

Family Miscellany

School Life

I sat in the school of sorrow, The Master was teaching there; But my eyes were dim with weeping, And my heart was full of care.

Instead of looking upward, And seeing the face divine, So full of the tenderest pity, For weary hearts like mine.

I only thought of the heart, The cross that before me lay, So hard, and heavy to carry, That it darkened the light of day.

So I could not learn my lesson, And say, "Thy will be done," And the Master came near to me, As the weary hours went on.

At last, in my heavy sorrow, I looked from the cross above; And I saw the Master watching, With a glance of tender love.

He turned to the cross with me, And I thought I heard him say, "My child, thou must bear thy burden, And learn thy task to-day."

"I may not tell the reason; 'Tis enough for thee to know That I, the Master, am teaching, And give this cup of woe."

So I stooped to that weary sorrow, And look at that face divine, Had given me power to trust Him, And say, "Thy will, not mine."

And thus I learned my lesson, Taught by the Master alone, He only knows the tears I shed, For He has wept His own.

But from them came a brightness, Straight from the home above, Where the school of life will be ended, And the cross will show the love.

—Elizabeth A. Giffin, Clifton.

THE FIRST BEET-ROOT SUGAR.—Mr. Moses Kraft, of Bridgeport, Ont., has sent Mr. Weld, of the Agricultural Experimentum, of this city, a sample of the sugar manufactured by him from the root of the white beet. The color is a light brown, resembling in many ways the granulate saccharine so much in use. In point of sweetness it will compare favorably with the white or coffee sugar, and when the arrangements in progress are perfected, there is reason to believe the beet-root sugar will come into very general use. To Mr. Kraft belong the honor of introducing this branch of manufacture here, and although its manufacture has been attended with considerable difficulty, it having occupied him over two years in completing the arrangements, he has succeeded in turning out 800 lbs. of sugar that will compare favorably with the best West India manufacture. The machinery and appliances have cost him over \$10,000, not including the labor of himself and several assistants, in a letter to Mr. Weld Mr. Kraft arrives at the conclusion that "once started, there cannot be a better-paying business in Canada, as there is not a better root country in the world, and also because we have a long winter, and the beet could be worked up without drying."—London (Ont.) paper.

KEEP THE HEART ALIVE.—The longer I live, the more expedient I find it to endeavor more and more to extend my sympathies and affections. The natural tendency of advancing years is to narrow and contract these feelings. I do not mean that I wish to form a new friendship every day; to increase my circle of intimates—these are very different affairs. But I find that it commences to my mental health and happiness to find out all I can which is amiable and lovable in those I come in contact with, and to make the most of it. It may fall very short of what I was wont to dream of; it may not supply the place of what I have known, felt and tasted; but it is better than nothing. It seems to keep the feelings and affections in exercise; it keeps the heart alive in its humanity; and, till we shall be all spirit, this is alike our duty and our interest.—The Moravian.

PERSONAL INDEPENDENCE.—All things attest the nobility of personal independence, and all things attest the need of it. Why, then, should we not devote ourselves to its culture? Is it a thing hopeless of attainment? To judge what is right is no easy matter; and the individual verdicts might, very possibly, clash together in a manner most deplorable. But the way to learn swimming is not to stand shivering on the bank of the pool. No dread of the plunge will answer the purpose of the dip and struggle. The proper way to judge wisely is to judge as wisely as you can. We should not be afraid, like the light you have. Consciences, like limbs, are made strong by using them. Self-reliance comes from relying on self, in the hope that self will presently become worth relying on. —O. D. Frothingham.

IN all the phases, emergencies and occupations of human life, good temper is a commodity for which there is a great demand; but in those which bring an individual into daily contact with many others, it is perhaps in greatest demand and most limited supply.

"Is there any place where God is not?" asked a teacher. "Yes," answered her little scholar; "he is not in the heart of a sinner; for you know, the Bible says, 'God is not in all his thoughts.'"

TREES.—If you want to add ten per cent to the value of your property, plant a nice row of maples along the street in front of it and do it at once.

"Have given my tongue to God," said a little boy, "so must take care how I use it."

FILIAL GRATITUDE is an amiable trait wherever found; it should be cherished by every possible means, and will meet its appropriate reward.

He who blames others this most is usually the most to be blamed. A quick eye to detect the faults of another has usually a blind side to his own.

Would you hear a sweet and pleasant echo, speak sweetly and pleasantly yourself.

