

Ho! Reapers of Life's Harvest.

The following was a favorite hymn of President Garfield. It was sung in Cleveland at his funeral.

Ho! reapers of life's harvest, Why stand with rusted blade, Until the night draws round thee, And day begins to fade?

Why stand ye idle, waiting, For reapers more to come? The golden harvest is passing, Why stand ye idle, dumb?

Thrust in your sharpened sickle And gather in the grain, The night is fast approaching, And soon will come again.

The Master call for reapers, And shall he call in vain? Shall harvest, there ungathered And waste upon the plain?

Mount up the heights of wisdom, And crush each error low; Keep back no words of knowledge, That human hearts should know.

Be faithful to thy mission, In service of thy Lord, And then a golden harvest Shall be thy sure reward.

What a beautiful, inspiring exhortation this hymn is to all Christians—an inspiration to work patiently—to toil on courageously—to heroically master every difficulty—to manfully brave every danger—to sacrifice his self for the truth of God, and then to mount the "golden chariot," and pass the crystal gates of glory!

"My Darling."

These words in bright letters stood out in bold relief on the dash-board of a huge, four horse truck in a Broadway blockade. The driver looked as unscrupulous as possible, but he was not profane or brutal toward his horses. Patiently he waited the loosening of the jam, while his neighbors filled the air with curses. Finally, his horses becoming restive, he climbed down from the box and soothed them with gentle words and caresses. Then a bystander asked why he called his truck "My Darling."

"Why," he said, "because it keeps the memory of my daughter, little Nellie. She's dead now, but before she died she clasped her hands around my neck and said:

"Papa, I'm going to die, and I want you to promise me one thing, because it will make me so happy. Will you promise?"

"Yes," I said, "I'll promise. What is it?"

"Then, fixing her eyes on mine, she said, 'O, papa, don't be angry, but promise you'll never swear any more, nor whip your horses hard, and be kind to mamma.'

"That's all there is about it, mister, but I promised my little girl and I've kept my word."

When the blockade was lifted, the big truckman resumed his seat, and was soon lost in the tide of travel.—New York Herald.

Kindergartens for the Deaf.

A vast number of the difficulties in the way of deaf-mute education would be removed if it could begin in infancy. Too often the early years of the deaf child are spent either under harsh restraints or in unbridled liberty. At nine or ten years of age it is sent to the school and the burden of converting a wild animal into a human being is thrown upon the teacher's hands. Of course this is not so in all cases. For some homes unconsciously apply the kindergarten methods in caring for the deaf child. But in far too many cases its mental wants are entirely neglected. If all deaf children could receive kindergarten care from the time they are four years old, the problem we are working at would be more helped to a solution than by any number of "methods" applied after the age of ten. But "his majesty, the people," is shortsighted. Legislatures are parsimonious. The children's millennium has not yet dawned.—Exchange.

Some Philosopher has wisely said that there are two kinds of things that we should never worry over, viz., those that we can help, and those that we cannot help. For if we can help them we should, at once, go to work and do so, not allowing ourselves to fret by reason of our own negligence; if, on the other hand, we cannot help them we should cease to grieve over them as being past our power to mend. Do we all try to profit by the wisdom of this philosopher or do we give ourselves up to the worries caused by our own default or by the acts or neglect of others?—Capt. Doyle in Goodson Gazette.

Talking too much.

Many a person talks too much, and finds when too late that silence would have been golden. The Mongols have a story on this wise:

Two geese, when about to start southward on their autumn migration, were entreated by a frog to take him with them. On the geese expressing their willingness to do so, if any means of conveyance could be devised, the frog produced a stalk of grass, got the two geese to take it, one at each end, while he clung to it by his mouth in the middle. In this manner the three were making the journey successfully, when they were noticed from below by some men, who loudly expressed their admiration of the device, and wondered who had been clever enough to discover it. The frog opened his mouth to say, "It was I," lost his hold, fell to the earth, and was dashed to pieces.

Do not let pride induce you to speak, when safety requires you to be silent.—Selected.

The Normal Class.

The correspondent of The Silent World from Kendall Green says that this year's normal class is composed of four young gentlemen. Mr. McKean comes from Williams, where he was short stop on the college nine, and also ranked high in class. Mr. Hall, from Harvard, is a son of Professor Hall, of the National Observatory, Washington, and has a high reputation for scholarship. Mr. Blodoo comes from Howard University, Alabama, and Mr. Archer from Hanover College, Illinois. Last comes Mr. McAloney, a normal student from Belfast, Ireland. They, to all appearances, are well pleased with their surroundings and are making friends fast. Mr. McAloney is able to converse tolerably well with American signs, while he is an expert with English signs, having had several years' experience as a teacher.

Do You Dream?

Children, do you ever dream? Do you dream of sweet music? Do you ever hear any one talk in your dreams, or do you see signs? Do you dream of school, or home or friends? A little girl told me she dreamed of a pretty little boat, floating slowly down a stream. There were trees along the shore, and stones and shells and flowers. A bright little boy was in the boat, floating on and on down the river. The boy cried, stop the boat, but it never stopped. It went on till the boy was a man, and on till the man's hair was white, and on till the white-haired man was old and bent and withered. At last the boat sank, the waters covered it, and the old man was seen no more. Children, can you think of what this queer dream is like?—Nebraska Mute Journal.

