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Lack in Schools Do Not Educate the Child on Social Side

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It would be absurd to deny the social influence of any institution, however humble or however weak. What would we be without the public schools, even as they are? Half the business of America would stand still. You would not now be reading this newspaper. Civilization as we have it is founded on the power to read and write.

So much to the credit of the public schools. But this is like praising a man for having two arms and a pair of legs. Unless the public schools do much more than teach a child these simple rudiments of modern life, they must be branded as incompetent and out of date. But is the rest of what we must teach the child to be measured in courses of study? I think not. Take poetry, for example. Children are made to listen to it, to read it, to learn it by heart. Longfellow, Whittier, Bryant are their courses of study; but as soon as these children are relieved from the temporary persuasion or compulsion of the teacher, what happens? Do they aim to extend their knowledge? Are their lives in any way changed?

People have such a ridiculous idea of what it means to form a habit. Have you ever seen a horse or a dog in a treadmill? How well the druggery is performed! What admirable docility! Surely, this animal is learning a habit. But when we leave him to himself do we find him looking for treadmills or falling in this, does he stand in the fence corner, tramping his feet up and down with a patient look in his eye? No, because this is not really the act he has been performing. He has simply been submitting to the direction of others, and this function he has learned.

Social ideas, laws, and actions are not normally laid down by some people for other people and not themselves to follow. When this happens we have a tyranny. And, conversely, the test of any law or idea among children as among adults is always its reproductive power. Does it spread from breast to breast? What we care or we pass on to others. But if there is nothing that we wish to reproduce, what do we?

It is just at this point that we touch the chief social failure of the graded, well-housed, un-cooperatively centralized city schools of to-day. If children are desirous of reproducing something in others and are permitted to do so, they learn. They clamor to learn. They have a motive for it, and a higher and more natural one than pleasure or pain, reward or punishment. That this reproductive instinct, this leaven of life, will be Bryant or Longfellow, I do not say. But whatever it is for different children and different ages, the children themselves and the teacher in immediate contact with them are able to describe much better than the superintendent or member of a school-board who rarely or never sees them.

Get good teachers. Give them a chance. Give them a franchise in their own profession. Use authority to prevent hindrances—to inhibit those who act as nullifiers. If teachers are socially and mentally reproductive themselves, they will rejoice in the social reproductive powers of the children. Like physicians who call in specialists for consultation, they will naturally want good superintendents to learn from. They will naturally know each what the other is doing and will co-operate with one another. Why should a school system be run like a business or a factory? It is not the reproduction or sale of material which is its aim, but the living reproduction of human minds.

Colin A. Sott

Late Local.

Bradley Saxton and grandson, Homer Phelps, of Bath were guests of A. R. Angell Saturday and Sunday.

R. Crawford lost a valuable horse from lockjaw last Saturday.

Fred Geigler delivered a load of Xmas trees in Detroit last Wednesday.

Mrs. Frank Parsons was a Northville caller Wednesday.

Frazer Hultz is on the sick list.

The U-go-go club met at Dr. and Mrs. Holcomb's Thursday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. M. Sulkovski's baby is improving.

R. C. Holcomb is on the sick list.

Dr. S. D. Holcomb of Redford was called to Grand Rapids for consultation in the case of Mrs. Elmer Stopen, who is ill in the hospital there.

Over one hundred new books have been added to the township library.

Mrs. Walter Smith of Detroit was in town Wednesday.

Geo. Lamb is numbered among the sick.

W. Marshall and family left Wednesday for Oklahoma, their future home.

Mrs. G. C. Nichols is very poor.

Mrs. Gertrude Keringham and sister, Ida Panches, of Detroit visited Miss Electa Chilson Saturday.

Mrs. Lyman Sprague are keeping house for his parents during their absence.

An eight-pound girl was born to Mr. and Mrs. Claude Paulger Saturday, Dec. 12.

F. L. Cook was in Detroit on business Tuesday.

Miss Jessie Sowle and L. A. Power attended "The Man of the Hour" at the Detroit opera House.

Mrs. Agnes Buno is visiting friends in Milford.

Mrs. Phoebe Spencer of Plymouth and Mrs. Quane Cogdill of Novi are spending a few days at Karl Tibbits'.

There were one hundred guests present at the twentieth wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Karl Tibbits. Friends were present from Detroit, Novi, Plymouth and Franklin. They were the recipients of many nice presents.

The Ladies Union will meet with Mrs. A. J. Crosby on Thursday of next week. A full attendance is desired.

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School Notes.

Teacher's Institute at Milford Saturday. Our teacher is planning to attend.

