

Educational.

Education, and the Science and Art of Teaching. -- No. 5.

ITS AIMS AND PURPOSES--CONTINUED.

The invention of the printing press, of the safety-lamp, of the sewing machine, of telegraphic communication, of the application of steam to machinery and the like, has not only given immortality to a name, but a much richer blessing to grateful millions. Guiding the growing intellect of a nation, is vastly more important and far-reaching in results, than directing armies or directing campaigns.

The national aspect in which this whole question must be presented, invests it with still additional interest and importance. The derivation of our nation, the honor of our name, the influence of our government among the families of earth, the perpetuity of our free institutions, and the longevity of our national fabric, are dear to every patriot. And are not these bound up with the question of education, of our schools and colleges and universities?

To articulate an estimate, or language of praise, for the education of our people ever going forth from the ancient and modern universities of Europe. What has given to Great Britain and Germany such preponderance in the scale of nations, but their noble, their almost omnipotent, institutions of learning? And let not the cultivation of our American national mind keep pace with our unparalleled growth in every other direction (the disproportion is daily decreasing), and we shall yet stand, in literature, in science and art, where we now stand in all other respects, in the front rank of the nations of the earth.

A few centuries ago, nearly all that was called learning in the world, was shut up in a few colleges and universities, where learned professors delivered their lectures to a favored few, who had the wealth and the leisure to enjoy their instructions, whilst the humble masses were left without even the rudiments of an education. Books were so few and so costly that the poor could not expect to possess them, whilst such a novelty as the modern, and now indispensable, newspaper, magazine and review, was not thought of. It is certainly very difficult, for us of the present day, to imagine how men could bear to live in such gloomy and cheerless times, or what would now be the state of society could all these means of popular enlightenment and entertainment be taken away.

Now, however, the beneficent genius of culture and refinement, having ceased from her long imprisonment in the monk's cloister and the professor's lecture room, where she was compelled to give forth her scanty utterances in the hampered speech of a dead language, goes forth free, as God intended her to be, bright as the rising sun, and with beams of light almost as diffusive as his, speaking the language of the millions, visiting the cottage as well as the palace, and whilst uttering the technical speech of science to the student, she tells her useful lessons of knowledge around the hearths of the poor, and prattles her lessons in the play of childhood.

Over all the hillsides, and along all the valleys, does she delight to lead millions of our joyful youth, with satchel and books and "shining morning faces," no longer "creeping slowly and unwillingly to school," to the neat and tasteful and well-ventilated school-houses which she has taught her favored children to rear, and whose walls are adorned with her own maps and charts, from which the well-remembered faces of children steal many a valuable and unconscious lesson. Her almost countless dailies, weeklies, quarterlies, her books and pictures, made attractive with every tasteful device of art, give profitable employment and excited pleasure to millions who produce, or sell, or read, or study them. Thus it is that, from every fountain of thought, there flow down streams of refreshing among the millions of men as free as the brooks that sing by their doors, and from which all may as freely partake, and feel in the inspiring draught a community and fellowship with the unknown source. Even the poor slave, when it was once a punishable offence to teach him to read, thus it is that, from every fountain of thought, there flow down streams of refreshing among the millions of men as free as the brooks that sing by their doors, and from which all may as freely partake, and feel in the inspiring draught a community and fellowship with the unknown source.

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It becomes us, then, as a people, to enlarge the foundation and greatly to increase the number of our schools. We have no lack in point of numbers, but all our resources fall far short of the needs of the people. The plastic, youthful mind should be surrounded by beautiful influences, elevating and refining to the taste and sensibilities, whilst presenting a course of study, works of art and skill, adorn the grounds, whilst well-filled libraries and well-stocked laboratories should fill the rooms of our institutions. Above all should the number of teachers, sympathetic, faithful and competent instructors be increased, and their daily toil and mental drudgery be relieved by fewer recitations, and much larger salaries.

Travellers Guide.

Table with columns: Station, Time, Direction. Includes HUNTINGDON AND BROAD TOP RAILROAD.

PENNSYLVANIA RAIL ROAD.

Table with columns: Station, Time, Direction. Includes WESTWARD and EASTWARD routes.

NORTH CENTRAL RAILROAD.

Table with columns: Station, Time, Direction. Includes NORTHWARD and SOUTHWARD routes.

PENNSYLVANIA RAIL ROAD.

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READING ROAD.

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PATENT ARION.

THE MOST VALUABLE PATENTS EVER USED IN PIANO-FORTES.

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Miscellaneous.

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Miscellaneous.

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Miscellaneous.

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Boots, Shoes and Leather.

WHOLESALE MANUFACTORY OF BOOTS AND SHOES. Huntingdon, Pa.

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