

After The Exams

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in mind, Tansy, is that: Enough is plenty; more than enough is too much. To exercise is to grow strong, but to over-exercise is to grow "stale." Eight hours' sleep will fit a man for a big day's work but to double his sleeping hours will not double his working ability. And so it is with hard questions. Enough is enough. I have had enough of them. What I need more than anything is to bask in the sunshine of enlightenment under the branches of the tree of knowledge with a basket upturned to receive the ripening and luscious fruit. I fell it, I feel it as never before, the eternal thirst after knowledge. I tell you I am a void, an aching void. I have given out all my ideas to my teachers on examinations and I am like a sponge squeezed dry.

Right here, Tansy, I am reminded of a good moral. You have possibly heard it said that a thought that never gains expression withers up and dies. Therein is a virtue for the much maligned examinations. I have been just as generous as my supply would allow me with my ideas, and according to the maxim that in effect says the more you give out the more you will have, I am looking for a flood of ideas to come my way soon. That's like me, Tansy, to want to pass on everything I learn; so I don't regret one minute spent in handing out to my beloved teachers the many things I have acquired under their watchful and loving direction.

But, Tansy, I didn't start this letter to air my opinions for or against examinations. I like to be timely and up-to-date in all matters of correspondence, though and really examinations have just recently ascended from our midst and it is a most current topic still.

One more time and then I am closing. Say, Tansy, have you ever heard of Shakespeare. Well, he is some writer. His ideas are grand. Way ahead of anything I have ever privileged to read. If you have never read any of his sayings, let me tell you that you have been missing something grand. Go and read some of his writing before you try to do anything else. I remember in one place I read where he said, "What fools these mortals be." Tansy, I've been thinking that very thing myself when I watch the actions of some of my fellow beings. Isn't education grand when you are forever coming across things that you have thought yourself? I am going to take to reading more. It is such a joy to see in print those lofty and striking phrases that I have been thinking all my life and thought no such ideas had ever collided inside another cranium.

Well, Tansy, I have written enough for this time. Please write me a long letter my pronto, and tell me all about yourself and your studies. I would like to know on every occasion that you can tell me how education is affecting you. Life affects everyone differently, I have heard, and I wonder if education does the same thing.

This is so long.
Adoringly your
Friend.

RABBIT HUNTERS OUT AFTER THE BIG SNOW

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classes five days out of the week at Chowan. But it was really a Chowan hunting party. They said they were hunting rabbits, but it might be better to spell it pleasure instead. Even the fast falling snow did not keep them back. Perhaps they thought the rabbits would be as undaunted and brave as they. Well, maybe they were, because when the hunters returned late that afternoon they told tales of "six rabbits and three birds," and there was a suspicious odor of bonfire smoke around them. They may have cooked all that game before they returned, but it seems as if they could have at least let those poor souls who did not go enjoy the sight of the rabbit skins. This gift of telling things is remarkable!

PLAYMAKERS COMING EAGERLY AWAITED

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who toured the country in carts, but with a difference that the Carolina Playmakers carry their scenery in a Ford and travel themselves in a big white passenger bus, equipped with a smoker and a compartment for hand luggage, and decorated with Playmakers' marks and banners.

They will bring to the college, town of Murfreesboro, and surrounding towns a rare opportunity to enjoy an evening of entertainment that is wholesome and enlightening. The program offers a pleasing variety, ranging from the most poignant oppression and struggle of the human soul to roisterous humor.

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Under Greenwood Tree

Dr. Clayton (In class): "Mrs. Clayton, what can you tell me about nitrates?"
Mrs. Clayton: "Well they're a lot cheaper than day rates."

Willie Blount: "Margaret took that article of mine for the 'Chowanian'—she was crazy to print it!"

Lizzie Jones: "That's what I thought when I read it."

Mary Spencer (Studying physics): "Does the moon affect the tide?"

Bettie Spencer: "No, only the untied."

College student (writing home): "How do you spell 'financially'?"
Roommate: "F-I-N-A-N-C-I-A-L-L-Y and then are there two R's in embarrassed?"

"How do you know Chaucer dictated to a stenographer?"
"Just look at his spelling."

Professor: "What is the penalty for bigamy?"
Student: "Two mother's-in-law."

Wife: "What in the world is Mr. Nexdore doing crawling all over the yard for?"
Husband: "He says he is looking for a piece of coal he threw at a cat last summer."

Pert Young Thing: "Don't you think there should be more clubs for women?"
Grumpy Old Thing: "Oh, no. I should be inclined to try kindness first."

Son: "Dad, how many make a million?"
Dad: "Very few, my boy, very few."

Miss Caldwell: "Can you prove that the square of the hypotenuse is equal to the sum of the squares of the other two sides?"
Helen Carter: "I don't have to prove it, I admit it."

"Mary had a little lam, it's fleece one time was white,
But that was in the good old days,
when we burned anthracite."

Teacher: "Willie, what is the word Zinc?"
Willie: "That's the French pronunciation for think!"

Around the circle—
Rags make paper
Paper makes money
Money makes banks
Banks make loans
Loans make poverty, and
Poverty makes rags."

