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## PUBLIC GRADED SCHOOLS.

**Their Purposes—Primarily for the Children—For the Greatest Number the Greatest Good—Time An Important Element.**

1—The Purpose of Public Schools is Character and Citizenship.

Character is what individuals are in themselves. Citizenship relates to their duties to the State and to the community in which they live. Good citizenship is included in character. It is a law of nature that the best things are brought about by care and culture.

The purpose of the school is culture in the broadest sense of the word. It designs to make of our boys and girls worthy citizens and noble characters.

Teaching school means more than hearing a given number of recitations.

2—The Public Schools are Primarily for the Children.

It is when it is thought that the public schools are for the teachers, for boards of education, for some political party, for some church, or for some faction of society, that trouble begins.

The good teacher looks well to the future. He sees the possibilities of the youth and he keeps in mind many of the duties that will come to them when they become men and women.

In all his school work he does not consult his own convenience, his own likes and dislikes, nor the whims and caprices of society, but he asks first and all the time, "How can I do the most for the children?"

3—The Greatest Good for the Greatest Number.

Classes and recitations should not be conducted so as to benefit the few bright pupils of the school, nor, on the other hand, for the slow and lazy ones alone.

Public schools are not designed for the special benefit of a few influential families of a city or community, not even if they pay the most of the taxes.

It is difficult to live in a country governed by majorities and not at the same time consider "the greatest good of the greatest number."

4—Time is an Important Element in Education.

The best things are of slow growth. Thoroughness is an education of itself. It is great injustice to the child to take him over studies more rapidly than he can or will comprehend them.

Children who are sent but six months out of the nine can not be expected to keep up with those who come all the year.

It is a part of the parents' duty to see that children have regular hours of study outside of school, and that they have access to good literature and read good books. Companionship is of greatest importance also.

Some there are who let their children run the streets, learn to smoke, and swear, and lie, and steal, and do all sorts of meanness, and then when the first of September comes they think to drop a nickel in the slot of the public school machine and have the child made over in a few days and returned to them with bright intellect and sprouting wings.

While in school, too, children should be taught to value time and to turn out a reasonable amount of work in an assigned period.

It is no credit to do a thing if it takes forever to do it.

5—The Formation of Good Hab-

its is the Best Part of an Education.

First among these habits is that of work.

That is not the best teacher who simply "explains everything," but rather that one is best who, by using the best incentives, can get the most work out of children.

As a rule both parents and teachers do too much for children, and thus destroy the habits of work and of self-reliance.

Habits of carefulness and of neatness are of prime importance also. It is not the number of pages, nor the amount of work gone over that educates and builds up character.

Many clerks, book-keepers and servants fail and lose their positions, not from lack of work, but from lack of care and of neatness.

Habits of truthfulness are essential also. What we have in our schools will soon show itself in society and in the business of the community.

6—Co-operation is Necessary in All Public School Work.

If you have children in school and think that when you board them, clothe them, and furnish them books, that you have done all your duty, you are mistaken.

It is your duty to support teachers in cases of discipline and to speak favorably of the school. It is your duty to appreciate the efforts and good work of teachers and to let them know that you appreciate it.

It is your duty to visit the school and see the work on ordinary days and not wait for a pyrotechnic display and thus encourage the bandwagon style of public school work.

7—Teachers Have Rights as Well as other People.

They have a right to be treated with respect and consideration.

They have a right to expect parents to send children to school regularly and promptly, to keep clean, and to teach them many of the courtesies and manners of civilized life. This and much more is the work of the home.

The church and the Sunday school have their work to do also.

The public school is not an institution for the remedy of all the evils under the sun.

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### We Are Third.

Tax returns are now coming into the auditor's office. They contain some interesting statistics in regard to bicycles. Of the counties so far heard from Mecklenburg leads, with 606; Wayne comes second, with 324; Cabarrus third, with 203; Rowan has 143; Cumberland, 119; Randolph, 82; Duplin, 78; Caldwell, 59; Burke, 44; Davie, 33; Carteret, 29; Yadkin, 10; Cherokee, 2.—Raleigh News.

### A Change at the Cannon Mills.

Mr. M E Garrison, who has been night overseer in the carding and spinning rooms of mill No. 2 at Cannonville, has returned to his home at Belmont on account of being in bad health. Mr. Lee Saunders, who has been employed at the Patterson mills near here, has taken his place.

### Has Gone to Chicago.

A letter comes to us from Philadelphia stating that Mr. Jones Yorke, who recently connected himself with a large firm in Chicago, has gone to that place on a visit to be gone some days.

## PERSONAL POINTERS.

—Squire C A Pitts went to Albemarle today on legal business.

—Miss Barbara Coughenour returned home this morning.

—Mr. Lester Coltrane returned home this morning from Gastonia and Bessemer.

—Miss Mary Watson and brother, Mr. Jas. Watson, came down from Salisbury this morning to visit their sister, Mrs. Dr. Smoot.

—Superintendent James, of the Kindly mill at Mt. Pleasant, passed through on his way to Charlotte this morning.

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The demand these days for large engines with which to pull such heavy trains seems to be getting much greater, and the Southern is meeting the demand each time.

Some time ago three large "hog" engines for pulling freight trains were put on the road, and beforehand some large passenger engines, and we see from the Greensboro Record that three more still larger are to be put on the road. We take the following from the above paper:

"Not long since three or four large new freight engines were added, the largest ever used on a road down South. Now they will soon have three new passenger engines of the same kind. The engine itself weighs 150,000 pounds without the tender, the latter tipping the beam at 88,400. The drivers are six feet and the steaming capacity is 200 pounds. They will draw thirty-two Pullman cars, which is almost equal to double the number of ordinary coaches. They have a draw bar pull of 4,450 tons, whatever that is, and two of them were made by the Baldwin Locomotive Works and one by the Richmond works.

"They are expected down next week and will be put to work at once."

### At Home On Furlough.

Messrs. David Parish, Tom Alsbrooks, John Crowell, Will White and John Alexander have returned home from Jacksonville, all being members of Company L. All except John Alexander are home on seven days furloughs, he having been discharged on account of physical disability. Mr. H P Deaton, whose application has been sent to Washington, will be home as soon as he receives his discharge.



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