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EDUCATING THE PARENTS.

The world and many of its books are full of suggestions, wise and otherwise, about the education of children. Pulpit, platform and press are lavish in their advice as to how and what the children should be taught. What about the parents?

Of the three parties constituting a school, namely the parents, the teacher and the pupils, the greatest and the gravest responsibility rests upon the parents. Upon them depends very largely the success or the failure, the usefulness or the uselessness of the school. Upon them also rests the greatest responsibility of all, that of the future of their own children particularly and of those of their neighbors generally.

There is no royal road to a successful school any more than there is to an education; they are both the results of hard, conscientious, honest work and without this there can be no successful school and no useful or practical education. In this hard, conscientious and honest work the parents have perhaps the greatest share and certainly the greatest responsibility.

The parents may have little, directly, to do with the engagement of the teacher as this is done by the trustees. Indirectly, however, they can exercise such influence upon the trustees that the latter cannot ignore proper precautions in making their selection. Once the teacher is engaged, he or she is in the hands of the parents and it is in their power to make his or her work in the school a success or a miserable failure and, let it not be forgotten that failure even for a year in a school is a loss to the children that can never be made up.

How can the parents help the teacher and make the school a success? First of all by kind, sympathetic co-operation. This co-operation is very broad and very elastic and can only be given through mutual acquaintance, mutual helpfulness, and mutual respect. Time was in this province when the teacher's salary was, relatively, one of the best in the community and, unfortunately, then as now, a measure of the respect in which the teacher was held was accorded his higher salary. In the real measure of manhood and womanhood the size of a salary or a bank account counts for nothing; the man or woman entrusted with the moulding and directing of the mind of a child is worthy of our highest respect and a very high place in the affection and esteem of the child's parents. The children must be taught at home by their parents, to respect the teacher and as the children learn more by example than by precept the parents themselves must show that they respect the teacher. The parents should confer frequently with the teacher; they should see to it that the children are given sufficient time to study at home; to see where the fault lies if the child's monthly report is not satisfactory; to send the child to school regularly, with a clean, wholesome mind, a mind not diseased and perverted by the previous night's dissipation on the streets or the roads or at any one of the score of attractions which are today sapping the minds of so many children.

CURRENT COMMENT

For nearly a year the Bell Government have been in power. In a report published last February, in the columns of the Patriot and under headings of the sensational and fire-brand species, accompanied by the most severe editorial condemnations, a revolting picture of conditions, real or imaginary, at Falconwood Hospital and Infirmary were described. Amongst these there were leaky roofs, broken spoutings and conductor connections and rotted out floors within the building. Eleven months since the change of government, and six months since that Commission's report have passed and that disgraceful condition of affairs still exists, not a blow struck not a foot of timber used, not a goose-neck or piece of spouting replaced nor a mechanic given a day's work in making those pretendedly urgent repairs. In a moment of excitement the Patriot announced a short time ago that the plumbing repairs were about completed. This was in response to our comment, that no contract had been called for or let for the work and that a regular employee was repairing it in his spare hours. It was the Liberal organ's customary deception. The material, purchased by the Arsenal Government a year ago, has been about used up, but this does not by any means complete the work.

THE POWER OF PRAYER. Lord what a change within us one short hour Spent in Thy presence will avail to make! What heavy burdens from our bosoms take; What parched grounds refresh, as with a shower! We kneel and all around us seems to lower; We rise and all the distant and the near Stands forth in sunny outline, brave and clear! We kneel, how weak! We rise, how full of power! Why therefore should we do ourselves this wrong Or others that we are not always strong; That we are overborne with care, That we should ever weak or heartless be; Anxious or troubled, when with us is prayer And joy and strength and courage are with Thee? Richard Chevenix Trench

On let us fill our hearts up with the glory of the day And banish every doubt and care and worry far away! For the roses full of dew, and the dew is full of heavenly love that drips for me and you. James Whitcomb Riley.

