

Educational.

It is not to be expected that in the ordinary length of human life, any person can, from his own observation and experience, become perfect in any art or science. Indeed, to reach any considerable degree of proficiency in any art or calling, a person must make use of the experience of others who have acted before him, as they have left it on record for his instruction and benefit. If it is true of any employment that no one can reach perfection, most assuredly it is so with respect to that of school teaching; and any information upon so important a subject should be gladly received and carefully examined by all those who think of embarking upon this profession. It is indeed deplorable that so many are allowed to teach our schools who have so few of the necessary, and often essential qualifications requisite in a good teacher; and that those who engage in teaching should take so little pains to inform and fit themselves for their business. In view of this, I would recommend to the attention of school teachers, school patrons, and school officers, the "Theory and Practice of Teaching" by David D. Page, A. M. It is by an experienced person, and is the result of careful observation and actual experience in teaching. The style is familiar and attractive, and its reasoning pointed and clear. Below are some extracts from the work:

"THE MANNER OF STUDY.—It is of quite as much importance how we study, as what we study. Indeed, I have thought that much of the difference among men could be traced to their different habits of study formed in youth. A large portion of our scholars study for the sake of preparing to recite the lesson. They seem to have no idea of any object beyond recitation. The consequence is, they study mechanically. They endeavor to remember phrases, instead of principles; they study the book, not the subject. Let any one enter our schools and see the scholars engaged in preparing their lessons. Scarcely one will be seen who is not repeating over and over again the words of the text, as if there was a saving charm in repetition. Observe the same scholar at recitation, and it is a struggle of the memory to recall the forms of words. The vacant countenance, too, often indicates that they are words without meaning. This difficulty is very much increased, if the teacher is confined to the text-book during the recitation; and particularly, if he relies mainly upon the printed questions so often found at the bottom of the page. The scholar should be encouraged to study the subject; and his book should be held merely as an instrument. Books are but help's; a good motto for any student.

"A child may almost be said to be educated, who has learned to study aright; and who may have acquired in a mechanical way a great amount of knowledge, and yet have no profitable mental discipline.

"For this difference in children, as well as in men, the teacher is more responsible than any other person.

"With all the attachment which young pupils will cherish even toward a bad teacher, and with all the confidence they will repose in him, who can describe the mischief which he can accomplish in one short term? The school is no place for a man without principle; I repeat, THE SCHOOL IS NO PLACE FOR A MAN WITHOUT PRINCIPLE.

"If there can be one sin greater than another, or which heaven frowns with more awful displeasure, it is that of leading the young into principles of error, and the degrading practices of vice.

"Oh, woe to those that trample on the mind. That death's thing! They know not what they do, Nor what they deal with."

"PUNCTUALITY.—This, as a habit, is essential to the teacher. He should be punctual in every thing. He should always be present at or before the time for school. A teacher who goes late into school once a week, or even once a month, cannot very well enforce the punctual attendance of his pupils."

"He recommends a knowledge of Human Physiology in order that the teacher may attend to the health of the scholars. Also of Intellectual and Moral Philosophy.

"Every teacher should know something of book-keeping, at least by single entry; and also be conversant with the ordinary forms of business. The profound ignorance on this subject among teachers is truly astonishing. Book-keeping should be a common school study."

"The author recommends strongly that a knowledge of the Science of Government be made a requisite. His "Pouring in Process," and "Drawing out Process," give you, parents, a good idea of the manner in which your children are often taught. His sections upon "The more Excellent Way," and "Waking up Mind," are very instructive.

"This work may be had at the book stores in our village, and I hope none will neglect to avail themselves of so good an opportunity of acquiring useful instruction."

A TEACHER. Condorsport, Jan. 11, 1855.

EDUCATIONAL MEETING. At an educational meeting held in the school-house in Lewisville on Wednesday evening, January 3, 1855, O. A. Lewis was appointed Chairman, and Irvin Baker Sec'y.

The object of the meeting having been stated to be an endeavor, in unison with our fellow citizens of all parts of the county, to awaken a new interest in the cause of common school education; the Rev. Mr. Pradt, our County Superintendent, was called upon for some suggestions pertinent to the occasion. The Rev. gentleman entertained the audience with an eloquent address, bringing home to the minds of all who heard it, the necessity for an earnest and united effort to raise the standard of improvement in our common schools. Remarks were also made by H. H. Dent, C. W. Ellis, Irvin Baker, and O. A. Lewis. After hearing the opinions of the several speakers, the following resolutions were offered and unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That we are willing and anxious to join our efforts with the citizens of all parts of the county to promote the objects had in view; and we earnestly recommend that meetings similar to this be held in every school district in the county, if practicable, to aid in preparing the public mind for suitable action.

