

QUEENS WHO WORK. Fair Girls in Their Teens as Absolute Rulers of SCHOOLS IN THE COUNTRY.

Their Difficult Tasks Performed for Mere Pittance.

A NOTE OF WARNING SOUNDED

The low salaries paid country school teachers have resulted in the employment of a great many youthful educators. It is claimed by some that such inexperienced persons cannot maintain the schools as they should be, but THE DISPATCH correspondent has investigated this phase of the trouble. Other features of the question will be treated in additional letters.

(FROM A STAFF CORRESPONDENT.)

BAKERTOWN, Pa., February 25.—That "village schoolmaster" of whom we used to read has long since been gathered to his fathers. Now and then you will see some age-stained picture of him. Circle it with the educational framework of 1890, and it seems unreal, the pedagogic almost a myth. Hang it up in front of the modern teacher's desk in a Pine township school, and it becomes a mere caricature; for look behind the desk, and there sits a little queen instead of an old man.

Old, cross and ugly was that early tutor. How familiar have ancient mariners prints made his image to us! The spectacles pushed back on the bald head; the bandana handkerchief hanging out from the pocket of that long, greasy-looking coat; switch in one hand and book in the other; a general bearing as though he were a member of the Order of Gamalieu; the scholars before him, however quaking as though they saw only a raw head and bloody bones.

VERY YOUNG TEACHERS.

Fresh and pretty, youthful and gay, gentle but firm—these words which best describe the class of young teachers who are now teaching in Allegheny county to-day.

"But it won't do," somebody croaks, "for there are many school marm's in the rural districts who are widows and maiden ladies."

Well, my abbreviated description is not a misfit for even some of them. But by referring to the last annual report of County Superintendent Hamilton it will be found that he granted certificates to 117 teachers, most of whom were under 18 years of age. I heard yesterday of two of them, one teaching in a certain township some distance south of this, who are only a little way advanced toward west sixteen. The County Superintendent adds that "female teachers outnumber the males in Allegheny county 4 to 1, and that many of them are under 21 years of age. In fact that the education of children is trusted to such a great extent in this county to young girls, that it is necessary for Prof. Hamilton as a note of warning. He blames it on the evil of low salaries, which was the topic fully discussed in the first letter of this series. Her father, he would make a barrier to the admittance of young girls as teachers, if possible.

HER RUDE QUARTERS.

Be that as it may, I watched two or three young school marm's manage as many schools yesterday in a manner that certainly surpassed the best of their kind, and considerably more than what their hire amounts to. One of them taught in Pine township. The school in one of those typical little white buildings that you know, and frequently put down right in the corner of a grove, on a triangular clearing at the side of one of the roads. If you are not sure whether it is the county school, look if several of the window panes are broken. Then if the wooden steps at the door are all nicked up with initials and names, you may be sure you are not mistaken. A half-dozen molished coal shed close by is another infallible indication.

Inside, the rough desks and benches have been just as fully ornamented by the black and youthful tomahawk. Blackboards do not appear to have afforded room enough for the soaring genius of Pine township County and Allegheny county. The walls are plastered white or ornamented at most measured regularly with sketches resembling late campaign cartoons of Pittsburgh's "Mighty" battle, and the ceiling is decorated with peace, however, are typified by two long rows of hats, hoods, cloaks and lunch baskets, while the scratch of pencil on slate, or the speckling of an ink bottle calls you back to noble educational thoughts.

A GOOD TEACHER.

And the little lady teacher called the wandering thoughts of the ink spiller back to his duties at the same time. When I was able to make the teacher understand that I was not one of the new county supervisors, she seemed to feel safe—there was no danger of her age becoming public property. She is one of the youngest teachers in the county, though. It was soon apparent she was a born educator, a systems trainer.

"I only have 25 pupils here," she explained. "They come from territory a mile and a half around. I have tried to properly grade my school for these 25. This I have done by making four divisions. In the A division I teach geography, grammar, arithmetic, penmanship and physiology. In the B division I teach reading, spelling, geography, arithmetic, language, spelling, reading and writing. In C division still simpler forms of these studies are taught. D is the primary division."

Have You Had

The gripe? It is the question of the day. If the influenza or any other disease or fever, have put you into a weak, debilitated condition, you should immediately take Hood's Sarsaparilla. It tones every part of the body, invigorates the liver, creates an appetite and entirely overcomes that tired feeling.

