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Duties of Parents Toward School.

Turning to the subject on hand, let us dwell for a moment on the meaning of the word "duty" or "duties." Duty, clearly defined, means "that which a person owes to another; that by which a person is bound" by any natural, moral or legal obligation to pay, do or perform. What then is expected "of the parents and what should they naturally, legally, or morally perform toward" the school?

The first point to be observed is that parents are expected to and should cooperate with the teacher. Co-operation between the parents and teacher is necessary in order to make a success of the school or, more specifically speaking, of the child.

If parents think the child is not doing good work at school, they should confer with the teacher and find out the reason for it, and perhaps great help can be derived by the consultation. As for instance, parents can acquaint the teacher of the disposition, faults, etc., of the child and he knows better how to deal with the pupil in the future. An observant teacher, though, soon learns the disposition of each pupil in the school room. Parents are more apt to be deceived in their children than is the teacher. It is easy to find fault and children are by no means exempt from fault-finding, especially when encouragement is received at home. Oftentimes when a child is chastised or compelled to study in the school room, he will go home and tell of the cruelty of the teacher and complain of the great amount of work imposed on him, and I have actually known children to sham illness in order to make their parents believe that they had to study too hard in the school room. I wish to state here that very few people die from over-study, and the parents would be surprised to find what a great amount of physical exercise is taken without injuring them in the least. But parents do not always investigate, hence the child comes to school with a note from the parents, requesting that he be excused from certain studies. Who is to blame? Not the child. It is not the natural disposition of the child to study, to thirst for knowledge, nor we must all cultivate a desire for learning and it is the duty of the parents to teach the child and constantly impress him with the thought that in this age of progress that he must study, and study hard and earnestly, if he wishes to gain a standing in this intelligent world.

Passing from this question to the second, already stated in reference to the natural, legal and moral obligations or duties of parents to the school. I would say that school visitation ranks first as one of the natural obligations of the parents. Seeing is believing and if parents wish to know for themselves of the progress the child is making they must visit the school. It is the only true and just way of judging of the merit of the teacher and also of ascertaining whether the child is receiving proper training. Parents then should consider it their duty to visit the school, be it once a day, once a week, once a month, once every six months; but many, I fear, do not visit the school once in a life time. I have had parents tell me that the reason they did not like to visit the school was that they couldn't make a speech. To such people or parents I have sacredly, as well as secretly, promised to refrain from asking them to address the school, and yet they did not come. If they have failed in their duty was I to blame, after offering such a tempting allurements as that?

Second is the moral obligation of the parents to the school. "Be what you appear to be" is a maxim that should be taught to a child from early infancy. Teach the child to be kind and generous to his playmates, respectful to his instructor, and to be honest at all times. Teach the child that it is wrong to tell of the disagreeable or unpleasant things that happen in the school room, that it is wrong to tell of the faults or falling of his playmates; in fact it is the moral and sacred duty of the parents to teach the child that right should prevail at home, at school, abroad.

Third is the legal obligation of parents toward the school. The child should be taught that it is a compulsory duty to conform to the rules of the school and to obey the teacher. A child should be taught that law and order is one of God's first laws and that there is no law without order and punctuality. It is now, too, one of the legal obligations of parents to see that their children attend school, and attend regularly. By so doing the parents will obviate the necessity of the enforcement of the

legal requirements by the officers of the law.

Finally, the substrate of parents' duties to the school and subsequent career of the child depends on the training the child receives in the home circle, where obedience is rendered through love and respect, rather than fear.

It is related of Noah Webster, the lexicographer, that during childhood his mother taught him that beautiful childish prayer with which we are all so familiar, beginning with "Now I lay me down to sleep." He never retired, even after he had grown to manhood, without repeating that simple prayer. All of his success he attributed to his mother and to her loving and parental duty in teaching him that prayer.

The duties that the parents teach the child at home form the keynote of success at school and is the stepping stone to fame and honor.

NETTA D. COAX.

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Farmer's Institute at Allens Mills.

Following is the program of the Jefferson County Farmer's Institute to be held in Allens Hall, Allens Mills, on Thursday and Friday, February 25th and 26th:

THURSDAY, FEB. 25th.

