

THE WONDERFUL WEAVER.

There's a wonderful weaver
High up in the air,
And he weaves a white mantle
For cold earth to wear.
With the wind for his shuttle,
The cloud for his loom,
How he weaves, how he weaves,
In the light, in the gloom!

Oh! with the finest of laces
He decks bush and tree;
On the bare, flinty meadows
A cover lays he,
Then a quaint cap he places
On pillar and post;
And he changes the pump
To a grim, green ghost!

But this wonderful weaver
Grows weary at last,
And the shuttle lies idle
That once flew so fast.
Then the sun peeps abroad
On the work that is done;
And he smiles: "I'll unravel
It all, just for fun!"

Short Sayings.

Regrets do not make redress.
The big talker is a little doer.
A very short man may be a tall liar.
Better to lead time than to be driven by it.
The fast liver is generally a slow payer.
The loud talker is seldom a strong thinker.
A stingy soul is to be pitied for its littleness.
A heart full of love will make a life full of joy.
A happy fireside is better than a big bank account.
Stinginess and economy are not akin to each other.
It is impossible to read without profiting by it.
He who is big in his own eyes is small in other people's.
He who never drives his work is always driven by it.
What a miserable aim has he who lives for himself alone.
Directness of aim is of more importance than loudness of report.
Opportunities are bald behind. You must catch them by the forelock.
You always make more enemies than money talking politics on the street corner.
If the grumbler would only straighten himself out he would find a great deal less to complain of.
The man who considers buying on credit an easy way to get things is not a safe man to trust.
The real happiness of life cannot be bought with money, and the poor may have it as well as the rich.
Plant a crop of good books in your home as regularly as you do seed in your soil, and when you get old you will not regret it.—*Farm, Field and Fireside.*

Short Sermons.

It is not necessary to belittle one man, even by implication, to present another in his just proportions.
One reason why some people find it so hard to lead a Christian life is because they devote so little time to it.
A holy life has a voice; it speaks when the tongue is silent, and is either a constant attraction or a perpetual reproof.
The world may not understand God's rebukes, or may put an unkind construction upon them: His children can not, for they know "God is love."
Every single action of our life carries in its train either a reward or a punishment, however little disposed we are to admit that such is the case.
Do to-day's duty, fight to day's temptation. Do not weaken and distract yourself looking forward to things you cannot see, and could not understand if you saw.
God gave man the power to choose between good and evil, and intended him to choose. He might have made a man without the power to do evil, but that would have struck good from the calendar of the universe.—*H.*

Poor Fellow.

In some aspects of the case it seems strange that children ever live to grow up. If they grow rapidly, they are apt to be enfeebled in health, and on the other hand, if they are in feeble health they are likely to be stunted. One of the most tragical cases is that of a boy, mentioned in Harper's *Bazar*, who said: "Yes, sir, I've been sick; and the worst of it is, all of my clothes have out-grown me."—*Youth's Companion.*

Be Patient.

It requires great patience for a teacher with high ideals to view with serenity her failure to meet her ideals.
Be patient with the principal. He has to be patient with all his teachers, and if he is equal to his trial with six, eight, ten, or twelve, you ought to be patient with him.
Be patient with all the children. They are but children, untrained and untamed. It is neither easy nor natural for them to be even and reliable in their work, in their thought, or in their disposition.
Be patient with your conservative associate teachers. It frets them to see you so progressive, and you need good judgment in speaking to them or of them, as well as listening to what they say to you and in hearing about what they say of you.

Keep in Good Humor.

Keep in good humor. It is not great calamities that embitter existence; it is the petty vexations, the small jealousies, the little disappointments, the minor miseries, that make the heart heavy and temper sour.
Don't let them. Anger is a pure waste of vitality; it is always foolish and always disgraceful, except in some very rare cases, when it is kindled by seeing wrong done to another; and even then a noble rage seldom mends the matter. Keep in a good humor.
No man does his best except when he is cheerful. A light heart makes nimble hands, and keeps the mind free and alert—no misfortune is so great as one that sours the temper. Until cheerfulness is lost nothing is lost. Keep in a good humor.

A Difficult Work.

Those who have never had an insight into the methods for 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 language except natural gestures, and for a 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.*

Step by Step.

Life is made up of little things. He who travels over a continent must go step by step. He who writes a book must do it word by word; he who learns a science must master it fact by fact, and principle after principle. The happiness of life is made up of little courtesies, little kindnesses, pleasant words, loving smiles and good deeds. One in a million, once in his lifetime may do a heroic action, but the little things which make up our life come every hour and every day.

Consideration for others is the oil that makes the wheels of institution life go round with the least possible friction. The teacher, officer or employee, who steers his or her course solely by the helm of self-interest or self-gratification is liable to founder on the rock of disappointment, or to be stranded on the half-submerged reef of inefficiency. The part is less, and of vastly less importance than the whole, and the whims and petty notions of the individual must be sacrificed when they impede the welfare of the many. We are all prone to over-estimate the importance of our particular department of duty; but the world will go round all the same and day and night succeed each other even if we have been foolish enough to let our tempers be ruffled by some more or less imaginary grievance. Let us not be hasty in judging of the actions and motives of those who after all are our fellow workers in a common cause. Instead of adding flame to fire, let us try rather to smooth out the temporary difficulty, to adjust the delicate machinery and gently lubricate the creaking wheel.

Little deeds of kindness,
Little words of love
Make this earth an Eden,
Like the heaven above.

—Oregon Sign.

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R. MATHISON,
Superintendent.

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MADOC AND PETERBORO BRANCH—6.45 a.m.; 11.50 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 3.30 to 5 p.m. on Tuesday 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 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 8.45 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.
REGULAR VISITING CLERGYMEN.—Rev. Canon Burke, Rector; Rev. Monsignor Farrelly, V. G.; Rev. J. L. George, (Presbyterian); Rev. H. N. Baker, (Methodist); Rev. H. Marshall, (Baptist); Rev. M. W. Maclean, (Presbyterian); Rev. Father O'Brien.

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

Industrial Departments:—

PRINTING OFFICE, SHOE and CARPENTRY SHOPS from 7.30 to 8.30 a.m., and from 1.30 to 3.30 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 3.30 p.m. each working day except Saturday, when the office and shops will be closed at noon.

THE SEWING 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 sewing on Saturday afternoons.

1.—The Printing Office, Shops and Sewing Room to be left each day when work ceases in a clean and tidy condition.

2.—PUPILS are not to be excused from the various Classes or Industrial Departments except on account of sickness, without permission of the Superintendent.

3.—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 12 in the afternoon as possible, as the classes are dismissed at 3.00 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 leave taking 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 delay will be quite happy with the others 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 can 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, 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. Correspondence will be allowed between parents and employees under any circumstances without special permission on 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 THAT ALL 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 near as possible, their wishes.

No medical preparations that have to be 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 do not return. Consult well known medical practitioners in cases of adventurous Deafness and be guided by their counsel and advice.

R. MATHISON,
Superintendent.