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Two Little Experiences. It is significant fact that the demand for teachers last year was so great that to secure teachers enough to fill the schools were compelled to issue certificates to 117 persons who were without any experience whatever in the work of teaching. In the course of my visits most of the teachers were found to be earnestly, honestly and faithfully discharging their duties to the best of their abilities. And while many were absolute failures in the school-rooms because their ability was not equal to the demands made upon it, yet it is said, to the credit of our teachers, that but few were found who were wilfully neglecting the proper performance of their duties. This class of teachers which makes an honest and deter-

mined effort to succeed and yet fail, or at most does a very inferior work in the school-rooms, is a surprising large one. This is the fact that but few teachers, less than perhaps 20 per cent of them, remain permanently in their profession, or for a sufficient length of time to gain an experimental knowledge of the work of teaching. The great majority of our teachers belong to the transient class. They leave it eventually to enter more remunerative callings.

WEAK AND INEFFICIENT TEACHERS.

We have a right to expect that the results of the work of these 117 inexperienced teachers, for instance, would be unsatisfactory. I believe that 25 per cent of the money now paid to the teachers of Allegheny county is wasted, not because of the carelessness or extravagance of the directors, but because they are compelled to employ young and inexperienced teachers, who cannot, and do not do the work for which they draw the pay.

It is not difficult to find the education of the young to intellectual, cultured women with well disciplined minds and mature judgment. I believe we are already doing this to a dangerous point by allowing this important work to be left in the hands of very young ladies of limited scholastic attainments. Many of these young teachers come from families where they had very meager advantages for their youth, and many of them are from families where they had very meager advantages for their youth, and many of them are from families where they had very meager advantages for their youth.

A LIVING EXAMPLE.

The six-foot countryman, who drove me out through Pine township, interrupted my meditations at this point, as we neared the railroad station, on our homeward trip.

"I was a school teacher myself once," he said. "Have you a bank account now?" I asked.

"Not from teaching," he laughed. "It was ten years ago, and in Cambria county. My school was in the woods of those mountains not far from Ebensburg. I was examined and elected teacher in the same day. [He laughed heartily at this, as though the details of the modern Cambria county might have ruled in the county institutes three years ago.] I got \$30 per month. I would have starved if I had not had an uncle up there who loaned me 10 cents a meal and threw the lodgings in for dried time work. And I would have died had I taught school another term. I guess it was not in my line, stranger. I'd rather saw wood any day. The bullies of the school were the Giles boys. The township expected they would cow me like they did the folks who taught before me. But I did not use the switch on them once. Soon their father told me they had learned to read verse about with him at family worship. But I guess I spared the rod too much, and the school was too much for me at the end of the term. Then I went to farming, then oil drilling."

A NEARBY EXEMPTION.

While the columns of the Graphic are open to any and all unobjectionable advertisements, yet it is quite impossible for us to speak knowingly of the various articles of merchandise advertised. Particularly is this true of patent medicines. But there are exceptions occasionally, and a noteworthy exception is the celebrated Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. This now universally known medicine has been advertised in the Graphic for four or five years, but not until recently had we any personal knowledge of its wonderful efficacy, which has come about through the prevailing influenza and the stubborn cough that has so often attended it. In the writer's family this medicine has on several occasions been administered a cough that baffled any and all other remedies; and the number of families in Kimball and vicinity in which this remedy has been used with like effects attests to its value as a specific for coughs and colds of every nature.

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DIED. CONNELLY—On Tuesday, February 25, 1890, at 9:30 P. M., at the residence of Matthew Connelly, 2400 East 24th Street, PATRICK CONNELLY, in the 24th year of his age. Notice of funeral hereafter.

CRAIG—On Monday, February 24, 1890, at 11:20 P. M., BRACAC CRAIG, Jr., in the 38th year of his age. Funeral services at the residence of his father, No. 22 Sherman Avenue, Allegheny City, on WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON at 2 o'clock. Interment private.

HARRIS—On Monday, February 24, 1890, at 1 o'clock P. M., CATHERINE HARRIS, in the 74th year of her age. Funeral at the residence of her daughter, Mrs. H. P. Gassam, 74 Arch Street, Allegheny, WEDNESDAY at 2 o'clock P. M. Interment private.

