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SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT

PAPER BEFORE BETHEL ASSOCIATION

Interesting and Instructive Paper on How to Keep the School Room Up to the Highest Standard of Healthfulness—Read Before Bethel Improvement Association by Dr. T. N. Dulin.

The Clover correspondence of The Yorkville Enquirer of last Friday gives the following account of a meeting of the Bethel Improvement Association, of which Dr. T. N. Dulin is president:

Fully one hundred of the one hundred and twenty-eight members now constituting the total enrollment of the Bethel Improvement Association were present at the meeting held at Bethel Chapel last Saturday night, and as usual the proceedings were not only interesting, but pleasant and profitable.

Dr. T. N. Dulin, the president, was in the chair, and the leading feature of the program was the reading by him of a highly instructive paper on the subject of preserving the health of the children in the school room. He emphasized the importance of a judicious regard for proper cleanliness, proper lighting, proper heating, proper ventilation, and gave full instructions as to the best disinfectants and how to use them.

The paper was discussed in a very practical and comprehensive manner by several of the members, including Miss Lottie Belle Smirli, G. L. Sugas, W. P. Boyd and A. C. Harper, the two first named speaking at some length and the two last named more briefly.

Before adjournment, Free Silver school house was selected as the place of the next meeting, and the last Saturday in October at 4 o'clock p. m., as the time.

Following is the full text of Dr. Dulin's paper:

"As some of our schools are already open and others will be open in the near future, it occurs to me as especially fitting that our attention be directed to some of the things in connection with them that suggest room for improvement, and I am sure that we cannot fail to profit by due consideration of the subject.

Cleanliness.

"It is needless for me to say that our school rooms should be kept clean; but when I say kept clean, I do not mean simply sweeping and dusting, although this is about all that is done in the majority of cases.

"When we sweep our floors we usually raise a cloud of dust and this dust is usually laden with disease producing germs. One of the ways to keep down the dust is to sprinkle before sweeping, but this causes the dirt to stick to the floor and to that extent operates against the object sought. Nevertheless, however, it is better to sprinkle before sweeping than to sweep without sprinkling.

"The floors of all school rooms should be mopped at least once a week with some antiseptic solution such as say Kresol, of from one to fifty to one to one hundred. I mean by this one pint of Kresol to fifty to one hundred pints of water. There are other antiseptics just as good if not better than Kresol, and I only mention Kresol because it is cheap, and can be purchased at almost any drug store. Tarco and many other coal tar products are as cheap and just as good as Kresol as a disinfectant.

"Further our school rooms should be disinfected once a month with a solution of formaldehyde. One pint of a forty per cent solution is sufficient for a room 12 feet wide by 15 feet long and from 9 to 12 feet high. The way to use this disinfectant is to close all the doors and windows and sprinkle or throw the desired amount of formaldehyde over the room. Keep the room closed for 24 hours and then open it in order to admit fresh air. The formaldehyde may be introduced on Friday afternoon after the dismissal of the school. Then let the doors, windows and other openings be closed until Saturday afternoon. Open the room up on Saturday and let it remain open until Monday morning when it will be ready for use again without danger or discomfort to the occupants. Formaldehyde will not injure anything or stain the most delicate fabric. If it is properly used by the method described our children will not be liable to contract diseases from that class of germs which remain in houses from year to year, and we will save doctor's bills, as well as a great deal of anxiety.

Ventilation.

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majority of our buildings are constructed we cannot get sufficient ventilation. We frequently have 20 to 30 pupils in a room not over 16 feet wide by 24 feet long by nine high, but I am glad to say that this overcrowding is not as common as it was a few years ago.

Instead of our school houses being constructed after any old plan, without regard to ventilation, light and heating, they should be planned by our best architects. But as the houses in which our schools are to be taught at least for this year are already constructed, we need give this subject very little consideration at this time. We must do the best we can with what we have. We should at all times have a current of fresh air circulating through every school room. Windows may be raised three to four inches at the bottom and lowered six to eight inches at the top. Of course no one should sit directly in this current of air especially if it is very cold or warm. All sashes should be up at night in order that the air may circulate freely. You need not be afraid of the so-called "deadly night air," for more people are in their graves for lack of night air than have ever been injured by it. We must have fresh air to brighten our minds, renew our strength and make us more fit for all the duties of life.

"Almost every one has experienced a feeling of somewhat like this: After sleeping all night in a close room they find when they wake in the morning that they have a dull heavy feeling about the head, breathing slightly oppressed and in every way feeling badly. This is caused from lack of oxygen or sleeping in a room without the proper ventilation. This same person finds that this feeling is relieved in a very few minutes after getting out into the air.

Light.

"It is of very great importance that our school houses be so arranged that the pupils get the best light obtainable. But as our houses are already constructed we will have to make the best use of the light we have. Pupils should not sit up facing the light but should either be to the side or back and preferably from the back, and there ought to be sufficient light to enable one to see in any part of the room without straining the eyes. This is important, as many children have defective vision any way, and deficient light will intensify this defect. All children should have their eyes examined by a competent eye specialist.

Heating.

"All school rooms should be properly heated as no one can study when shivering from cold or sweltering from heat. The temperature of the school room should be kept at about 70 degrees Fahrenheit and of course we must have a reliable thermometer in order to regulate the temperature. Fires must be started and kept up one or two hours before school time in extremely cold weather if we expect to raise the temperature to 70 degrees Fahrenheit by the time school opens in the morning. There must be an open vessel on the stove filled with water so that the air may be moist.

Individual Desks.

