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## PUBLIC SCHOOL MUSIC.

The following interesting subject was to be demonstrated by Miss Mary E. Chauncey, Primary teacher of our public school faculty, at our February meeting but weather prevented. We asked her for permission to publish it for benefit of all our schools—H. P. Jones, Supt.)

The aim of music in the public schools.

I. Public school music has long suffered from a misapprehension, on the part of the general public and most teachers, of its aim and possibilities. It has been looked upon as an accomplishment for the talented, and its study has been confined to those who displayed unusual talent or taste in that direction. Now, I wish to ask is this reasonable? Why no. If a child shows no special talent for History, Geography or Mathematics—then because of this, are we supposed to let them drop—these important subjects. No indeed, rather cultivate a desire to come and study every subject. Do we, as teachers, work to this end?

It may be asked, or it may be argued by some ignorant person why teach public school music? What's the use of it? First of all it has a great educational value, and its culture value is unsurpassed, and no other subject in the school curriculum is more useful in training the senses and in mental discipline. Public School music, when properly taught trains the ear, the eye, the voice and the hand, and furnishes the best kind of exercise for the intellect.

It is not the aim of public school music to turn out musicians, but to make appreciative listeners, to open up a world of esthetic enjoyment and culture for those who would otherwise never know this pleasure, and to arouse and strengthen the pupils so that they will do better work in every other study.

We teachers who know very little about music, have a natural tendency to believe we cannot teach public school music; this is not true. Any teacher who can teach reading can teach music, even if her knowledge of music is very limited, provided she is willing to make the necessary effort. She should be able to sing the scale correctly to detect inaccurate tones, and she should have some knowledge of music notation. Given these and the willingness to apply herself she can begin teaching music and find she is being aided unconsciously, while the children are advancing very rapidly.

II. The next questions which naturally arise—is material—what to use, how to use it, and where to get it. She should have a plentiful supply of rote songs. Among the best is "Songs of the child world." Songs and games for the little one," Rote Song Book" and "First steps in music." These will give the greatest possible help in the beginning. Charts, too, are very necessary and helpful.

III. Care of children's voices. It is of the utmost importance that the teacher should know how to care for the children's voices. (a.) Remember there is much more danger of singing too low than too high. A child's voice is naturally high, clear and sweet, rather than low and shrill. Many of the rote songs should be pitched much higher than they are written. This may not always be comfortable for the teacher, unless she has a high pitch, but just remember that the children are to do the singing, the teacher is merely a guide. Let children always pitch their own songs when once learned and teacher only help when necessary. (b.) In teaching the scale start with high "do" and sing down and up. (c.) Have pupils sing the scale with the syllables "loo" and "coo" both of which give a sweet smooth tone. (d.) In pronouncing words always dwell on vowel sounds and not upon consonants.

(e.) Never allow the children to shout, work for a clear, light sweet tone not for volume. Just merely say "sing sweetly," sing lightly." We desire a vocal tone without harshness. IV. Imitation.

As teachers know that the instinct of imitation is the most prominent existing among children. "The Rote Song"—The rote song is a song to be taught by imitation and is the foundation of music study. The songs should be selected with care and by all means be within the child's voice range, melody, simple, and rhythm well marked. Have se-

## ORDER OF EASTERN STAR

The regular meeting of the Warren Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star was held Monday night. It was the date of the annual election of officers. The following were elected for the ensuing year: Worthy Matron, Miss Louise Allen; Worthy Patron, Mr. W. K. Barham; Associate Matron, Miss Mary Harris; Conductress, Miss Mary Russel Burroughs; Associate Conductress, Miss Sarah Macon; Treasurer, Mr. Roy O. Rodwell; Secretary, Mr. Clyde Rodwell. The new "appointive" officers will be named at a later date by the new Worthy Matron. Warren Chapter is a live, progressive Chapter and is adding to the social life of the town, as well as doing much for Charity's sake. The new officers will have the honor of being in charge at the great occasion of the meeting of the Grand Chapter here in June. The Chapter is splendidly officered and should go forward with renewed zeal in the good work set by their predecessors.

