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WHAT IS EDUCATION?

By Hubert Work, Secretary of the Interior, In The National Republican.

What constitutes education is still an open question. I am familiar with the definitions in the dictionary, both obsolete and modern. All of them are too brief to be adequate. Indeed, the varieties of education are so many that only principles could be cited.

Ability to make a living is the first necessity for an education. When a man can accomplish this he is educated to a degree. Qualifications of a person to adapt himself to the environment in which he finds himself is the test of his intellectual equipment and might be termed his education.

So many different factors enter into an education of any sort. Character, mentality, and training, supported by willingness to serve, are the essentials. No man is great in history unless he was able and willing to serve with and for others. Human relations are fundamental to all other questions in this world. The Great Physician, after reciting law by negation said: "A new commandment I give unto you, That ye love one another." That thought proved to be the basic essential to civilized existence and the well-spring to education which in turn promotes civilization.

Any manual industry has its educational value. It trains the eye and hand to work in unison and through them the mind, to direct both.

There is an education in the handling of a team of horses—indeed, in making a horse-shoe—and the lesson of service un-avoidably learned. Service is applied education and should be its object. But there may be wide difference between a college education and its application. One is the tool, the other is its use. The one is the science of service, the other is the art of science applied. The art and science of education combined is the present-day need. It has suggested manual training schools, vocational training, and teaching of trades in the public schools. All in response to the latent realization that the purpose of education is that it shall first bring social independence and open the door of positions as high as the individual adaptability to occupy.

Shakespeare, Burns, Lincoln, Rockefeller, Schwab, Hill and scores of others, great men of their time, were not college men. College education is not enough. College is an opportunity, but it will not be what goes into us in college, but what comes out of us after leaving college, that will fix our place in the world.

So many college graduates rest upon their diploma. Graduation does not mean one has finished. Commencement means that we have only been made ready to begin; to start out on life's journey qualified to look into the phases of life closed to our associates who were deprived of school privileges.

I once heard a man regret that he was unfamiliar with words he needed to express new thoughts that came to him. Words are tools for the mind, and familiarity with them can best come from schools and contact with schooled people. A college education should provide the vehicles for thought not open to men who have few words.

But they are not enough. Parrots can talk. The significance of words and their relation to thought and to each other is intellectual education raised to the Nth power, but this educated status is but the preliminary to the purpose of education. Except for teaching, its purpose is to lay a foundation upon which a developed superstructure may arise.

I would emphasize the importance of the habit of learning. The function of a teacher is not to direct and correct. We should master something for ourselves. No mental discipline comes from being told a fact. That is hearsay. It is not our own and it is

worth only what the property of another may be. If we can read, the world is open to us; if we can write we may convey our thought to others.

We should live a part of the time alone—get acquainted with ourselves. Appraise our own qualifications and strengthen the weak ones. Cultivate the habit of reflection; give our minds leisure to receive and record impressions clearly. Even the sensitized plate of a camera must have a time limit fixed to record the detail of impressions. The human mind must not only gather its impressions but record and analyze them also. It is not possible for the human mind to ever understand itself, but we do know that its first impressions remain longest; that the character we establish in early life will be ours in old age, and that we must live with it, and, dying, leave it as our tribute to the world.

DR. McCOY AND MISSIONARY QUARTET MAKING FINE IMPRESSION.

By Rev. J. E. McMillan, Publicity Manager of the Missionary Quartet.

Rev. A. B. McCoy and the Missionary Quartet are doing some real service through the North. The addresses of Dr. McCoy are of the kind that make a lasting impression on those who hear him.

The quartet consists of Rev. J. B. Barber, Messrs. A. A. Adair, I. M. Martin and Rev. J. E. McMillan. Their songs are lending unusual enchantment and pleasing effect to the work of these men. Within the past week they have appeared at the following named places: January 14, with Rev. C. G. Marten, Ballston Spar Presbyterian church, Ballston Spar, N. Y.; January 16th, with Rev. Wm. Hopkins, First Presbyterian church, Albany, N. Y.; January 18, in the morning, with Rev. J. F. Fletcher, Fourth Presbyterian church, Albany, N. Y.; in the evening of the 18th, with Rev. P. W. Anthony, First Presbyterian church, Schenectady, N. Y.

