

The life of Helen Keller.

Helen Keller was born a very normal child. In her youngest days she developed very naturally and began to speak and try to walk as any other child will do.

Shortly thereafter, in the heavy months of February she was stricken ill. The doctors called it acute congestion of the stomach and brain, and said she could not live. Suddenly the fever lifted, and there was great rejoicing, but little did anyone realize the little Helen Keller would never speak again or hear again.

After a period of going thru life with neither of the two important senses, Helen acquired a teacher. Her name was Miss Sullivan. After this, and many more mischievous and childish pranks, she went to the North. While there her father died.

Meanwhile her desire to express herself grew and grew. What signs she knew became useless and incompetent.

When she was 6 years old her father took her to an eminent oculist in Baltimore. His name was Dr. Chisholm. He received them very kindly, but could do nothing. However, the doctor told of Alexander Graham Bell, and that he might be able to educate Helen. They went to the Perkins Institution in Boston and got a teacher who was competent.

This teacher was Anne Mansfield Sullivan, who played the greatest part in the educating of Helen Keller.

She started with very simple words, naturally, and gradually increased the vocabulary. Needless to say, it was a long slow and tedious process.

After they began to read. At first they had sort of a game. There were cards