Ho Read as Ho Talked

"Now James," said the school-teacher, "remember that the secret of good reading is to read exactly as you would talk. Stand up straight and try to read your lesson as you would speak it." James dutifully arose. The first sentence in his lesson was, "William, please let me take your kite for a few minutes." James looked at it thoughtfully and then exclaimed: "Hi, dere, Bill, gimme dat kite o' yours a minute or I'll break your face, See?" And then he added, before the astonished teacher had time to interrupt, "Lat's do way I'd talk it." James's teacher has decided that some new principles of instruction are needed in her school.—Buffalo Express.

Value of a Good Character.

A young man does not always find it easy to get along in this world without education, or family influence, or property or health, but he will find in the long run that it is easier for him to make his way among men without either of these advantages than to make substantial progress in the world without the reputation of a good character even though he has all these other possessions. Character stands for something everywhere in spite of its frequent slighting. Men who are themselves lacking in a good character appreciate and value it in others. A band of robbers would want an honest treasurer.—Ex.



CLIPPED AND CONDENSED FROM EXCHANGES.

A large model of Columbus' ship, Santa Maria, made by a deaf-mute in Madrid, is to be sent to the World's Fair at Chicago.

The Silent Hosiery states that one field for a "deaf-mute" paper is that of furnishing news of the Institution to the former pupils, and to those interested in the Institutions by reason of having children there.

A little girl in England, aged only ten, has rewritten the book of Euclid, supplied it with new examples, and proved all her propositions. The book has caused great surprise in learned societies. This little mathematician is a daughter of Professor Hudson.

One of our deaf-mute exchanges contained the following touching letter from a mother to her little child in a certain institution: "As I have a darling little boy there in whom my fondest hopes are centered, I feel an interest in you all. I have grieved much over his affliction: it was once the greatest grief of my life, but I have now become reconciled, something whispers 'God doeth all things for the best.' I feel grateful that he is granted such opportunities as your school affords, and hope he, and all of you, will appreciate them as you should, for such are not granted even to all your brothers and sisters. Strive hard to gain knowledge and your affliction may prove in some respects a blessing, for you will lead a purer, holier life than if you heard all the sinfulness of the outside world. I ask you all to be kind and watchful of sweet little Melodie, whose absence would take all the sunshine from my life, were it not for the thought he is well cared for there, and the hopes I entertain for his future. May God watch over and guard you all from harm; and bring you home competent to satisfy every wish of your parents' hearts, is the wish of your true friend."

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R. MATHISON, Superintendent.

The Los Angeles Association of the Deaf.

SERVICES EVERY SUNDAY at 3 p.m., at the Guild Room of the St. Paul's Church, Olive Street, Los Angeles. OBJECTS—1. The holding of religious services in the sign language. 2. The social and intellectual improvement of deaf-mutes. 3. Assisting them to get employment at their trades. 4. Visiting and aiding their sick and aged. 5. Giving information and advice where needed.

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TRAINS LEAVE BELLEVILLE STATION: WEST—2.55 a.m.; 6.30 a.m.; 11.55 a.m.; 5.42 p.m. EAST—1.00 a.m.; 6.25 a.m.; 11.10 a.m.; 12.45 p.m.; 6.50 p.m. MARGO AND PETERBORO BRANCH—5.45 a.m.; 11.40 a.m.; 4.30 p.m.

GENERAL INFORMATION.

Classes :—

SCHOOL HOURS.—FROM 9 a. m. to 12 noon, and from 1.30 to 3 p. m. DRAWING CLASS from 2.30 to 5 p. m. on Tues. day and Thursday afternoons of each week. GIRLS' FANCY WORK CLASS on Monday and Wednesday afternoons of each week from 3.30 to 5. SIGN CLASS for Junior Teachers on the afternoons of Monday and Wednesday of each week from 3.10 to 4. 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 4 p. m.

Religious Exercises :—

EVERY SUNDAY.—Primary pupils at 9 a. m., senior pupils at 11 a. m.; General Lectures at 2.30 p. m., immediately after which the F. C. Class will assemble.

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 schools ready for later than 9 o'clock. In the afternoon at 3 o'clock the pupils will again assemble after prayer will be dismissed in a quiet and orderly manner.

REGULAR VISITING CLERGYMEN.—Rev. Canon Clarke, High Vicar, Monmouth; Rev. V. O. Rev. J. L. George, (Presbyterian); Rev. E. N. Baker, (Methodist); Rev. R. M. Marshall, (Baptist); Rev. M. W. Maclean, (Presbyterian); Rev. Father O'Brien.

All Clergymen of all Denominations are cordially invited to visit us at any time.

Industrial Departments :—

PRINTING OFFICE, SHOE and CARPENTER Shops from 7.30 to 8.30 a. m., and from 3.10 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. on each working day except Saturday, when the office and shops will be closed at noon.

THE SERVICE CLASS HOURS are from 9 a. m. to 12 o'clock, noon, and from 1.30 to 3 p. m. for those who do not attend school, and from 3.30 to 5 p. m. for those who do. No service on Saturday afternoons.

The Printing Office, Shop 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 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 2.10 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 waiting 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 debt 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 would 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 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 90 cases out of 100 they are frauds and only want money for which they can do nothing. Consult well known medical practitioners in cases of adventurous deafness and be guided by their counsel and advice.

R. MATHISON, Superintendent