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SOMETHING ABOUT TEACHING

Many times, we believe, we have called attention to the unfairness to both bright and dull pupils of being forced to proceed at the same gait in their grades, but this time we wish to emphasize the fact that classes as a whole differ in capacity. While one individual student may be able to do ten times as much as another, one class as a whole may be able to compass twice as much as another. Hence the injustice of the teacher's being prescribed a certain course to be taught during a term, regardless of the capacity of the class. It is as reasonable to demand that a team of 600pound mules haul as much in a day as a team of 1200-pounders. Yet our centralized school system, with the emphasis on courses, grades, graduation, and anything else except the education of the pupils, is murdering the intellectuality of whole classes instead of developing it.

that a certain class in a big been in operation so long that city school which the writer all business is geared in conobserved, or rather taught, for formity with it, except agricula period recently, was too far ture, and the fact that it can advanced in the text to make not be so geared is the clearit possible for it to proceed in- est evidence that the fundatelligently and effectually, and mental principle is incorrect. we suggested, out of an abund- The twig bent by the beginance of experience, that the nings of the protective system teacher not hurry, she recog- has grown into a huge tree, nized the justice of the sug- and there is no possibility of gestion but blurted out that it getting the kink out of it. Free seemed that she had to try to trade is now out of the quescover the ground.

tarily came over one evening artificial means will have to be for some help on a lesson. The sought to put agriculture on a girl showed that she is capa- par with the industries proble and that if long enough tected by the tariff. A few time had been given for lay- farm products may be proing a foundation for work, she tected, but their protection could have achieved the mas-only serves to add to the tariff tery of her subject. But, as it burdens of the producers of was, she was found utterly the great staples which can floundered near the end of the not be protected by the tariff. book, without the possibility, except by long and tedious drill from the beginning, to make more than a grade of five per cent on her year's work in a fair test. The teacher had set her eyes on the goal of the course prescribed, with the consequence that if the pupil in mind is a fair specimen, as we are quite sure she is in native intellect, the work of the session will have been almost wholly wasted; while the real achievement of the class in half the assigned task would have been of everlasting value to every student in the grade. Yet her intelligence and the ability to attend to the subject is such, that with the smattering she has secured, an hour's exra drilling every day from now vantage to the one son that he to the end of the session would can gradually win the inheritlargely overcome the handicap ance of the other, it is then and practically save the many time to counteract the evil alweary hours of time devoted to ready countenanced and in the subject during the session. force, if it has to be done by And that is what we meant in a direct tax upon the favored a paragraph two weeks ago, to provide a bonus for the robin which we suggested that bed. One false economic polduring the longer days of the icy may reasonably necessitate spring another hour of school another, or many. The protecshould be devoted to drilling tive tariff is the root of ecothe grades upon subjects that nomic evils, but the root has they are lagging in. The sug- imbedded itself so deeply in gestion was made in the paper the industrial bedrock of the because it is of practical ap- country that the evil must be plication in any school where countenanced, and then coun-The Record reaches, and that terbalanced by what under is all over Chatham county, at other circumstances would be least.

We are confident that the extra hour given, as suggested, would mean more to the pupil in question than the whole work of the session will mean, in the subject in mind, with position this week that should out the extra drill. Without it, receive the attention of Record by next fall there will be ab- readers. It was opened Monsolutely nothing left of her day evening with an address year's work, and she will be from Governor Gardner. an exception if she is not disgusted with the subject. Now by the work of an hour in de-hog-raising county.

ciding that the girl's year of work could be saved by proper CHATHAM RECORD handling during an extra hour of each day of the remainder of each day of the remainder of the session. Education consists in doing well what is undertaken. Any subject, any task, is educative if done well; while the half-doing of any task, the half-mastery of any subject, is useless from both the educational and the practical standpoint. The making of slovens is anything but education. Yet that is what the observance of prescribed courses for all kinds of classes is largely resulting in. A teacher who is fit to teach is a better judge of the possibilities of a class than any curriculum maker. If class is the drawback, the situation is not helped by dragging them through the prescribed course without a competent knowledge of it. With teams of equal power the one the other.

