



The Brook.

BY ALFRED TENNYSON.

I come from haunts of coot and hern,
I make a sudden sally,
And sparkle out among the fern,
To bicker down a valley.

By thirty hills I hurry down,
Or slip between the ridges,
By twenty thorns, a little town,
And half a hundred ridges.

Till last by Phillip's barn I flow,
To join the brimming river,
For men may come and men may go,
But I go on forever.

I chatter over stony ways,
In little sharps and trebles,
I bubble into eddying bays,
I babble on the pebbles.

With many a curve my banks I fret,
By many a field and fallow,
And many a fairy foreland set
With willow-wood and mallow.

I chatter, chatter as I flow,
To join the brimming river,
For men may come and men may go,
But I go on forever.

I wind about, and in and out,
With here a blossom sailing,
And here and there a lusty trout,
And here and there a grayling.

And here and there a foamy flake
Upon me, as I travel,
With many a silvery waterbreak
Above the golden gravel,

And draw them all along, and flow
To join the brimming river,
For men may come and men may go,
But I go on forever.

I steal by lawns and grassy plots,
I slide by hazel covers,
I move the sweet forget-me-nots,
That grow for happy lovers.

I slip, I slide, I glisten, I glance,
Among my skimming swallows;
I make the netted sunbeam dance
Against my sandy shallows.

I murmur under moon and stars,
In brambly wildernesses;
I linger by my shingly bars;
I loiter round my cresses;

And out again I curve and flow
To join the brimming river,
For men may come and men may go,
But I go on forever.

Curtis Rose, aged 85, who was buried with Masonic honors at West Suffield, Sunday, was one of the oldest Masons in New England, and the last of the founders of Appollo Lodge, of Suffield, which was organized in 1819. The funeral was largely attended, there being over 100 carriages in the procession, besides 200 of the Fraternity, representing six lodges.—*Phila. Chronicle.*

The treasures of wisdom are not to be seized with a violent grasp of the hand, but to be earned by persevering labor.

Educate Your Children.

From the Shelby Banner.

Education is a preventive of crime. The statistics of all countries show that the large majority of criminals are uneducated. Go to your own State penitentiary. Walk within those enclosed walls—behold four or five hundred criminals. Who are they? Nearly the whole of them are ignoramuses. They are coarse, illiterate, uneducated men. There is not one educated man among the whole group of them. Go to the Penitentiaries of other States, to the jails, the houses of correction, and you find the same truth that ignorance is the mother of crimes. If we go to the barbarous tribes of Africa—or the South Sea Island, we find that such crimes as stealing, murder, and gross licentiousness are the rule of action—not the exception. Sins and crimes there are as thick as the trees and as luxuriant as these tropical growths. In that country roam the lion, tiger, the panther—there lurk huge and deadly vipers; but the people are more dangerous than these wild beasts of the jungle. Because of their rudeness, malignity, savageness, all the outgrowth of their long ages of profound ignorance. We appeal to statistics for further demonstration.

In France, 95 of every hundred criminals are illiterates—persons unable to read. This is not guess work, the facts drawn from official records. And is one of the most startling and convincing proofs that can be given. In Ireland, 74 of every hundred criminals are ignorant persons. In Switzerland, 93 in every hundred are unable to read and write. In our country 85 in every hundred are uneducated persons. Here is proof strong as Holy Writ of the relation between crime and ignorance. Education then is a powerful restraining force—restraining men from the outbreaking crimes of illiteracy. The reasons are obvious. Ignorant men commit crime with the belief that they can escape detection. They have not mental power enough to see how almost impossible it is for criminals to escape the thousand ways of detection. Neither have they culture enough to make conscience any restraining power. Nor mind enough to foresee the terrible result of crime.

Education confers power upon persons to supply their wants, to make a living, to take care of themselves. Every person has numerous wants—necessary wants. He must have food or die, he must be clothed or go naked, he must have shelter or be turned out of doors to the pelting storm. These wants are daily and life long. Now how is he to get them? Well there are three ways. He may inherit them from rich ancestors, or he may attempt to steal them, or beg them, or do the honorable way of making his money. Now a man may make money, by the practice of law, medicine, teaching, but in these professions education is a necessity. He may make money

by trading by farming, by mechanical work, in these things, the more intelligence, the better. The rising generation is to be educated to secure the regular progress of society. The mental attainments of preceding generations must be transmitted to the rising ones in order to keep the world on the high plain of christian civilization. Education then has reference to the general good of society, as it qualifies by an intellectual apprenticeship the youth to take the place, in order of organized communities, of those who are removed by death. The superiority of educated mind is clearly seen in its ability to trace out the obscure hints in the laws of nature and turn these discovered laws into useful ends to society. To illustrate take a few cases, Galileo, sitting in an old cathedral, observed that the chandelier suspended to the ceiling when touched swung to and fro. Its vibrating motion suggested the idea of clocks moved by the swing of a pendulum. That was the beginning of the millions of clocks so useful in giving the time of the day all over the civilized world. The fall of an apple suggested to the educated mind of Sir Isaac Newton the grand discovery of the great law of gravitation.

