

# Child Labor Reform —A Mothers' Fight.

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Dr. Edward Everett Hale, distinguished patriot, chaplain of the United States Senate, America's Grand Old Man, has become active in the warfare now being waged against the evils of child labor. In a ringing appeal to mothers of the country, published in the Anti Child Slavery League's official organ, the Woman's Home Companion for October, he says:

Looking with a wide range over this dear America of ours, I think the best and the happiest life for any boy is the wide range, open-air life of the country where he and his father and his mother are all united in plan and in fact, in the daily life of home.

In what I might almost call this natural system—the system which the American people have worked out for themselves wherever they were not closely cemented together, four points of the first importance in education are insured. First of all the boys and girls have the advantage of a great deal of life in the open air. This is essential to all good education.

you and I would call home is gone.

Or take the boy of eight or ten or twelve years, who is set to work in the factory. There are a great many days in the year when he must be up and report at the mill before daylight. Suppose no law forbids child labor; that mill may run twelve or more hours out of the twenty-four. Now look in your almanac and see how many days there are when there are not ten hours between sunrise and sunset. All those days the little fellow must go in the dark and come back in the dark to the mill. He must be in the mill as soon as the power is turned on. If he is not there he loses the day's work, and he loses the day's wages, very likely. I cannot say precisely what he will do in the mill. Perhaps his business is to "carry waste." That is, he has to sweep up the waste from the cotton which has refused to be spun, to fill great baskets on wheels with it, and wheel those baskets from room to room till he comes to the

while he drives the cows to pasture and takes down the bars and climbs the cherry tree or breaks open the chestnut burs, for once when the poor Micah in the midst of the clatter and dust and smell of the factory sees him or hears him.

What you and I can do about it is this:

We can recollect what we were when we were eight and nine and ten and eleven and twelve years old.

We can ask ourselves whether it would have been a good thing for us to be shut up in the factory or a sewing-room three hundred and six days every year at that time of life.

Every one of us knows that it would have been a bad thing.

First—Those are the growing years of life. You and I, well, perhaps we were four inches taller every year than we were the year before. We did not earn any wages—no! But we were growing up strong and well because we could try ourselves in all sorts of life. We had good exercise. We had as much to eat of what was good for us to eat, and we were happy.

Second—We recollect again that we were a great deal with our fathers and mothers and brothers and sisters. We knew what the word home was, and that home is the dearest place in this world.

Third—We do not talk about it a great deal, for it is too sacred a thing to be lightly talked about, but some of us, perhaps all of us, found out that God is our loving father; that He is very near to us and we are very near to Him. We would not lose the memories and the help of what He has told us and we have told Him for anything which you can offer us.

Fourth—Most of us came out, when we were sixteen years old, strong and well, ready to take part with the best men and women in the world, in the very best work of the world.

I think myself that that would be a wise Nation or a wise State which would make such laws that people shall not make money out of their children before they are sixteen years old. I think it would be a good thing to devote those sixteen years wholly to the education of the children, to making them better men and women. Let boy and girl help in the home. The more work they do there the better. But let them be the companions of fathers or mothers as much as possible until they are sixteen. But here is one of the cases where I cannot have my own way. The custom is so general which permits fathers and mothers to "hire out" their children as the phrase is, that you and I cannot make a law that children shall not earn wages before they are sixteen.

What can we do? We can say that they shall not be confined in factories or workshops, excepting for very limited hours, before they are fourteen. We can say, until a boy or girl is sixteen they shall have the privilege of going to school at least half the year. In some cases we can say that one set of children at work shall work in the morning and another set shall take their places in the afternoon. This is a practicable method of legislation which has not yet been applied. But the sooner it is applied the better. We can insist on a very careful and rigid inspection of factories and workshops by public officers who are in no wise pecuniarily interested in the establishments which they examine. Such examinations should be possible at any hour of any day, and the publicity given to the results should be such as should make it certain that factory or workshop visited shall be kept neat and sweet and clean—a fit place for the best prince or princess in the land to work in.

I do not think that there is one woman out of a million women who will read about the progress of child labor reform in the Woman's Home Companion who does not know how she can act, whether on some particular workshop in the town she lives, or in giving information in some club or circle to which she belongs, or in cultivating through the press such information as Companion with every month will give her—or by direct conversation or correspondence with some member of the Legislature. This country is governed, and ought to be governed, by public opinion. And you and I, dear reader, must do our share to keep the public opinion good and just.

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Our public school at Sandy Grove under the management of Mr. J. H. Lawson is moving on nicely, and we are hoping for good results.

Hog killing will be on in all its glory for the next few days in this neighborhood. Old Capt. J. B. Hood has a lot of fine ones that he expects to slaughter tomorrow.

Old man Olin Jackson and Mr. Reddin Carr, both of Saupson County and highly respected in their communities, died a day or so ago at a ripe old age.

We were very much saddened to see an account of the death of our esteemed friend, Dr. H. D. Harper, of Kingston, N. C. Dr. Harper and the writer were close friends in young manhood and up to the time he left this community for the active duties of life. He did not live in vain, but for the good he might do humanity. Peace to his ashes is the tribute we pay to his memory.

