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April 1, 1864.-6m.

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Poetry.

THE OLD CANOE.

Where the rocks are gray and the shore is steep,
And the waters below look dark and deep,
Where the rugged pine, in its lonely pride,
Leans gloomily over the murky tide ;
Where the reeds and rushes are long and rank
And the weeds grow thick on the winding bank;
Where the shadow is heavy the whole day through
Lies at its mooring the old canoe.

The useless paddles are idly dropped,
Like a sea bird's wings that the storm has lopped,
And crossed on the railing one o'er one,
Like the folded hands when the work is done;
While busily back and forth between,
The spider stretches his silvery screen,
And the solemn owl, with its dull "too-too,"
Settles down on the side of the old canoe.

The stern half sunk in the slimy wave,
Rots slowly away in its living grave,
And the great moss creeps o'er its dull decay,
Hiding its moulder dust away,
Like the hand that plants o'er the tomb a flower,

Or the ivy that mantles the falling tower ;
While many a blossom of loveliest hue,
Springs up o'er the stern of the old canoe.

The currentless waves are dead and still—
But the light wind plays with the boat at will,
And lazily in and out again
It floats the length of the rusty chain,
Like the weary march of the hands of time,
That meets and part at the noontide chime,
And the shore is kissed at each turning anew
By the dripping bow of the old canoe.

O, many a time, with a careless hand,
I have pushed it away from the pebbly strand;
And paddled it down where the stream runs quick,

Where the whirls are wild and the eddies are thick,
And laughed as I leaned o'er the rocking side,
And looked below in the broken tide,
To see that the faces and boats were two,
That were mirrored back from the old canoe.

And now, as I lean o'er the crumbling side,
And look below in the sluggish tide,
The face that I see there is graver grown,
And the laugh that I hear has a sober tone,
And the hands that lent to the light skiff wings
Have grown familiar with sterner things.
But I love to think of the hours that flew
As I rocked where the whirls their white spray

Ere the blossom waved, or the green grass grew,
O'er the moulder stern of the old canoe.

MISCELLANEOUS.

OUR COMMON SCHOOL SYSTEM.

The following articles were prepared by us last winter and published in successive numbers of the Inquirer, from January 5, to February 2, 1866. They were intended to call the public attention to the importance of a revision of our school law, and prepare the way for the introduction into the Legislature of measures looking to such revision by our Senator, Hon. G. W. Householder. At the request of a number of friends of education, we republish them.

In order that we may better appreciate the significance of the figures which follow, it may be well to state that the law, as it now stands and is enforced, requires of each district to keep open its schools four months in each year or forfeit the State appropriation.

Under this requirement, we find in Jefferson county that a tax of 13 mills to the dollar is required to keep open the schools four months, at an average rate of \$20 per month to teachers in Knox district, while the poor districts of the State are required to pay 25 mills to the dollar.

Montgomery county has a tax of 19.56 mills to the dollar, while Clearfield county has 4.29 mills, with a tax of 24.48 and a tax of 9.27 mills, or about five times the rate of taxation required in Lehigh to obtain the same advantages.

Lehigh county, with a tax of 2.15 mills and a teachers' salary of \$22.39 has 5.76 months school, while Clearfield county has 4.29 months, with a salary of \$24.48 and a tax of .9.27 mills, or about five times the rate of taxation required in Lehigh to obtain the same advantages.

Montgomery county pays her teachers \$25.50 per month, and obtains 7.34 months school at a tax of .66 mills.

Jefferson county has 4.7 months school at \$20.96 tax, with a tax of 9.6 mills. Here we find that Jefferson county, to enable her to pay the same wages to teachers, and to have the same length of school term would be compelled to levy a tax about twenty-six times as heavy as Montgomery.

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more than others, has marred the fair proportions and impaired the powers of the whole system. It consists in confining the application of the great principle of equal taxation, equal appropriations, and furnishing equal facilities for education, to the smallest possible extent of territory instead of extending it to its utmost bounds. It is limited to single school districts of which there are 1825 in the State, each with a rate of taxation differing from the others, and varying from $\frac{1}{4}$ of a mill on the dollar for 5 months school in Oley district, Berks county to 25 mills on the dollar for 4 months school in Red Bank district, Armstrong county.

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