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ESSAY

Read before the Schellburg and Napier District Institute.

BY MISS MATTIE ALLISON.

MR. PRESIDENT:

Having the honor to be selected by the Committee, to write a composition upon some topic pertaining to Education, I have selected from the broad field, for my subject, the Duties of Parents, Teachers and Pupils to the schools.

It is a subject of vital importance to each and all of us; for if we had a clearer perception of our several duties, we, certainly, would not be so delinquent in performing them.

Parents frequently commit a great error, by sending their children to school too young; thereby greatly injuring the child and annoying the teacher.

It is the duty of parents to furnish the necessary books. It is impossible for a teacher to advance a school in which the pupils cannot be supplied; for so much time is consumed hearing the different recitations, that there is no time for "general exercises" or demonstrations of any kind.

But who makes it so? The fault does not lie in the Common School System, nor in the teachers, but in the parents.

It is the duty of parents to send their children regularly to school. If many parents would examine the reports of the teacher, and see how many "absent marks" their children have, they would not be surprised that they know but little more at the close than at the commencement of the term.

But the duties of the teachers are no less important and onerous, than those of the parents. First the teacher should possess a thorough knowledge of everything he undertakes to teach.

He should be a model of refinement, for pupils naturally imitate their teacher. He should be kind and courteous both to his pupils and patrons, and win the esteem and affections of both.

He should visit the parents of his pupils frequently, and converse freely upon educational topics, and the best methods of imparting instruction. He should express his views and learn theirs. And by these means obtain their co-operation; for without the aid and assistance of the parents, it is beyond the power of any one to teach successfully.

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is scarcely any one whose time is so much occupied, that he cannot find any spare moments to devote to the perusal of interesting books.

He should be impartial. It is very natural for teachers to love respectful and obedient scholars more than those whose disposition are the opposite, but it is his duty to treat all alike; for all have the same claim upon his time and energies.

Yet the duties of the schoolroom do not all rest upon the parents and teacher, the pupils come in for a large share. They should love and respect their teacher, he holds the position of parent, and if he is what he should be, he is entitled to the same regard and respect.

Bedford County Teachers' Association.

SEMI-ANNUAL MEETING.

The Bedford County Teachers' Association, met in the Court House, in the Borough of Bedford, on Friday, the 10th of April, 1863, at 10 o'clock, P. M.

The House was called to order by the President, The Rev. Geo. Sigafos. The exercises were opened with prayer by the Rev. W. Zimmerman.

Some of the members of the Executive committee being absent, Messrs L. C. Arnold, Mattie Allison, M. V. Smith and J. R. Durbin were appointed members pro tem.

Mr. Giddings, of Connecticut, being called upon addressed the Institute.

E. F. Kerr read a report on "Oral Instruction and the true use of Text Books."

The question, "Do the good Morals of a Community depend on its Intelligence," was argued by Messrs. Sigafos, Durbin, Fisher and Giddings.

On motion, Messrs. Sigafos, Durbin and Beegle were appointed a committee on resolutions.

Adjourned to meet at 7 o'clock, P. M. EVENING SESSION.

The Association met at 7 o'clock, P. M. President Sigafos in the chair.

The exercises were opened with prayer by the Rev. Mr. Kirby.

The Journal was read and approved.

Miss M. V. Smith read an Essay, Subject "Merit vs. Prosperity."

The Rev. B. H. Hunt, of Schellburg, delivered a lecture before the Association on "The culture of the Mind."

The question, "What are the prominent causes of failure in teaching," was argued by Mr. Sigafos.

Adjourned to meet on Saturday, at 9 o'clock, P. M. MORNING SESSION.

APRIL 11, 1863.

The Association met at 9 o'clock, A. M. Vice President, J. W. Dickerson in the chair.

Prayer by the Rev. Mr. Kirby.

The Journal was read and approved.

Miscellaneous business being first in order, a number of important resolutions and motions pertaining to the Association were adopted.

Messrs. John Palmer and J. E. Satterfield were elected permanent members of the Ex. Com.

