

# EDUCATION OUR GREATEST NEED

## Produces Highest Order of Manhood, Says Dr. Hillis.

### AMERICANIZE FOREIGNERS

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"What is the Matter With Our Education? A Study of Intellectual Preparedness," was the subject of another of the series of sermons by the Rev. Dr. Hillis, pastor of Plymouth church, Brooklyn. His text was "Wisdom is more precious than rubies and knowledge than much fine gold."

Our fathers came to this new world because they denied the right of King James to rule any man's life save his own. Winthrop, Brewster and their associates each proposed to be his own king, and they trained their sons to rule themselves. But the men who signed the compact in the cabin of the Mayflower were under no delusion as to the difficulties involved in educating men for self government. They knew right well that Prince Charles in his palace was being educated from childhood in all matters pertaining to political truth, economic truth and financial truth, and they determined to prepare their sons for all the problems of government, relating to life, property and the welfare of their fellows. Upon landing at Plymouth, therefore, the first thing they did was to set apart a public square, around which the cabins were built. In the center of that square they erected a building, which was to be used for moral teaching on Sunday by the minister and for general education during the week days by a teacher. One of their first laws also had to do with taxation for the support of education. And since all the colonists were to be kings in their native right, each law was proposed before all the voters and by them analyzed and debated, and then a day was fixed for casting the ballot. Election day was made to be a solemn festival, and about it were to be clustered all possible associations of dignity and beauty.

**High Order of Manhood Produced.**  
On that high day work ceased and the citizens put on their best garments. At 9 o'clock they assembled in the public square, and at a given signal the procession was formed. The minister and the magistrate marched at the head of the company, then came the teacher and the physician, followed by the selectmen and all the voters. Then a sermon was preached, in which the citizens were told plainly that for a man to cast his vote for a selfish end and without considering how that vote would injure his neighbor's property, happiness and life was to be guilty of a crime. Men voted as in the sight of the all seeing God. The election procession in old New England towns was as dignified and wonderful a ceremony as the one that once took place in Athens, where each Athenian was made to cleanse his body, put on a white robe bound with a violet girdle and, having been approved by the priest and the civic official, he dropped his ballot into a marble urn. In the beginning each community was a pure democracy. Better plans for the manufacture of a high order of manhood were never developed. The quality of soul produced is the proof of the fathers' plan. Self government made men brave, prudent, wise, self reliant and farsighted; it gave men initiative and called out all their reserves. And not only were the best interests of the home and the state conserved, but crime was practically unknown and whole villages were without lock or bar on granary or house. That was not only the heroic age of our history, but the golden age of our patriotism and prosperity.

**The Raising Up of Leaders.**  
The passing of fifteen brief summers and winters witnessed the death of the heroic leaders of the colonists. Exposure to the New England winters, insufficient food, poor cabins, the tension of constant attacks by Indians united to do their deadly work. Alarmed by the passing of Winthrop, Brewster and Carver, the colonists began to talk about the raising up of leaders to take the places of the heroic band that had gone. Instead of sending to Cambridge and Oxford for their ministers they determined to rear their own wise men and produce their own Elijahs as successors to the ascended Elijahs. In 1636, therefore, the colonists united their gifts and founded Harvard college, and a little later came Yale and others. Having provided for the training for citizenship of the common people through their school on week days, they now prepared to officer the regiments of workers by training their own ministers, magistrates and physicians.

**The New Crisis.**  
During the next half century our school system did its work successfully. The growth of the population was largely by natural increase. The

schools for the common people and the colleges, working with the four professions, fulfilled the ideals of their founders. But after the civil war a crisis developed. Great railways were dug across the Rockies. An area of expansion began. Representatives of the steamships and railroads placarded central and southeastern Europe with advertisements. New settlers came in like a flood. Soon millions of new peoples were here. The school-houses and force of teachers were equal to the native stock, but no provision was made for the educational problems incident to the arrival of a million newcomers each year. Soon the system was choked with excess of material. School boards allowed matters to drift. Where there were laws making for compulsory education no attempt was made to enforce the laws, and indeed there were no buildings to which the newcomers could be sent. It was as if the lumberman had cut a third more logs than his mill could saw, so that the logs rotted; as if the raw cotton was piled up with bales exposed to the weather, because the mills could not handle it; as if the wheat in the mill grew damp and sprouted, because the wheat was beyond the capacity of the milling machinery. Including the colored race and the people who were foreign born our educational experts believe that we have about 20,000,000 of illiterates. Ten millions more there are who may be able to read and write, but so far as capacity for citizenship is concerned, must be called illiterate by reason of their incompetence to pass upon the great economic questions that are vital to the republic and subject to the ballot.

#### Impossible For Illiterates to Compete With Trained Workmen.

Let us hasten to confess that our fathers would never have enthroned free institutions and the ballot had they not believed that our school system was adequate to the task of intellectualizing all the voters. No Hamilton nor Jefferson ever had to make his mark when he signed a promissory note. It is dangerous to give the lever of a powerful locomotive pulling a passenger train into the hands of a man who never was on a locomotive before. It is more perilous for the state to place a ballot that protects life, property and the welfare of others into the hands of ignorant men. No matter how thoroughly educated a man is as a lawyer, he would not be guilty of expressing an opinion as to whether or not a surgeon should operate in the moment when the patient is writhing in agony. That is a problem for the expert. Holding a mass meeting to determine by a show of hands what the surgeon should do is a poor substitute for scientific knowledge and skill. The simple fact is that free institutions and self government are for fully educated men. A republic cannot be carried on by illiterates. Better a limited monarchy with an educated house of lords than the despotism of millions of illiterates.