Author: "Why did you leave the theater last night before the play was finished?"
Friend: "I am not responsible for that, I am a sleep walker."

Miss Bryant: "Thelma, what are the principle parts of the verb 'get'?"
Thelma Draper: "Go, get, gone."

COUNTRY CLUB AND PLACE FOR TEACHERS TO REST

Riverbank Farm, on which is a fine old farmhouse overlooking the Charles River, has been donated to the Massachusetts Teachers' Federation. The gift has been formally accepted, and it is expected that the place will be developed into a country club and resting place for teachers. Members of the federation are contributing \$1 each to provide temporarily for the upkeep of the place, which is 21 miles from the city of Boston.

Almost two-thirds of the student body of Transylvania College, Ky., earn by their own labor all or part of their college expenses.

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This Week



By Arthur Brisbane

**ASK ENGLAND.
GOOD PAY, GOOD WORKERS.
STOP, LOOK, LISTEN.
140 DEATHS, \$18,200 PROFITS.**

Congress is puzzled by surplus farm products production. Some reckless bolsheviks, or at least socialists, suggest that the Government might interest itself in helping farmers market their surplus abroad.

Charles Williams, who ought to know something about conservatism, says: "No; that problem should be left to farmers without government help." A two-month-old baby might be left to put on his own little undershirt "without mommer's help." The farmers would be as well able to deal with foreign governments, under our Constitution, or with foreign problems, as a baby would be to deal with its own nourishment and clothing.

To learn how farmers can be helped and surplus products sold at a profit, they might find out what the British do with their surplus rubber products. There is a notice that they manage to sell to the United States at about a dollar a pound, when it could be sold profitably at 30 cents a pound. A government that wants to do a thing can do it.

The railroad trainmen, hundreds of thousands of faithful workers, ask for better pay, and ought to get it.

Railroads, protected by Government, enjoy prosperity. Steadily increasing, they should divide prosperity with the men that do the work through the nights in cold and rain, when those that collect dividends are asleep.

All Americans, especially business men and money makers, should demand that good workmen get their fair share of national prosperity.

The rich man can get only his share of what the average man has to spend.

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John Hubert killed 140 human beings, his total profit on the killings being \$18,200. His line is not that of the ordinary holdup man for he is Sing Sing's public executioner, and each time he straps a man into the chair the State pays \$130. It seems easy, \$130 for work that lasts half an hour. But killing causes strain on the nerves, so Mr. Hubert retires. Some one else can have the \$130 job.

BOARD OF PENNSYLVANIA NORMAL SCHOOL PRINCIPALS

A committee was authorized by the Board of Normal School Principals at its recent meeting to prepare a five-year program for standard intelligence tests to be given to first-year students in the State normal schools of Pennsylvania. This board also authorized a committee to prepare a two-year program for advertising and presenting the worth of teaching as a profession to the youth of the Commonwealth. Regional conferences in the different normal school service areas were authorized to inform school officials of the professional service that the normal schools are ready to offer them.—School Life.

ARE YOU UNDERWEIGHT?

Some principles for adults to follow for gaining weight:

Three regular, unhurried meals each day and possibly some light lunch such as fruit, a fruit beverage or milk at 10 o'clock a. m. and 4 p. m.

At least eight hours regular sleep.

Rest at least one half hour a day—noon or afternoon.

Take moderate exercise (out of doors, if possible) but avoid physical strain and great fatigue.

Be happy. Cultivate cheerfulness and avoid worry and great excitement.

Eat plenty of fresh and dried sweet fruits and plenty of foods containing starch such as cereals, breads and potatoes.

Drink milk or cocoa instead of coffee or tea.

Eat sweets such as cake and candies after meals but not before.

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Three hundred and fifty foremen of industrial plants in Pennsylvania are enrolled in the engineering extension department of Pennsylvania State College. This has proved one of the most popular forms of industrial service offered by the college, and eight new foremen-training classes, in as many different industrial plants, have recently been established.

In an effort to improve school attendance in Spokane, Wash., 43 principals of schools are taking a special course in child-accounting methods conducted by the city superintendent of schools, following the introduction of a new system of child accounting in the public schools of the city. College extension credits of the State College of Washington will be given to those who complete the course.

As part of the education extension movement in Pennsylvania, 26,615 legally employed minors last year attended classes in night elementary and high schools and in English and citizenship schools in the State. The enrollment of adults was 33,347. A definite program has been planned this year to reach immigrant women, and arrangements have been made for home classes for them in 64 cities and boroughs.

"Ah! Something American! The Carolina Playmakers . . . and well made, too. Here is a true amateur theater, created to bring a richer, fuller life to a community."—Walter Pritchard Eaton, in Judge.

Operative treatment for children suffering from mastoid disease is provided by the school medical service of Birmingham, England.

SUPERINTENDENTS INSPECT SCHOOLS IN MARYLAND

State school superintendents from 13 Southern States recently inspected Maryland schools and held conferences with State Superintendent Albert S. Cook and his assistants for the purpose of studying the public school system of that State, particularly its methods of classroom teaching and supervision of instruction.—School Life.

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