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MUCH ADVANCEMENT

of the Pupil in His Books Often-times Pleases the Parents But Proves Detrimental to the Scholar.

The experienced teacher has learned that it is not well to advance pupils before they are prepared to go forward. The inexperienced teacher will not be long in finding out the same thing. The principles by which we are to be governed is the same as that by which we are ruled when we attempt in an intelligent way to teach children anything. The concepts or ideas the children have when they enter school are the tools they have to work with in their passage from the known to the unknown. The same is true when advancing from one book or study to another. The children must have a sufficient number of concepts to enable them to make progress in getting the new ideas which the new book or new study is designed to give them. The same principle applies equally well to different parts of the same book. To attempt to go on in the book, turning leaf after leaf, without being familiar with what has gone before would result in failure. All this should be plain to every teacher. The usual way of saying it "is not to advance the pupil more rapidly than the material justifications admit." A child can not learn what it can not be taught. It can not be taught unless it has a sufficient number of the proper ideas leading to the subject to be studied. The teacher must not speak a language unknown to the child, if he wishes his pupil to learn. Turning leaves and going through books is not progress unless the pupil has "mastered the book" as it is usually stated.

Following this principle of not advancing the pupils faster than they can learn, is one of the secrets of successful teaching. It is also one of the secrets of keeping up an interest in the school by having the pupils understand what they are learning, that is by having them constantly getting new ideas, thereby stimulating their curiosity and consequently their desire to go forward.

It is not an uncommon thing to see pupils seem to learn rapidly in one book and fail in the next following book. In many cases the cause is not far to limit. They were taken from the first book too soon. They seemed to make rapid progress, but it was the progress of memory rather than of understanding and assimilation. The ideas contained in the old book were not clearly seen. There was a confused or dim notion on the part of the pupil, which failed to serve him when he took up the new book. Having been advanced faster than he could learn, difficulties accumulated around him, his dim and confused ideas became firmer and more confused. He lost interest in his book, and having been compelled to attend the

school he devoted his time and attention to that which gave him most pleasure. He played and otherwise disturbed the school. Every experienced teacher knows that what has been said above is only too true.

Parents sometimes are the cause of the pupil's being advanced too rapidly. They ascertain from the children how many leaves of the book have been turned, and decide as to the child's progress by the number turned. If the progress as determined in this way is not rapid enough they complain and begin to find fault with the teacher. The teacher being somewhat timid and being desirous of pleasing all, yields to the pressure and advances the pupil. The parents become satisfied and the teacher goes on. It is needless to add that in every such case both the parents and the teacher are wrong, and what is worse still the child is the real sufferer.

It is of the greatest importance to the children for whose benefit the public schools are taught that the parents co-operate with the teacher in every particular relating to the school. Parents should take an interest in the studies of the children. Some may say that they have forgotten what the books say. Very well, suppose you have. There are many ways to be interested besides hunting map questions, working sums and parsing words and analyzing sentences. There are many subjects to talk on when the children are not learning their lessons. The birds, the animals, the fruits, the flowers, the snows, the hails, the rains, the storms, the lives of great and good men and women, etc., afford hundreds of subjects for home talks to the children. Such talks will have a tendency to quicken the perceptive powers of the children's minds, and to enable them to learn and take a greater interest in the lessons contained in the school books. The interest manifested by the parents will react on the school and instead of having what might have been a poor school, the children will be found to make progress.

The county has many excellent teachers, in fact, the State has no superiors to many of the teachers of the county, but if it is desired to get the benefit of their skill as teachers they must have the sympathy and support of every person interested in having the children properly educated.

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PERSONAL POINTERS.

—Miss Lizzie Gray went over to Charlotte this morning.

—Mr. Pink Misenheimer and wife are spending several days at the home of Mr. Titus Moser near Mt. Pleasant.

—Mr. G W Brown went up to Salisbury this morning to hear the reading of the will of the late Mr. Jno. Verble.

—Superintendent Hislop is in Charlotte this afternoon on account of a break down at the Buffalo Mills yesterday, while making their coupling to the new mill.

—Mrs. Misenheimer returned home this morning from Charlotte, after spending several days with relatives.

—Miss Margaret Cannon returned home last night from Charlotte, accompanied by Mr. Geo. Wadsworth, who returned home this morning.

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Second week—Geo. Plott, Jno. D Kluttz, O O Overcash, Fred. Cline, Jno. Freeze, N D Fetzer, Jas. W Bost, J Wesley Cook, C M B Goodnight, Absalom Goodman, Jno. C Garmon, A A Cruse, S B Wagoner, Jno. H Welsh, B M Bostian, D A Troutman, Jno. Biggers, Sam W Houston.

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