

SUPERINTENDENT'S NOTES.

THE TEACHER.

The history of education shows that there have been three progressive stages of opinion with respect to fitness for teaching. In a past age learning was monopolized by the few; all scholars were necessarily teachers; therefore it was supposed that all who were learned could teach.

At a later period it was observed that some scholars had high teaching power while other scholars had not this power. As the difference in teaching power could not be attributed wholly to scholarship it was ascribed to degrees of skill, and so the question of method came into prominence. This step led to comparison of methods, and hence to the science of teaching.

As accepted at present fitness for teaching requires good scholarship in the various branches of study and correct methods of teaching and governing. Furthermore, since the teacher is a character builder no sensible parents are willing to trust the training of their children to teachers of immoral characters. Yet with these prerequisites many teachers fall far short of success and wonder why.

THE SPIRIT OF THE TEACHER.

Preparation for teaching being equal perhaps teachers fail or succeed according to the spirit that is in them. Teaching has been called a noble profession, but a very poor trade. To elevate and enlighten human souls and to increase the possibilities for success in human lives is indeed a high calling. Notwithstanding the importance of this work teachers are paid such low salaries that the work is called a poor trade. It is to be regretted that terms are so short and salaries so low. Our teachers earn more than they get, but success of failure in the work is the point at issue. Teachers must have pay, of course, but the true teacher desires also to be in the highest degree helpful to his pupils and to the community in which he teaches.

A TRUE TEACHER.

As illustration of the true spirit of a teacher of my boyhood I cite a few facts concerning him. He was a young man but not boyish; dressed neatly, but not extravagantly; handsome, but not vain; an excellent scholar, but not bigoted. As teacher he was helpful to pupils, but taught self reliance; commanding, but gentle; governed firmly, but kindly. He was especially polite to all the girls, but showed no preference to any. If necessary, he could be stern enough for the most violent, but very tender with the little and timid pupils. He worked by schedule, and was punctual to the minute. Out of school he delighted in the games of the boys and taught them new games. He shared with the boys in wood cutting—had regular rules for this work and for sweeping. He visited the boys and talked with them and attended their debating society. He would suggest queries and rules, advise and encourage the boys between times, but would never speak nor serve as judge—for fear of giving offense as he thought. He would not commit himself as to who won in debate but spoke in private some encouraging word to the side that lost. He was very reverent, and was punctual to attend religious services although no church of his denomination was in reach. He was very fond of music and aided in the moral and social functions of the community. He soon became leader of the young people without trying to lead. He was well informed on agricultural subjects and became popular with the old men. He liked flowers and children. Thus he fell in love with the community and the community fell in love with him.

I have given in detail the above sketch as truthfully as I can. The teacher had the true spirit. His school was taught thirty years ago, and several school generations have passed, but his work remains and the people will ever cherish his memory. Many boys of that school by him first heard that this world is a world of great possibilities, even to poor country boys who will try; that most of the great and good in all professions come from that class. It was from this teacher that the writer received his first inspiration. I withhold his name, because we had some other good teachers there before and after, but mention him as preeminent in true spirit.

Supt.

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Drinking Men Not Wanted.

Notice has been served on all employes of the Lehigh Valley Railroad that they must abstain from alcoholic drinks or leave the service of the company. Heretofore other corporations have issued orders of a similar nature and not a few of those on the working force have been relieved from duty because they failed to obey. Men holding positions of responsibility cannot be depended upon if they drink. They are apt to fall at the critical moment. Disaster often follows the debauch.

"It is the greatest of evils, this dram habit," says the Washington Post. "It curbs the will, it stains the character, it is the advance agent of poverty, it impairs the intellect, it alienates friends, it humiliates kindred, it eradicates pride. First it exhilarates, then banishes responsibility; but the pendulum swings just as far the other way. The debauch is a remorseless creditor and exacts with pitiless extortion the utmost farthing. There is no escape from the debt, and it can only be discharged in cash and by prompt payment, the only legal tender—regret, remorse, and shame."

Public opinion, the Post believes, will settle the liquor question if left to deal with it in a practical way. That is common sense.

The man who cannot give up the bottle has no right to work where he may endanger life. In the railroad service this is particularly true. It requires a clear brain to protect life and property and no brain is clear when it is fired by strong drink. What the Lehigh Valley Railroad has done ought to be the policy of every railroad in the country.—Raleigh Times.

The Cheerful Man.

What a boon he is in everybody's life! Like a bright sunrise and a gentle south wind, coming together on a winter morning, he is to all who cross his path. He brushes cheerily along, knocking grief and disappointment out of his path, and leaving it fringed with wild flowers. Such a man is worth a great deal to the world: more than all his money, his wisdom, or his ambitious schemes. People feel a sort of pleasure just seeing him coming down the street, and when they meet him there is not a cloud in sight. Such men are a blessing to a town. They make one feel that the town is growing, is getting more beautiful, more than a place just to eat and sleep and make a living in. Sometimes one doesn't meet with such men, and then he feels that the town is degenerating, that things are going wrong, and he goes home and meets his wife's smile with a feeling of suspicion. A cheerful man doesn't realize the amount of good he is doing in the world. But it is his nature, and he can not help it. Heaven has picked him out as one of its angels, and he is faithful to his mission. Every day some fellow has been made happy by his pleasant smile and his genial "Good morning," and if one has a bit of business with him it passes by very much like an exchange of compliments.—Ohio State Journal.

Dates in the World's Progress.

- First jury 907
- Pins made 1450.
- Needles used 1545.
- Matches made 1829.
- First cast-iron 1544.
- First newspaper 1494.
- Coal used as fuel 1834.
- Surnames used in 1162.
- First gold coin B. C. 206.
- Tobacco introduced 1583.
- First steam railroad 1830.
- Kerosene introduced 1826.
- Lead pencils used in 1594.
- Window glass used in 604.
- Electric light invented 1874.
- Iron found in America 1815.
- First insurance, marine, 533.
- First wheeled carriages 1859.
- First illuminating gas in 1792.
- Latin ceased to be spoken 580.
- Musical notes introduced 1339.
- Bible translated into Saxon 637.
- Gunpower used by Chinese 80.
- Bible translated into Gothic 182.
- Photographs first produced 1802.
- Emancipation proclamation 1863.
- Paper made by Chinese B. C. 220.
- Bible translated in English 1534.

—Exchange.

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Our Boys.

The hope of the nation for the future must rest upon the character of the boys of to-day, the men of tomorrow. In them must and will be found the merchants, lawyers, physicians, statesmen, etc. If my boy and your boy are not fitted to hold high positions, rest assured they will be pushed to the rear by those who are.

Too many parents do not seem to realize that a lack of education of their sons will sadly handicap them in the struggle of life, and that their chances of rising to positions of responsibility and emolument are very slight. True, our history shows us many sea-made men; many, who, with meager educational advantages, made for themselves name and fame, but these great men did not wilfully neglect opportunities for improvement and culture, but, on the contrary, seized every opportunity offered, and made the most of it.

Comparatively few parents are so poor that they cannot afford to give their sons a good practical education—an education that has a market value, and that, when occasion offers, can be put to a practical use. Such an education, coupled with right character-training, will insure the success of any boy.

The best thing a father can do for his son is to help him to be a man. Character is the one thing that survives amid the wreck of worlds. The world needs strong men; men who never betray a trust. Are your boy and mine being so educated and trained as to meet the world's demand?—Carolina Pythian.

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