#### For the Educational Column. A Serious Evil. NO. I.

It may be said with some degree of confidence, I suppose, that the public schools of our county are, generally speaking, in a pretty satisfactory condition. Our teachers-those at least who deserve the name-are at work in good earnest striving to elevate the standard of scholarship in their respective schools; the county superintendent is heartily seconding their efforts by faithful visitation and inspection; and the other school officers are generally extending to teachers the needed coun-

tenance and support.

However, there is still room for improvement. And notwithstanding all that may be said of a favorable nature -and a good deal might be saidthere still exists, in some parts of the county, a serious obstacle to the high est efficiency of the schools, and that is the extreme size of not a few of them. By far too many pupils are placed in the hands of one teacher. This is real ly an evil of no small magnitude. And perhaps few persons who are in the habit of paying any attention to the condition of the public schools are aware how much it impairs their usefulness. Some directors may be found even who do not regard it in the light of an evil at all, but look upon it rather as being a wise arrangement, eco nomically considered. But any intelligent observer, by giving the subject a little candid attention, can easily sat isfy himself that placing a large number of pupils under the care of a single teacher, however capable, is really very poor economy. Several years of experience as a teacher, both of large and medium sized schools, has con vinced me that time, money, and much anxious labor are thus frittered away to very little purpose.

Some directors assert their belief in the plan of giving every teacher, if possible, a large school, 'plenty of hard work,' and thus, an opportunity of fairly earning his money. Now while it is conceded that very small schools do not generally flourish, yet it is a fact, not sufficiently understood perhaps, that a good teacher-one who is fully alive to the real educational wants of his pupils and is bent upon supplying those wants-is always sure to find an abundance of work in a school of even a moderate size. Such a teacher in fact will find just as much work as he can do well in an ungraded country school-the only class of schools that I have now in view-with an average attendance of from twenty-five to thirty pupils. He will not be idle even if he have only ten or twenty pupils, but when the average attendance of any school greatly exceeds thirty, more labor devolves upon him than can be efficiently performed by one individual. Nor need any apprehensions be felt by the most careful and thrifty director that a competent teacher in charge of a comparatively small school will not fully earn every penny of the salary that he can generally get in this county. As a matter of fact, skillful experienced teachers are not adequate ly remunerated here, while incompetent ones are too well paid even at any price. D. H. Z.

#### The Cheering Word.

Little Charley was the dull boy of his school. All the rest either laughed at him or pitied him. Even his master sometimes taunted him with his deficiencies. He became sullen and indifferent, and took no pains to get on. One day a gentleman who was visiting the school looked over some boys who were making their first attempt to write. There was a general burst of amusement at poor Charley's efforts. He colored, but was silent.

'Never mind, my lad,' said the gentleman, cheeringly, 'don't be discouraged; just go and do your very best, and you'll be a brave writer some day I recollect when I first began to write. being quite as awkward as you are, but I persevered, and now look here. He took a pen and wrote his name on a piece of paper in fine legible characters. 'See what I can do now,' he ad-

Many years afterward that gentleman met Charley again. He had turned out one of the most celebrated men of his day, and he expressed his firm conviction that he owed his success in life, under God's blessing, to the encouraging speech made by the school visitant.

#### AGRICULTURAL.

(From the American Agriculturist.)

Seeds for the Kitchen Garden. Having sometimes published early in the year a select list of seeds of garden vegetables, our letters indicate that it is looked for as a regular thing. It is indeed a matter of the first importance to get the best of each variety. There is as much difference in the quality of vegetables as of fruit, and it takes no more time and care in cultivation to raise a really good varietythan it does an indifferent or poor one. To those who don't care to improve, or who are too lazy to be at a little trouble in this matter, we have nothing to say; they may raise their mongrel squashes and flabby cabbages, while others enjoy delicions Hubbards and Early Wakefields. If it were generally understood, that every one within reach of a Post Office has as ready access to the best seedsmen, as if he lived in the same town with them, we think

out the country. The expense of getting a stock of good seeds is but little compared with the results. The chief thing is the trouble and forethought. February is the month in which dealers have their catalogues and stock ready, and we give notice timely and seasonably. Look over our ad vertisements and send to any dealer that may be preferred, for a catalogue. When the catalogue comes to hand, make a selection and order the needed supplies at once, before the press of business is upon the seedsmen. 'Make a selection,' exclaims the reader. 'How can I? here are 25 peas, 20 squashes, a dozen radishes and so on, and I don't know one from the other. The object of the following list is to relieve this trouble. The catalogues contain besides all the older and proven sorts, many new kinds, which have not been thoroughly tested, and many which have distinctive names without the plant they represent having any claims to be thus honor-In the enumeration below we give

sorts, and this list is not intended for them. BEANS-Dwarf or Bush : Early Valentine, for string or snaps, quite early and productive, pods remain green a long time; Newington Wonder, excellent when green and the small drab seeds are valued for soup; Refugee, rather late, but prolific, Mac and the best for pickling and salting; Dwarf Horticultural, for early shelling.

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CARROTS .- Early Horn, for early table use; Long Orange, for main crop.

CAULIFLOWER .- Early Erfurt, a dwarf variety with large and compact heads; Early Paris; Thorburn's Nonpareil, very

CELERY .- White Solid; Dwart White. CORN.-Dwarf Sugar, small ears, for

CUCUMBERS .- White Spined, best for table; Long Green, late, for pickles. EGG PLANT .- Long Purple, early ; New

York Purple, later, large and best. ENDIVE .- Green Curled, for late salads.

KALE .- Green Curled Scotch, winter and spring greens. KOHL RABBI ('Turnip Cabbage'), Early

LEEK .- Large Flag, for soups. LETTUCE - Curled Silesian, a variety of which called Early Simpson is much

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Lind, very early; Skillman's Netted; White Japan. WATERMELON .- Mountain Sprout, pro-

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Onion - Large Red Wethersfield Large Oval Red; White Portugal; Yellow Danvers.

PARSLEY .- Extra Curled.

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PEAS .- Daniel O'Rourke, early and fine, 21 feet; Tom Thumb, productive, 8 to 10 inches; Maclean's Princes Royal, 11 foot; Maclane's Advancer; Dwarf Blue Imperial, 21 feet; Champion of England, for main crop, 5 feet; White Marrowfat, later and fine, 5 feet. Many new sorts are introduced each season, but they need trial

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RADISHES. - Early Searlet Turnip; Long Scarlet Short Top; Scarlet Chinese Winter, good and keeps as well as a turnip. SALSIFY or Vegetable Oyster, very good.

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SQUASHES .- Summer Crookneck, best early; Yokohoma, fine, early and late; Boston Marrow; Turban, excellent, autumn and winter; Hubbard, best for late

TOMATOES - Early Smooth Red ; Fejee, later, fine and productive; Pear Shaped, for preserves. TURNIPS .- Early Dutch, very early

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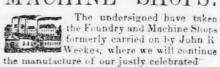
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