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## TO TEACHERS.

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This volume, with a few changes and additions, was originally published in two separate parts, but, with the impression that a combination of the two will prove more acceptable, they are so presented in this issue.

The book contains about six hundred selections, from more than two hundred different authors, and each selection contains a thought worthy the attention of youth.

A lady of highly successful and varied experience in school work, having used PART I, writes: "I am glad to tell you what a help 'Memory Gems' have been to me. I have used them for lessons in Grammar, Spelling, Memory, Literature, etc. My pupils are always greatly interested in them, and I wish every teacher might enjoy the satisfaction and profit I have received from their use."

Very much of the benefit from the use of this volume will depend upon the teacher, and it is believed

that with a little tact on the part of teachers it will prove both interesting and instructive.

It is recommended that special attention be given to the following points:

1. An accurate and careful reading or reciting the selections.
2. A brief account, so far as may be, of the author of the selection read or recited.
3. A frequent expansion of the subject or thought of a selection in a conversational way.

Hoping that the little manual may prove useful to pupils and helpful to teachers, it is commended to their attention by their friend,

THE COMPILER.

NEW BRITAIN,



# CHOICE SELECTIONS.

## PART I.

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1. What we learn in our youth grows up with us,  
and in time becomes a part of the mind itself.—  
*Anon.*

2. They are never alone that are accompanied with  
noble thoughts.—*Sidney.*

3. Never be discouraged by trifles. If a spider  
breaks his thread twenty times he will mend it as  
many. Perseverance and patience will accomplish  
wonders.—*Anon.*

4. Truth crushed to earth shall rise again :  
The eternal years of God are hers ;  
But error, wounded, writhes with pain,  
And dies among his worshipers.—*Bryant.*

5. If God has made the world so fair,  
Where sin and death abound,  
How beautiful beyond compare  
Will Paradise be found.—*Montgomery.*

6. Of all monuments raised to the memory of distinguished men, the most appropriate, and the least exceptionable, are those whose foundations are laid in their own works, and which are constructed of materials supplied and wrought by their own labors.

—*Josiah Quincy.*

7. Consider and act with reference to the true ends of existence. This world is but the vestibule of an immortal life. Every action of our lives touches on some chord that will vibrate in eternity.

—*F. H. Chapin.*

8. Not worlds on worlds, in phalanx deep,  
Need we to prove a God is here;  
The daisy fresh from winter's sleep,  
Tells of His hand in lines as clear.

—*J. M. Good*

9. A life in any sphere that is the expression and outflow of an honest, earnest, loving heart, taking counsel only of God and itself, will be certain to be a life of beneficence in the best possible direction.

—*J. G. Holland.*

10. There's a divinity that shapes our ends  
Rough-hew them how we will.—*Shakespeare.*

11. Evil thoughts are more dangerous than wild beasts. Keep your head and heart full of good thoughts and bad ones will find no room. The cup that is full will hold no more.

Be on your guard, and strive, and pray,  
To drive all evil thoughts away.—*Anon.*

12. He that filches from me my good name,  
Robs me of that which not enriches him,  
And makes me poor indeed.—*Shaks.*

13. There is no better relief to study than the regular performance of special duties in the house. To feel that one is really doing something every day, that the house is tidier for one's efforts, and the comfort of the family enhanced, is the surest warrant of content and cheerfulness.—*J. G. Holland.*

14. Oft the cloud which wraps the present hour  
Serves but to brighten all our future days.  
—*John Brown.*

15. Education is a better safeguard of liberty than a standing army. If we retrench the wages of the schoolmaster, we must raise those of the recruiting sergeant.—*Edw. Everett.*