

BEGIN BETIMES.

Edwin had a task to do which he was not pleased with, so he put off beginning it.

"I'll work fast when once I get at it," he said, and kept on with something that pleased him better, till he was very late in undertaking the work that had to be finished by a certain time.

The consequence was that he was obliged to hurry far more than was best, and when the day was over the work was not done. On being questioned by his father, who had set the task, Edwin had to confess what the whole trouble was.

"Don't get into lazy ways, my boy," said the father warningly. "You always lose more than time by putting off your work, for you lose something that goes to make up good habits and character even promptness, which is worth much. You can't catch up by going faster. Remember what wise Benjamin Franklin says, 'He that riseth late must trot all day and shall scarce overtake his business by night.' Beginning late is just as bad."

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—Life is a building. It rises slowly, day by day, through the years. Every new lesson we learn lays a block on the edifice which is rising silently within us. Every experience, every touch of another life on ours, every influence that expresses us, every book we read, every conversation we have, every act of our commonest days, adds something to the invisible building.

—God does not give grace until the hour of trial comes. But when it does come, the amount of grace and the nature of the special grace required is vouchsafed. Do not perplex thyself with what is needed for future emergencies: to-morrow will bring its promised grace along with to-morrow's trials.

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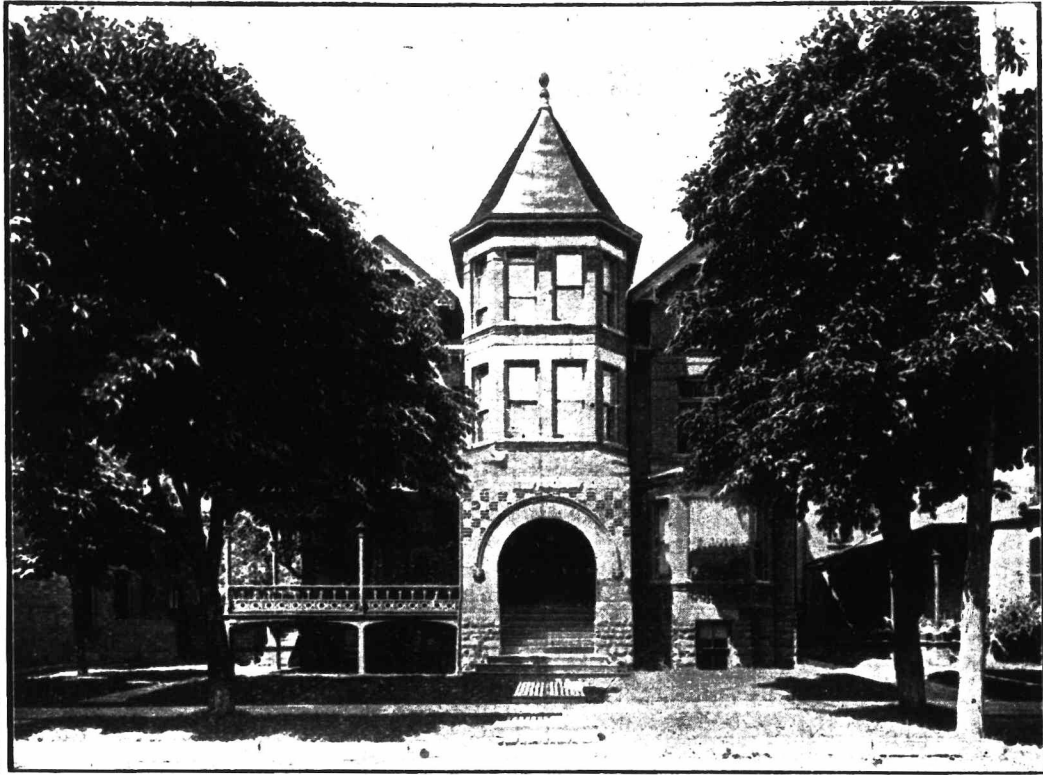
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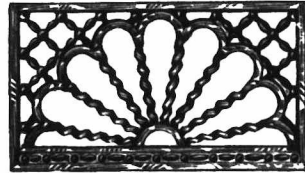
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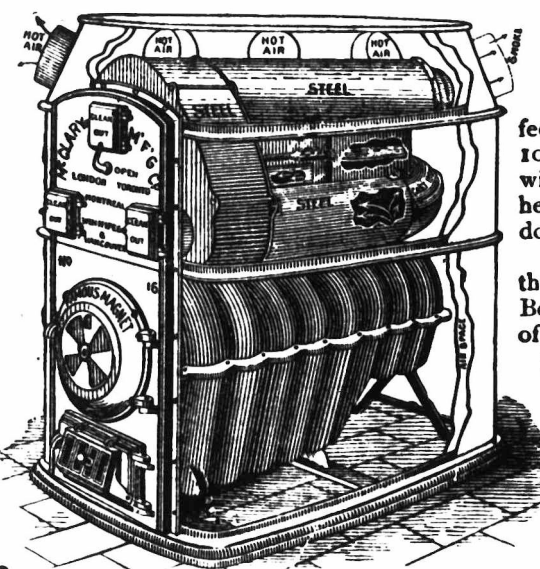
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