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The cold winds blow, and all is bleak and chill.
The skies above are sombre, dull, and gray.
The snow-banks lie in shaded corners still.
And yet our hearts are glad with joy to-day;
For in the garden-beds the snow-drops raise
Their pure white heads above the earthly brown,
And yonder, where the cattle used to graze,
The ploughman drives his horses up and down.
Among the bushes, too, the sparrows sing,
The willows by the brook have greener grown.
They tell us that it is already spring,
And that the dull, sad days are nearly flown.

A. H. P.

POOR vs GOOD MECHANICS.

In these days many young persons will not take the time and pains to thoroughly learn their trade or calling, and as a consequence there is a lamentable lack of first-class workmen. The great need of the times is mechanics who are masters of their trades—men out of whom foremen and "bosses" can be made. Many boys and young men think after they have worked a few months at a trade, and got a "smattering" of it, that they are ready to set up a shop of their own, and be independent. He buys a set of poor tools and cheap materials, and in order to secure work or starve, "cuts prices," and does other things he should not do. The community soon finds out that he is a botch and never gives him a remunerative job. As he cannot get work enough to occupy half of his time, he lounges around the beer saloons, and is finally forced to shut up shop, and nine chances to one he becomes a tramp, as the general run of employers have no use for poor workmen. The reason why so many American mechanics are poor is because so many of them are incompetent. They doom themselves to lack of work and low wages, and bring disrepute upon the craft. There are plenty of people who are deterred from making improvements and repairs because they find it so difficult to get a job done by local mechanics. They have to go abroad to find proper workmen at extravagant prices, or let their work go. How often we hear the complaint, "Why don't you employ mechanics living in your own town?" While there are plenty of mechanics in nearly every large town who are idle a great portion of the time, the fault is their own—they don't know enough about their business to be entrusted with a good job. Who ever knew of a good workman in any branch of business who did not have all the work he could do? Go to a first-class mechanic and the chances are you will be told you will have to wait your turn. They are not only always in demand, but command good prices, making money, and usually "comfortably fixed." They dignify their craft, and elevate themselves and their families. Were there more of them, more work and better wages would be the result.—Ex.

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DEPARTMENT OF INTERIOR

Washington, D. C.

March, 9, 1905.

Capt. William A. Mercer,
Supt. Carlisle Indian School,
Carlisle, Pa.

My dear Sir:

It gives me very great pleasure to congratulate you, and through you, the Carlisle boys whose fine appearance, soldierly bearing and excellent performance while participating in the Inaugural procession here on Saturday last elicited great applause especially from the President, the members of the Cabinet, and others, who had the pleasure of witnessing them as they passed by the President's stand, and, I am informed, also all along the route of the procession that day.

Please thank your boys for me for this demonstration, of their appreciations in part, of the efforts the government is making in behalf of their education.

Yours very truly,

(Signed) E.A. Hitchcock.
Secretary.

[The above letter was read to the student body at dinner last Friday. If the demonstration that took place is a criterion, there can be no doubt that they fully appreciate the Secretary's letter and the effort the government is making in their behalf.]

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SEEING THE POINT.

A boy returned from school one day with a report that his scholarship was below the usual average, and this conversation took place:

"Son," said the father. "you've fallen below this month, haven't you?"

"Yes, sir."

"How did that happen?"

"Don't know, sir."

The father knew if the son did not. He had observed a number of cheap novels scattered about the house, but had not thought it worth while to say anything until a fit opportunity should present itself

A basket of apples stood upon the floor and he said;

"Empty out those apples, and take the basket and bring it to me half full of chips."

Suspecting nothing, he obeyed.

"And now," he continued, "put those apples into the basket."

When some of them were replaced the boy said: "Father, they roll off, I can't put any more in."

"Put them in, I tell you."

"But father, I can't put them in."

"Put them in? No, of course you can't put them in. You said you din't know why you fell behind at school. I will tell you. Your mind is like the basket. It will not hold more than so much. You have been the past month filling it up with coal and chips—dime novels."

The boy turned on his heel, and whistled and said:

"Whew, I see the point."—Exchange.

Tsi An's Portrait Received

President Roosevelt has received from the Chinese Minister at Washington an immense portrait of the Empress Dowager of China, the one which was on exhibition at the St. Louis Fair, and which is said to be the only one in existence. The portrait will be placed in the National Museum.

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PROVERB.

A pound of pluck is worth
a ton of luck.