The uplifting of a tea kettle lid by steam generated in boiling water suggested the idea of steam engines. And what a far reaching blessing is this discovery of steam power to the world! Steam power, unknown to the ancient world, is made to grind our grain, saw our lumber, spin our cotton, rush our ships across the sea and send the ponderous locomotive thundering on its iron track. To day the aggregate steam power of England alone is equal to the labor of four hundred millions of men. Whence comes the lightning rod, that turns the fiery bolt of the storm cloud from our homes? From the educated mind of Franklin. Whence the Telegraph flashing intelligence around the world in the twinkling of an eye? The printing press whose rays of knowledge beam upon society like an orb of light? Look at the valuable implements in agriculture, architecture, in navigation—all made by educated minds. Mental forces now rule the world. We close with a word of exhortation to parents. Have you sons and daughters? Strive to educate them. It costs money, you say, yes it does. But as Franklin says: "If a parent empties his purse into the head of his son, no man can take it away from him. An investment in knowledge always pays the best interest." Addison remarks, "An industrious and virtuous education of children is a better inheritance for them than a great estate."

The Masonic Orphan's House of Kentucky has now one hundred and thirty-one orphans and eight widows as inmates.

PEN AND SCISSORS.

- Quinine is in demand.
- A Hoboken girl is six feet two.
- There's a big reduction in the price of clothing.
- The foe to God was never a true friend to man.
- Massachusetts corn is reported very smutty this year.
- Vandals have chipped Bunyan's tombstone to pieces.
- The English bathing dress for ladies is very light and reaches the knee.
- A San Franciscoan expects to go 100 miles an hour in his flying machine.
- B. E. Wolfe, the author, gets \$20 for each performance of the "Mighty Dollar."
- A Maine girl has soft, fine hair, very thick and beautiful, seven feet and a half long.
- They are to have such a corn crop in Illinois this year as was never known before.
- Geo. L. Fox, the pantomimist, is now in Brooklyn, and is very much better in health.
- Over 5,000,000 pounds of bacon were shipped to Europe last week. Whole hog or none.
- Paris has one free drinking fountain of water for every 40,000 inhabitants, and one drinking shop to every 80.
- James Whitlock, of Kickapoo Township, Kansas, has an apple-bearing pear tree, which last year bore nothing but pears.
- A Taunton (Mass.) dog recently found his way back home on foot from New Hampshire, a distance of 260 miles.
- Nothing pleases a conscientious bachelor so much as to dine with a married friend and see the baby put his foot into the gravy.
- A poet has been struggling with the question: "What is success?" Some think it is a plenty of money and a handsome mustache.
- It is pride that fills the world with so much harshness and severity. We are as rigorous to offenders as if we had never offended.
- William S. Mercer, a prisoner in the Nebraska penitentiary, has succeeded in obtaining for that institution the best library in the State.
- Two registered letters lost by a mail agent in Mercer county, over a year ago were found in an old worn out mail bag last week. The letters contained \$80.
- A post-mortem examination of the body of a German named Snow, at Plainfield, N. H., recently showed that his heart was on the right side and the liver on the left.
- Here the man who carries revolvers and dirk knives around him is called a reckless fellow. But it is different in Nevada; there the man that doesn't do it is called reckless.
- Nobody can tell what the fashion is in these hard times, for no two persons, male or female, are dressed alike, and all classes of people seem to be engaged in wearing out their old clothes.
- The apple buyers and shippers of Quincy have formed a ring to control the price paid for fruit, and the growers are indignant, threatening to ship direct to the leading market.
- C. M. Kellogg, of Marshalltown, Iowa, was burned to death by the explosion of a kerosene lamp last week. He was playing seven up, and tipped up the table in a fit of anger.
- Bootblacks, too, complain of hard times. They say boots, as a rule, are so much worn that they require twice the length of time to polish them that a good square boot does.
- A western girl visited a music store and asked for "The Heart Boiled Down with Grease and Care," and "When I Swallowed Home made Pies." The clerk at once recognized what she desired.
- The Oldtown Indians, near Bangor, Me., have a curious law requiring everybody to be at home at 9 o'clock. One of their number was caught out at 10 the other night, and goes to jail for thirty days.
- One person of every 256 in Cincinnati dies by suicide. Sixty-two per cent of the self-murderers are German. The proportion of the sexes is five men to one woman, and the most popular method is hanging.

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