

The Children of the Year.

January, warm and dry,
Like an old plowman by the way,
Watches the snow and shivering rakes...

Appreciative "Thank You."

"On every hand one hears of the neglect to say 'thank you,'" writes Edward W. Bok on "The Saying of 'Thank You.'"

An American paper tells of a deaf-mute rifleman, and says that "Captain Jack makes one marvel at the wonderful degree of perfection he has attained with his rifle."

Co-operation In the Discipline, Manners and Morals.

The responsibility resting upon teachers of the deaf for the moral training of the children entrusted to them is far in excess of that which devolves upon other teachers.

Moral training, to be most effective, must be consistent and systematic. In a family where the father errs on the side of severity, while the mother is possibly too lenient, and grandma has her own peculiar way, the characters of the children are certain to be contradictory.

The importance of co-operation among officers and teachers in this character-building cannot be gainsaid. All the teachers must study the natures of the children and seek for general guiding principles.

Childish faults may be classified under four general heads: (1) Offences due to ignorance; (2) Offences due to carelessness; (3) Offences due to over flow of animal spirits; and (4) Offences due to perversity.

Co-operation is strongly needed to overcome certain personal habits of our pupils, among which may be enumerated dragging the feet, making noises in the throat, slouchiness when sitting or standing, grimaces when talking, indiscriminate use of abusive epithets, slovenliness of dress and person.

We want our boys and girls to become honest, upright, courteous men and women. It is ours to make them so. We cannot shift the responsibility.

The important thing in life is to have a great aim and to possess the aptitude and perseverance to attain it. -Goethe.

A Negro and the Watermelons.

A farmer in Georgia had some watermelons. They were growing in a field beside the road, not far from his house.

Suddenly he heard a noise. He looked toward the road and saw a mounted officer coming towards him. The negro was frightened, but did not run away, because he was afraid the officer would catch the sight of him and arrest him.

The officer also meant to steal a melon. He fastened his horse to the fence and went into the field. He searched about and found a good large melon. He put his hand in his pocket to get his knife, but he had forgotten it and left it at home.

But the officer was more frightened than the negro. He had often read about miracles, and he thought the stone had changed to a living being. He ran as fast as he could to the fence, unfastened his horse, got upon its back and galloped away to parts unknown.

An experimenter recently undertook to discover why a cat invariably fell on its feet. He finds that a cat always falls on its feet providing it has a distance of a yard to fall in and enables it to make a half-turn in the air so as to get its feet undermost.

Grand Trunk Railway.

TRAINS LEAVE BELLEVILLE STATION:
WEST 3:15 a.m., 4:30 a.m., 6:00 a.m., 11:25 a.m.; 3:05 p.m.

Uneducated Deaf Children.

I WOULD BE GLAD TO HAVE EVERY person who receives this paper send me the names and post-office addresses of the parents of deaf children not attending school, who are known to them, so that I may forward them particulars concerning this Institution and inform them where and by what means their children can be instructed and furnished with an education.

H. MATHISON, Superintendent

TORONTO DEAF-MUTE ASSOCIATION.

RELIGIOUS SERVICES are held as follows, every Sunday:
West End Y. M. C. A., Corner Queen Street and Dovercourt Road, at 11 a.m.
General Central, up stairs at Broadway Hall, Spadina Ave. to or 12 doors south of College Street, at 3 p.m.

GENERAL INFORMATION.

Classes:

SCHOOL HOLES: From 9 to 12 on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday; from 10 to 11 on Tuesday and Friday; from 7 to 8 on Saturday.

Articulation Classes:

From 9 to 12 on Monday and Tuesday.

Religious Exercises:

EVERY SUNDAY: Primary school - 9 to 10 a.m.; Senior pupils at 11 a.m. to 12 noon.
LADIES SCHOOL: DAY: The pupils are in the Chapel at 10 a.m., and after prayers are dismissed. The school closes at 2 o'clock.

Industrial Departments:

PRINTING OFFICE, SHOE AND CAP MAKING, SHOES FROM 7:30 to 8:30 a.m. and 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. for pupils who attend school; those who do not from 7:30 a.m. to 8:30 a.m. and from 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. each day, except Saturdays, when the office will be closed at noon.

Visitors:

Persons who are interested in visiting the Institution, will be made welcome on any school day. No visitors are admitted on Saturdays, Sundays, or Holidays.

Admission of Children:

When pupils are admitted and permitted to visit the Institution, they must be accompanied by their parents, or by some other person who is known to the Superintendent, and who is capable of taking care of the child.

Visitation:

It is not beneficial to the pupils for their parents to visit them frequently. If parents wish to come, however, they will be made welcome to the classrooms and allowed to see the progress of their children.

Clothing and Management:

Parents will be good enough to give 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.

Sickness and Correspondence:

In case of the serious illness of pupils or of telegrams will be sent daily to the guardians. In the absence of the guardian, the address of the nearest friend of the pupils may be given.

All pupils who are capable of doing so, are required to write home every week. Little ones who cannot write, state, as far as possible, their wishes.

No medical preparations that are used at home or prescribed by family physicians will be allowed to be taken by the pupils, without the consent and direction of the Physician of the Institution.

H. MATHISON, Superintendent