THE PRESIDENT IS NOT SUPPOSED TO GO OUT OF THE UNITED STATES.

The President must not leave the United States even for a day. This is an old, unwritten law which has been repeated by all successors of George Washington, with perhaps one or two exceptions. This restriction is not imposed by statute.

President McKinley emphasized his respect for this rule on his tour to the south and west. It was unofficially announced that he would meet Pres. Diaz, of Mexico somewhere near the boundary of that sister republic.

A controversy as to whether Mr. McKinley might properly cross the Mexican line, even for a few hours, arose.

From El Paso there extends into Mexico the international bridge spanning the Rio Grande. Whether the President would dare to cross this structure or not was the question which members of the party asked one another.

He did not. He went to the bridge and caught a view of the Sierra Madre. Half-way across the Bridge was a line. Stepping over this was putting foot upon Mexican territory.

President Harrison had ventured as far as this line 10 year before. But President McKinley did not so much as put his foot upon the bridge.

President Arthur was accused of violating this unwritten law in October, 1883, upon a pleasure trip to Alexandria Bay, Thousand Islands. His political enemies accused him then of venturing across the Canadian line on a fishing excursion. The boundary between Canada and New York extends to the middle of the St. Lawrence river.

President Cleveland was similarly accused. On one of his business trips to North Carolina he sailed by the ocean route past Cape Hatteras. His enemies contended that he ventured outside the three-miles limit.

According to international law a country's possessions extend for three miles outside its coast line. Plying the seas further than this is leaving home territory.—Kansas City Star.

HONESTY IS THE BEST POLICY.

Honesty is a quality which ought to be taken as a matter of course. Honesty can not be patented. It is not to be boasted of as a rare and unusual possession. It is an instinct in all mankind to be honest and condemn dishonesty. It does not occur to the man who has worked hard all his life,

conscientiously giving a true day's work for a true day's wages, paying those who work for him what he believes their labor is worth, fairly discharging his debt to man and God, telling the truth always, no matter what it may cost, bringing up his children to honestly respect the rights of others. It does not occur to this man that the community owes him anything for being honest and teaching honesty; not even if strong temptation assail him, and he resists it and remains honest, does it occur to him that he should be rewarded by the community and, my friends, ninety-nine out of a hundred men are men of this kind.—Exchange.

THE STORY OF THE LEAD PENCIL.

I wonder how many people who handle lead pencils have ever thought what a wonderful story is hidden in that small piece of rounded wood! Do you know that once a little pencil was alive, both outside and in? That the soft, black inside with which you write was once a part of a beautiful leafy tree, growing in a luxurious swamp, ages ago, drinking in the sunshine, hiding it away in its stems and leaves, making it ready for the use of generations yet to come? Also that the outside was once a tall cedar tree, in whose branches the birds sang and made their nests?

If you will examine your pencil, you will see that the outside is generally made of two pieces of cedar wood; one, larger and thicker than the other, having a groove in the center. In this groove you will find a small square of something that we call black lead; but that is not the right name for it, as there is no lead in it. It is called plumbago, but the more appropriate name for it is graphite, from a Greek word which means to write. Graphite is metamorphic, or charged coal; and as coal is wood much changed in shape, graphite is wood much more changed.

The story of graphite is the story of coal; which means beautiful fern trees groping in the sunshine; then a change, and the trees are laid low, and the land covered with water; another change, and trees are again growing in the sunshine; still another tidal wave, and the waters reign supreme. Then the heat and the heavy pressure of the deposit brought by the successive tidal waves upon the decayed vegetation, which is peat, buried deep in the earth, form a substance that we call coal. More changes, and the result is graphite.

When pure graphite is used for pencils, it is ground to powder, then subjected to great pressure, made into firm plates, and sawed into small strips ready for the pencil. After the graphite is placed in the groove prepared for it, the smaller piece of wood is glued to the larger, with the graphite inside, and we have our pencil complete, except that it is now square, and must be put through a machine to take off the corners, making it hexagonal or round, as the case may be. Now perhaps you would like to know how some pencils can be soft, and others hard, so I will explain that graphite, when reduced to powder, is extremely soft, and when a hard pencil is required, it is necessary to mix different materials, as clay, chalk, etc., with the powder, to harden it. When clay is used, the mixture is made into strips and baked to the required hardness. Black chalk is sometimes mixed with the poorer quality of graphite for very cheap pencils.

