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BY M. L. McQUOWN.

M. R. Porter, of Lawrence township, has just returned from Crittenden's Commercial College, Philadelphia, having completed the entire course at that institution.

The School Board of Bradford Independent district have made application to be returned to the township. The experience of the township, however, is the experience of all independent districts--too expensive a luxury.

The following are the new officers of the School Boards whose reports were received during the present session. Lawrence township--President, W. T. McKelvey; Secretary, A. G. Kramer.

The Legislature at Harrisburg has been doing something for the Common School Law. Among the most important measures introduced, we mention the following: A bill allowing School Directors to purchase school books out of the school fund to allow the pupils to use them free of charge.

Miss Mamie A. Irvin, of Burnside, well-known as a teacher in this county, has recently gained distinction as a student in the National School of Education and Oratory, 1416 Chestnut street, Philadelphia. She is a member of the junior class which numbers 33 students, and has been honored with the title of Valedictorian.

The following article is from the pen of Dr. A. H. Jones, editor of an Educational column in the Warren (Pa.) Ledger: Some very fine distinctions are frequently drawn by teachers in advocating their superior methods of opening school.

There are some who open school in the mornings by reading the Bible, accompanied by singing and prayer. There are some who only have singing and prayer, who read a chapter in the Bible, and still others who don't do either.

Now, we have no objections to the preference any single individual may have in his own mind, but we do not enter our uncompromising protest against any attempt at coercion for the sake of uniformity because it destroys individuality and a teacher means individuality or he is not a teacher.

Again: There are some teachers who call out their classes with a call-bell, others by making motions, others by snapping their fingers as you would at a great number of flies. There are others who call them out by letters or the name of the class.

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By giving more attention to the essentials and less to forms a better work would be done in many of our schools. Teachers should get along with the simple as far as possible, study the positions and mental habits of their pupils and learn how to apply the means to give them a proper understanding of the subjects before them.

Our common school manual education should be general education, not a preparation for usefulness in after life. With this object steadily in view and a determination to accomplish it with his pupils, the conscientious and able teacher will adapt the means to the end, and let those of smaller calibre decide whether it shall be twaddled or twaddled.

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WHO SHALL GO FIRST?

Who shall go first to the shoal land, My love or I? Who shall be in the grip to stand, And press the other to the ground?

Which shall lead over the wooded land, My love or I? Ourselves the pioneer shall be, To find the path to freedom.

Which shall return to the desolate home, My love or I? And list for a step that shall never come, And list for a step that shall never come.

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MANUAL TRAINING IN THE SCHOOLS.

Peter Cooper says: "I learned three trades. I learned to be a brewer, a cooper and a cooper, all before I was 21 years old."

The general adoption of a comprehensive system of mechanical education in the schools would quickly dispel the unworthy prejudice against the youth of the country.

Doublets all parents would desire to have their children trained in some form of useful labor for all that they consume.

The President is a man of a high grade, whether of high or low grade, there is very little adaptability to the end.

Mr. Adams demands for our common school system the application of the scientific method of instruction.

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MILLIONS UNDER MUD.

A GOLD-LADEN SPANISH MAN-O-WAR THAT WENT TO THE BOTTOM--BALLED AFTER THIS TREASURE.

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DEATH OF A NOBLE WOMAN.

THE GRAND QUALITIES SHOWN BY THE WIFE OF A BARCEL.

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THE WHITE HORSE STABLES.

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WANT OF SLEEP.

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WHISTLING ON SUNDAY.

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