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Keep Good Time.

You must be like a well-made clock, my boy,

That always keeps good time ;

For dropping behind is sure to annoy,

And loitering is a crime.

Old Father Time is in terrible haste,

And wears no lock behind ;

You must clutch him before, and hold him fast,

With alert and steadfast mind.

The year is already fleeting apace,

A month is dead and gone,

And he who would win in the great life-race

Unrestingly goes on.

Always keep good time ; let th' habit be fixed

Full firm in the days of youth ;

For time that's with dawdling intermixed

Knows neither return nor ruth.

w. o. c.

The Jeweller's "Diamond Tree."

"I HAVEN'T a diamond tree," said the Jeweller.
"Smith over the way there, has one, though. At
least, so I've been told."

"What is a diamond tree ?"

"It is a tree where diamonds grow, of course."

"No, seriously. What is it ?"

The jeweller smiled. "Well," he said, "a
diamond tree is a swindle, a very profitable swindle,
and one that can be carried on for ever with
mighty little risk of detection. I'll explain it to
you. I am a jeweller and you bring me a diamond
ring for repairs. I take the diamond out of your

ring and put back in its place a similar diamond
that is a little, a very little, smaller. You naturally
don't discover the trick that has been played on
you. The same day a brooch is brought to me,
and since the central stone of the brooch is a little
larger than your diamond, I get rid of yours and
keep the bigger gem. In this way, four or five
times in one day, I make diamond exchanges,
keeping, always a better stone than I part with.
On good diamond trees diamonds as small as pin-
heads have been known to grow to the size of peas
in two days. A good tree, too, won't have only
one diamond growing on it at a time. A dozen
stones or more will be simultaneously increasing in
size and value as the days pass."

Chicago Chronicle.

Getting the Worst.

A boy came to the door of a lady's house and
asked if she did not wish some berries, for he had
been out all day gathering them.

"Yes," said the lady, "I will take them." So
she took the basket and stepped into the house,
the boy remaining outside, whistling to some
canary birds hanging in their cages on the porch.

"Why don't you come in and see that I
measure your berries right ?" said the lady ; "how
do you know but I may cheat you ?"

"I am not afraid," said the boy, "for you would
get the worst of it."

"Get the worst of it ?" said the lady, "what do
you mean by that ?"

"Why, ma'am," said the boy, I should only
lose my berries, and you would make yourself a
thief. Don't you think that would be getting the
worst of it ?"

The boy was right. He who steals or does
anything wrong or mean just to gain a few pence
or a few shillings, burdens himself with a sin which
is worse than all the gain. Let this be borne in
mind ; the one who does a wrong to another
always gets the worst of it.

Exchange.

Big Ben.

EVERY capital of the world—in fact every city or town—has its own individuality, its own peculiar features, which make it distinct from every other. Some have the striking features more numerous and more marked than any because it is bigger than all. London has a score. Perhaps the most striking of all—certainly one of the most historically interesting of all—is that which centres in the Abbey and the Houses of Parliament, Westminster, and not far away Whitehall and Trafalgar Square and other noted spots. The most striking point of the Westminster view is the clock tower, for it has Big Ben.

What is that? you will ask. It is an immense bell weighing $13\frac{1}{2}$ tons, which strikes the hours marked by the great clock of which it forms a part. The clock is the largest in the kingdom; the four dials or faces are each $22\frac{1}{2}$ feet in diameter, the minute hand is 11 feet long, twice the height of an ordinary man; the weights hang in a shaft 175 feet deep; the pendulum weighs 700 lbs., and its shaft is 15 feet long. What an enormous clock! you will say, as it needs to be with a striking bell like Big Ben. Its home, too, the clock tower, is proportionately big, it is 40 feet square and 320 feet high. Our little picture shows how it stands out above everything.

Big Ben strikes the time of the world; in what sense, I wonder, is that true? In a sense similar to that which calls the Parliament which meets under its shadow, "the Mother of Parliaments." During the sitting of Parliament a powerful light shines out nightly from the tower which stands at the east end of the Houses of Parliament, the "Palace of Westminster," as they are called; a Union Jack floats out on the breeze in the daytime; and always, day and night, the loud voice of Big Ben reminds all hearers of the existence of the big buildings and all they stand for. But the discussions and decisions of the British Parliament influence those of all other Parliaments, which turn to it continually for light and leading. So that in a very real, even if it be a poetical sense, Big Ben sets the time of the world.



The Work that Lives.

WE hope our young helpers will remember that if work be God's work, it cannot fail. No matter how silent or dead it may for a time appear, sooner

or later the seed sown will live. Hidden within the dark shell are all the attributes of life, only awaiting a favourable time to burst forth into beauty and fruitfulness.