Some of the hardest pencils are often two-thirds clay; the medium ones, perhaps one-half clay, while a very soft pencil has not as much clay. Sometimes you will see a pencil with a round led, which is shaped by being run through holes cut in rubies, which are hard, red stones. Beds of graphite are found in various parts of the country. There are different grades, some mines being much superior to others. The finest graphite has been obtained in Borrowdale, England, and the Siberian mines yield an excellent quality. There are also mines at Ticonderoga, N. Y., and Sturbridge, Mass.—Mrs. Helen M. Hurl, in Christian Advocate.

Not the Place But the Man.

After all it is man not his work that is of most account in the kingdom of heaven. The mark of worldliness is the other view—that surroundings are of more consequence

than man. Even in this country which we claim to be the most representative of genuine democracy on the earth, man is regarded as coming second more often than first in our classification of national assets. It is man that gives value to things and to positions. That was a noble answer which an officer of Alexander the Great made to his master, after the former had been degraded in office. He had been sent to what was regarded as a very inferior place. Meeting him some time afterwards Alexander asked how he liked his new place.

"It is not the station," he replied, "that gives consequence to the man, but the man to the station." We are told that Alexander was so pleased with the answer that he restored the officer to his former place. Let every one who is called of God to labor in what seems a lowly place remember this word and seek to make his place and time memorable by the way he lives and serves.

Generals Who Have Commanded the U. S. Army.

The following is the list of generals in command of the armies of the United States since 1775.

George Washington, * 1775—1783.
Maj.-Gen. Henry Knox, 1783—1784,
Lieut.-Col. Josiah Harmaes, (General in Chief by brevet), 1784—1791.
Maj.-Gen. Arthur St. Clair, 1791—1792.
Maj.-Gen. Anthony Wayne, 1792—1796.
Maj.-Gen. James Wilkinson, 1796—1798.
Lieut.-Gen. G. Washington, 1798—1799.
Maj.-Gen. Alex. Hamilton, 1799—1800.
Brig.-Gen James Wilkinson, 1800—1812.
Maj.-Gen. Henry Dearborn, 1812—1815.
Maj.-Gen. Jacob Brown, 1815—1828.
Maj.-Gen. Alex. Macomb, 1828—1841.
Maj.-Gen. Winfield Scott, (bevet Lieut. Gen.) 1841—1861
Maj.-Gen. G. B. McClellan 1861—1862.
Maj.-Gen. H. W. Halleck, 1862—1864.
Gen. Ulysess S. Grant, 1864—1869.
Gen. William T. Sherman, 1869—1883.
Gen. Philip H. Sheridan, 1883—1888.
Maj.-Gen. John M. Schofield, (created Lieut.-Gen.), 1888—1895.
Maj.-Gen. Nelson A. Miles, (brevet Lieut. Gen.), 1895—1903.
Lieut.-Gen. Sam. B. M. Young, 1903—1904.
Lieut.-Gen. Adna R. Chaffee, 1904—
*Commissioned by the Continental Congress General and Commander in Chief of "the Army of the United Colonies." He resigned December 23, 1783. He was commissioned July 4, 1798, Lieutenant-General. An act of Congress of March 3, 1799, created the office of "General of the Armies of the United States," but the office was never filled. He died as Lieutenant General.

A LONG LADDER.

A Hindoo priest was sent over to Europe, a short while ago, in order to study the religions and the religious customs of the West. The first time that he visited a Christian church he was vastly impressed with the beauty of the music, his senses were awed by the solemnity of all he saw, and the young clergyman in the pulpit pleased him with the eloquent words of pity which streamed from his lips. After the service had concluded, the Hindoo took the first opportunity of approaching the young clergyman:

"Your words," he said, "have deeply impressed me. You are surely one of the first servants of the church?"

"Oh, no," replied the clergyman with humble mien, "the vicar is over me."

"And over the vicar?"

"The canons."

"And over the canons?"

"The bishop."

"And over the bishop?"

"The archbishop."

"And over the archbishop?"

"The cardinals."

"And over the cardinals?"

"The Holy Father."

The Hindoo priest shook his head and ceased his questioning, saying: "What a long, long ladder you want to mount up to God!"—W. C. Advocate.

The Trading Rat.

Of all curious animals which man has come across and studied probably none can compare with a kind of rat found in the Rocky mountains. Though for a long time well known to trappers and lumbermen, it is only lately that any naturalist has studied these peculiar little beasts.