Resolved, That minutes of this meeting be sent to each of our county papers for publication. Adjourned to meet again at this place, Wednesday evening the 10th inst. O. A. LEWIS, Ch'n.

GROUND FOOD FOR CATTLE.

I hold that great advantages result to the farmer from grinding the grains given to his domestic animals. I find inserted in the London Agricultural Gazette—a work of undoubted excellence, by the way—that two horses, in every respect equal, were allowed each five pounds of oats, daily, and "hay enough"—amounting in all to seventeen pounds of feed per diem. For one of the horses, the grain was crushed, for the other not. One hundred parts of the excrements, (solid) of each horse were examined chemically, on the fourth day after the experiments were commenced. The excrement from the horse fed on crushed oats contained no traces of nutritive matter, but merely woody fibre, mixed with secretions and salts. In that produced by the other animal, one quarter per cent of nutritive matter, consisting of starch and gluten, was found; arising, indubitably, from the constitutional inability of the animal to the perfect mastication of the grain; an evil that must necessarily vary in the magnitude of its results, with age and rapidity of feeding. No difference was found in the excrement of animals fed on chopped and unchopped hay, though the facility of eating the former, and the consequently greater period of rest obtained, was a decided advantage.—Germantown Telegraph.

ANTHONY BURNS.—The Boston Telegraph has positive information that Burns has been sold by Suttle to a North Carolina negro-trader for \$700, and that a condition of the sale was that he should not be sold to go North. Suttle, it will be remembered, had been offered, both in Boston and Virginia, \$1,400 for Burns, and had refused, though he had previously promised to accept that sum. We very much doubt if such a fellow as this Suttle would sacrifice \$700 from mere love of revenge; that difference, perhaps, has been made up to him by other parties on the ground that it was a point of Southern honor that Burns should never be redeemed from bondage. So Burns, whose rendition Mayor Smith secured, was probably sent off to the South-west, to be worked upon a sugar plantation, about the same time that Boston reelected Smith for Mayor.—A. S. Standard.

WHAT AN INTELLIGENT SOUTHERNER THINKS.—A letter received in this city from a leading lawyer and one of the largest slaveholders in Kentucky, has the following significant postscript:

"Where is the Northern spirit? Is Kansas to be a slave State? Can it be that the North will tamely submit? That a single man should be returned from the North, who favors the Nebraska iniquity, is to me inexplicable."

While an intelligent slaveholder entertains sentiments like these, we hope a Northern newspaper may be allowed to repeat them without being invidiously charged with "Abolition" by such an unbacked newspaper as the New York Express.—Boston Atlas.

QUADRUPLE PUN.—One of the best puns (or, as Mrs. Partington would say, double indentures) on record, is made of the two Latin words tu doces (thou teachest), inscribed in chalk upon the lid of an M. T. tea-chest, and rendered thus:

Tu Doces—Two Doses. Thou Teachest—Thou Tea-chest. [Bost Cour.]

"Dick, I say, why don't you turn that buffalo robe 't'other side out—hair is the warmest." "Bah, Tom! Do you suppose the animal himself did not know how to wear his hide? I follow his style."

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When we invited the institution of learning to the post, we occupied, we found the Academy depressed and declining. We submitted its organization and other meritorious affairs to his discretion and management; and our experience enables us with increased confidence to assure parents and guardians that he has proved faithful, efficient, and practical—just such an instructor or as this community needs.

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Court Proclamation.

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Notice is therefore hereby given to the Coroners, Justices of the Peace, and Constables within the county, that they be then and there in their proper persons, at 10 o'clock, A. M., of said day, with their rolls, records, inquisitions, examinations, and other remembrances, to do those things which to their offices appertain to be done. And those who are bound by their recognizances to prosecute against the prisoners that are or shall be in the jail of the said county of Potter, are to be then and there to prosecute against them as will be just.

Done at Condorsport, Dec. 24th, 1854, and the 79th year of the independence of the United States of America.

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