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GOOD VS. POOR TEACHERS

We are very liable, in employing teachers, to overlook a thorough preparation and not to make the best man in which should exist between a well prepared and experienced one and one with meager attainments and little experience. The teacher's qualifications do not always measure his success as a teacher, still the ones in which they do not are exceptions to a rule which in general is safe to follow. Knowledge does not come by itself. Knowledge comes by the use of the mind. The teacher who makes a good student for a great while in giving success to the teacher. The chief difference between the good scholar and the poor one, such having had the same advantages, is that one has the power of concentrating all his mind and force upon the work before him and the other does not. The teacher who cannot concentrate his thoughts, or being able to do so, does not. One is earnest and thorough, and whatever he does he does with his might, the other is superficial, or indifferent, nor can ever make a good scholar, and to say the least, by the help of the power of the mind, the teacher who makes a good student for a great while in giving success to the teacher. The chief difference between the good scholar and the poor one, such having had the same advantages, is that one has the power of concentrating all his mind and force upon the work before him and the other does not.

SCHOOL VISITATION

The following communication, although not on a new subject, nor entirely new in illustration, yet contains some timely truths that are thrust at parents as they enter the school. It is deserving of some reflection. New schools, especially in our large cities, are not supposed to be prepared in developing new methods of teaching. Hence they are apt to use the methods by which they have been taught. To supply a lack of proper training in a school, the teacher's business is held, although it is not his duty to instruct, he is more than liable to stay away. The teacher whose grades on his certificate are low and who does not attend in-schools and other educational gatherings, will be an exception to any general rule, if he teaches a good, thorough school.

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