Although called a rat this little animal is larger than an ordinary rat, with a body eight inches long. It is a very pretty creature, with soft gray fur and a squirrel like tail, easily tamed and a delightful pet. The trapper long ago gave it the name of the "trading rat," from its curious habit of never stealing anything without putting something in its place.

Two young women camping in the highlands of Wyoming left the lid of their cracker box off one night. In the morning all the biscuits were gone and the box was filled with an indescribable mixture of chips, scraps of leather, sticks, bones, dried beans—in fact, everything movable near at hand.

The trading rat builds a very beautiful nest, sometimes two feet in height, and is very clever at storing food. It has a violent fancy for anything of a bright red hue.—Philadelphia Inquirer.

The Inter Society Debate between the Standard and Invincible Literary Societies took place Tuesday evening Mar. 7th in the Chapel. The question debated was: Resolved. That legislation to further restrict and better control immigration into the United States should be enacted.

The speakers for the Standards were Chauncey Charles, Nicholas Pena and James Parsons; for the Invincible, Albert Exendine, Wallace Denny, and Antonio Rodriguez.

The question was well debated, the weight of argument resting with the Invincibles to whom was awarded the victory.

Dr. James H. Morgan, Ph. D. of Dickinson College presided.

The judges were Dr. Morris W. Prince, S. T. D. of Dickinson College, Hon. John Wetzel, and Rev. Dr. H. G. Ganss.

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Miscellaneous items.

→ Coach Rogers has gone to Minneapolis to begin the practice of law.

→ Miss Estelle Reel, Superintendent of Indian Schools, arrived Monday.

→ The Susans, Invincibles, and Standards held interesting meetings Friday night.

→ The Rev. G. M. Diffenderfer delivered the baccaluraete sermon Sunday to Class 1905.

→ Mrs. Gosman, daughter of Captain and Mrs. Mercer, has been with us for several days.

→ Mr. Lau who for several years has been our efficient coachmaker, has resigned and gone into business in town. We wish him success.

→ We learn through a letter that John La Butte, who was known as John Walker while here at School, is getting along well on his farm.

→ Miss Ella Stander who is living with Miss Edge at Downingtown, Pa., writes that she can not attend Commencement on account her duties.

→ The dynamo which runs the laundry machinery, burned out and we have had to press the traction engine into service until the dynamo is repaired.

→ Miss Lucy Davenport who has been out in the country for over two years writes that she enjoys her home very much, and the people are very good to her.

→ Mary Gates and Margarette Beauchamp write from Moorestown, N. J. that they greatly enjoyed their homes, and stated that they have good standing in class.

→ In a letter to The Arrow, Elnora B. Jamison, requests that the announcement of her marriage to Robert Depoe be corrected. She is still enjoying single blessedness.

→ A new boy came to the happy home of Mr. and Mrs. John J. Webster on February 23rd., and he was named William Louis Webster. —The Tomahawk

→ The Arrow is in receipt of the following announcement:
Married in Portland, Oregon, February twenty-first, Miss Mary Hauser to Mr. R. Regimald De Poe.

→ Miss Mazie Crawford of Lapwai, Idaho, sent a box of pressed butter cups to the Nez Perce children to show that spring has come with its beautiful flowers in that part of the country.

→ The Freshmen Class has elected the following officers: President Charles Huber; Vice President Joseph Libby; Secretary Frank LaChapelle; Treasurer Daisy Dyke; Critic, Selina George; Reporter, Edith Miller.

→ The pupils in No. 1 have been studying about Washington for two weeks. They wrote a little story of his life and did it very well. The new Pueblo boys are making rapid progress in their struggle with English.

→ As we go to we press are in the midst of our Commencement. The next issue of the Arrow will contain full accounts of the Commencement exercises. Special numbers can be had at five cents each. A cut of class 1905 will be given as a supplement.

→ Frank Jude has been elected Captain of our Varsity base-ball team for 1905. The base-ball and track teams will put forth strong efforts after Commencement to make up for time lost incident to preparation for the inaugural parade and commencement.

→ Chief Americanhorse appreciated greatly the treatment he received while staying here. He says, "If I only were younger I would enjoy with the young people all the things the government has provided for their comfort. Certainly, it has made me realize what Uncle Sam is doing for the Indian."