J. E. Satterfield read a report on "The Progress of Common Schools in Bedford County."

Miss Mattie E. Allison read an Essay, the subject, "Should Woman Teach?"

Geo. Sigafos read a report on the County Uniformity of Text Books," followed in a discussion on the same, participated in by Messrs. Sigafos, Satterfield, Palmer, Lutz, Durbin, Giddings, Fisher, Dickerson and Kerr.

The committee on resolutions being called upon reported through their chairman as follows:

3. Resolved, that while we deeply deplore the absence of so many valuable teachers from our midst, we still have the consoling reflection that they are engaged in a high and noble calling, and are entitled to the warmest sympathies and fullest support of every educationalist, throughout the State.

4. Resolved, That when we adjourn, we will adjourn to meet on the first Monday in November next, to hold our annual Institute.

5. Resolved, That the Editors of the County papers be requested to publish the proceedings of this association.

The resolutions were adopted. On motion adjourned sine die. G. SIGAFOS, Pres. E. F. KERR, Sec'y.

The Successful Reconnoissance.

We are at length enabled, says the New York Mercury, to lay before our readers our authentic correspondent's able report of the recent stirring Mackerel events, from which it appears that a recent attempt to destroy the well-known Southern Confederacy, and capture the ancient city of Paris by surprise, was intended merely as a reconnoissance, and had been entirely successful as such.

FROM WASHINGTON.

Editor T. T.: As it was feared on Sunday last, my boy, that the venerable Mackerel Brigade was about to commit a breach of the peace by strategically assaulting the Confederacies established in the mud between the Mackerel camp and the ancient City of Paris, I mounted my architectural steed, the goshawk Pegasus, at an early hour in the morning, and perceptibly moved toward the scene of approaching tautology.

The enaciated aspect of my architectural steed of the desert was so inviting to the fowls of the air, my boy, that divers disreputable crows circled sullenly around my hat, as my animal progressed with me, by miscellaneous scattering his legs around beneath himself, and at each particular "caw" of the winged ministers of famine, a perceptible shudder passed through the entire frame-work of the deeply-lighted Pegasus.

He was quite an old man, my boy, slowly sinking into the rising waves of his own fat; and for that reason appeared to have a chronic fear of some unexpected submersion.

Where are we drifting to? "Be not alarmed, Mr. Weed," says I pleasantly; "we shall soon repair the damage."

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Drawing from his saddle-bags an instrument of opaque glass, of tubular character, quite large in circumference about half-way up, and then tapering into a neck, or smaller tube, of nearly the same length, he raised it in a semi-circular position to a point about one-and-a-half inches above the lower circumference of the chin, until he could look through it at an angle bisecting its greater circumference upon the map.

Simple as was the act, my boy, it at once relieved me, in my own mind, of all obligations to have a more tender feeling for my Southern fellow-beings than is consistent with a proper emotion of hatred against the enemies of my country.

It was high noon when I reached the Mackerel camp, and I found the spectacle veterans hastily preparing to cross Duck Lake after the manner of aquatic warriors. By some strange fatality, all the pontoons were at hand in time, greatly to the distress of our more venerable troops, who seemed to fear that such unhardened punctuality must be an evil omen.

Gazing across the expanse of waters, I beheld a couple of regiments of Confederates playing poker on the bank, and says I to William Brown, who was at the moment returning a small black bottle to his holster: "Tell me, my fearless blue-black, how this can possibly be a surprise, when yonder gray-backs are looking on all the time."

"Ah!" says William with much loftiness of demeanor, "You are but a civilian insect, and know nothing about war. The movement," says William, placidly, "is intended as a surprise to the enemy, upon the principle that any movement whatever of this Army must surprise everybody."

I was reflecting seriously upon this unanswerable explanation of profound strategy, my boy, when Captain Bob Shorty came rattling up with a paper in his hand, and says he; Attention, Company! while I read a document calculated to restrain the licentiousness of a corrupt and vicious press:

GENERAL ORDER.

