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The wise man has said that wisdom excelleth folly as far as light excelleth darkness
He also read in the Bible that The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom

Now my Dear friends I do hope that in writing for each others mutual pleasure we may also write for mutual profit.

I hope we may never carry on a paper war but that we may love each other with pure hearts fervently. Let us all try to divest ourselves of all sinful pride and write our thoughts fresh from the heart. And may the little Paper now coming into life live long and ~~and~~ be very useful. I hope the boys & girls who write for it will try to write a neat fair hand and learn to make commas & periods in the proper places and have it done according to the rules of grammar &c. and indulge me in writing in my old way without a comma or a period. I think as a general rule short peices are best & as example is stroger than precept I will now close

Alexander Gilliland Huggins

I have sat down to try to write a few lines for the new news paper I do not think that I can write any thing that will be either amusing or instructive or ~~amusing~~ but I would like to give it all the encouragement that I can I think it is every good thing for people to learn when they are young to put their thoughts on paper

When I was a child children were ~~was~~ not taught to put their thoughts on paper as they now do and I was more than twenty years old before I tried to put the first idie on paper I then found it hard to do and I have no doubt but what it is much harder for me to do now than it would have been had I been trained to it when I was young and I now hope all the children and young people will write and take

4 good care of the little rose bud
and perhaps we will
have the pleasure of seeing
it open out into a beautifull
and sweet Rose Winona

Be contented with little

& it is not in wealth that happiness
can be found the way to be happy is to
contented with what you have got
for even kings that have a great deal
of power and are very rich are often
very unhappy and the poorest people by
being contented with what they have
are some times very happy

we should always ~~be~~ be very thankful
for what we have and remember that we
might be a great deal worse off
how many poor people are suffering for
the common comforts of life and while we
have these why should we ~~wish~~ wish
for more

I would not change any ~~of~~ humble but happy
home for all the wealth of kings for wealth
with out happiness is a poor thing to compare
to humble & contentment for a little with the
blessing of God is better than a great deal
with out

yours affectionately

Pice Lake Feb 1854.

Miss Editor. I hear with joy that you are about to publish a periodical paper, and with a desire to encourage you in your good work, I sit down to write a few lines, ~~which~~ ^{and} you will of course use your pleasure in regard to publishing. ^{it.} The work is for many reasons a good one. One of its primary objects, as I understand it, being to cultivate an interest in writings among the patrons of the paper. In regard to the great benefits of such an interest, or the cultivation of this faculty, much might be said. It is probably one of the most effectual ways of developing and disciplining the mind. It not only trains the mind to express its thoughts, but aids powerfully in drawing out new thoughts. Thus the mind is awakened from its dormant state and brought into action. All animate nature teaches us that in order that the natural physical powers ~~of~~ be developed, exercise is required. Animals are gifted with a naturally playful or frolicsome disposition, which instinctively leads them to take exercise, when ~~they~~ ^{they} have not already taken enough in search of their food. The little chickens follow their mother as she seeks ~~their~~ ^{mistake} food. Lambs, which obtain their food more easily, take exercise in play. So with other animals. I have known young calves to be kept close up in a small pen for months, but I have also seen its

effects, which turned out to be, poor salves. Children who are always kept in the house grow like the cabbage in the shade, pale and sickly. There may perhaps be one exception to this rule. Swine do gain flesh having nothing to do but to eat the food that is thrown to them; but these same swine when turned out on a journey are weak and tender, and soon fail. Let those who desire to be like the hogs, imitate them as nearly as possible. They will by perseverance, surely attain their end. It is precisely so with mind. Those who live in countries where there are no books, are ignorant & stupid, generally; while those who enjoy all the benefits of enlightened society, by whose conversation they are made wiser, and of books, are still only half educated if they have not learned the art of expressing their thoughts on paper. It is three, and only those, who enjoy the benefits of these three methods or means of improvement, whose minds are perfectly developed. The object of this paper thus of itself, is enough to recommend it to the approbation of an enlightened community. I hope communications will not be wanting from old or young. I hope none will neglect writing from the fear that their compositions will not be as good as others. There are many interesting anecdotes we would be glad to hear about cats

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-dogs, chickens, calves, boys, girls, indians, boarders, babies
and ~~too~~ many other things too numerous to mention
The youngest person who can make a, b, c, d, should
bear his or her part; such may perhaps by commen-
-cing young, eventually outstrip those who are older.
If on the contrary any one permits bashfulness or
diffidence to hinder them, they may expect al-
ways to remain in their present condition; Dunces
like the Henville girls of Lac Qui Parle. But by joining
all together with one mind and a steady perseverance
much may and I trust will be accomplished
A.

