

THE CHARLOTTETOWN GUARDIAN

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POETRY IN THE SCHOOLS.

Yesterday the members of the Canadian Club in Charlottetown enjoyed the rich treat of hearing one of the great Canadian teachers deliver an inspiring address on a subject of more than ordinary interest—Poetry in Schools.

Broadly speaking his discourse was a plea for the cultivation of the imagination in early life, as a part of a well-rounded education. We have long felt that this has been too much neglected in our schools and colleges, and that the recent development of manual training, while useful in its way, tends somewhat to accentuate the defect.

No one has ever graduated from the farm or the workshop into a life of intellectual activity without feeling sadly cramped in his power of expression. His vocabulary is limited to at most a few thousand words and needs to be multiplied many fold. He may have, must have, thoughts far beyond his power to convey to others.

Without these we cannot make the most of "the brain power of the whole community," which it should be the object of our educational system to effect. It is the fault of our system that it takes the boy and girl from their prosaic daily callings to study mere abstractions and generalities of science and knowledge without adornment and without the uplift which comes from poetical conception or the development of the creative, originating or inventive faculties.

Without the poetic and imaginative faculty we cannot understand the world around us, or the life in which we move. For in very truth the world is full of poetry, the air breathes with its music and the waves dance to the music of its melodies. One must realize this and be saturated with its realisation in order to come into correspondence with his environment in life, which is in fact simply to live.

There is in some quarters a tendency to set aside the poetic sense as unpractical and tending to uselessness in life. On the contrary, as a thousand well-rounded and energetic lives attest, it is in the highest sense practical as well as refining and uplifting. It tends to the formation of character, to that reverence in which as Ruskin has said lies the chief value of life, that reverence for great men and great things, of which the learned lecturer quoted from Pasteur, and to that "self-reverence, self-knowledge and self-control, which lead life to sovereignty power."

It would have been fortunate if every teacher in Prince Edward Island had the opportunity to have heard Principal Peterson yesterday. But as they had not, we can only enjoin upon them the lesson of his discourse. And to our young readers we would say, neglect not to store your minds with the sublime and beautiful thoughts, the clear conceptions of

great truths, the elevated language and that noble stimulus to the imagination which is supplied by the great poets of all the ages. It is in youth that this can be done, when the region of the ideal is opening to your minds, when the memory is plastic to receive and as adamant to retain those thoughts which in after life will lighten all burdens and cares, and lend inspiration, uplifting and refinement to life's prosaic round.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR.

The London Spectator in a recent issue comments severely upon those "letters to the editor" which are not written as is implied, and as is believed by the reading public by persons outside but by members of the writing staff of the paper publishing them. "In newspapers which count," says the Spectator, "you have two separate sources of information and instruction. There are the articles frankly written by the staff, and there are the letters to the editor, which are the comments of the reader by way of approval or protest. If the views of the staff are allowed to masquerade as the views of the public, the whole significance of letters to the editor is destroyed by a few strokes of the pen."

And yet this sort of misleading masquerade has been practised not only in England but in Canada. In regard to which we take occasion to say that every letter which has appeared in The Guardian for more than twelve years past has been genuine, the production of a reader and not of any member of the staff, and the same has always been true of any other newspaper during the time the writer of this article had editorial control of it.

Kipling, speaking of the Kingdom of Letters has given us this sentence. "The Pharisees originate very little that has not been put into their minds by the Scribes." Is not the same thing true of the politicians?

If the leader of the Government and the leader of the Opposition should ever come to agree as happily in political matters as they did in moving and seconding the vote of thanks to Principal Peterson yesterday their party followers would suspect them of a dangerous collusion.

Honorable both to the giver and the recipient is that gift of \$10,000 from an American citizen to the Canadian Battlefields fund. His letter to Lord Grey shows faith in a great future for Canada, which is flattering to the national spirit in our midst as the gift is conducive to international good will. In many lines of generosity our American cousins are unsurpassed, and this is one of them.

One of the greater evils of the party system is that the wrongdoing of the party in power is cloaked and condoned by the entire strength of the party and the party press. Were it not for this reform might be effected in a party from within. This seems to be never done in either of our two great parties. Early in their career of power abuses creep in and thereafter they go from bad to worse.

The esteemed Patriot sees "a great gulf fixed," apparently as wide as that which separates Paradise from Gehenna, between the policies of the Whitney Government and that of the Liberal party in Ontario. We fail to see any such difference in their public policy. What is apparent is that one party is in power and determined to stay in if they can, while the other party is out and determined to get in as speedily as possible.

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The Clydesdale Stallion McCracken

Is a bay horse foaled June 23rd, 1903. He is a dark bay with black points, with the exception of two white hind fetlocks and star in face. McCracken is a sure foal-getter, large, handsome and well bred, being sired by the pure-bred Clydesdale Stallion McCracken, 6035; dam, Eastern Red Old Brown Stout; grand dam by Old Gladstone.