Morning Session, 10:00—Prayer, Rev. Myers; paper, Potato Culture, A. T. McClure; discussion opened by Wm. Buchanan; paper, How to Grow Small Fruit, John Robinson, sr; discussion opened by A. McCullough; music; adjournment.

Afternoon Session, 1:30—Music; Address of Welcome, J. G. Allen; response, Rev. Mills; question box; paper, Stock and Dairy Feeding, Simon Stahlman; discussion opened by N. P. Clark; paper, Fertilizers—Home and Commercial—Parker Bullers; discussion opened by John Marshall; paper, Market Gardening for Profit, McCurdy Hunter; discussion opened by James Hicks; adjournment.

Evening Session, 7:30—Question box; music; paper, A Model Country Home, Mrs. J. G. Allen; paper by Mrs. A. Z. Myers; paper, Proper Education for Country Children, W. C. Smith; discussion opened by Austin Blakeslee; paper, Should We have a Re-distribution of the School Funds Appropriated by the State, Lewis Evans; discussion opened by James Donison; paper, Ought there to be Township High Schools, Fred Moore; discussion opened by S. W. Temple; adjournment.

FRIDAY, FEB. 26th.

Morning session, 10:00—Question box; music; paper, How to Build a Good Road, Fred Harvey; discussion opened by J. H. Ross; paper, Should the Road Tax be Paid in Money, Alonzo Wilson; discussion opened by James Steel; paper, Should the State Aid in Building Roads, R. M. McIntosh; discussion opened by James Davenport; adjournment.

Afternoon Session, 1:30—Question box; music; Are the Farms in this Community Improving? If so, How? If not, Why? Warren Sibley, followed by others; paper, Quality and Preparation of Food, Mrs. A. G. Mills; discussed by Mrs. M. H. Smith, Mrs. Maggie Brenholts and Mrs. D. B. McConnell; paper, Are these Institutes Beneficial, A. O. McWilliams; discussion opened by M. C. Smith; adjournment.

Lectures will be delivered by Col. J. A. Woodward, J. F. McCormick and J. J. Thomas, of the State Board.

R. F. Morrison is general manager of the institute and Dillis Allen secretary.

Two Ribs Broken.

Rev. G. A. B. Robinson, who was given a call to the pastorate of the Presbyterian church in Reynoldsville and declined to accept it, has accepted a call to become pastor of the Presbyterian church in Clarion. Rev. Robinson met with an accident recently, the particulars of which we clip from the Clarion Republican:

"On Thursday evening of last week as Rev. Robinson, of this place, was on his way to preach at his Greenville charge his horse became frightened at some piles of ice at Trout Run bridge and started to run. Mr. Robinson was thrown out of his seat on the wheels of his cart and held there, being unable to help himself on account of being closely wrapped in the robes, with the aid of his daughter, who was with him, he succeeded in stopping his horse, and finding himself injured he returned to his home. A medical examination showed that two ribs had been broken and a third one fractured, he has since been confined to his room and is suffering a very great deal of pain and will be unable to take up his work for several days yet."

Something to Know.

It may be worth something to know that the very best medicine for restoring the tired out nervous system to a healthy vigor is Electric Bitters. This medicine is purely vegetable, acts by giving tone to the nerve centres in the stomach, gently stimulates the liver and kidneys, and aids these organs in throwing off impurities in the blood. Electric Bitters improves the appetite, aids digestion, and is pronounced by those who have tried it as the very best blood purifier and nerve tonic. Try it. Sold for 50c. or \$1.00 per bottle at H. Alex. Stoke's drug store.

Card of Thanks.

We wish to thank the many kind friends who were of such a noble assistance to us in our late sorrow. A kind remembrance of them will always be cherished by
MARTIN MEKKER AND FAMILY,
MERRILL C. MEKKER AND WIFE.

Our Educational Column.

"Uncle William," Editor.
Address all communications relative to this department to Editor Educational Column, care of THE STAR.

LITTLE TROUBLES.

Dedicated to the Little Workers of Rooms 11 and 12 by "Uncle William."

Don't think when you've learned your letters
That all of your troubles are done;
You'll find yourself mistaken—
They're only just begun.
Learning your letters is hard, we know,
But deep into study delve,
And patiently toil, ye workers true
Of rooms Eleven and Twelve.

