celebrated this month in George-  
 town.

There are four regions in which the wild ostrich  
 is now found,—in Arabia, where he has been little  
 hunted; in the Soudan and the southern part of the  
 Sahara; in the drier parts of East Africa, between  
 the Indian Ocean and the Nile; and in the great  
 dry districts of German West Africa, from the At-  
 lantic ocean more than half way across the continent.

Menelik, Emperor of Abyssinia, is growing old  
 and feeble. His death may be followed by civil  
 war and European interference, for there is no  
 recognized successor.

Dalny, the new city built by order of the Czar  
 on Talien-Wan Bay, the eastern terminus of the  
 Siberian railway, has already a population of fifty  
 thousand. The docks for foreign vessels will ex-  
 tend two miles along the shore, and the port will  
 be open to the trade of all the world.

The leading educational society in Japan will  
 take steps to insure the teaching of our alphabet in  
 the Japanese schools. This will not supersede the  
 characters now in use, which are an adaptation of  
 Chinese characters, and are syllabic rather than  
 alphabetic.

The British government has offered for Jewish  
 colonization an elevated tract of land extending two  
 hundred miles along the Uganda railway.

The Marquis of Salisbury, whose failing health  
 caused him to resign the premiership of the Brit-  
 ish government in July of last year, has died at the  
 age of seventy-three. His death occurred on the  
 fiftieth anniversary of his entrance into the House  
 of Commons. He will be known in history for his  
 great influence upon the foreign policy of the empire.

The Colombian Senate has refused to ratify in  
 its present form the Panama Canal treaty with the  
 United States.

There is now in operation in Ireland a railway  
 on the mono-rail system. It is about fifteen miles  
 in length, and is operated by steam. The engines  
 and carriages are slung across a single rail, elevated  
 about three feet from the ground. It is proposed  
 to build an electric railway from Manchester to  
 Liverpool of the same type; and the light carriages  
 to be run upon it are expected to have a speed of  
 one hundred miles an hour.