

of his tribe in Washington, which office he has faithfully filled several times. Mr. Negahnquet is now the chairman of the Pottawatomie Business Committee, which office enables him to act as ex-officio Governor of his tribe. He is an earnest and practical Catholic, a good citizen, and much devoted to the advancement of his people in civilization.

JOSEPH MOOSE.

### THE SECRET OF IT.

There's a word in our language, a word of four letters,  
Which contains the great secret of worldly success,  
And he who will follow the pathway it opens  
Will escape much of sorrow and earthly distress.  
Around this great symbol, this wondrous magician,  
No ancient inscriptions, no mysteries lurk;  
But open and plain as the book we call sacred  
Is this powerful helper, this simple word "work."

How many there are in our towns and our cities,  
Who are very reluctant their fingers to soil;  
Who are willing to take any genteel position,  
But turn in disgust from the very word toil.  
Some few of this multitude may be successful,  
But a far greater number will certainly fail,  
And many will turn to the ways of transgressors,  
And soon find a home in some prison or jail.

The God who created designed us to labor;  
He gave us the power to work if we would,  
And if we but strive to accomplish our mission,  
Success will attend us—our work will be good.  
The labor may seem to us almost appalling,  
But he will sustain us and help us to do;  
Years may be consumed in it ere it is finished,  
But cheerful endeavor will carry it through.

Then up and be doing, life's moments are precious;  
Our time will be short enough—brief at the best,  
Toil on, and remember our work is before us;  
When it is completed, then we shall find rest.  
Press on to the goal; there are others beside us;  
We shall not succeed if one duty we shirk—  
But the prize is awaiting you, firm, noble toiler,  
So bravely, unceasingly, faithfully work!

Many people seem to forget that character grows; that it is not something to put on, ready made, with manhood or womanhood; but day by day, here a little, there a little, grows with the growth, and strengthens with the strength, until good or bad, it becomes almost a coat of mail. Look at a man of business—

prompt, reliable, conscientious, yet clear headed and energetic. When do you suppose he developed all these admirable qualities? When he was a boy. Let us see how a boy of ten gets up in the morning, works, plays, studies, and we will tell you just what kind of a man he will make. The boy that is too late at breakfast, late at school, stands a poor chance to be a prompt man. The boy who neglects his duties, be they ever so small, and then excuses himself by saying, "I forgot, I didn't think!" will never be a reliable man, and the boy who finds pleasure in the sufferings of weaker things will never be a noble, generous, kind man—a gentleman.

### THE SEVEN AGES.

First age—Sees the earth.  
Second age—Wants it.  
Third age—Tries to get it.  
Fourth age—Concludes to take only a large piece of it.  
Fifth age—Is still more moderate in his demands.  
Sixth age—Decides to be satisfied with a very small section.  
Seventh age—Gets it. Judge.

Our schools are well attended—the college has 29 pupils and the Indian school 38.

Rev. Fr. D. William Ospital, the zealous pastor of Purcell-Lexington, and missionary apostolic of nearly the whole Chickasaw Nation, Indian Territory, paid a flying visit to his Alma Mater.

Messrs. Shehan and Shea, of Malden, Mass., and Mr. D. Cronin, of the firm of Shea & Cronin, of Tecumseh, Oklahoma Territory, payed the Mission a pleasant and welcome visit. Call again, friends.

Equality is a part of brotherly charity, and one act of charity is worth a century of eloquence.

Do not attempt to use your wings before they are well fledged.