"A Friend to Dogs"

Among the many reforms of the day, there are none, it seems to us, more calculated to harmonize and bring out the better feelings of mankind than the movement for the protection of our dumb animals. With regard to most of the reforms, there is such a diversity of opinion, that the mere mention of their name in a company of people will call forth animosity of thought and feeling. But to speak of loving more and caring better for God's dumb creatures; this stirs the heart element; and for any one to resolve to become henceforth kinder to animals, is to resolve to become a better man. We can but regard this movement as a dropping from that celestial shower which began to fall over the world when the angel sang, "Good will to men!" For surely, if society can be so disposed to feelings of tenderness and love to the brute creation, in just that proportion will it have charity. Kindness to animals is akin to the glorious consciousness of the Brotherhood of man. Heaven speaks the day when we shall see God's creatures and each other more. "More light!" said Goethe, to which every Amen! and add—more love.

I will add a little story which has the one merit of being true. Just outside our gate stands a barrel into which is thrown the refuse of the kitchen. If my readers were dogs—(beg pardon!) I should not have to state the above fact; for every dog in the town knows the exact latitude and longitude of our swill bucket;—that is, in a canine sense.

Among the frequenters of this back alley, there is a large Newfoundland. One day, he pushed open our front gate, marched up through the yard, pulled open the back gate, and went out to see what were the probabilities of a good dinner. Immediately the same back gate was pulled up, and I concluded he had not found a bit of fare to his taste. But in a few minutes he returned, followed by a little black and tan dog. "It was really amusing to see the big dog open the gates, and manage to keep them open, till the little one gets through."

The next day the little dog came back alone, for a lurcher, when he reached the back gate, he tried to open it as the big dog had done; but it was too much for him. So off he ran, and in a few minutes came back, followed by the Newfoundland. When the little black and tan reached the gate, this time, he did not try to open it, but waited for his big friend, into whose face he looked up as he would say, "I've tried, and can't; but you can!" Whereupon the big dog put up his paw, pulled open the gate, and kept it open till the little one went through. When he followed, himself.

Reader, did you ever find yourself trying to get a lunch at a railway station, where the conductor had said, Cars wait twenty minutes for passengers to dine? If so, did you find that hungry, jostling crowd of people so considerate towards each other as was this noble Newfoundland to his little canine friend. —Cor. Lakeside Telegraph.

The inhabitants of Manxland have been much excited, consequent on the alleged appearance of "the great sea serpent" off the coast of Ramsey. He was examined through telescopes, and pronounced to be covered with scales. The "oldest inhabitant" was called upon to give his opinion on the creature, and unhesitatingly confirmed the popular verdict. At last the tide washed the monster ashore during the night, and he was found stranded high and dry the next morning. Curiosity was thoroughly satisfied when it was found that the serpent was a log of wood 18 feet long; covered with barnacles, each from 10 to 18 inches in length. The "great serpent" is now on view on one of the docks of Ramsey.

The number of those from the United States who seek the St. Lawrence and the Bay des Chaleurs, of St. Andrew's, N.B., or Halifax, in summer, is constantly on the increase, and must be largely augmented, as the excellencies and advantages of our Canadian watering places become better known to thousands of people in Canada, and tens of thousands in the States need the benefit of a brief annual sojourn at the salt water, who cannot afford the expense of a trip across the Atlantic. To all we need hardly say they will find all they desire, rest, refreshment, amusement, healthful exercise, strong-heating bathing, in connection with the most reasonable charges, at Tadoussac, Cacouna, Halifax, N. S., and St. Andrew's, N. B. As soon as the International Railway is opened, hundreds of magnificent bathing places must be opened up along the Bay des Chaleurs. The northern lakes of Ontario have also peculiar advantages in this connection, and already there has commenced an annual influx of pleasure and health-seekers to Orillia, on the verdant banks of the blue and island-dotted waters of Simcoe and Couchiching. The coast of the Georgian Bay has many resorts which are becoming largely patronized, and even in our own Ottawa valley we are pleased to note that tourists favor our multifarious advantages of water and mountain scenery with much partiality. —Ottawa Free Press.

ONE TOUCH OF A ROSE SUFFICES.—"So for my part," I said to myself as I walked home, "if I can put one touch of a rose-scent into the life of any man or woman of my cure I shall feel that I have walked with God. He is in no haste, and if I do what I may in earnest, I need not mourn if I work no great work in the earth. Let God make his sunsets, I will mottle my little fading cloud: To help the growth of a thought that struggles towards the light, to brush with gentle hand the earth-stain from the white of one snow-drop, such is my ambition!" So shall I scale the rocks in front, not leave my name carved upon those behind me. —From Annals of a Quiet Neighbor.

How often a sound night's sleep changes our feelings towards those who differ from us. And how cautious after this experience, should we be in our hasty, ill-digested denunciations of the conduct and opinions of others.

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