The churches of the above named places received the members of this group with unusual kindness and hospitality. But special mention might be made of the people of Schenectady, and the effects of the visitors' work. Dr. McCoy's speech at this place was superb as at all the other points and the quartet sang three groups of songs, consisting of two songs each, which were highly pleasing to all.

Dr. Anthony is a young man of rare qualities and did much to add to their pleasure while with him and his people.

After the main part of the service the young people took charge and conducted the congregation and visitors into the dining room of the church and favored them with a delicious repast. The courses were interspersed with selections by the quartet. After the service and repast all returned home with inspiration and joy from the result of the evening's experience.

In consequence of the effective rendition of the several quartet numbers at the church at Schenectady the W. G. Y. Central Electric Broadcasting Station, Schenectady, came in contact with and became interested in the Missionary quartet. So it was requested to broadcast for the station Tuesday afternoon at 1:30 o'clock, January 20. The engagement was filled to such a degree of satisfaction that the quartet was invited to return that night and broadcast on the regular evening program. The news was spread abroad and many cities, towns and villages connected with W. G. Y. Central Electric of Schenectady. On that night the Missionary Quartet went back to the broadcasting station and for an hour entertained and came up to the high expectation of the public.

This aggregation will leave Albany and the vicinity Saturday afternoon, Jan. 24, for Utica, N. Y., where they will spend a few days.

NEWPORT NEWS, VA.

SOME NOTEWORTHY NEWS FROM CARVER MEMORIAL CHURCH.

Virginia is only occasionally heard from through the pages of our Church organ, little notice being taken of the work done in this state, although no part of our Southern field is more in need of such help as is given by publicity. However, Virginia is loyal, continues to saw wood, and is contributing her part toward the general good.

Carver Memorial is still on the Church map. Her people are not all scattered, nor all dead. This is true, however, in some measure and accounts for the church's inability to reach some of her objectives.

Some events of last year are worthy of notice. The most noteworthy was the practical completion of what was said to be the largest, the most modern and most convenient church building in Southern Virginia Presbytery. It will also compare favorably with any church structure in Catawba Synod. It is hoped that the contractors will "sign off" in the next few days.

The Presbytery of Southern Virginia held its sessions in this building last April. Members of Presbytery were tremendously surprised to see such a modern structure and well pleased that it met all requirements of Presbytery, and committees could hold their meetings without embarrassment to the main body. Dr. W. E. Carr, of Danville, was moderator and Rev. G. P. Watkins, of Martinsville, was clerk. Among visitors of note was President H. L. McCrorey, of Johnson C. Smith University.

Last May was organized a men's league that is functioning successfully. Heretofore such men's organizations have had brief and uneventful careers. But this league has proven a real asset to the work of the church. A recent meeting was held at the home of Dr. Norman Lassiter where a splendid program was executed and large plans laid for the future. Mr. Roy Bright is president and Mr. Wynder Taliferro secretary.

Evangelistic services were conducted for us in October by Synodical Evangelist I. H. Russell. He was in fine voice and spirit, preaching with spiritual fervor each night and on Sunday. Such impressions were made on the congregation that Evangelist Russell was unanimously invited to return, which he will do the latter part of April.

The woman's missionary society conducted a bazaar during the third week in December. This live wire organization never conducted a more successful or more largely patronized bazaar. There were many large and attractive booths, "ye olde country store" being an innovation that attracted considerable attention. Success may largely be attributed to organization and a fine enthusiasm. Receipts amounted to more than \$130. Of this amount \$75.00 was given to the building fund of the church and \$25.00 to the pastor for a Christmas present. In this connection it should be stated that the men's league gave to the women for their convenience in carrying on the bazaar a large cooking range. Mrs. C. A. Ward is president of the missionary society and Mrs. C. P. Hedric is secretary.

The Sunday school conducted a very creditable Christmas exercise, many little folk participating. A very beautifully decorated tree was quite an attraction. Many men of the church, through donation of candy, oranges, apples and nuts helped to bring joy to the children. Hot chocolate and cakes were served to the adult members of the Sunday school. Mr. A. N. Harris is superintendent and Misses Ruth Horne and Virginia Newby secretaries.

