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READING IN COMMON SCHOOLS. BY J. M. GIBNEY, LL.D.

Ought reading to be taught in our common schools? Certainly, my friend. But what reading? How much? and how? Let us consider the question without prejudice.

In the common schools, as now managed, about one-half of the time is given to the reading lessons. A county superintendent of schools told the writer that in his county nearly two-thirds of the time in school is spent in the reading-classes.

But ought this teaching to go farther than the simple words and sentences which children easily understand? Need the reading lessons drag on through term after term, and year after year, consuming half the school-life of the majority of our children?

The writer thinks his own five children to read. The task was not a long one, but it occupied a few of the idle and best hours of the day to be found in the best of life. It was as good as play.

Let this method be tried in our common schools. Let a school be supplied with at least fifty dollars' worth of the brightest and best story books for children to be found.

Our common school studies miserably fail to make intelligent people. Arithmetic, grammar and geography may help to discipline the mind, but they do not feed the intelligence.

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Table with columns for Station, Time, and Direction. Stations include Easton, Mauch Chunk, Pottsville, etc.

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Corn.

Now that corn are fully on the pasture, supply them regularly with salt.

Galves.—The thickest calves should be closely watched when turned to pasture.

Change of Food.—It is to be made cautiously. The stomach and bowels are easily disordered by the sudden and serious change made at this season.

Sheep and Lambs.—Ewes from which lambs have been taken, should be relieved of some of their milk.

POULTRY.—Young chickens will thrive best when they are kept dry and clean, and moved frequently to fresh ground.

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