If learning to write is awful
And the letters won't stay on the lines,
Nor the pen do as you bid it,
But deep into study delve,
But deep into study delve,
And numerous books ahead,
There are mathematical tables
And Grammar in which to delve,
But don't give up, ye workers true
Of rooms Eleven and Twelve.

Remember that little by little
To the mountain top we climb,
It isn't all done in a minute,
But only a step at a time.
'Tis thus that ages, learned,
Did deep into learning delve,
Till the goal you reach, ye workers true
Of rooms Eleven and Twelve.

Boys and girls, this week your "uncle" will vary a little and give you some short selections from our best educational writers and it is hoped that you will peruse them carefully and thoughtfully and endeavor to put into practice the teachings contained in them. They are filled with excellent and wholesome advice which, if carefully followed, will be of lasting benefit to you throughout life.

The world being a schoolhouse, consummately equipped with apparatus and teachers, and containing the human race as pupils, the normal course of life is a steady process of education. The business and end of our existence is to learn. We are here really to acquire knowledge of the infinite wisdom, love of the infinite goodness, enjoyment of the infinite blessedness. That is, we are here to study. We are sent out on this earthly campaign of life to enrich ourselves with the spoils of vanquished difficulties and the wealth of captured truth and beauty. The innumerable suns that wheel and gleam through immensity are shining lessons set along the limitless ascensions our learning souls must climb. Inexhaustible are the studies inviting us in this primeval school of the creation. Every event is full of meaning, babbling to the attentive ear, the secrets of its origin and its consequences. Every ray is a revealing flash. Every object is compacted throughout and written all over with truth. Nature is a transparency, ablaze with black lights of intention and bursting with mysteries. In short the universe is a moving congeries of truths within truths and good on good, every member and particle of which it is meant shall be known.—W. R. Alger.

There is always a best way of doing everything, though it were only to boil an egg. Manners are the happy way of doing things, each one a stroke of genius or of love, now repeated and hardened into usage. They form at last a rich varnish with which the routine of life is washed and its details adorned. If they are superficial, so are the dewdrops which give such a depth to the morning meadows. Manners are very communicable; men catch them from one another. The power of manners is incessant—an element as inconceivable as fire. No man can resist their influence. Give a boy address and accomplishments, and you give him the mastery of palaces and fortunes where he goes. He has not the trouble of entering or owning them; they solicit him to enter and possess. When we reflect how, in all clubs, manners make the members, how manners make the ambitious youth; that for most part, his manners marry him, and for most part he marries manners; when we think what keys they are, and to what secrets, what high lessons and inspiring tokens of character they convey, we shall not overrate them.—Emerson.

One of the prime duties of the public school is effective moral instruction. The experience of school men in all ages has been that mere intellectual training, without a corresponding development of the moral nature, does not fit boys and girls for practical life. Many of the world's brightest intellects have been steeped in crime. To insure the highest good and meet the demands of the public, the moral nature must be cultivated and trained along with the intellectual man.—Sawyer.

SCHOOL NOTES.

Don't forget that Dr. Nourse will be here on Friday evening, February 5th, to deliver his famous dramatic lecture, "Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde." This will be the best lecture of the course and you cannot afford to miss it. Secure seats early as there will be a rush. Tickets on sale at Stoke's drug store.
Night school will open on Monday evening, Feb. 1st, in room No. 1 of the basement of new building. Those desiring to attend will report promptly at the room at 7.00 P. M. for enrollment and organization.
Janitor Kline furnishes an abundant supply of "caloric" and keeps the building warm and comfortable during the cold snap.

Deemer's never carry goods from one season to another this is the time to get bargains in heavy goods.

Hotel Beat and Bogus Doctor.

Walter H. Forsythe, who is known in Reynoldsville and this section, having traveled for Dillworth's grocery house of Pittsburg, clerked at Hotel Wayne in DuBois and kept books for the company at Beechtree, where he married a former Reynoldsville young lady, was arrested at Ridgway on Tuesday of last week for practicing medicine, not being a physician and not being registered, for beating hotels and livery stables and obtaining money under false pretenses. He usually practiced among farmers, representing himself to be Dr. R. V. Pierce, of the World's Medical Dispensary of Buffalo, N. Y. Among the farming people he would prescribe some simple herb, tea or bitters to be prepared from leaves, bark or roots which he carried in a traveling bag, obtained as much money as possible and promise to return in a week. He beat hotels and livery stables in a number of towns in the state. Forsythe was taken from the Ridgway jail to Sheffield, Warren county, Wednesday and given a hearing for beating the Leo House and livery at that place, and was committed to the Warren jail.