#### Illiteracy In Connection With Industry.

In the second place, the republic containing 20,000,000 illiterates cannot compete in terms of industry with trained workmen in the factories of Europe, where experts make cutlery or weave wool and silk. Imagine a million illiterate colored men placed in mills and asked to weave cotton goods and then expect to sell that product in the south in competition with the output of a million expert English weavers! Can a multitude and a mob stand up against an equal number of men marching as an iron regiment? Professor Barker tells us that there is a new industrial England. The necessity involved in war has forced conservative and aged manufacturers to take out their old tools and throw them into the scrap heap. The old ideas about holding the hand and limiting the output are gone. "Speeding up" is the order of the day. For every yard of cotton or woolen goods under the old methods, Barker says, the workmen are weaving two yards, and of a better quality, through the new methods. But our foreign competitors are homogeneous peoples. The population of Germany is German, the people of France are French, and the people of Great Britain are of English descent, tradition, language and ideals, while we represent divers races and bloods, with fifty different languages and dialects. In the nature of the case, preparedness for the coming trade war is vital to the prosperity of our people.

#### Americanize All the Foreigners.

First.—Having affirmed that the present crisis is not due to any failure on the part of the public school teachers, but wholly to the people and the school boards that have not been willing to furnish the machinery and have allowed the situation to drift until we have 20,000,000 illiterates, it remains now for us to confess that our first educational problem is how to Americanize all the citizens. The last election shows that the hyphenated American represents a problem. It has been the subject of universal discussion in the home, on the street cars, in the press and on the platform. Men are casting about for a solution of the problem. Detroit has adopted a slogan, "Americans first." Pressure has been brought to bear upon the foreigners. Realizing their handicap, they have hastened to take out naturalization papers. They have ceased to leave their families in Italy and return thither with their savings. Mr. Ford at the end of the eight hour shift, at 4 in the afternoon, has his men pass from the machine straight into a large room where the teacher points, for example, to the face of Lincoln and then says, "This is Abraham Lincoln," and fifty foreigners shout after him, "This is a slave," "This is a schoolhouse," "This is a savings bank." The superintendent of each squad of men makes these young

foreigners understand that they are handicapped by ignorance and that living in the republic and being protected by its laws and enjoying its property they must devote themselves to the service of the country that has mothered them.

#### One Way to Educate the Foreign Peoples.

Several years ago, on the ground of self interest, I urged men in charge of a great newspaper to help raise money to have a large opera house on each Washington's birthday and to invite there as the guests of the city all foreigners who had been naturalized during the year, to provide two speakers of national reputation, to pin to each new citizen a little American flag, to give them an extract from Washington's address, from Lincoln's speech at Gettysburg and his second inaugural, with the Declaration of Independence, all made beautiful by the printer's art. I urged that we attempt to secure the passage of a law that would fix Washington's birthday as the day for the naturalization of all foreigners and that every association of patriotism, music, eloquence, be invoked to invest the beginning of American citizenship with dignity. There was not a man with whom I then pleaded who had vision enough to understand the scope of the enterprise. But soon or late some such plan will be brought about that will Americanize the citizens and do away with the hyphenated American problem and organize all the disputatious groups into a solid regiment of Americans.

#### We Must Intellectualize All the Workers to Meet the New Crisis.

Second.—The second educational task that confronts us is the task of intellectualizing all our workers. The time was when only the four professions needed the higher education. Now that life has become complex our tools are delicate as well as powerful. Other nations who are our competitors for the foreign trade are replacing general education with technical training. The old Hebrews compelled each parent to teach his child a trade. In Europe, even in the king's palace, young princes are taught a handicraft—now as a jeweler or a lapidary. The time has come in this country for a radical step. The average boy drops out of school at fifteen or sixteen, but the most precious years for the boy are his memory years. Before, therefore, the boy leaves the care of the state he should have one year to make him a skilled worker in iron, wood or wool or silk. Galbraith has taught us that a bricklayer's fifteen movements of the hand can be reduced to seven, thus doubling the work accomplished, while saving his strength.

#### The Training of Women.

Every girl also, lest she be thrown upon her own resources through the death of husband or father, should be trained how to make a street dress, a party gown, a suit, a work dress and the outer robes. The state should force every young woman, whether her father be rich or poor, to master every detail of cooking, giving six or eight hours a day to the problem until it could not longer be said of an occasional girl that what her husband carries into the front hall she throws out of the back door. It may be also that the whole system of education will have to be revolutionized. The American school system is built upon a general training before twenty and a special training after. The history of men of genius and of achievement shows that the special training should come before twenty and the general training afterward. No one is wise enough to state all the facts in a single discussion, but enough facts have been assembled to raise many questions concerning the necessity of revolutionizing our entire system of education.

#### We Must Socialize All the Families.

Third.—The third educational problem that confronts our country is how to socialize the new families. In the human body the new food is turned into vital cells through exosmosis and endosmosis, but there seems to be no similar method between new families and the native stock. Missions, Bible schools, social settlements do much. So far as men are concerned the saloon has helped even while it has hurt. It has been the poor man's club, where in the evenings he meets his fellows and enjoys talk, good or bad. This, however, does nothing for the women or the children, and they are the real heart of the problem. The last election shows that within two or three elections prohibition is to become national. Inevitably the saloon must go for reasons not alone of health and morals, but of industry. In our American climate, with its long winters, our cities must make ready a substitute to take the place of the saloon. The method must be along this line: A great hall in each ward, made cheery and warm, under municipal supervision, with music, pictures and statements as to the great men of the day and great national events. The time must come when each day the government experts will turn the whole hall for ten minutes into a whispering gallery, with the newest scientific counsels as to foods and weather and crops, with the conditions of the country. The winter nights are America's first great asset, and it is being thrown away, but ultimately this hall and the method thus outlined will become the university of the workers and a training college for worn women and children.

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