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**WHAT THE SUMMER SCHOOL OF SCIENCE MEANS TO ME.**

While listening to the lecture of Dr. Marshall Perrin on "The Modern Child," one peculiarity of his address took and held my attention throughout—the necessity of presenting to the children continually, in himself, a noble and vigorous ideal. Only in this way could he truly hold and form them to his will. To gain this end, Dr. Perrin said, the teacher should neglect no means that would add to his own physical, mental and spiritual strength.

The Summer School of Science is, I think, a most valuable means to this end of which Dr. Perrin spoke. Maritime Provinces might easily avail themselves. In the first place, the mere physical value of a change of scene and thought is not to be despised; and physical and mental vigor would seem to go hand in hand.

We all know the restless minds—and bodies—of the children of today, the nervous strain of the school room. We feel that we are following a true instinct when we seek relief from old grooves of anxious thought, something that will raise us out of ourselves to a higher plane from which we can see our own affairs in a truer perspective. This we can take courage for renewed and patient effort, and says as Burns' said out of his own difficulties:

"I've a hert aboon them a'!"

But this more optimistic view might not be permanent, were our minds not filled, to the exclusion of all other ideas, with new thoughts and ideas and ideals for the coming year. We are a school, composed, we think, of some of the most vigorous teachers of the Maritime Provinces. Our instructors are men well qualified for the positions they hold—college-bred men, who have made their mark in the great schools of Canada and the United States, and whose teaching is worth listening to, and whose methods one would do well to note. Is it a wonder then that, in this daily interchange of ideas, we feel the atmosphere of a wider culture and thought, the influence of strong and varied personalities; and that we discover in ourselves and others unguessed powers and possibilities.

The character of our instruction would seem to be two-fold; partly that which we can apply directly to use in our schools, partly that which widens our own knowledge of the subject studied and gives us the newest ideas and discoveries in the scientific world.

I can speak with conviction of some of the newer, better ways of instructing, which I have learned while I have been attending the sessions of the Summer School. I have learned the method for memorizing used in our literature class, to teaching Grade V the few Shakespearean sonnets and other choice bits of poetry given in their readers, and found it to work admirably and give much pleasure to the pupils. Last spring, I tried, with my two classes, some of the experiments relating to the germination of a seed, which had been performed in the botany class at Liverpool and, I think, both the children and myself learned a good deal. I know that I can teach botany much better now than I could before. Perspective drawing, I have found, is particularly had for most children to understand. My intention, as soon as school begins again, to use some of the new methods which I have learned for teaching this subject, for they seemed to me most excellent. These are only a few of the many helps which I have received for the teaching of my Grades V and VI. I can think of many, many more, which I might use with profit.

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to the inhabitants of the place where it meets and the surrounding country, and one which past years have shown they are not slow to avail themselves of.

If there be sufficient funds next year, I should think it might be well to have additional classes in such subjects as French, German, child study, elocution; but I know that this is impossible at present, while the instructors which we have now receive only a very small portion of what their value is to us. The teachers who attend the school are willing, I am sure, to do what we can by paying a larger registration fee, but even that will not be nearly sufficient, I know. I should also like to see, next year, the library of the building which we use for our classes open for a certain time each day, and a librarian in charge. We cannot easily bring with us all the reference books which we need, and we would be most glad to have the use of a library once in a while.

In closing, I would say: "Long live the Summer School of Science," and may it be more and more a tower of strength to the teachers of our provinces, and a noble aid in the work which is a teacher's first duty to his scholar—that of training—himself.

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were I to teach a high school "work again.

But after all the greatest value of the Summer School of Science seems to be, not so much in improved mechanical methods, which the teacher learns so much, as in making him a broader, more enlightened individual—consequently, a better, wiser teacher and a more useful member of the society.

I have heard it said by people who have not really thought much about the matter, that the teacher does not need this further training; that he would do better to confine himself to teaching properly "the three royal R's." Does it do any harm, do they think, to learn something about the great, noble battle against disease which is being waged, by the scientists of today? Will it do any harm to tell the school children about this, and so help to educate the next generation to improve sanitary conditions? If a teacher knows more of the psychological part of physiology, should he not be wiser and more charitable in dealing with those placed under his control; and, what is sometimes more difficult, with their parents? Will he teach reading any the worse for having learned a truer appreciation of what is really good in literature. Any one who has taught the science required in our high school grades knows that more than a mere knowledge of the text-book is needed; that one is continually prone to fall into errors which a fuller information about the subject would have made impossible. I think it is generally accorded that the broader and more exact one's knowledge of a subject, the better he is able to teach the elements of that subject. If that were not so, why do the principals of our best schools insist on having high grade teachers, even in the lower grades? Is it not in order that the pupils may come at last to the principal's room properly prepared for the work he gives them?

I have spoken of the great usefulness of the Summer School of Science. There are many things which make it also thoroughly enjoyable. The interesting nature of the work; the kindness of all the instructors about explaining difficulties; the excursions for field work which break up the monotony of the daily routine; the pleasant social evenings which pupils and instructors spend together, occasionally; and last, but not least, the especially fine lectures which we hear from our able educators and others, who have something worth while to say to us—all these things help to make the time pleasant for the teachers who attend.

For myself, I can say that I have derived untold pleasure and profit from the three sessions of the Summer School which I have attended; and that I have never yet belonged to a class which I did not think well repaid me for the time spent in it.

One thing which I believe is sometimes do not think of in reference to the Summer School, is the great benefit which comes from meeting in a new place each time. The teacher who habitually attends the sessions of the Summer School, soon knows a good part of our three Maritime Provinces. Not only that, but a great educational opportunity is afforded

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