HARKINS—On Monday, February 24, 1890, at 9:15 P. M., DENNIS HARKINS, in his 70th year. Funeral from his late residence, rear of 161 Cass Ave., Ninth Ward, Allegheny, on WEDNESDAY, at 8:30 A. M. Friends of the family are respectfully invited to attend.

HANEY—On Tuesday, February 25, 1890, at 1:30 P. M., MARY ELLEN, daughter of James P. and Jane Haney, aged 5 years 2 months 16 days. Funeral from the parents residence, 2505 Carey Alley, Southside, on THURSDAY at 2 P. M. Friends of the family are respectfully invited to attend.

HAMILTON—On Monday, February 24, 1890, at 1:30 P. M., JANE ANN, wife of James B. Hamilton, aged 39 years. Funeral from her late residence, Second Street, Elizabeth Borough, THURSDAY AFTERNOON, February 27, at 2 o'clock. Friends of the family are respectfully invited to attend.

JONES—On Monday, February 24, 1890, at 10:45 P. M., THEODORE PERRY, son of Joseph W. and Maggie Jones, aged 10 years, 7 months and 24 days. Funeral from his parents' residence, Lafayette Street, Hazelwood, on WEDNESDAY MORNING, the 26th instant, at 9 o'clock. Services at St. Stephen's Church, Hazelwood, at 10 A. M. The relatives and friends of the family are respectfully invited to attend.

MURPHY—Sunday, February 23, at 11 o'clock P. M., MARY MURPHY, aged 38 years. Funeral from her late residence, No. 147 Carson Street, Southside, on WEDNESDAY MORNING at 9 o'clock. Services at St. John's R. C. Church. Friends of the family are respectfully invited to attend.

MACDONALD—Tuesday morning, at 8:30, JAS. MACDONALD, at his residence, corner of Third and West Streets, Homestead, aged 75 years and 2 months. Funeral service at 9:30. Interment private.

MOORE—On Tuesday, February 25, 1890, at her residence, No. 154 Center Avenue, Pittsburgh, MARY WILSON, wife of William J. Moore, in the 58th year of her age. Funeral services at her late residence, on THURSDAY, February 27, at 2 o'clock P. M. Friends of the family are respectfully invited to attend.

MORROW—On Sunday, February 23, 1890, at 3 o'clock P. M., Mrs. MARY ALICE, wife of Charles Morrow, in the 37th year of her age. Funeral from the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Small, near Wylie station, on WEDNESDAY, February 26, at 2 P. M. Friends of the family are respectfully invited to attend.

MCCALL—Suddenly, at his home, 152 Linn St., East End, on Sunday, February 23, 1890, at 3:30 P. M., JOHN S. MCCALL, in his 71st year. Funeral services at the Park Avenue Presbyterian Church, East End, on WEDNESDAY, 28th inst., at 2 P. M. Friends of the family are respectfully invited to attend.

MCPHERSON—On Monday, February 24, 1890, at 8:30 P. M., MISS MARY MCPHERSON. Funeral services at the family residence, near Sharsburg, on WEDNESDAY, February 26, at 3 P. M. Interment at Greenwood Cemetery, 2 P. M.

MORLEY—On Tuesday, February 25, 1890, at 5:05 o'clock A. M., NELLIE, daughter of E. S. and Maggie O'Malley, aged 7 months and 20 days. Funeral from residence of parents, 2423 Jane Street, Southside, on THURSDAY at 2 o'clock P. M. The relatives and friends of the family are respectfully invited to attend.

SMITH—On Monday, February 24, 1890, at 3 o'clock P. M., PEARL MADEIRA, only daughter of E. E. and Maggie Smith, aged 5 years 5 months and 4 days. Funeral from the parents' residence, Lestdale, on WEDNESDAY, February 26, at 10 o'clock A. M. Relatives and friends of the family are respectfully invited to attend.

TOWER—At Dallas, Texas, February 24, 1890, Mrs. M. A. TOWER. Funeral services at her residence of her son-in-law, A. F. Brooks, 286 Locust Street, Allegheny, on FRIDAY, February 26, at 2:30 P. M. Interment at Monongahela City on Saturday.

WALLACE—On Monday, February 24, 1890, at 9:45 P. M., HUGH WALLACE. Funeral services at his late residence, 108 Second Street, on WEDNESDAY at 2 P. M. Friends of the family are respectfully invited to attend.

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