Dec. 2nd. W. N. R.

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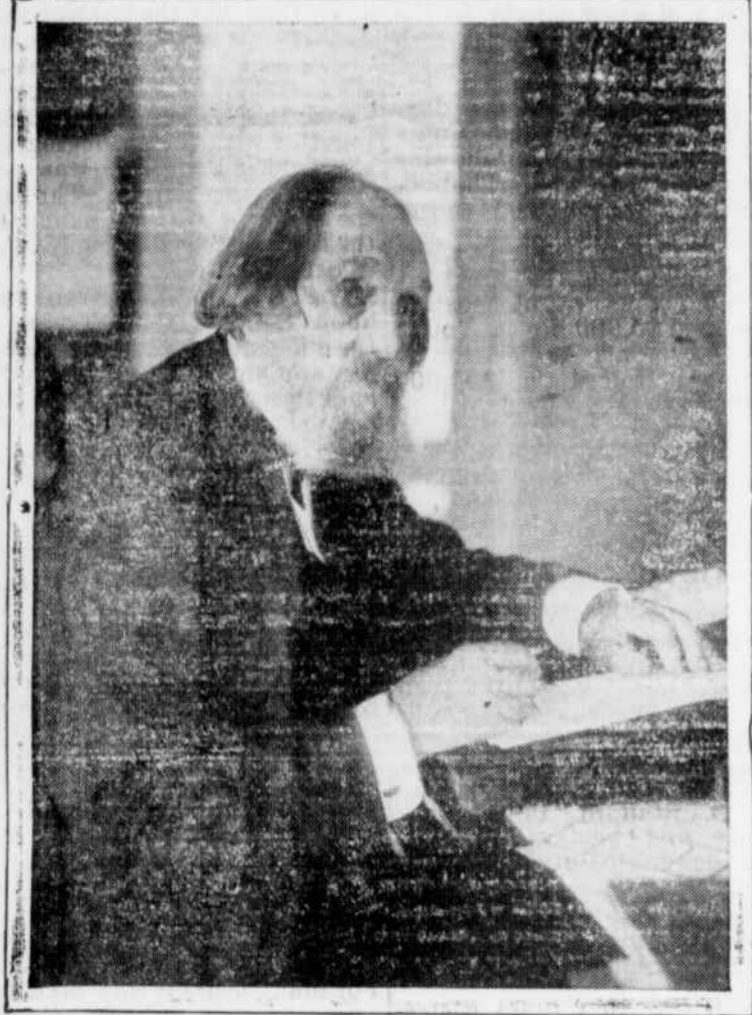
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Third, the children of the neighborhood are brought together in their schools and, indeed, in all their active life. This is essential also; for together is one of the central words of real life. Many a fine man or woman is lost to the world because of shyness and other forms of inability which were really cultivated in youth. On the other hand, joy in society is natural to the human race, which for the purposes of such society has tongue and lips and ears. And, to add one more necessity in education, this system gives the great chance for health. Not to go farther, where we have so little space, a large life, a life constantly enlarging, a social life and a strong and happy life are well-nigh insured in such a system.

Let us compare this with what is now almost a system; which takes possession of that sixth part of the children which have been alluded to. Suppose a little girl eight years old is taken into a shirt factory, where she is to spend ten hours a day, or perhaps eleven or twelve. Sunday is the only day, you might say, when she can look up at the sky or look around on God's world. It is the only day in which for any purpose worth considering she can run and play and exercise the hands and feet and arms and legs with which she was born. The chances are against her in the matter of using her tongue or her ears. The rule of the workshop probably forbids her talking or listening except to the instructions for the daily work.

And it is hardly an even chance whether she knows her father and mother and her big brothers and sisters by sight. Anything which

dumping-room. There he empties the basket, and then he goes back to the place he started from. He does this for ten hours of the day, or for eleven hours or for twelve hours, as may be directed by the laws of the State in which he lives.

If you want to see how such mill children look when they are at their work, or after it, find the Woman's Home Companion and examine the pictures which we have printed for you there.

Now, compare this girl in the shirt-room, or the boy and girl in the factory, with your own boy and girl of any age between seven and fifteen. In the first place, neither in the shirt-room or in the factory has boy or girl any chance for life in the open air. If their fathers or mothers mean to have them work in the mill or in the shop, they live as near the mill or the shop as they can. True, the mill is not a prison, but for the work hours it is very nearly a prison. The children cannot talk to each other, they cannot look out of the windows, they cannot stop while the machinery is working. This means that they have not the fun and joy which children ought to have in the beautiful world which the good God has made for them.

Of this imprisonment you must let me speak very seriously, for it means something which ought to come very close to the hearts of every father and mother who reads these lines. It is not true that Nahum is any nearer to God when he takes down the bars to let the cattle into the pasture, or when he puts them up again, or when he climbs a tree to see if the wild cherries are ripe, or when he throws a stone into the chestnut tree to make the burs fall. He is no nearer to God than Hosea is, who is for ten hours of that same day wheeling cotton waste in the mill.

No! But Nahum sees God a hundred times, and hears what he has to say a hundred times,

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