

think awhile as to what this mistake would mean to their future career that unless it was absolutely necessary for them to do so they would not drop out of school.

According to the figures given in one of the previous issues of the Pointer a day in school is worth in dollars and cents to each individual just nine dollars and two cents. What pupil in the eighth or ninth grade—for it is from these two grades that the greatest number of pupils usually drop—can earn one half this amount? Not one of them. Therefore, they are taking a very unwise step and are actually robbing themselves if they do not continue in school.

Ignorance is the cause of much of the turmoil in the world today. While some of the boys and girls are not able to go to college a great many more than do could finish the high school if they would only take the opportunity. This would eliminate to a great extent the ignorance of our nation.

Take our own city of High Point. If every boy and girl of the high school age who had the opportunity of continuing through high school had taken it how much that would have helped towards making our city more "industrially large and socially ideal" than it already is.

BE A GOOD SPORT

We call ourselves good sports and consider that we play fair in all our dealings. If anyone told us we had deported ourselves in an unmannerly way we would be indignant.

But do you call it sportsmanlike to take advantage of a substitute teacher as some of us have been doing? Do you call it fair to roam around the room and talk in a loud voice when you have a period under a substitute teacher?

We have been given some nice bouquets recently about our school spirit. Remember what Mr. Marr said in chapel about the students showing more school spirit this year than ever before. Do not spoil your good record. You can show your school spirit by being ladies and gentlemen in the school room just as well as you can show it by backing up athletics.

There is always a smart aleck in every room. We have been cursed with them and always will be, but if instead of following this animal's lead we would show him that his brand of humor did not appeal to us he would soon cease to inflict it upon us and the teacher.

Hereafter let us show our boasted school spirit. Let us be ladies and gentlemen and show the substitute teachers that we appreciate their coming to help us.

—Eloice Hutchens.

STAY IN SCHOOL

After the Christmas holidays are over it will be a hard task for most of us to come back to school and enter heartily into school activities. The thoughts of it will be so dreaded by some that they may make the terrible mistake of not coming back at all.

I am sure that if they would only

STARTING A NEW YEAR

"Such a way to start the New Year," grumbled Madelyne Hamplin, "Never before have I had—"

"Madelyne," interrupted a sweet voice from the kitchen, "have you time before school to take these cookies to Aunt Mary? She is so fond of them."

"Oh, I guess so," was the answer. With a few books under her arm she started to leave the house.

"Madelyne," called her mother again, "don't forget your overshoes." "Oh, mother, I really don't need them and it's getting late," said Madelyne.

With a bang of the door she was gone. As she was walking along on her way to Aunt Mary's she wondered if she hadn't heard her mother sigh as she shut the door. "Poor Mother, I must be an awful lot of trouble," she said aloud. Her thoughts wandered and she soon found herself at Aunt Mary's gate. She gave the old delighted woman the basket, and with a look at her watch she hurried to school.

On the way she met Ruth Simpson. "Isn't it perfect awful we have to come to school on New Year's?" said Madelyne.

"Oh, not at all," replied Ruth, "I think it's a perfectly lovely day. It's too nice to miss school. It would simply kill me to have to stay shut up at home."

"Hey," interrupted a voice, which proved to be Fred Lanes. "Glad to see you all again. A good way to celebrate. All the boys and girls can make their good resolutions together."

"Well, I don't think so," grumbled Madelyne.

Fred and Ruth looked at each other. Madelyne always had been "fussy." Nothing seemed to ever suit her, and now she was ruining a perfectly lovely New Year's. Fred tried to change the subject.

"We have a peachy math teacher now haven't we? I hated to lose Mr. Armstrong, but Mr. Grier is a dandy."

"Oh, I think he has a perfectly horrible way of staring at you," said Madelyne. "I never learn a single thing in his class."

The ringing of the first bell interrupted this, and they hastened their steps toward their rooms. Ruth and Madelyne were both in Miss Spencer's room, while Fred was in Miss Carr's.

After the first class Miss Spencer sent Madelyne to get a book from Miss Carr.

"Oh, gee!" muttered Madelyne. Miss Spencer looked hurt but said nothing.

As Madelyne was crossing the hall she saw two boys. One of whom was Fred.

"I'll say, Bill, wouldn't 'Maddy' Hamplin be some girl if she wasn't so fussy?"

"You bet she would," was Bill's answer. "I heard Professor Sears say that she was the smartest girl in school, but her disposition ruined her."

Madelyne didn't stay to hear any more, but it was all she could do to keep the tears back.

An assembly was called in chapel. "Boys and girls," began Professor Sears, "I couldn't resist the opportu-

DON'T BE A KNOCKER

I think we need more support in this high school from the boys and girls.

When there is a ball game why not everyone be there and give their full support to the boys? Make a little noise in order that it will not seem so quiet, even if we are losing the game. Yell and let the team know we are still back of them.

When you are asked to contribute to a needy cause in the school, be eager to help that cause. Do not go about knocking it and saying you do not believe in it, and you are not willing to help it. It will never help you to criticize anything.

Support your class and stand back of it and your teacher.

Girls in different rooms are trying to win a sweater by selling tickets for the athletic association. Help the girl from your class who is selling the tickets by buying from her or help her sell tickets. You cannot expect anyone to win in a contest or anything else unless everyone gives his support to him or her. No one can win when they try to work alone, they win when they are given support by everyone.

You are not to be envied when you go around criticising your school, you are to be pitied. You will never amount to anything in this world if you knock every movement which is put on to improve anything. Do not be the one that is to be criticised because you do not support the movement. Stand back of it and do your dead-level best to put it through.

—Mary Elizabeth Long.