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Connections with proper kind of words. Have songs to correlate with nature study—songs of seasons, songs of trades and industries. In this way the music may enrich all other subjects and stimulate the child's interest in everything. In presenting a song it's well to lead up to it by means of some informal conversation or a story; this should be done intelligently.

Do not make the mistake of teaching too many songs. Children love some things over and over, songs as at first voices unity—some high some low—what do in such cases. V. There are two important elements in public school music. There are tone, or tune, and rhythm. In all music the child has experience with both elements and should be taught to recognize both. In the rote song the children have been taught to feel the measure, two beat, three beat, and four beat, and feel the swing and movement of the music. By such means they are brought to recognize both tone and rhythm. Let the children clap their hands for the beats, a loud clap for accented beat, a soft clap for unaccented beat, let them make circles in the air for same purpose.

VII. General suggestions. The various phases of public school music must progress evenly. Do not allow the pupils to become weak in any line. If they have difficulty with time; why give them additional rhythmic exercises. On the other hand if they keep good time and are weak in the matter of tone, strengthen that part of the work.

It is well for the teacher to have in mind a general program or order for each recitation: something like the following might be used:

1. Vocal drill
2. Ear training, oral or written
3. General chart or blackboard drill
4. Drill on special point
5. Sight reading
6. Songs

It is not possible to take up every point in each recitation, but with such a plan in mind, no phase of the subject will be neglected. Before beginning a lesson have it definitely settled in your mind what points you wish to stress most. Don't waste time, or let conversation, story or song drag. Make every minute count. In study of music remember we work for skill.

Drill is important but should be for a definite purpose. Drill is not effective unless there is interested attention and concentration on the part of the class. By all means do not carry it too far. Have a happy spirit existing in the music period. You cannot scold into song and just remember that a smiling countenance helps in the production of good tones. \*\*\*

Books Helpful For Teachers. Primary rote songs. Songs of the child world (2 vol.) add—John Church Co. Cin. Songs and games for little ones, Ad—Oliver Delson & Co., Boston.

A Primer of Vocal Music Ad—Silver Burdett & Co. Chicago. New First Music Reader Ad—Ginn & Co.

For Mixed Grades: Common School song book Ginn & Co. Educational Music charts, 1st, 2nd, 3rd, and up—Ginn & Co.

## AN OFFICIAL INVITATION.

Whereas there has been some intimation that the celebration of the return of Company "H", 3rd North Carolina Infantry, to its home Station is to be "an entirely Warrenton affair," and Whereas every move made towards said celebration has been with the purpose and desire that all of the citizens of the County who are interested should be present on that occasion, and Whereas the official acts of this Committee in naming a speaker on Friday night 2nd March to address the soldiers and the public on behalf of the citizens residing in the County at large, prove conclusively the purpose to have the presence of all citizens of the county, and

Whereas said Committee at its last meeting on said second day of March did embrace a membership of County and Town citizens, and that the action of said Committee has been unanimous in all that it did, Therefore be it resolved, That we, the Committee appointed at the first meeting held to make plans for the celebration of the home coming of Company "H", do hereby officially and through the public press confirm and ratify our action heretofore taken, and again state it to be our purpose to have with us on the day of celebration (which date cannot be yet fixed) the citizens of Warren county, and assure them that they will be as heartily and earnestly welcomed as if they resided in the town of Warrenton.

Resolve 2nd, That we now feel and have always expressed ourselves as feeling that our action was on behalf of all the citizens of the County.

Resolve 3rd, That a copy of this "Official invitation" be tendered the News-Reporter, the Headlight and the Warren Record for publication. HOWARD F. JONES, Chm. J. E. ROOKER J. B. PALMER W. H. BURROUGHS Committee.

## OFFICIAL SALES AND PRICES

The official sales on this Market for this year and last, and the average price for the two seasons, and the decrease in pounds, but increase in dollars of value should make interesting reading. The Tobacco Market here is worth a great deal to this county and to this town, and there should be an earnest effort at mutual support and helpfulness.