A RADICAL MEASURE NECESSARY

Congress is to assemble in extra session on the 15th inst. Mr. Hoover has called this session for the purpose of securing farm relief. The president, however, has given little, or no, intimation of what he considers an adequate means of relief. Those who count upon relief through the tariff are barking up the wrong tree. The only way tariff legislation could help the farmer is for the tariff to be taken off manufactured goods, and then only in case it could be done without disorganizing all industry.

The protectative tariff principle is incorrect, in the opin-Even when it was apparent ion of The Record; but it has tion without years of disrup-Just recently a pupil volun-tion of business, and another

> We very much doubt an adequate remedy's being forthcoming from the hands of Mr. Hoover and his special session of Congress. Too few of the Republican members are sufficiently conscious of the direfulness of the situation to favor the radical measures that will be necessary to afford the relief needed. When the protected industries for generations have sucked the lifeblood from the farm population and the latter have become so utterly at the mercy of the folk who can sell at a determined profit it will be necessary to disregard the formerly taboed policies of direct aid.

> If a father gives such adimproper means. It will require a radical measure to counterbalance the old radical protective tariff.

Durham is holding an ex-

We see by The Sampson Inif the girl in question were a dependent that the farmers of blockhead, it would be utterly that good old county are shipunfair to judge of the possi- ping swine by the carload. bilities; but we were justified Sampson used to be a great

that any sensible man would when the drinker becomes himdesire to ruin himself and imdrinking know how hard it where he got the liquor. He if he was without one for a himself, his family, his church, were a hundred miles, probatinue to protect the bootlegger, mind to quit. And thus the his family, and the sooner he drinking man, only to a more kills himself the better. laziness on the part of the grievous extent, is pressed by his appetite to seek the stuff against his better judgment. many girl high school grad-But, convinced as he must be uates in North Carolina last of the evil of the habit, he year as boys. Accordingly, should be one of the most in- those who are counting upon terested in getting the stuff as the transformation of the state may need more urging than far out of reach as possible. industrially through education body else to affect the removal ly upon the women. But of it. If the editor of The Rec- wouldn't it be really revealing VISIT HALL'S for anything you ord had the requisite proof, he to know just how many of the wouldn't hesitate to help such 4,278 boy graduates last year a man to the full extent of are actually in productive emprosecuting every dealer in ployment or in line for it? reach. But he hasn't the proof, Chatham had 162 graduates nor has many others who last year, which at the average would be so disposed. But the for the state, would give us drinker has it, and can make about sixty boy graduates. the knowledge effective for * * * * the protection of himself and family. Yet we doubt whether he should betray the dealer without warning. But it is protection that is wanted rather than punishment of the dealer. Accordingly, the drinker who would have temptation removed from him, might go, alone or with his preacher or any other reliable friend, and give the dealer warning that he

must not sell him any more on

It doesn't stand to reason penalty of being prosecuted JUST RECEIVED car load cement. self, or by the friend for former SEED Irish Potatoes, \$3.50 by bag. sales. We saw a man removed poverish his family by drink- from temptation, or temptation ing Yet sensible men, in other removed from a man, in Lumrespects, at least, do that very berton 25 years ago. His sinthing, though often promising cerity in pledging himself to that they will quit. Some of quit was tested by his being us who are not addicted to asked to give information as to would be to quit smoking, say, gave it; prosecution dried that CABBAGE and Bermuda Onion and that one would not only town as it had never been dried walk a mile for a certain cigar-before. But if a man thinks ette but for any kind of smoke more of his bootlegger than of considerable time. But if it and his God, then he will conbly one would make up his to kill himself, and humilitate

There were nearly twice as And he can do more than any- must place their reliance large-

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Pick-So your brother tried to get a government job. What is he doing

Wick-Nothing. He got the job.

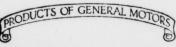


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