Do your part faithfully; sow the seed, tend or water, whichever your present duty is—don't fret or feel discouraged because you cannot at once see results—long years of waiting may stand between your desire and its fulfilment. You must ever work by faith, and not by sight—the end is hidden from view, and only absolute faith will keep the hand on the plough, and give courage to persevere, notwithstanding the seeming fruitlessness of the task. Have patience, the reward is sure. Be content to leave God's work in God's hands, and you may rest sure that He will never suffer His own to fail or be forgotten.

M.K.



The Persecuted.

"Blessed are ye, when men shall revile you, and persecute you, and shall say all manner of evil against you falsely, for My sake."

THE celebrated Boerhaave, who had many enemies, used to say that he never thought it necessary to refute their calumnies. "They are sparks," said he, "which, if you do not blow them, will go out of themselves. The surest method against scandal is to live it down by perseverance in well-doing, and by prayer to God, that He would cure the distempered minds of those who traduce and injure us." It was a good remark of another, that "the malice of ill tongues cast upon a good man is only like a mouthful of smoke blown upon a diamond, which though it clouds its beauty for the present, yet it is easily rubbed off, and the gem restored, with little trouble to its owner."



The Peacemakers.

"Blessed are the peacemakers: for they shall be called the children of God."

A GENTLEMAN, once speaking at a Bible society meeting, stated that a little time previously he had called in at one of the Sunday schools in Southwark; and as he was looking over one of the classes the teacher took him aside, and said, "Sir, Lucy, whom you have just noticed, is one of the most extraordinary children I ever knew." "How so?" said he. "Why, sir, she is diligent, gentle, and, above all, remarkably humble. She is very forgiving to those who have injured her; and



BIG BEN.

there never is a quarrel in the school but she interferes, and is not satisfied until she has reconciled the parties. I am almost afraid of loving her too much." After school the gentleman addressed her: "Lucy, I am pleased to hear you give satisfaction to your teacher. What is it makes you so desirous to oblige your school-fellows, and settle their disputes?" She blushed, and hesitated some time; and at last said, in a meek voice, "Sir, I hope it is because our Saviour has said, 'Blessed are the peacemakers.'"



Your Niche.

THERE'S a niche for you in the world, my boy,
 A corner for you to fill,
 And it waits to-day
 Along life's way
 For the boy with a frank "I will."
 So, lad, be true;
 The world wants you
 In the corner that you may fill.

There's a niche in the world for you, my girl,
 A corner for you to fill;
 For a girl that is kind,
 With a pure, sweet mind,
 A place that is waiting still.
 So, lass, be true;
 The world wants you.
 In the corner that you may fill.

There's a niche for you both in the world my dears,
 A corner for you to fill,
 And a work to do,
 Which no one but you
 In God's great plan can fulfil.
 So, dears, be true;
 The world wants you,
 And your place is waiting still.

Exchange.



The Home-School.

LESSONS IN ESPERANTO.

NEW SERIES. XIII.

SOME points already dealt with (continued).
i is added to verb roots to form the Infinitive;
iri to go, *dormi* to sleep, *kanti* to sing.
e is used to form adverbs from other words,
rapida quick, *rapide* quickly; *bona* good, *bone*
 well.
mal is prefixed to words to denote the contrary,
fermi to shut, *malfermi* to open; *nova* new, *mal-*
nova old.
-in denotes the female sex—*patro* father, *patrino*
 mother.

re is prefixed to denote *back* or *again*, *reveni* to come back, *rediri* to say again.

et means *small in size or degree*, **eg** *great in size or degree*, *domo* a house, *dometo* a cottage, *domego* a mansion; *bela* beautiful, *beleta* pretty, *belega* extremely beautiful.

Cu is used to ask a question when there is no other question word such as *who*, *what*, *where*, *when*, *etc.* *Cu vi iros?* Are you going? *Cu vi legis la libron?* Did you read (have you read) the book?

n (new explanation). To understand properly what we hear or read, and to make ourselves understood, it is necessary to recognise clearly and quickly *what it is that is being spoken about*, that is, *what the subject of the sentence is*. In order that other nouns (names) and pronouns (for-names) may not be confused with the subject, **n** is added to every other noun and pronoun unless it has a preposition before it.

n is also used sometimes to express *motion towards*, as, *La knabo estas en la ĉambro* The boy is in the room. *Li iras en la ĉambron* He is going into the room. *La libro kuŝas sur la tablo* The book lies on the table. *La hundo saltis sur la tablon* The dog jumped upon (on to) the table.

When **n** is added to a noun or pronoun every adjective which belongs to it must also have **n** added.