→ Last Saturday evening Miss Roberts, normal teacher, and her assistant, Miss Hawk, entertained the senior pupil teachers and their friends. The decorations were in garnet and white and the refreshments served were as nearly as possible in the same colors. All enjoyed the evening very much.

→ We have pupils who rise immediately when they are called upon to recite. They look you in the face and speak clearly so that you can hear comfortably. What a pleasure it is to hear them recite! And they seem glad to have the chance. They command confidence and respect. They are bound to win.



HON. FRANCIS E. LEUPP,
Commissioner of Indian Affairs.

DEPARTMENT OF INTERIOR
Office Commissioner of Indian Affairs,
Washington,

March 13, 1905.

Capt. W. A. Mercer,
Superintendent Indian Industrial School,
Carlisle, Pa.

My dear Captain Mercer:

I wish you would say to the boys who took part in the Inaugural Parade, that I was more than gratified---I was positively astonished---at their fine marching and soldierly appearance. Wherever I have gone in Washington since that day, people have been talking about the Carlisle Cadets, and I have been very proud of having them under my jurisdiction. I hope to be able to say something of this face to face when we meet at Commencement.

Sincerely yours,
F. E. LEUPP,
Commissioner.

[The above letter was read to the assembled students who received it with great enthusiasm.]

→ We have just shipped a fine buckboard to the Osage Agency, Okla.

→ Tuesday night the gymnastic program for commencement was given for the residents of Carlisle. Over a thousand attended while many were unable to get in.

→ Michael and Luke Fox Trenton saloon keepers have been arrested and held under bail for selling liquor to our Indian boys. To sell or give any kind of drink to an Indian that will intoxicate, is a violation of a United State statute and offenders under it will receive no consideration from the School authorities.

→ Saturday, February 25th, the Chemawa Indian School celebrated its silver anniversary. In honor of the occasion, the last issue of the Chemawa American appeared larger with a number of cuts portraying features of the school. It is a very interesting number.

→ As we go to press Commencement is in full swing. Many visitors and graduates are in attendance. The next issue of THE ARROW, the Commencement number, will contain a full account of the Commencement exercise.

Extra copies will cost five cents. Leave your orders.

→ Dr. H. A. Miller and his wife of Harvard College visited our school on their way from the south, where they have been making racial tests in psychology. They made tests of our pupils for perception, memory

imagination, judgment and reason. Figures and letters were shown for a few seconds, and then the pupils wrote, in the same order what they had seen. The ear was tested by listening to the reading of figures, letters and words: the imagination by looking at papers blotted with ink; the judgment by comparing the size of circles; reason by deciding between true and false conclusion. One of the later was thus; "Nothing is better than wisdom; dry bread is better than nothing; therefore, dry bread is better than wisdom"

Tests were also made in the choice of color. In nearly all of the rooms, blue was chosen by the boys and red by the girls. Dr. Miller said that the pupils, of the four grades, compared favorably, with the pupils in the public schools, in their ability to respond to the tests.

→ During the last week, Carlisle has passed through a great sorrow in the loss of one of her beloved teachers.

Just at early dawn on Saturday last, Miss Carter after ten days illness went to sleep like a tired child never again to waken. She had been seriously ill for some days but every one being aware of her superb physique and wonderful vitality, felt that she would recover and it was not till the end came that any one could bear the thought that she would not soon be seen a familiar figure on the grounds and among her pupils in the school room:

Miss Carter came to Carlisle when only

twenty two years of age and had given the best years of her life to the girls and boys who came under her instructions.

As a teacher she was kind and genial guiding her pupils with a spirit of fun and humor, combed with rare good sense and fine discipline.

Many young Indians who have gone out in life have reason to bless her for good council and ready generous help. More than one poor boy has started business with the Capitol loaned him by Miss Carter, the only security being a warm hand clasp and a brave wish for success, and it was always her proud boast that no Indian had ever failed to return anything she had loaned him.

Her great love of flowers made her school room windows bowers of fragrance and beauty, and it was said that she had only to place a spray in the ground and it would spring up and bloom for her.

Her greatest joy was in service to others. What she could not do herself she influenced her friends to do, and thousands of dollars have come to the school, through her interest, enabling many a crippled boy and delicate girl to have treatment that they would not otherwise have received.

She stood by her post of duty to the last, only giving up at the close of the school hours, so ill that she had to be taken to the Hospital shortly after.

Not alone to her intimate friends and pupils does her death come as a great surprise and grief but to her large circle of both at her home and in Carlisle, where she has been well known for so many years.

