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MORE IS NECESSARY.

A Pupil Before Being Advanced in His Studies Must Have All Obscure Concepts Removed—Pronunciation and Punctuation Not the Only Requisites of Reading.

Written for the Standard.

To begin where the stop was made in the last communication, the teacher's chief endeavor to advance his classes should be made with the view to enlarge the circle of thought of the pupils, by removing obscurity from the useful but not clearly known concepts they already have. We say chief endeavor, because a part of the attention of the teacher should be used to give new concepts when the progress of the children demands it.

That there may arise such a demand ought to be evident to every teacher. The removal of obscurity from the ideas the children have already being followed by other concepts, some clearly, others obscurely known, it may happen that, the minds of the children having wandered from the subject or lesson, the new ideas are not such as the teacher desires the pupils to have. In such cases it should be the object of the teacher to bring the attention of the class back to the subject to be taught. This may render it necessary to introduce some new idea.

The human mind is so constituted that it can give close attention to but one thing at a time. The teacher should see that it is given to the subject or lesson he is teaching. In order that the obscurely known concepts may become clearly known, the efforts of the teacher must be adequate. There must be sufficient repetition by means of reviews and oral questioning to remove the obscurity, thus rendering the newly acquired concepts fit to become useful in removing the obscurity from others and new concepts that may present themselves for attention. Without the proper effort, intelligently directed on the part of the teacher, no progress, or, if any, very slow progress will be made by the pupils.

Suppose, for example, the teacher has a primary class in reading, and wishes to advance the pupils to the second reader, but wants them to be properly prepared for advancement. The children seem to read well. They pronounce the words as a general thing correctly, and observe the punctuation points. The class seems well prepared to advance to the second reader. The teacher probably has been thinking of telling the children to get second readers. But are pronouncing words correctly, and observing punctuation points, all the preparation qualifying a child to advance from the first to the second reader? Pronouncing words well, and observing the punctuation marks, are no doubt very good evidence that the children are making progress, but are they all that are needed? The teacher

who thinks they are all that are needed and advances the class may find before he has gone far that the class was taken from the first reader too soon, and consequently he has made a mistake.

It is not any more the pronunciation of words than it is the proper understanding of the words pronounced that qualifies the child for advancement. To make the pronunciation of words the sole test might result in nothing more than advancing the child from one book that contains a great number of obscure concepts to another which contains an equal or even greater number of obscurely known concepts. It might be progress in pronouncing words and not progress in gaining clearly known facts.

Reading is somewhat like arithmetic. The pupil writes the solution of an example on the blackboard. That operation is usually called working the sum. That, however, is an error. Writing the solution on the blackboard is not working the sum. It is only the evidence that the sum is getting worked. The mind of the pupil does the work. The sum is worked in his head. So with reading, pronouncing words is the evidence that the reading is taking place in the mind of the pupil. The teacher should endeavor to see that the mind apprehends the signification of the words pronounced, that the pupil gets ideas, from the combination of words he pronounces, that he knows what he is reading about, and comprehends what he is reading.

If the pupil has been well taught in the first reader, progress in the second will be easy. A little patience and careful work accompanied by several times going over the first reader, will hardly fail to prepare the pupil for advancement to the second reader. Similar observations apply to other studies. The teacher should never lose sight of the fact that it is the mind he is developing and training.

H. F. J. LUDWIG.

To Attend the Marriage Tonight.

Mr. and Mrs. R S Gray, Misses Minnie, Julia and Lottie Gray, and R S Gray, Jr., from Charlotte, and Mr. Marion Duval from China Grove arrived this morning to attend the Duval-Gray marriage which takes place tonight at 7:30 o'clock at the residence of Mr. W G Boshamer. Mr. R W Gray arrives tonight from Charlotte. Mr. W H Fleming, who is a Congressman from the famous Watson and Black district, of Georgia, also arrived this morning from Washington, D. C.

The marriage, on account of the recent death of Mr. J M Ramseur, will be a very quiet affair, only near relatives and very intimate friends being present.

A Terrible Tragedy.

At Fauke, Ark., a few days ago two men got into a quarrel and went to using their pistols. The two daughters of the one, McNight, ran out of the house to see what was the matter when stray bullets killed the one and mortally wounded the other. The father then killed his assailant.

PERSONAL POINTERS.

—Mr. J Frank McCubbins, of Salisbury, is here this afternoon.

—Miss Jennie Gibson left this morning for Winston.

—Mrs. G T Crowell returned home this morning from a visit to Charlotte.

—Miss Ethel Hamilton, of Newells, is visiting her cousin, Miss Ola Hamilton.

—Mr. Neal Henderson, of Mooresville, is here today with his sisters, Mesdames Neely and Morris.

—Miss Hattie Weddington returned home this morning. She went to Davidson Sunday afternoon.

—Mr. Chas. Leomis, who has been spending several days here at the home of Mr. M J Freeman, returned to Augusta, Ga., this morning.

—Misses Bessie and Laura Ballard and Jane Eckles returned to Greensboro this morning, after being the guests of Mr. B T Ballard at the St. Cloud yesterday. They attended the German last night.

—Miss Bonnie Oates, of Charlotte, whose qualities as a singer are unparalleled by but few if any in the South, will arrive tomorrow morning to visit Miss Nannie Cannon.

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The Number of Deaths for Them.

Messrs. Bell, Harris & Co., one of our undertaking firms, have made up their report of the number of orders they have filled for coffins this year. The number has reached already 164 for our county by this firm. This will come very near being an order every other day for the interment of the dead.

An optimist will bore one to death talking of his successes and a pessimist will give one the blues talking of his failures, so it is best to avoid both and seek the companionship of some agreeable fellow who will listen while you talk of yourself.—Ex.

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