RAKONTO PRI HUNDO.

Beleta hundo ĉirkaŭ la aĝo de ok monatoj tre ŝatis ludi kun malgranda broso, kiu estis farita en Hindujo, kaj kiu kutime kuŝis sur tablo en la salono. Pli ol unu-foje oni punis la hundon, kiam ĝi saltis sur la tablon, kaj prenis la broson. Unu tagon la mastrino forgesis la hundon kaj el-iris el la salono. Kiam ŝi revenis, ŝi demandis al la hundo, "Ĉu vi estis bona hundeto, kiam vi estis sola?" La hundeto tuj metis la voston inter la kruroj, iris mal-rapide en apudan ĉambron, revenis kun la broseto, kaj metis ĝin sur la plankon antaŭ la piedoj de la mastrino.

* NOTE.—An "Esperanto Key," containing a vocabulary, can be had by sending a postcard to the Editor, OLIVE LEAF.



Annual Meeting.

THE Annual Meeting of the Band of Peace Union was held at Devonshire House, Bishopsgate Street, E.C., on Monday Evening, January 30th, Mr. H. Sefton Jones presided. Dr. Darby read the report, and among the speakers were Dr. Thomas Baty, who read an interesting paper on the Crusaders of Peace, Mrs. Baker, Mr. Francis W. Fox, Mr. J. Castberg, Mr. J. J. Hayward, M.A., and others. Many good things were said, and the general feeling was that there is a great work for our two Societies to do, and a great future before them if they do it.

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BAND OF PEACE MEETINGS.

THE Editor of THE OLIVE LEAF will be glad to receive reports of meetings held, or of other efforts made, in connection with the BAND OF PEACE movement.

Friends of Peace desirous of starting a local BAND OF PEACE, or of holding an evening among their young people in behalf of Peace, are requested to communicate with the Band of Peace Union Secretary, who will give all needed information or advice and send a selection of suitable literature for the occasion.

ACTIVE MEMBERS WANTED.

Are you a member, and an *active* member, of the BAND OF PEACE? Have you got your Badge and Membership Card?

Why not? Did you ever send in your name? Then do it now! Fill in the form on this page.

HOW I OBSERVED PEACE SUNDAY.

Miss F. C. Chegwidden writes from Cornwall:—

"Dear Editor,— . . . I have a class in the Wesleyan Sunday School of girls who, when I explained the objects of the BAND OF PEACE, were interested in it, and I enclose five pledges signed by them. I hope to get some more.

I sent to your offices for two parcels of free copies of THE OLIVE LEAF which were distributed among the scholars of the Congregational, Wesleyan, United Methodist, and Primitive Methodist Sunday Schools of the town.

For the girls in my own class I sorted out twelve months and had them in book form with various coloured ribbons, so that each girl had one year's OLIVE LEAF, which they were delighted with. I also sent to the offices for some Peace papers, which my father distributed to the men of the Adult School here. I may say that I wore my badge on Peace Sunday and Christmas Day.

I trust that by my small efforts I have helped the cause forward. With best wishes for 1914.

With love, affection, obedience!

BAND OF PEACE.

Please send me as a Member of the BAND OF PEACE. I promise to follow the Golden Rule day by day, and to promote Goodwill and Peace in thought, word and deed.

Name _____

Address _____

Age _____

To be filled up and sent to the SECRETARY,
Peace Society, 47, New Broad Street, London, E.C.

COMPETITION CORNER.

FEBRUARY COMPETITIONS.

No. 29.

BAND OF PEACE BIBLE READINGS. "KINDNESS."

A book prize will be awarded for the best list of Ten Bible texts bearing on KINDNESS. All boys and girls under 14 years may compete.

RULES.

Send your paper along with your full name, age, and address, as soon as possible, to the Editor of THE OLIVE LEAF, 47, New Broad Street, London, E.C.

A PRIZE has been awarded to
ELISE GROOM, aged 12,
for her paper in Competition No. 28. Others are thanked for their papers. TRY AGAIN!

BAND OF PEACE VERSES.

Just a word of kindness spoken
Here and there along the way,
Just a little friendly token
Freely offered day by day,
Just a hand held out to render
Help when needed where we go,
Just a voice that's always tender
When our sympathy we show,
Just by word or deed to brighten
Faces that were sad before,
Just perchance some heart to lighten,
Causing hope to rise once more.

J. H. B.



The Editor's Letter-Box.

COMMUNICATIONS for THE OLIVE LEAF, or in connection with the BAND OF PEACE, should be sent to the Secretary, 47, New Broad Street, London, E.C.

The Secretary will be glad to receive the names of new members, of whom a register is kept at the Office.