1915-16 Crop, 2,820,810 lbs at 16.42	\$322,377.01
1916-17 Crop, 2,318,966 at 18.54	429,982.49
Decrease lbs, 501,844	Increase, \$107,605.48

## THE COUNTRY PAPER

When the evening shade is fallin' at the endin' o' the day—an' a fellow rests from labor, smoking at his pipe o'clock, there's nothin' does him so much good, be fortune up or down, as the little country paper from his ol' home town. It ain't a thing of beauty, an' its print ain't always clear, but it straightens out his temper when a feller's feelin' queer, it takes the wrinkles off his face and brushes off the frown, the little paper from his ol' home town. It tells of all the parties an' the balls of Punkin Row 'bout who spent Sunday with whose girl, an' how the crops 'll grow, an' keeps a feller posted 'bout who's up an' who is down, that little country paper from the ol' home town. Now I like to read the dailies an' the story papers too, an' at times a yaller novel, an' some other trash, don't you? But when I want some reading that will brush away the frown I want the little paper from the ol' home town—Exchange.

Don't forget Burwell Drug Company when buying your soft drinks and tobaccos.

## EASTERN STAR AID

Through the courtesy of the Drug Stores of this town certain days of the week will be observed in rotation as "Eastern Star" day. On these days the respective drug stores will give a percentage of gross receipts from Soft drinks and tobaccos to the fund the Eastern Star is trying to raise to help entertain the Grand Chapter when it comes here in June. The members of the Eastern Star will appreciate the patronage given these Drug Stores on the days selected.

Thursday, March 15th Hunter Drug Company will donate to the cause. Saturday March 17th, Burwell Drug Company will donate. Tuesday March 20th Warren Pharmacy will donate.

Don't forget the Warren Pharmacy when buying soft drinks and tobaccos next Tuesday.

## DEATH OF MRS. GARDNER

Mrs. Ida Rodwell Gardner passed away at Rex Hospital, Raleigh last Friday and her remains were brought to the home of her girlhood, the Thos. Rodwell home, and interred in the family burying ground in the presence of many friends on last Sabbath. Rev. R. H. Broom, her Pastor, officiating. Her Pastor has promised a suitable tribute to her worth and christian character for our next issue of the Record.

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A great man is not always to be known by the company his picture keeps in the papers.—Ex.

## AN OLD SOLDIER PASSES.

William Henderson Munn was born in Person county, N. C., June 18, 1835, and died in Warren county, N. C., Jan. 31, 1917 aged 81 years, 7 months and 13 days.

He is survived by one daughter, Mrs. W. B. Myrick, and one son, Mr. F. Roger Munn, both of whom are now residing in Hawtree township, Warren county.

Mr. Munn in his youth joined the Christian church in old Midway in Granville county. He is said to have led a sober life, and had many good friends.

May 1, 1861 he left Townsville, N. C., to enter the Civil war; he was a member of Company B, 12th N. C. Regiment. His comrade, a few of whom attended his funeral from the Warren Plains Methodist church, spoke well of him.

Since Aug. 5, 1916, his health had steadily declined. In his daughter's home he had the kindest attention. He was patient and resigned, saying that he was ready and waiting; that he had no real desire to cling to life.

May his children and grandchildren so love that they may make sure of meeting him in heaven!

R. H. BROOM.

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## A CORRECTION

Under "Willow Brook Items" of Friday the following correction should be made: "Mrs. L. H. Northington, of Roanoke Rapids, is spending a few happy days in the home of Mr. J. W. James" should read "in the home of Mr. T. B. Fleming and Miss Nannie Fleming." A line left out, another line corrected and the incorrect line not taken out, makes a mistake which was not intended in the office, and don't tell the facts, as they were written by our correspondent. "Everlasting vigilance is the price of liberty," and is also the price of not having errors in a Newspaper.

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## HELPING THE GRAIN CROP TO "COME BACK."

Top Dressings Being Urged More This Year Than Ever to Overcome Winter Damages and Losses By Heavy Rains.

Agriculture authorities seem to be urging this year, especially, the application of top dressings of fertilizer to help the winter damaged grain crops and to supply some of the plant food that the heavy rains have washed out.

