

Teachers' Address On The Ideals of Teaching

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IDEALS IN TEACHING

Ladies and Gentlemen,— In opening my address to you, let me frankly confess I am proud and happy to have been chosen for this task. An opportunity such as this rarely presents itself. It is one which is man of my calling and of my interests, might vainly hope for and even pray for and yet go down the years without ever obtaining. Now that it is given to me, I have so much sympathy to express in your behalf; so many things to ask you as well as to tell you, that I hardly know where to begin. True, my subject is "Ideals in Teaching," but this, I fear, will permit me to touch only very remotely the countless topics I fain would discuss. My desire is that I make good use of the privilege that is mine, and that what I say may not prove insipid and uninteresting.

You, teachers, know what a calamity it is, at times, to be uninteresting. You have an important lesson to teach. The success of your pupils depends upon their knowledge of it. You may be competent, you may be kind, you may be zealous; if you are uninteresting your words are wasted and your lesson is lost. Judge of my task when it is not pupils I must interest, but the teachers themselves.

The secret of success in teaching, ladies and gentlemen, depends on the existence of high ideals in teacher and in pupil.

What is meant by an ideal? Popular opinion holds that it is an imaginary excellence that we pursue, but never attain. In reality it is something more than this: On the part of the individual it is (1) A passionate love for one's work, (2) a strong conviction of the importance and necessity of that work, (3) a ceaseless desire to perfect one's knowledge of it, and (4) an everlasting ruminating of it in one's mind. All of which may be summed up in one word—Passion. We all know the meaning of this word in its bad sense; but, it also has its good sense. Good passions are not only desirable; they are positively necessary.

A word of explanation. All the phenomena of our psychic nature may be reduced to three: perceptions, sentiments and acts. These three are related and united, in fact their relation or union is so intimate that they are often taken as so many phases of the same reality. One thing certain, perceptions invariably tend to produce sentiments, and sentiments, acts. In turn, just as invariably produce sentiments and perceptions.

Let me give you a few examples: The sight of a dear friend naturally makes us happy; that of an enemy makes us angry. These perceptions therefore cause two different sentiments.

Love of an individual compels us to think of him, to praise him, to seek him, to serve him. It is impossible to see any imperfection in him. According to the adage, love is blind. Whereas, hatred has a thousand eyes. The person hated has not as much as one redeeming feature. We see from this that sentiments certainly produce acts. As for the third assertion, namely: that acts produce both sentiments and perception, we merely have to call your attention to a few facts. Men of the same profession, engaged in the same occupations, think and feel alike on most subjects. Peaceful and contented surroundings make for peace and contentment within. The surest way to feel like anyone is to act like him. Many actors, it has been said, have actually lived their parts. If you are anxious to have certain thoughts and feelings, perform their appropriate acts. Act as if you had them already. Do as you would do in a problem of Algebra; you let X equal the number, and you end by getting it. Act as if you had the desired thought or sentiment, and you will surely acquire them.

This circle or cycle of perception, sentiment and act, we have more or less in common with all creatures. Everything made was made for a purpose. It seeks that end or purpose, acknowledges it and embraces it. The one distinguishing feature in our favor (one that makes us superior beings) is that we can exercise a choice in the matter. We can govern ourselves; we can make or mar our own lives; we can choose our ideas, our sentiments and our acts; we can make them what we like—good, bad or indifferent.

The Most Important Group Of the three groups, perception, sentiments and acts, sentiments are the most important. They stand midway between our thoughts and our acts. They represent the appetite of the soul. Once this appetite is set in motion it controls everything. It has various phases of operation, e. g. wish, desire, need, preference, emotion, feeling, affection, attachment and passion. Each of these in turn, influenced more or less by the freedom of our will, rules our psychological life. That is to say, is responsible for our thoughts or words and deeds. The strongest of all is passion. It is the one with which we are principally concerned for it all so spells ideal. Passion is not an ordinary sentiment. It doesn't arise suddenly or accidentally. No one is born with it. It is not found in the young. It is the fruit of slow, gradual, deliberate process. There may be an inherited propensity, just as the infant will show signs of inherited peevishness or impetuosity, but to develop into a normal full-fledged passion, the sentiment must be nursed and codified and fostered.