The Junior Christian Endeavor, under the efficient direction of Mrs. C. A. Ward, is proving a star feature of our services. This organization has an attend-

ance that numbers between thirty and forty and meets every Sunday evening. It is a hopeful sign of the future to see them conduct their meetings with all the dignity and freedom of the grown-ups. Miss Evelyn Bidley is president and Miss Ruby Rowe secretary.

Brought with it an event of more than ordinary importance. For the first time in the history of Newport News Emancipation exercises were held in our church. Heretofore the church has always been too small to accommodate the crowds. The severe weather prevented a large attendance, but an enthusiastic and well chosen program was carried out. The Rev. Mr. Brown, pastor of the First Baptist Church, Hampton, was the speaker of the evening.

BISHOP GALLOWAY ON RACE RELATIONS.

Bishop C. D. Galloway has been speaking on the subject of race relations. He said recently:

"The race problem is no question for small politicians, but for broad-minded, patriotic statesmen. All our dealings with these people should be in the spirit and according to the ethics of the Man of Galilee. What is best for them now should be the measure of present duty, leaving the future to his hands who knows the end from the beginning. And we must insist that the Negro has equal opportunity with every American citizen to fulfill in himself the highest purposes of an all-wise and beneficent Providence.

"There is nothing so unprofitable as injustice. There is nothing which will react with such deadly effect upon the character of any people as the practice of wrong and oppression upon the weak and helpless. The denial of opportunity can be justified on no ground. It ignores the teachings of Jesus. It is contrary to the genius of Christianity."

ASTOUNDED AT PROGRESS OF AMERICAN NEGRO.

"To a visitor from South Africa the progress of the American Negro is positively astounding," according to Rev. A. A. Kidwell, prominent religious leader from Johannesburg, who has just rounded out an extensive tour in this country, making a special study of Negro education. "I have been particularly pleased," said Dr. Kidwell, "with the educational progress of the race in this country. In South Africa it is popularly supposed that the educated Negro is a failure. Here I find that just the reverse is true. The American people seem to recognize that education affects the Negro just as it does anybody else, making him more capable, more efficient, a better citizen and an asset to society. Your system of universal public education is based on that theory, and from what I have seen I am convinced that the theory is correct.

"I have been deeply impressed also, and even astonished," he continued, "at the economic competence which the American Negroes are achieving—their success in agriculture, industry and business. Your big Negro insurance companies, banks, real estate corporations, construction companies and the like have no parallel anywhere else in the world, so far as I know—certainly not in South Africa."

"Dr. Kidwell is superintendent of many churches and schools in British South Africa, and is deeply interested in promoting the welfare of the natives. He frankly admits that the relations of the races in South Africa are much more difficult than here, and that the natives labor under handicaps far more severe than anything to which the race is subjected in this country. He spent several hours while in Atlanta looking into the work of the Interracial Commission, and expressed the opinion that its principles and methods ought to be applied around the world wherever there is racial friction.

SIDELIGHTS

HERE AND THERE.

It is the life and service like that of the veteran teacher and minister, Rev. H. C. Mabry, D. D., of Raleigh, which gives brethren of lesser years and service, inspiration and courage. Reference was made in the columns of this paper last week to an extended service of fifty-two years of labor. What a record of work! It is significant that Dr. Mabry retains much of his activity and by no means is he in the background. Those of us who were at Concord last fall at Synod know this. Financially speaking, we know his compensation has not been the largest, but, in a larger way, there has come a greater compensation to him, in the way of knowing that he has endeavored to impart knowledge, and that it has resulted in many noble men and women of usefulness.

Well, when we shall have grown old as to this record, we trust that some of our former students will remember us with checks from \$5.00 to \$50.00. Carry on, Dr. Mabry! There is still a higher reward!

Elder J. P. Murphy, of Statesville, N. C., is a splendid man and a faithful elder of Tradd Street Presbyterian church. We have never seen Elder Murphy grouchy about anything. He is the weather-prognosticator of the city and he has watched the elements so long until he sees nothing but sunshine, it matters not how dark the clouds may be. It has become a part of his daily life and Elder Murphy sees nothing but sunshine. There is no darkness to him in business, home or church. Much to his credit, as well as to that of other laymen we have mentioned in these columns, Mr. Murphy has always combined business with the church, as testified by his pastor and friends. For fifty years or more he has done business at one place as a barber for white trade. It is needless to say that Elder Murphy enjoys the confidence of the best white and colored citizens of Statesville.