Slothfulness

Well, says some one of the little folks, What does
that mean? A very good question; Children
should try to understand the meaning of what
they read. I will tell you; it means Laziness
Oh dear, says one, now that piece is written for
me, I know. Well if the writer describes you, take
it all to yourself. There are a good many Slothful
people in the world though, besides you. A Sloth-
-ful person, is one who is like the sloth, which is
said to move, only when obliged to from hunger
and then only at a snail's gallop. There are some
people who will never work unless they are obliged
to in order to keep up appearances, or something to

eat and wear. Slothful children sometimes have to be compelled to work by their parents or guardians, or they would not work at all. When such persons have to work, they usually go about it very slowly, frequently stopping to lean on the hoe handle, or talk, or rest, any thing to get to stop. Sometimes however they will go at suddenly and work very hard, tiring themselves very much in a short time. After such fits, they are worse than before. But their slothfulness is seen in very many different ways. A young man will let his mother cook with green wood. He will let his Father put away his own horse when he returns from meeting or any other place, and saddle him again when he starts away. He is inattentive to the wants of his sisters, and many other things. Girls and young ladies!!! will lie in bed as long as possible in the morning, whilst some one else is preparing their breakfast. They shirk work as long as they can, and then go at it slowly and in a slovenly manner, They are in fact like those of the other sex, they are not worth their keeping. Boys, what! what shall I say about boys? Oh! surely there are no lazy boys. What a blessing! We would be troubled nearly to death, if they were lazy like the girls. Lazy persons are usually slovens, but this head I reserve for the future. A

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step by step slow but sure

It is thus that we transact all the business of life. It is not by leaps or great doings all at once that we accomplish any thing but it is step by step slow but sure.

We start to school on a cold windy morning. We wish to be there but it is so far and cold yet we can do nothing without effort. Take it step by step and make each step sure and we will find we are progressing and will soon be there. If at school if at school we have a very hard sum ~~to do~~ it is very long will we ever get it done it is only to be done step by step be sure your steps are right and then go forward we will soon get it done.

It is this way we ascend the hill of science it is a long way and some of us are but a little way up but persevere it is only step by step make each step sure and we will find we are progressing.

It is this way we go through the journey of life step by step day by day month by month and year by

year but in this thing we can not ~~help~~
 help progressing we are growing older
 and we cannot help it but if we make
 each step sure and go in the right road
 we will at last arrive safe at the end of
 our journey. But if our steps are not
 right we will be lost in the mazes
 of sin and at last fall in the pit
 from which no one ever returns.
 Let us be sure our steps are right
 and then go forward.

yours in haste



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Pleasures of Winter

Winter has its Pleasures but I do not like it as well as Spring or Autumn still it has its Pleasures as well as any other season in Winter the boys and girls have fine times sliding down the steep hills on the Snow and when Sleighbing is good there are but few things more pleasant than to get into a sleigh and wrap well up in buffalo robes and take a ride what if you do get a little cold many men and boys take a great deal of pleasure in skating on the ice in the rivers and ponds and some boys like to make large piles of Snow and then cut them out into men and roll large balls of snow and get some one on the little sled and ~~ride~~ pull them over the snow in Winter there are most always a great many tracks and therefore it is the best time for Indians to hunt deer some people like to play at snowballing each other in some places people ride with dogs And ~~in some~~ deer it is said that ten dogs can take a family forty miles in a day with ease and that the speed of the rein deer with his sledge is nearly equal to that of our rail road cars in green land the men make houses out of the snow but I should think that it would be very cold in one of them in the Winter in the ocean the water freezes into large ice bergs which look like large mountains and often crush large ships up between them



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