History of An Ideal Here then is the history of an ideal: A person, an object or a thought arouses our mind to unusual activity. The soul is stirred to its very depths. An interval of intense

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Premier Stewart's Platform for the Coming Election

The recent increase of \$125,000 in Federal subsidy to this Province is we believe but a small part of what we should in justice receive. It will be the aim and duty of the Liberal Conservative party if returned to power at the forthcoming election, to so further present and press these claims that this Province will realize upon her rights in full measure.

Upon obtaining further financial relief as above to still further reduce taxation.

Agriculture:

Every possible assistance and incentive to the improvement of live stock.

Greater attention to agricultural education.

- (1) By suitable practical courses in Agriculture in Prince of Wales College.
- (2) By increasing short courses and night schools and carrying the same to local centers throughout the Province.
- (3) By local demonstrations and lectures.
- (4) Continued attention to and supervision of School Fairs and Exhibitions.

Promotion of and assistance to all Agricultural co-operative movements.

Further efforts to so adjust traffic rates as to assist the transportation of the agricultural products of this Province.

An endeavour to place fruit growing in its proper position among the branches of Agriculture in this Province.

Public Works:

The improvement of the secondary roads of the Province, giving special attention to roads leading to shipping centers.

The surfacing with hard gravel those portions of the road system which carry a large volume of farm and motor vehicle traffic and the development of the gravel pits of the Province so as to make use of local gravel where available.

Continued and adequate maintenance of the Improved Highways of the Province.

A continuation of the policy of replacing worn out bridges and culverts of wood with structures of concrete and steel.

In co-operation with the other Provinces of the Dominion endeavour to have the Dominion Highway Grant re-opened.

Educational:

Upon further augmentation of the present revenues of the Province a revision upwards of the salaries of our public school teachers based upon quality of work and experience.

Carrying to completion arrangements already entered upon with the other Maritime Provinces for providing school texts of a higher and uniform standard at the lowest possible prices.

A real effort to bring back and re-habilitate in this Province those of our own people who can be induced to again take up farming.

An investigation of the water power possibilities of the Province with a view of supplying cheap electric light and power especially in the rural districts.

Continued and increasing attention to Public Health.

A study of the Federal Old Age Pension Scheme with a view of making it available in this Province if within our reach financially.

Assistance to the Fishing Industry similar in aim and extent to that now being furnished to agriculture.

The Repeal of the Prohibition Act and the enactment of a Temperance Law, the principal features of which will be:

- (1) The sale of intoxicating liquors only through Government vendors', stores, controlled and operated by a Commission appointed by the Government, to persons holding permits issued by the said Commission. Such liquors to be sold under official test and at a reasonable price.
- (2) Such permits to be issued to unobjectionable applicants over 21 years of age, and to be good for one year and to be non-transferable.
- (3) No consumption of liquor in public places.
- (4) Vendors' stores to be continued in the places where they are now open. No stores to be opened outside these places except after a majority vote of the municipality, townships of other large unit of population within which a store is proposed to be opened, upon a plebiscite taken for that purpose; such plebiscite to be granted upon a petition to the Lieutenant-Governor in Council signed by a representative number of electors on such municipality or township. New Vendors' stores thus opened may at any time thereafter be closed after an adverse plebiscite similarly taken.
- (5) The cancellation of permits of persons abusing the use of same by becoming intoxicated or offending in any way against the provisions of the Act or other Laws of the Province.
- (6) Greatly increased penalties for all-violations of the law. In the case of illegal selling, the person purchasing liquors illegally to be prosecuted as well as the person illegally selling.
- (7) Rigid enforcement of the Law.



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