Cassie Goodrich and Ada Coleman have been absent from the high school this week on account of sickness. Hurry back. We miss you.

The twelfth grade has finished Beaman & Smith's higher arithmetic and has begun a five months' course in review grammar.

Great honor is due our high school youth who has exhibited such skill in preparing the patterns for the letters, F. H. S. The cutting of these letters by members of the foot ball team has served as busy work at least.

Mrs. Brinker and Mrs. Prindle visited the primary, intermediate and grammar grades one day last week.

Forty-three pupils are enrolled in the intermediate room, with an average attendance of 39 last month.

Ninth grade has finished the course in review history and has begun civil government.

The primary and intermediate rooms are planning to hold Xmas exercises together.

One of our teachers celebrated her birthday this week and she says she will not repeat another.

Arthur Goers of the third grade received a deep cut over his left eye caused by a tin can being accidentally thrown by one of his playmates.

Helen Warner has presented the intermediate room with the pictures of George and Martha Washington.

If pupils do not come home immediately after dismissal, the teachers will consider it a favor if parents investigate.

Our ninth graders have been taking examinations in history and arithmetic. The question given them were third grade teachers' examinations and the majority were quite successful.

Local News.

Tena Ross, of Detroit, spent Thanksgiving with Mr. and Mrs. Duart.

Geo Duart was a Northville caller Wednesday evening.

Mark Wheeler was a Redford visitor Monday evening.

Katherine Gilbert sprained her left wrist quite badly at School last Monday.

Herbert Tlayer is on the sick list.

When shopping in Pontiac call at the Columbia for luncheon.

William Shear is gaining nicely.

Church Notes

METHODIST
Morning service, 10:30 to 11:30.
Sunday school, 11:30 to 12:30.
Epworth League, 6 to 7 p. m.
Evening service, 7 to 8.
Prayer meeting, 7 to 8 p. m. Thursday.

Services at the Baptist church as usual: Sunday-school at 1:30 p. m. and preaching services at 2:30 p. m., local time. Prayer service Friday evening at 7:30, topic: "What shall I do for Jesus?" Sunday, Rev. Robertson, N. Carolina, will preach. There will be a trio of male singers from Northville. Rev. N. E. Musser, pastor.

GERMAN EVANGELICAL.
There will be communion at the regular service at Clarencetown on Sunday next at ten o'clock standard time.

A Huge Bird.
One is almost surfeited of the wonderful exploits of local fishermen. Give the hunter a chance and listen to this story which comes from Redford. A huge bird was seen floating in space. "A hawk, for sure," said one. "An eagle," thought another. "It's a vulture," suggested another. Shots were fired, but the bird was still a mystery until Uncle Tommy Johnson came on the scene with his gun. There was no wild shooting from Uncle, and when the dead bird, looking almost as big as a wrecked airship, was examined, it was found to be a huge owl.

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Our Advertising List.

A very bright display of advertising is presented in this week's Enterprise. The patronage that in the past has been extended by the merchants of Farmington, Northville and Pontiac is returning in a gratifying manner. Circulating as the Enterprise does amongst the scattered population of this county it is recognised as one of the most effective means of bringing merchant and customer in touch with each other. Prominent amongst the list is Fred L. Cook, at whose store there is a stock of goods that is surprising. Mr. J. E. Phelps, anxious for the material welfare of the people shows how a fortune can be made by using some of his wonderful poultry food. At Pontiac, our readers will observe, there are sales of boots and rubbers at rock-bottom prices. It is surprising what hundreds of things appear necessary to our comfort when one looks through the attractive list of advertising matter, in fact, to many the advertising columns are the most interesting. It is this tendency on the part of readers which far-sighted merchants realise, they advertise in consequence, and build up whilst the more conservative stand still or go back.

Our new advertisers this week are Wm. Groves and J. E. Phelps, of Farmington; H. B. Merritt, F. H. Losee, and F. J. Seeley, Pontiac; the Best Dentists' Co., and Brock and Co., Northville.

WANT LINERS

RATES—5 cents a line for first insertion, 3 cents a line for each subsequent insertion.

For Sale—1 well bred Jersey cow; sow and ten pigs. FRED M. WARNER 6-4

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All kinds of heavy footwear at Cook & Co.'s.

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Card of Thanks.
We wish to thank all our friends and neighbors for the kindness shown during our late bereavement.

Treasurer's Notice.
I will be at the Farmington Exchange bank every Tuesday and Friday during banking hours for the collection of township taxes.
H. A. SCHROEDER,
Township Treasurer.

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