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Morale

The Nation's mightiest and most important fortifications. What are they?

The HOME, the CHURCH, and the SCHOOL—these are they. These are the great molders of thought, purpose, ideals, and convictions. Any influence that would poison any one of these institutions tends to corrupt life at its very fountain head, and leads sooner or later to disaster. On the other hand, any movement which tends to elevate and strengthen any or all of these institutions is building and strengthening the nation's mightiest and most important fortifications.

The law of God, the law of love, truth, and justice will some day be written in the hearts of men everywhere, and this will constitute the greatest possible protection.

Who can look at our country and the Nations of the earth today without feeling that there never was a time in the world's history when these, the Nation's defences, needed to be strengthened as they do just now?

When a people's morale fails, the people themselves have failed. The greatest strength of the Allied Army in the recent war against the central powers

was its moral conviction. What is it that makes morale? Is it not pure hearts, strong convictions, and clean lives? The Bible teaches us to "Keep the heart pure, for out of it are the issues of life." If then we would strengthen our walls of defense against all enemies today, let us stimulate, strengthen, and make effective as possible these institutions that tend to build up in our people the great things of the soul.

Real defenses are internal, not external. The qualities which go to make these defenses are hidden in the souls of the people. Let us search them out, for the glory of our God and the uplift of humanity.

THOMAS C. SHEPPARD

Vocational Classes

When the State organizer of vocational classes came to Badin last fall, he found a situation that was already prepared for a complete acceptance of his plan. In fact, the very same type of classes had been conducted independently by the Badin schools during the previous year.

Mr. Williams, the superintendent of schools, is a man who is deeply interested in making the activities of the school broad enough to reach every member of the community. He believes in the recently coined maxim, "We learn to do by doing, but we learn to do things better by *thinking*."

The ample lines upon which the work was organized was made possible by the fact that the School Board is composed of progressive business men. The school is considered by them not only as an object of civic pride, but as a sound and legitimate investment, which will pay back to the community good profits on an investment of money. Thus it was nothing out of the ordinary for the school to readily obtain ample appropriations to cover the local expense of the classes.

We have probably left the most important matter for the last in this account—for the availability of a competent faculty determines the efficiency of any educational enterprise. In this instance, it was not far to go in order to find them. The highly scientific process of reducing aluminum ore by the electric process requires a large number of trained experts—electrical, chemical, and mechanical. These men, when approached on the subject of a Vocational School for Badin, responded without exception in a manner that evidenced that

fine spirit of co-operation which is characteristic of all classes in Badin.

It was determined that the work should be planned entirely by the heads of the various departments, so in this way it was thoroughly adapted to the needs of the different groups of students. The material of the courses draws its interest from the fact that it deals with problems that constantly confront the men in their daily work. Each one realizes that he is preparing to perform his tasks more efficiently, and that he is also making substantial progress toward the position next in advancement which will some day be hunting a man who is qualified to fill it.

A list of the faculty is as follows:
H. S. Beers, Bachelor of Engineering, Polytechnic Institute, New York (Hydraulic Turbines).

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Fellowship

When a man ain't got a cent, and he's feeling kind of blue,
An' the clouds hang dark and heavy, an' won't let the sunshine through,
It's a great thing, O my brethren, for a fellow just to lay
His hand upon your shoulder in a friendly sort o' way!
It makes a man feel queerish, it makes the teardrops start,
And you sort o' feel a flutter in the region of your heart;
You can't look up an' meet his eyes; you don't know what to say,
When a hand is on your shoulder in a friendly sort o' way.
O, the world's a curious compound, with its honey and its gall,
With its care and bitter crosses—but a good world after all,
An' a good God must 've made it—leastwise, that is what I say,
When his hand is on your shoulder in a friendly sort o' way.

—JAMES WHITCOMB RILEY