The roofs of the building are still leaking, and when the searching snow and the frost action of another winter play upon them, the story will truly be a bad one, for they cannot be repaired in winter, and the autumn is now upon us. There were some boastings of the addition of Hon. W. M. Lea to the Trustee Board. Has it tended to improve these conditions? Wouldn't the Hospital and the people have realized a greater benefit if his fifty dollars of extra salary had been paid to a carpenter or sheet-iron worker towards those repairs? And the Hospital is still without a Matron, for some unaccountable reason not yet explained either by the Patriot or the Government. These are things which the public who have a deep interest in this institution will not stand for. And it comes from a party and a Government who never tired of making mountains out of molehills in this connection when their opponents were in charge. At that time "neglect and mismanagement" was ever upon their tongues and yet never in the history of the institution were these qualities more in evidence than to day. We are not writing for the purpose of recrimination and fault-finding, but in the hope of being able to arouse those indolent stewards of the public so that something may be done to save this valuable building from crumbling down on the heads of the inmates in the lapse of time.

Others' View Points

To Acquire A Large Vocabulary

(From the Springfield Republican) From a correspondent comes this unusual query, which may be passed on to our readers. "What is the best method to acquire a large vocabulary?" Is there a "best" method? No doubt many methods have been tried, and perhaps personal experience would be more illuminating than theory. On general principles, and with due deference to teachers of rhetoric it might be supposed that the choice of method should be governed by circumstances. To enlarge one's personal vocabulary the most obvious method is to enlarge one's need of a large and well-sorted stock of words; this means more active thinking and a more resolute effort to express thoughts with clearness, precision, and felicity. This process is like constructing a mosaic out of blocks that vary in size, shape and color—everybody who has worked at dissected picture puzzles knows what it is like. Once in a million times a piece may be missing, and the finest artist in words has to give up in despair. But almost always there is a word that drops click into the gaping hole and puzzle has its reward. If people would habitually look for the right word as they looked for the right bit of mosaic while the puzzle craze raged the enlargement of the every-day vocabulary would present no difficulties. The trouble lies in the laziness or indifference which is satisfied to let a stock of words suffice. Sure, that's right. Absolutely. No language can compare with English in the richness and variety of its vocabulary. Yet pigeon-English would meet the intellectual needs of some people who consider themselves educated. The enlargement of vocabulary should begin with a more vigorous intellectual activity. The words will come when they are really needed.

She Helped Out Father

(From the London Morning Post) "Father," inquired the eight-year-old, "what is a slump?" Before her father could answer his wife saved him the trouble. "A slump, my dear," said she, "is a smart business man's excuse for cutting down the housekeeping money."

No Mob Law for Canada

(From the Toronto Globe) Scenes such as those which disgraced Thorold when an infuriated mob set fire to the Town Hall, attacked officers of the law, assaulted a man awaiting trial, dragged him through the streets, tied a rope to a street pole for the purpose of lynching him, and forced the badly shattered and bleeding prisoner to plead for his life, must not be repeated in Canada. Citizens who, so far forgot themselves as to participate in this reprehensible affair should be made to realize the condemnation of public sentiment and the determination of right-thinking people in all parts of the country to see that law and order are maintained.

Liberalism and the Patriot

Liberalism and the Patriot are again busy trying to stir up racial strife. Quebec is rapidly slipping from their hold, and some desperate expedient must be adopted to avert annihilation in their former old stronghold. The silver tongue of Sir Wilfrid Laurier is still, his magnetic personality is no longer there to sway the multitude, they have no policy upon which they can appeal for sympathy or support, and so they try to stir up their unpatriotic plots in old religions and racial cry. They can again score some success. The Hon. Mr. Meighen came out in the mainly outspoken appeal for a Canadian unity, in which neither race nor creed would be permitted to stand in the way of our national prosperity. His words were commended by the clean Liberal newspapers all over Canada, and by such men as Premier Taché of Quebec and others of the best of Liberal thought in the country. But the Grit canned editorial faculty at Ottawa did not approve about fabulous mines of wealth.