"I cannot say, and I will not say that she is dead. She is just away!

With a cheery smile and a wave of the hand.

She has wandered into an unknown land. And left us dreaming how fair.

It needs must be since she is there.

And you, O you, who the wildest yarn

For the old time step and the glad return

Think of her faring on, as dear

In the love of there as the love of here

Think of her still as the same, I say; She is not dead. She is just away."—J. L. S.

ATHLETICS.

BASE-BALL AND TRACK

SCHEDULE FOR 1905.

- April 12—Mercersburg Academy, at Carlisle.
- " 14—Albright College, at Carlisle.
- " 15—Lebanon Valley College, at Annville.
- " 21—Ursinus College, at Carlisle.
- " 22—
- " 24—Harrisburg Athletic Club, at Harrisburg.
- " 26—Villanova College, at Carlisle.
- " 29—Lebanon Valley College, at Carlisle.
- " 29—Univ. Penna. Relay Races at Philadelphia.
- May 5—Wyoming Seminary, at Carlisle.
- " 6—Ursinus College, at Coatesville.
- " 6—Dickinson College track, at Carlisle.
- " 10—Dickinson College, at Carlisle.
- " 13—Lafayette College track, at Easton.
- " 13—Wilmington A. C., at Wilmington, Del.
- " 15—Andover Academy, at Andover, Mass.
- " 16—Holy Cross College, at Worcester.
- " 17—Amherst College, at Amherst.
- " 18—
- " 19—Dartmouth College, at Hanover, New Hampshire.
- " 20—
- " 24—Washington and Jefferson College, at Carlisle.
- " 26—Susquehanna University, at Carlisle.
- " 27—Swarthmore College track, at Swarthmore.
- " 27—
- " 30—Gettysburg College at Gettysburg—2 games.
- " 31—Mercersburg Academy, at Mercersburg.
- June 3—Dickinson College, at Carlisle
- " 3—Franklin & Marshall College, track at Lancaster.
- " 7—Gettysburg College, at Carlisle.
- " 10—
- " 12—Villanova College, at Villanova.
- " 12—State College track, at State College.
- " 13—Lehigh University, at S. Bethlehem.
- " 14—Kutztown Normal, at Kutztown.
- " 15—
- " 16—Seton Hall College, at So. Orange.
- " 17—Fordham College, at Fordham.
- " 20—Lafayette College, at Easton.
- " 21—Muhlenburg College, at Allentown.

WORDS OF THE BIBLE COUNTED.

It is well known that the number of letters, words, verses, etc., contained in the Bible have been counted, but by whom, when and where is not generally known.

Treat's publication entitled "Curiosities of the Bible" speaks of the occurrence as being of Spanish origin and that the prince of Granada, fearing usurpation caused the arrest of the supposed would-be usurper and by order of the Spanish crown he was thrown into an old prison called the place of skulls, situated in Madrid, where he was confined for 33 years, with no other companions than the rats, mice, and other vermin that frequented his dismal cell.

During his confinement, says the Boston Herald, he counted the letters, etc., contained in the Bible and scratched the several numbers on the stone walls with a nail. When his work was discovered he was furnished with writing utensils and was ordered to make a copy of the results of his long and tedious task, and on it being completed he finally recovered his liberty. The following is a correct copy of his great work:

The Bible contains 3,266,480 letters, 77,374 words, 31,173 verses, 2,195 chapters and 66 books.

The word and occurs 10,684 times, the word Lord, 1,853 times, the word Jehovah 6,855 times and the word reverend only once, which is in the ninth verse of the 111th Psalm.

The middle verse is the eighth verse of 118th Psalm. The 21st verse of the seventh chapter of Ezra contains all the letters of the alphabet except the letter j.

The finest chapter to read is the 26th chapter of the Acts of the Apostles. The most beautiful chapter is the 23d Psalm.

The 19th chapter of 11 Kings and the 37th chapter of Isaiah are alike.

The four most inspiring promises are to be found in the 6th chapter of St. John, 37th verse, and the 14th chapter, 2nd verse; also 11th chapter of St. Matthew, 28th verse, and the 37th Psalm, 4th verse.

The longest verse is the ninth verse, eighth chapter of Esther. The shortest verse is the 35th verse, eleventh chapter of St. John.