One of the Reynoldsville hotels is among the number that Forsythe beat. The Ridgway Democrat says that Forsythe protested his innocence and was as cool as the proverbial cucumber until he found that he was unable to secure bail, and then with the bleak walls of the jail staring him in the face he broke down and cried like a baby, saying that he had heart disease and this confinement would kill him.

Reduced Rates to Washington.

For the benefit of those who desire to attend the ceremonies incident to the inauguration of President-elect McKinley, the Pennsylvania Railroad Company will sell excursion tickets to Washington March 1, 2, 3, and 4, valid to return from March 4 to 8, at the following rates:
From Erie, \$11.00; Corry, \$10.75; Warren, 10.75; Williamsport, \$8.75; Wilkesbarre, \$9.40, and from all other stations on the Pennsylvania system at reduced rates.
This inauguration will be a most interesting event, and will undoubtedly attract a large number of people from every section of the country.
The magnificent facilities of the Pennsylvania Railroad make this line the favorite route to the national capital at all times, and its enormous equipment and splendid terminal advantages at Washington make it especially popular on such occasions.

Always something new at Robinson's shoe store.
A few Ladies' and children's coats left at Deemer's.

A Jeff. Co. Twp. Has Them.

The family of William Dodson, who is now undergoing imprisonment in the penitentiary for the murder of Louis Holman, are being maintained by the poor authorities of Polk township. At the time of the murder the family lived in Springcreek township, Elk county. As they had no means of maintaining themselves after the arrest and imprisonment of the husband and father they became a public charge. The poor overseer of Springcreek investigated and found that the family had moved from Polk township a little less than a year from the time they became a charge, and accordingly bundled them back. The family consists of the wife and six young children.—Brockwayville Record.

The Grandest Remedy.

Mr. R. B. Greeve, merchant, of Chilhowie, Va., certifies that he had consumption, was given up to die, sought all medical treatment that money could procure, tried all cough remedies he could hear of, but got no relief; spent many nights sitting up in a chair; was induced to try Dr. King's New Discovery, and was cured by use of two bottles. For past three years has been attending to business, and says Dr. King's New Discovery is the grandest remedy ever made, as it has done so much for him and also for others in his community. Dr. King's New Discovery is guaranteed for coughs, colds, and consumption. It don't fail. Trial bottles free at H. Alex. Stoke's drug store.

It doesn't cost a cent to see Robinson's shoes before buying.
Remnants of all kinds at Deemer's.
Some bargains at Robinson's shoe store.
Church Notices.
Under this heading will be found the subjects and texts of the pastors of the various churches of Reynoldsville for the following Sunday.
BAPTIST.
Evangelist J. M. Dean, of Kalamazoo, will preach in the Baptist church next Sunday and every evening the next week, except Saturday evening. All are invited to attend.
METHODIST EPISCOPAL.
Morning: Address by H. D. Patton. Evening: Evangelist Heath will preach; Subject: "A Bed and Its Covering." Revival services each evening except Saturday.
Everyday bargains at Robinson's shoe store.
Snyder & Johns, fashionable tailors.
Try us for shoes—Robinson's.
All odds and ends will be sold at a great reduction at Deemer's.

BIRTHS.

MILLIEN—Born on Thursday, Jan. 21, 1897, to Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Milliren, a ten-pound son.

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at three o'clock in the morning for a postage stamp, but in case of emergency don't hesitate to jerk it with a vim. That's what it's there for. You won't have to wait out in the cold long, either, after ringing. I jump at the first ting-a-ling and dress as I shuffle down the stairs.

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Come and see what we are doing. You can save money by buying now.

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Hats and Caps,
Shoes, Etc.

We carry a complete stock of everything and you will find our GROCERIES and PROVISIONS always up to standard in quality, and the very lowest price. We invite a share of your trade.

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