THE PUBLIC FORUM

This column is open for the discussion by correspondents of questions of interest. The Charlottetown Guardian does not necessarily endorse the opinions expressed by its correspondents.

THAT NORTH RIVER ROAD

Sir—Can you inform the public if this piece of road we read so much about by "Traveller" and "One on the Job" from North River to Cornwall, is a "permanent" job or a local Government heeler job? Whichever it may happen to be, it is high time an indignation meeting was called at North River and Messrs. Nicholson and McIsaac and Sinclair and our local representatives invited to attend and a stop put to such money-squandering. If this work goes on longer, farmers will not only be taxed, but not be able to buy a dung fork at a reasonable price. The writer is informed that a tax service or auto is also on the job for officials' comfort. If this be true, not only dung forks, but auto service will advance. The writer would suggest that a bathing house be put up for the comfort of said road employees, and free bathing suits be supplied in a heavy government, as there is a heavy public tax on the road. Neither being a poet or writer, I do not want to take this matter to "Traveller's" hands, so will wait with patience to hear from him in the near future. Come again, Mr. Traveller. The public is with you. I am, Sir, &c.

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HAPPENINGS OF THE WEEK

THE STORM.

Storm's a-ragin' I don't care. Let the wind blow clear the air. With the freshness of the sea Let the rain bring from the skies All the joy that in them lies, And make dusty earth as clean As that azure stretch serene.

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Mrs. Edwin Arken and children and Miss Dubois were visiting in Georgetown this week the guest of Mrs. Albert Aitken.

Miss McGuigan, who spent a delightful visit with Dr. and Mrs. S. B. Jenkins has returned to her home in St. John.

Boal King's new novel "Thread of Flame" is being published this week. This is King's recent numerous articles on the psychic and occult are called a psychic novel. An edition of the mental trend which the "Thread of Flame" is to bring into the author's own country board helped him in the King novel to completion. Boal King is now at Charlottetown, N.S. He has just returned from California, where he supervised his latest morning tour.

Several parties are leaving Monday for the week-end in St. John. The exhibition opened in that city today.

Mrs. A. A. Bartlett has on an extended visit to North Carolina, and other American cities. She was accompanied by Mr. St. John by her husband Mr. Bartlett, where they will visit a short while.

Miss Mary Allison, who has become visitors to Summerside, is being the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Hilland Maitland.

After a delightful summer Keppoch Mrs. E. Story left week for her home in Garry, accompanied by Mr. Story.

Mr. and Mrs. Shaw who have been visiting Mrs. Shaw's parents Mr. and Mrs. Justice Ferguson left Thursday on return to their home in Montreal.

Dr. McMurphy was among distinguished visitors here last week; her address in the P. E. I. College to the members of the Women's Institute Convention heard with much interest.

Miss Edith Bauld of Halifax has added another piece of silverware to the formidable collection that already glitters on her mansion—donated by golf clubs in various portions of Canada. This time it is for the Ladies' Chariots' Club of St. John, which she won Saturday afternoon on the thirteenth hole of the second round with six up and five down. Miss Bauld put over the golf brand of club manipulation which has come to be associated with her name. The competition from across the Bay of Fundy proved stiff game and thorough. Interesting opposition but was classified in competing with a rival of more experience and skill.

The public schools re-opening on Wednesday brought many of the summer cottagers in earlier than usual this year although quite a few are remaining over until after Labor Day. The schools are fully up to the average attendance of other years.

A most interesting program was arranged for the ladies who attended the Women's Institute Convention here this week and the visitors were delighted with their

British yachtsman, the famous visitor in Toronto who has been a visitor in Toronto for several days, left on Monday evening for New York preparatory to sailing for England. A large number of his local friends were at the Union Station to see him off. Sir Thomas had also enjoyed his trip to Toronto immensely, and referred in glowing terms to the Canadian National Exhibition which he visited on Saturday. He reiterated his intention to challenge again for the American Cup, and hoped that his next venture would be crowned with success.

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