There are ten chapters in the book of Esther, in which the words Lord and God do not occur. The 8th, 15th, 21st, and 31st verses of the 107th Psalm are alike. Each verse of the 136th Psalm ends alike. The 117th Psalm contains but two verses, the 119th Psalm contains 176 verses. There are no words or names of more than six syllables.

It has also been discovered by some person unknown that in Joel, third chapter, third verse, the word girl occurs, and in the eighth chapter of Zachariah fifth verse, the word girls is mentioned for the only time in the whole book.

The eighth chapter of Esther, ninth verse contains 52 t's. The word snow appears 24 times in the old testament and three times in the new.

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THE CHILD IS FATHER OF THE MAN.

I have a profound respect for boys, says the editor of the Philistine. Grimy, ragged, tousled boys in the street often attract me strongly. A boy is a man in a cocoon—you do not know what he is going to become—his life is big with possibilities.

He may make or unmake kings, change boundary lines between States, write books that will mold characters, or even invent machines that will revolutionize the commerce of the world.

Every man was a boy—it seems strange, but it is really so. Wouldn't you like to turn Time backward, and see Abraham Lincoln at twelve, when he had never worn a pair of hoots? A lank, lean, yellow, hungry boy; hungry for love, hungry for learning, tramping off through the woods to borrow a book, and spelling it out crouching before the glare of the burning logs.

Then there was that Corsican boy, one of a goodly brood, who weighed only fifty pounds when ten years old, who was thin and pale and perverse, and had tantrums, and had to be sent supperless to bed or locked in a dark closet because he wouldn't mind. Who would have thought that he would have mastered every phase of warfare at twenty-six, and when the Exchequer of France was in dire confusion, would say, "The finances? I will arrange them."

Distinctly and vividly I remember a squat, freckled boy who was born in the "Patch" and used to pick up coal along the railroad tracks in buffalo. A few months ago I had a motion to make before the Court of Appeals at Rochester. That boy from the "Patch" was the Judge who wrote the opinion, granting my petition.

Yesterday I rode horseback past a field where a boy was plowing. The lad's hair stuck out through the top of his hat, one suspender held his trousers in place, his form was bony and awkward, his bare legs and arms were brown and scratched and briar-scarred. He turned his horses just as I passed by, and from under the flapping brim of his hat he cast a quick glance out of dark, half-bashful eyes, and modestly returned my salute. When his back was turned I took off my hat and sent a God-bless you down the furrow after him.

Who knows? I may yet go to that boy to borrow money, go to hear him preach, or to beg him to defend me in a law-suit; or he may stand with pulse unmoved, bare of arm, in white apron ready to do his duty while the cone is placed over my face, and night and death come creeping into my veins.

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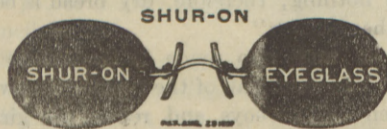
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THE MAN BEHIND THE FIRE.

A worker at the Sailor's Mission in East Boston has a story of heroism to tell. One night in January a fireman on one of the ocean steamers walked in the darkness down into an open hatchway. He fell to the hold, broke his leg and received other injuries. His outcry brought a group of stedevores to his help, and they were excitedly discussing what to do for him when it became evident that he was trying to speak.

"Be quiet, boys," said one of the men. "Maybe Jack's wanting to sent a word home."

But it was not of home poor Jack was thinking, even in that moment of agonizing pain.

"Tell the fifth engineer to look after the boiler!" he whispered.

That is the sort of fidelity and courage to put to shame the theorists who would have us believe that self-interest is the only motive that rules men in the workaday world.—Youth's Companion.

An Education Centennial

The 100th anniversary of the inauguration of the movement for free schools in New York was celebrated in all the schools of that city Monday, and with a general mass meeting at Carnegie Hall in the evening. Not until 1809 was the first school building erected. The present Board of Education was created in 1842, when the school property had passed the half million mark. At the present time there are 546 public school buildings in New York, and their valuation is put at \$80,000,000. In attendance to-day are 622,000 children and 13,000 teachers.

DR. DEPEW'S NEW YEAR'S ADVICE.

Just do all the good you can. Don't take the troubles of others on your shoulders if it is not necessary, and don't tell others your troubles. Be cheerful. Seem happy, even if you are not. Try every day to make some one else think life is worth living. All these are good resolutions for the New Year. If every one made them and every one kept them this world would be better than it is.—Chauncey M. Depew.

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