In a statement sent out by the Farm Service Bureau, Prof. J. N. Harper, a well-known southern agricultural authority, says:—

"It always pays to top dress grain, especially oats. This year there has been a wet winter and the nitrogen has been washed out of the soil. Grains that survive the severe winter, are in need of assistance in getting a good start. Therefore, if maximum crops are to be expected, topdressings should be applied at once. "Do not wait until Easter," says the authority. "That is too late." For oats and wheat we would recommend a fertilizer analyzing 8 per cent phosphoric acid, 6 per cent ammonia, this is to be applied at the rate of 200 to 300 pounds per acre broadcast."

Dispatches in this morning's papers indicate that Company "H" of the 3rd Infantry will be mustered out at Camp Glenn. We had hoped that that ceremony would have been performed here; but the War Department has willed otherwise.

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## All Out of Propotion.

Inmate—The judge didn't treat me square.

Guard—How's that?

Inmate—I'm only twenty, and he gave me the same sentence as that old man over there.

Guard—What was that?

Inmate—Life.—From the Star of Hope, Sing Sing Penitentiary.

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## MANSON ITEMS.

Mrs. C. D. Riggan, of Drewery, was in our town this week.

Mr. Van Dortch spent Thursday evening at Ridgeway.

Mr. Boyd White, of Norlina, was a visitor here Monday.

Misses Lizzie Wesson and Nena Dortch, of Ridgeway, were pleasant visitors in our midst this week.

Mr. Sam Bartlett spent a day of last week with friends at Drewery.

Miss Pearle Parrish, of Middleburg, spent a night of last week with Miss Pearl Fleming.

Mrs. S. G. Champion spent a short time in Ridgeway Thursday.

Mr. Chas. Hayes, of Norlina, was in town this week.

Misses Mammie and Lizzie Brach are visiting their aunt, Mrs. E. L. Paschall, at Oine.

Mr. Plummer Moss, of Henderson, spent Sunday with friends here.

Mr. Maurice Kimball spent Sunday with Mr. Samuel Miller at Weldon.

Mr. Alfred Erach has taken a position with the S. A. L. at Norlina.

Mr. S. G. Champion spent Wednesday in the York neighborhood.

Mrs. J. W. Fleming visited her daughter Mrs. Fred Gill at Henderson this week.

Mr. J. W. Dowling made a business trip to Henderson Friday.

There has been a good deal of pneumonia among the colored people here recently, and two deaths from it, Lizzie Hester and her son-in-law, George Jenkins, both died within a week of each other, it is indeed sad for the wife to lose both mother and husband in such a short time. They were smart industrious people and will be missed by both white and colored in this community.

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## Seventh Age of Man.

"He is a very old man, isn't he?" "Well, he is in the second dance-hood."

## Family Secrets.

Mrs. Youngwed—There is one queer thing I can't understand about Charley when he knows how anxious I am to meet all his relations.

Mrs. Oldwife—What is that, my dear?

Mrs. Youngwed—He always puts me off when I want to meet the nice uncle he is continually getting money from.—Exchange.

"Willie, said the Sunday school teacher, "who was it that was swallowed by the whale?" "Hoodoo," replied Willie, with the promptness born of perfect confidence.—Puck.

## Willie Knew.

Learn to do with diligence what you would do with ease.—Ex.

In silence danger is concealed. Women are seldom dangerous.—Ex.

## Eloquence Appreciated.

"Are you in favor of prohibition?" "Well," replied Broncho Bob, "I've got only one objection to it. Old Crimison Gulch is going to be kind o' dull with all the inducements to the temperance orators shut off."—Washington Star.

## Had Him There.

"Now, madam," said the crotchery judge who had been annoyed by the digressions of previous witnesses, "We want no hearsay evidence. Tell us only what you positively know. Your name, please?" "Margaret Jones," replied the witness.

"Your age?" "Well—er— I have only hearsay evidence on that point, so I won't answer."—Boston Evening Transcript.

## Decline of Divorce in Japan.

Half of the population of Japan is from twenty to sixty-five years of age, and one third of the entire population is married. The ratio of divorces for every 1,000 population has decreased 3 to 11-4; but even at present it is a source of deep anxiety on the part of unmarried statisticians. — Maynard Owen Williams, in the Christian Herald.

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