

**DR. STEWART CONTINUES EDUCATIONAL CONDITION**

**MUSIC, HE SAYS, SHOULD BE TAUGHT IN ALL SCHOOLS**

There are a Number of Other Important Subjects Upon Which He Lays Special Stress.

(5) In addition to English and Latin in the foundation of a literary education and Mathematics and Chemistry, the foundation of a business education, certain other things should be taught in every school.

In the earlier grades, covering the ages from six to twelve years, it is very necessary and desirable to teach character-building. This is the real formation period of life—the time when the child is docile, impressionable, easily moulded into various shapes.

The Catholics have said they can shape the character and control the destiny of the child according as they teach him till he is twelve years of age. His first impressions are indelible.

In these critical times when a merchant will steal; will tell a lie for a dollar; when a fellow will cheat or defraud his neighbor out of his home or his farm or his money for the sole purpose of piling up ill-gotten gains, it is becoming necessary to build a defense for the character and the life of the future generation. Now when man has become so commercial and so sordid that he will steal in the open market; when dishonesty

and commercialism threaten our very existence as citizens, peoples and nations, something must be done to fortify us against the disasters that are bound to follow.

But for the hangman's noose and the warden's electric straps, men would be killing each other daily in the open, merely to get possession of property, money or wealth.

When any man becomes too commercial he will steal. There is a money insanity which can so possess a man that he will lie for money; steal money; cheat; defraud or do anything else to get money. The consequences are well-known.

The fellow who is constantly laying plans to cheat or defraud his neighbor is a criminal. He is a bad citizen. All school children should be taught from six to twelve that it is wrong to lie and steal, cheat or defraud.

Every child should be taught to respect womanhood; to respect age; to have due respect for his superior. All children should be taught how to behave at the table; at church; in any public place. They should be courteous and kind to all; raise their hats to teachers; respect the teacher in and out of the school room. Children should be taught by precept, example and illustration against the evils of alcoholism, tobacco, and venereal diseases.

They should be taught more about the mysteries of the human body; about disease and its causes.

There are many things of vital concern to the human character and life that should be taught in the

school as well as in the home.

The golden rule and the ten commandments should be posted in every school room.

The four leading causes of insanity and of mental defect; the ten laws of heredity—all these things should be taught by verse, couplet, stanza, phrase, paragraph and illustrations posted on the walls.

It is necessary to teach each child to keep his promise and his obligations; to pay his honest debts and to be careful how he makes debts; to render honest faithful service to his employer; to take care of the business and of the property of his employer; to guard against wastefulness and against selfishness and greed.

It is just as bad to waste the time or steal the time of your employer as it is to steal his money; for time is more valuable than money.

(6) Music should be taught in the earlier grades of every school.

Music is refreshing. It lightens the burdens of life. It increases efficiency and earning capacity. It is good for the health. It is quite an accomplishment to be able to read music well at sight and to sing well.

Music is taught in all the schools of several nations. It is a national art in Italy, Germany and some other countries. It is being taught now as a routine in the schools of some northern and western states.

(7) Physical culture and public health.

It is impossible to secure the best moral and intellectual development without a good physical basis. A mind enthroned in an unstable, unsound

temple cannot hope to attain the greatest accomplishments in any line. Bull strength is a great asset an often comes in handy for aggression as well as defense. A strong robust enduring body is not only capable of the most admirable knightly and chivalry, but the possessor of this body oftentimes can render the most useful service to society or to individuals at times and under circumstances when weaklings could not stand.

Every little girl is a prospective future mother. There are many neglected things that should be taught to make girls fit for marriage and for motherhood. Physical culture and public health are some of these. A good strong course in physical culture, health, diet and hygiene would add many things to make the future life fuller and happier.

The boy or girl, man or woman, who is strong and active has a great advantage when he comes to rub up against the world and everything depends on his own individuality and personal effort. So physical culture should be taught and athletics encouraged in every school. Many a sickly, dyspeptic, undernourished student has developed his brain at the expense of his body; carried off the highest honors at college and then died prematurely of tuberculosis, typhoid fever or some other wasting disease.

(8) Bookkeeping.

Good bookkeeping is the backbone of any business. It is absolutely necessary to keep an accurate set of books to know what any business is

doing.

Responsibility, accountability, credit, debit, expense, profit, loss, disbursements, receipts, etc., must all be kept accurately and dependably to insure the success of the business. This is just as true in the home, on the farm, in the shop, in the factory, as it is in the mercantile business.

Most misunderstandings between merchants and their customers arise from inaccurate bookkeeping; from buying part for cash and part on credit; from buying on approval; from failure of a salesman to make a prompt accurate record; from a desire on the part of the customer to beat the merchant out of something; from making a price on an article and charging it at a greater price; from making unwarranted and misunderstood variations in prices on the same articles.

It often confuses matters to trade in part for cash and in part on credit. The salesman begins at the end of the day to recall or recollect and he charges a cash sale "lest he forget."

No farmer's business is on a sound basis, unless he has an accurate system of bookkeeping. No housewife knows what she is doing in home economics unless she keeps a system of accurate records of purchases, expenses, wastefulness, loss by theft, etc.

To the end that each youth, when he faces the world for himself, may be the more able to conduct the business of making a living in a more orderly, systematic way, it is absolutely necessary that bookkeeping be taught in our schools.

(9) Government and politics.

Children should be taught about the legislative, judicial and executive departments of the city, the county, the state and the nation. The different departments of city government, county, state and national, should be taught and explained to all school children to the end that they be made more efficient, competent citizens.

Each child should be acquainted with the ways of politics. Practical politics, crooked politics, democratic politics, republican politics, the different forms and types of government should be exposed so that even he who runs may read.

Commerce, business, church, home, schools and everything depend upon how well and how intelligently the people conduct their governments. When they leave the whole thing in the hands of crooked politicians and pay no attention to it, the politicians will divide up the spoils, steal all they want and then the rogues and rascals in one party will call on the people to help them keep the other set of rascals away from the treasury. The only time they ever call on the people or care a cuss about them is when the other set of rascals are about to put them out and get control of the funds, the offices, the pie and the patronage. This is latter day politics. They always speak of serving the party and of saving the party. They never speak of the people except to catch votes.—H. D. Stewart.

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