"Our school houses should have individual desks. First because there is less danger of contracting disease when each pupil has his or her own desk and is allowed to use no other. Second, because each child ought to keep a neat desk and be held accountable for any damage to same, and third, it is very much easier for teachers to control pupils when the individual desk is used.

Water Supply and the Common Drinking Cup.

"Every one will admit that we do not look carefully enough after the water supply for our schools. We should have tubular wells; but if we do not we must get water from a well or spring that is in good condition, and not from just any spring or well. Of course, if the water is full of germs when taken from well or spring, it is bad enough, but it can be made a great deal worse by an open vessel and the common drinking cup. Suppose one of the pupils of a school is suffering from diphtheria, tonsillitis, mumps, measles, influenza or any of the contagious diseases and uses the common drinking cup. In such a case it is easy to see that all are liable to have the disease and it is not only the diseases above mentioned but also tuberculosis, syphilis and other more serious diseases that are contracted in this way. It will cost you a great deal more for medical attention besides the loss of time, care and anxiety than it will to provide covered vessels with stopcocks and see to it that each pupil has his or her own drinking cup and teach them how important it is to use it. I believe a great majority of the contagious diseases are spread oftentimes in this way. I mean contracted from drinking after some one who has a contagious disease. I do not mean to say that we will eliminate disease entirely in this way, but we will greatly curtail the spread.

"Friends, let us try to carry out these suggestions, for we all need to improve along these lines in our homes as well as in our public places."

A bitter fight is being waged over the Monroe postoffice. Though the term of Postmaster Walter Love does not expire until December, there are already three candidates in the field to succeed him and a merry campaign is being waged. Congressman Page has a delicate situation to handle at Monroe.

According to the report of four alienists appointed to investigate the sanity of Hans Schmidt, the Catholic priest charged with the murder of Anna Amuller, submitted Tuesday, the accused is a sane man. As a result of this finding of the alienists Schmidt will be brought to trial for murder.

A Marvelous Escape.

"My little boy had a marvelous escape," writes P. F. Bastians, of Prince Albert, Cape of Good Hope. It occurred in the middle of the night. He got a severe attack of croup. As luck would have it, I had a large bottle of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy in the house. After following the directions for an hour and twenty minutes he was through all danger." Sold by all dealers.—Adv.

CONSUMPTION OF COTTON SEED.

Bureau of Census Will Probably Issue More Frequent Reports in Response to Public Demand.

Director Harris, of the Bureau of the Census, finds that there is great demand for the publication at more frequent intervals of statistics concerning the consumption of cotton seed. It has been the practice of the Bureau of the Census to compile statistics for this important part of the cotton crop only twice during the ginning season. The first report for the crop of 1912 related to the quantity of cotton seed crushed prior to January 1, 1913. The second report showed the quantity crushed prior to March 1, 1913, with an estimate of the quantity remaining to be crushed from the crop.

The statistics of cotton seed are collected in connection with those for the production of cotton as reported by the ginners. This is necessary because the quantity of linters is constantly increasing and forms a much larger percentage of the total crop than heretofore.

Mr. Harris believes that an additional report showing the quantity of seed crushed and of linters obtained should relate to some date between October 31 and January 1. He is not certain as to the most desirable date, and is accordingly corresponding with the farmers and cottonseed-oil mills in order to establish it. It is hoped that all will agree upon a fixed date, so that the work can be inaugurated during the present season.

This additional report will be of great value to the farmers, as well as to the oil mills and public generally.

Col. LeRoy Springs to Wed.

Charlotte Observer. Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Mertweher Jones, of Pulaski, Tenn., announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter Lena Jones Wade to Colonel LeRoy Springs of Lancaster, S. C. The wedding will be solemnized Saturday, November 29, at high noon at the home of the bride's parents.

Mrs. Wade is well-known and exceedingly popular in this city where she spent last year as a member of the Presbyterian College faculty. Possessing unusual mental endowments, highly gifted, and handsome, she made a host of friends during the course of her stay in Charlotte.

Colonel Springs is known as one of the most progressive and prominent manufacturers in the South, and is one of the leading citizens of the Palmetto State. His home in Lancaster is famed throughout both of the Carolinas for its ante-bellum hospitality and warmth of welcome. He is a brother of Mrs. John M. Scott and Messrs. R. D. and A. C. Springs, of this city, and Messrs. Ell and Austin Springs, of New York.

SAFETY OF TRAVELERS.

Interesting Figures as to Injuries Sustained by Traveling Public on American Railways.

Special to The Gazette.

New York, Oct. 19.—Interesting illustrations of the great degree of safety attending travel on American railways are given by a prominent newspaper in an article based on interstate Commerce Commission figures which show that during the six year period, 1905-11, only one passenger out of every 74,736 received injury of any kind and only one out of every 2,275,123 was killed.

Commenting upon these figures this paper says:

"A typical journey for all roads in the country is now 34 miles, and there are taken on the average 2,275,122 such journeys in safety to each journey which results fatally. If a man were to ride out these 2,275,122 safe journeys in the year, it would take him 3,792 years. To have begun in time to meet his death in 1914, he would have had to start in the year 1778 B. C., 458 years before Moses led the children of Israel through the Red Sea. By 750 B. C., when Romulus was 'regulating' Remus by modern methods, the commuter would have ridden 21,000,000 miles, and have had 56,300,000 yet to go. When Phidias, in 460 B. C., was carving the Olympian Zeus, our wayfarer would have been but one-third of the way toward his death; and even in the year 890 A. D., when Alfred the Great was letting the saddle cakes burn, this traveler would have spent the equivalent of 207 years on the trains running at 30 miles an hour, and would have had 87 years more of actual travel to spend before meeting his fatal accident."

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