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SCHOOLS AND HOMES.

Some people blame the public schools for not accomplishing more in the intelligent training of children, when the fault lies not with the schools primarily but with the people themselves. Teachers can do little without co-operation of the fathers and mothers. Their responsibility is mutual and their best service lies only through complete harmony of effort. In the earliest stages of society schools were not needed, for each family was sufficient for its own need. What teaching was done occurred in the privacy of the home.

Then schools came into being. Society was learning the advantages of co-operative effort.

The modern public school, complex and highly organized for efficient service, is the climax of this evolutionary process. It is society's latest conception of effectiveness in education.

But the school cannot succeed unless the home continues to acknowledge its close relationship and its complete responsibility in the undertaking. A school merely supplements the influence of the home; it is in no sense a substitute for it.

The best organized and highest developed school becomes impotent the moment the homes, from which its pupils are recruited, withdraw their support. The finest teacher in the land is powerless to counteract the subtle power of an indifferent or obstructive parent.

American fathers and mothers would do well to give this matter serious thought. Many are neglecting to give their schools this kind of co-operation. It is not sufficient for men to pay their school taxes and furnish money for school clothes and books; nor have the mothers performed their full duty when they keep clothes mended and faces clean. Parental responsibility goes much deeper than that.

It is often claimed that the schools

in these days are failing to teach discipline. Juvenile courts are busy considering the cases of boys and girls whose chief fault lies in their contempt of authority. In other words, they have not learned obedience, are strangers to real discipline.

But responsibility for this situation—which has become most serious in the large cities of the land—rests not upon the schools but upon the homes. A child who is not compelled to bow to parental authority cannot often be made to acknowledge the authority of a teacher.

At most the time spent in a school-room each day is brief as compared to that spent at home. Almost of necessity a parent's opportunity of influencing the child is greater and more continuous than that of the teacher.

Here, then, is a way by which the homes of America may add materially to the efficiency of the American public school. The chance to help the reform goes home to every household. Even the childless family cannot wholly escape the responsibility. The next time one is inclined to criticize the public school, let him stop and consider whether he himself is doing his utmost to co-operate.

But the keenest and deepest disappointment of all is that of the old mother who simply could not believe her "boys" were guilty of the black crimes charged against them, but who now knows they were.

The mayor of Indianapolis is really doing more in his restricted way to reduce the "high cost of living" than all the anti-trust howlers in or out of congress. He is cutting down the people's grocery bills.

Now and then the news columns find a little space from Los Angeles, Washington and other throbbing news centers to inform an eager public that the high jinks at Hunnewell, Kas., are still going on in the same old way.

The criticism of La Follette for his announced purpose to make a western speaking tour while congress is in session does not come from the senate. The members of that body endorse it heartily.

Mr. Taft is another of those patriots who would rather be right than be president, and it begins to look as though he thought the combination was a difficult and doubtful one.

Arnold Bennett says he is going to tell the truth about Chicago in his forthcoming book. If he does he will never be able to get it through the mails.

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December 6, 1911.
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