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## The Value of Time.

It was an old custom to place in the hands of a corpse an hour glass, in which all the sands had run down. It was wiser to put an hour glass in the hand of the living, that there might be before the mind, in the sinking sand, a vivid symbol of time's increasing lapse. Many are saving of money, saving of labor, saving of health and prodigal of time. The little appreciation of time, of which a large part of society is guilty, has coined itself into the phrase "killing time." What a murder is that! It is strange that, when every moment gives space for some high thought, some noble deed, some gain in knowledge and goodness, time should be so lightly esteemed and scorned. They who set no value on time, who talk of killing time because, forsooth, their own abuse of it brings to them weariness and disgust, are like the dowry princess who saw not that her necklace of pearls lay broken on the boat's verge and at every oscillation of the idly rocking boat a precious pearl slipped from the severed string into the deep.

Why should we save time? Because time is opportunity for life, and time lost cannot be recovered—it is lost forever. Each moment comes to us rich in possibilities, bringing to us duties and privileges. All life is condensed into the moment we call "now" and the wasting of a moment is for that moment the wasting of a life.

What is it to save time? It cannot, like money, be hoarded; it can be saved only by the manner in which it

is spent, for spend it we must. Time spent in recreation or in seeming idleness is not necessarily wasted; proper recreation and rest of body and mind are necessary elements in a true economy. "Take rest," said Ovid, "a field that has rested gives a plentiful crop of corn."

On the other hand, time spent in work is not always saved: work is wasted if it be done at the expense of needed recreation. Often time is wasted because it is devoted to work that were better left undone. Trivial and needless tasks belong to the spendthrift of time. All evil doing is a waste of time; every hour lived selfishly is thrown away. The miser's life is as really misspent as the prodigal's. Many a man who has toiled through years, losing no moment he could snatch from sleep in order to turn it into gold, has laid himself down at last in a cheerless grave, and left behind him three-score wasted years—a loss far outbalancing all gains. COM.

A very ugly woman, toying with a pug dog in front of a cafe on the boulevard, said to Paggie, "Kiss me, and I will give you this piece of sugar." A boy passing by exclaimed, "Don't she ask a high price for her sugar?"

A little boy, six years old, and a little girl of eight, were looking at the clouds one beautiful summer evening, watching their fantastic shapes, when the boy exclaimed, "Oh, Minnie, I see a dog in the sky!" "Well, Willie," replied the sister, "it must be a sky-terrier."

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## EDITORIAL.

FELLOW PUPILS—Do you know that the last quarter of eleven weeks commenced last Monday? One week has already gone, and as the last two weeks will be given up to examination, you have really only eight weeks for hard study. I suppose very few of you wish to remain in the same grade you are in now, without having advanced a step. If this is the case, make up your minds to overcome all obstacles; work with a will and you will be successful. The teachers have done their best for you and it is now your turn. Always have this thought before you, "I would like to pass this examination and I intend to do so."

Fifty boys, everyone of them with his head covered, may be seen any day about schoolhouse doors at recess, no matter how cold or warm it may be. Will some philosopher explain why all the boys wear their caps and all the girls go out to play bareheaded? In a church, theatre, or lecture hall the conditions are reversed, all the men being bareheaded and all the women wearing hats or bonnets.

Pythagoras, the philosopher who invented the multiplication table, flourished about B. C.

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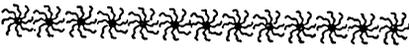


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## LOCALS.

In a spelling match held in Grade IV on Friday, boys versus girls, the boys were victorious.

Misses Florrie Faulkner and Blanche McKenzie, Grade VIII, have returned to school after a long absence.

Alonzo Stevenson, Clarinda Currie, Fred Tupper and Jennie Christie of Grade IV were at school every day last quarter.

The pupils of Grade VIII who made perfect marks are: Misses Hattie Hood, Dollie Chipman, and Minnie McKenzie and Louis Harding and David Hay.

A new pupil has entered Grade V, thus making an enrollment of sixty-one. The new arrival is Master Thos. Kelly, of Halifax, and we all bid him a hearty welcome.

In Grades I, II and III, Willow St. school, those who made the highest averages for attendance, lessons and conduct during the past four weeks were Gertie Smith, Eugene Mosher, Alice Reid and Arthur Morris.

We have already sent the names of the scholars who made the highest averages for last month and would now beg to send the names of those who come next. Misses Mary E. Hamilton, Dollie Hanway and Lottie L. McLean, Bertie Pollock, Alfred Carter, and Willie Pugsley.

Among the Colchester students who graduate from Dalhousie this week we notice J. D. McKay of Earltown and Harry Bigelow of Truro. Other Truro boys who did well are Melville Cumming, Herbert Archibald, J. T. Murray, W. Dakin and Alfred Cummings.

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Bella Moore, Maggie Logan, Kate McPhee Alice Archibald, James Douglas, George McKay, Ernest Archibald, Bernard Tompkins and Colji McDonald made the highest averages in lessons and general department in Grades III and IV, Alice Sreet school.

The following pupils of Willow St. school (advanced department) lost no days during the last quarter: Misses Tena and Sadie McKenzie, Bertha Holmes, Louise Beck, Sadie Logan, Annie McClure and Pierre Christie.

Jones' mouth is disfigured by the absence of one of his front teeth. His little son surprised him yesterday by asking, "Pop, why do you part your teeth in the middle?"

This is a boy's composition on girls. He says: "Girls are the only folks that has their own way every time. Girls is of several thousand kinds, and sometimes one girl can be like several thousand girls if she wants to do anything. They are also like kittens; they go singing and purring about until you stroke them the wrong way, and then they get mad. This is all I know about girls and my father says the less I know about them the better off I am."

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