One of the outstanding features of the recent lecture of Dr. Carver, of Tuskegee Institute, the noted scientist in his statement: "That with him there is no conflict between religion and science." Dr. Carver has made this statement before and he found occasion to say it again at the University of North Carolina. Dr. Carver has received honors from some of the most noted scientific societies in the world. His statement is significant because in these days of conflict between the scientific and religious worlds, there are so many pseudo-scientists who are swimming around the edge and taking such small bits of things scientific that the conclusion has been reached by them that they are masters of the revelations of nature, and they are excluding God and His Omniscience. Truly, there is no science without God, and its proper relation and power is always subservient to the relation and power of God in nature, be it high or low.

The call has gone out from Dr. Williams, of Seneca, S. C., for a reunion of all classes and former students at the next approaching commencement. That sounds good to us and if our "flivver" stays on wheels, we hope to be there. Class reunions are rare things at Johnson C. Smith University. We do not know why. Nevertheless, they are needed to keep up the old "Biddle" spirit and get acquainted with the new.

Looking over the list of contributors to the Clock Fund, we find so few men in other professions than the ministry who have made contributions. Let's hear from the many physicians, dentists, teachers and men of other professions who first saw the light of educational knowledge at old "Biddle." "Come across, fellows! You know you have the money!

Rev. John H. Clement has done

a good work in High Point. His facts prove that. High Point was put on the church map by his untiring efforts together with the officers and members of the Cherry St. church. His work will be long remembered there. At this time, the church is fortunate in having the services of a progressive man, in the person of Rev. C. A. Washington, who is moving on with success. Both Mt. Airy and High Point are fortunate in having men who know how to work. At this time also Rev. Mr. Clement is needed in Mt. Airy at the Edward Webb Memorial church.

What has become of the old fashioned elder who brought his family to church in a wagon with straw on the floor? Some one said that "He still comes, with possibly less of the family, but his son drives him now in a car." The old fellow totters in his walk now, and the mother shows many wrinkles in her once smooth face, but they insist on coming every preaching day. Will the son still come after they have passed away? Some will, but evidences point to the contrary about many of them. The car was made to go and the church is stationary. They pass it by.

Psychists tell us that parents don't know child nature—that the child's way in the modern day is greatly misunderstood by most parents. Possibly so, but a recent article in one of our papers tells of a girl shooting her mother because she (her mother) would not let her have her way. The idea of modern child nature is very much exaggerated as to its working and it can be called just simply "a devilish nature," just as of old. A possible cure for that is, stop calling "kids" cute, when they show off, and as they grow older let each gain the other's confidence, both parent and child; and, above all, let there be gentle firmness on the part of the parent. In other words, good, old-fashioned home training, given in large doses. With all respects to psychists, to the con-bachelorsdatouybi cmmmm mm trary, some of them may be bachelors and old maids. They make a beautiful theory, but it isn't always practical.

SIDELIGHTER.

THE CONSOLIDATED CHURCH.

Consolidated country schools have come as a result of good roads and motor trucks which made transportation quick and easy. And the consolidated country church will surely follow. In many instances, two or three or perhaps more little country churches will combine in one big, strong church with an up-to-date aggressive Sunday school and preaching every Sunday. The passing of the one room schoolhouse demands that the one-room church be replaced by a church that will be in keeping with the modern school building. Mr. J. B. Duke with a clear understanding of the conditions that we are facing in North Carolina has contributed of his means to take care of the country church in his native State. And no such opportunity has even confronted any people as the one which confronts us in North Carolina.—The North Carolina Christian Advocate.

A ROMAN CATHOLIC HAMPTON.

Roman Catholics have a constituency of 250,000 Negroes. Taking a leaf out of the experiences of Hampton and Tuskegee, they have started a Cardinal Gibbons Institute at Ridge, St. Mary's County, in southeastern Maryland, a section with a dense colored population. A gift of nearly \$40,000 from the Knights of Columbus has made the first building immediately possible. As in Hampton and Tuskegee the Institute will give training in farming, housekeeping, and the industries, in addition to academic courses. Of course it will emphasize the religious side of education also.—Christian Work.