

NEWS FROM PRIMARY DEPARTMENT

SCIENCE IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS

CHRISTMAS GIFT

Dr. Gerald Craig, Professor of National Sciences, Columbia University, N. Y., gave a very interesting address at the nineteenth annual convention of the N. C. E. A., which was held on November 14 in Durham.

Dr. Craig pointed out how a child's interest may be created by being allowed to ask questions about the things around him. By creating this interest a child will find a motive for reading.

"Science improves discipline," said Dr. Craig, "by making a new world for the child. By giving the child more freedom it helps the child to adjust himself."

He said, "Teachers must come down and live with the children. They must get away from the idea that so much must be taught in a certain time." Teachers must not hurry. They must find out where the children's interest is and in what directions it is going. Children's interest and growth are worth more than contents.

"Here is what we as teachers want to accomplish. Give the children conceptions of space, time change, adaptation and God's plan of inter-relationship of plants to animals.

The objectives are: show how to get the truth in place of just answers, show how democracy and science work together, and make science a pleasure."

MISS BATTS

FATHERS AND MOTHERS ATTEND P. T. A.

We wish to thank our mothers and fathers for coming to the P.T.A. last month. You caused us to win both prizes.

One prize was a picture. The other prize was a dollar. With the dollar we bought a football.

We are asking you to help us keep the picture by coming to all the P. T. A. meetings. Miss Batt's room

She bought a toy revolver,
The finest in the store,
And ordered it delivered,
With promptness at her door.
Wrapped up in fancy paper,
She ordered it to be.
She said he meant to put it
On Bobby's Christmas tree.
A symbol of destruction,
Hatred, war and strife,
A thing designed to threaten
And peril human life;
Fore shadowing of terror,
And wrong in days to be,
How strange a thing to offer,
Upon a Christmas tree!

WHEN SANTA COMES

Isn't it just the queerest thing
That Santa is so shy?
We can never, never catch him,
No matter how we try!
It isn't any use to watch,
Because my mother said
That Santa Claus will only come
When children are in bed!

TO REMEMBER AT CHRISTMAS

This Christmastime in many lands
Arc little girls and boys,
Who face the horrid things of war,
Instead of Christmas joys.

Our Christmas tables will be spread,
With fruit, and bread, and meat,
While some poor children over there,
Have nothing good to eat.

Let us be very grateful that,
Our Christmas Day will be,
A happy one, and thank the Lord
That our great land is free.

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