"For the purpose of preventing the transmission of all news not previously published in the morning journals of the so-called Southern Confederacy, it has been determined by the General Commanding to require all correspondents of the press to affix their full names, ages and addresses to whatever matter they transmit for publication, thus giving to the journals of our time the double character of newspaper and business directory.

REPORTERS HAVING VULGAR NAMES, like Jones, Smith or Stiggins, will be at liberty to assume the names borne by the most popular characters in the exciting tales furnished by our weekly journals of romance—such as Lord Morimore, Claude de Percy, Lester Heartease.

"Correspondents who do not comply with this requirement will not be permitted to assist in surprising the so-called Southern Confederacy."

"THE GENERAL OF THE MACKEREL BRIGADE." (Blue Seal.)

After we had all truly digested this useful and sagacious General Order, my boy, Captain Samyle Smith was ordered to make a detour of Duck Lake with the Anatomical Cavalry, and dig a canal in the rear of the well-known Confederacy; and the Mackerel Brigade, under the personal supervision of the Grim Old Fighting Cox, commenced to cross the pontoon bridges in two divisions.

My boy, was at once attacked at the other end by a surprised Confederacy with a large pair of scissors, who maliciously cut that end loose. There was an aged civilian chap, from Albany, of much stomach and a broad-brimmed hat, standing near me, and when he found the bridge beginning to move, he snote his breast, and says he:

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Bob Shorty from the right line of the triangle, and remained in that line themselves. This was the second day's battle.

On the following morning it was discovered that fresh Confederacies had come up from Paris. These were attacked irresistibly by the whole Mackerel Brigade, and only succeeded in making a stand when they found, as it were, the left line of the triangle.

You will perceive, my boy, that a great piece of geometrical strategy had been thus achieved; but it now turned out that the General of the Mackerel Brigade had made a mistake, and a most serious one.

Last evening, my boy, I was talking to the Mackerel Chaplain about this singular strategical affair, and says he: "God help us! The skeleton regiments we have left standing are scarcely more than the skeleton regiments we have left sleeping; and only the sleeping ones can look upward."

Let gentle charity, my boy, silence our tongues to the dread mistake that is past; for he who made it, lost by it the glorious immortality his meanness soldier slain has won.

TERRELL DROUGHT IN AUSTRALIA.—Accounts from Sydney, Australia, represent that a fearful drought has prevailed in Australia. In some localities there had been no rain for fourteen months, and the cattle had died by thousands.

"How do you get along with your arithmetic?" asked a father of his little boy. "I've ciphered through addition, partition, subtraction, distraction, abomination, justification, hallucination, damnation, amputation, creation and adoption." He'd do for an engineer on a "Short Line Rail Road."

Willie, who is just entering upon his fourth winter, had very attentively watched one of his sisters dressing for an evening party; and as it was summer time, and fashionable, the dress did not come as far on the neck as Willie's ideas of propriety suggested.

Some years since a North Carolina lawyer undertook to convince a Methodist preacher of some celebrity, that his manner in preaching, threatening his auditors with damnation, was injudicious, and that arguments and exhortations of a milder character would be more successful.

A friend tells a story of a witness who makes a very nice distinction in the shades of lying. Being questioned by a lawyer as to the general reputation of another witness for truth, the witness was asked whether the individual was not a notorious liar.

A few nights ago, Mr. Bodkin, who had been out taking his glass and pipe, on going home late, borrowed an umbrella, and when his wife's tongue was loosened, he sat up in bed and suddenly spread out the parapluie.

A lawyer has been arrested in Washington for speculating on the bodies of dead soldiers. He would write to bereaved friends, offer to forward the "departed," pocket the fees in advance, and then send any corpse he could obtain.

A young lady was recently cured of palpitation of the heart by a young M. D., in the most natural way imaginable. He held one of her hands in one of his, put his arm around her waist, and whispered something in her right ear. She answered y-e-a-s.

Young Sawbones wanted to kiss his pretty cousin under the mistletoe; but she snatched her head away, saying: "Manners, sir; don't thrust your doctor's bill in my face."