

THE Y. M. C. A. —Its Possibilities

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Practical Talks as a Means of Education.

Report of Committee No. 4.—In an association of the size that ours will be, the Educational Department will necessarily be confined to a limited number of practical subjects that will be of direct benefit to the people who engage in their study, and to the community at large. It is very likely that, as time goes on and the Association steadily expands and its influence is felt, that the educational department will also expand into a school of no little consequence within its own field.

It is not the purpose of the Y. M. C. A. school to interfere in any way with the public schools, but rather to assist them by providing instruction at suitable hours for those who cannot attend the day schools, by providing classes along special lines of instruction for those too old for the public schools, by providing classes in citizenship and other subjects for foreigners, etc. In all these classes a reasonable tuition fee is charged.

Because of our limited equipment and space, we will have to be contented to start out on a much smaller scale than we might desire, and it is probable that at first, a part of the Educational work will be carried on by means of the method known as Practical Talks, by persons who have had experience in that particular line on which they speak. These talks can be arranged from time to time, or may be held at stated intervals, and classed as regular lecture courses, and the topics for discussion may be varied according to the needs of the hour.

The question now arises as to whom we shall get to deliver these talks referred to. The answer should be, "whenever possible, get a specialist in that line of work to be discussed.

For example, in a community whose interests are largely farming, as is the case in our own, it would no doubt be possible to get an authority from our Agricultural College to give a course of lectures or lessons, on fruit packing, as suggested in a former report. (Ed. the report referred to will be printed later) the proper care of orchards, best methods of raising and curing alfalfa, proper manner of conducting dairies or along any of the lines in which the farmer is interested. A local physician might be induced to give talks on first aid to the injured, proper care patients in the home, etc. A business man might interest others by telling of some special methods that had helped him to conduct his business in a successful manner. A lawyer might explain the City's Charter, some of its laws, or some of the Oregon system of laws to the very great benefit of citizens and voters and voters-to-be, who hear the explanation. This line of study could be followed out in almost any line of activity in which the people are interested. The limitations of the Educational Department will make it impractical to keep a corps of paid instructors, this however, may be regulated according to the demands of the people interested, therefore it will be necessary to draw our speakers largely from local talent who will be willing to give their time to the work for the work's sake and from a desire to see the community benefited, and from those outside of the community who are willing to help, providing their traveling expenses, and, perhaps a small additional fee be paid.

Practical talks mean practical discussion of subjects by those interested, and in this connection it might be a feasible plan to organize Civic Clubs or Classes, under the direction of the Y. M. C. A., to discuss all questions pertaining to our civic life and to promote a "get together" spirit among the people. As a result of such classes there would be created a much greater interest in and a more personal responsibility felt for the welfare of our community city and country, upon the part of its citizens. When a person feels personally responsible for a thing or a duty to be done you can count on that person to go to work and do the job to relieve himself of the feeling (not of the responsibility.)

A good many people who have noticed a lack of this "get together" spirit in this atmosphere, and who also know what the Y. M. C. A., has accomplished along that line in other places are confidently looking to the Y. M. C. A., to create a feeling among the people that will cause them to think in terms of the other fellow's welfare, and not altogether in those terms of their own benefits. It is up to us to make good and it is hoped that education along these lines, can be brought about by methods that have been suggested, and others that will be brought to our attention from time to time.

Committee Number Four.

—The— Scrap Book

Her Repertory.

Clara Louise Kellogg, the opera singer, in her reminiscences, tells a story of the ladies' "bustles" of Victorian days. She had a champion in one journalist whose chivalry exceeded his knowledge of French. Seeing it printed that "Miss Kellogg has a larger repertoire than any living prima donna," her defender printed this: "We do not, of course, know how Miss Kellogg was dressed in other cities, but upon the occasion of her last performance here we are positively certain that her repertoire did not seem to extend out so far as either Nilsson's or Patti's. It may have been that her overskirt was cut too narrow to permit of its being gathered into such a lump behind, or it may have been that it had been crushed down accidentally, but the fact remains that both of Miss Kellogg's rivals wore repertoires of a much more extravagant size."

Better Than Gold.

Better than grandeur, better than gold. Than rank or titles, a hundredfold. Is a healthful body, a mind at ease. And simple pleasures that always please. A heart that can feel for a neighbor's woe. And share his joy with a friendly glow. With sympathies large enough to enfold. All men as brothers, is better than gold.

Better than gold is the sweet repose. Of the sons of toil when their labors close; Better than gold is the poor man's sleep. And the balm that drops on his slumbers deep.

Better than gold is a thinking mind. That in realms of thought and books can find. A treasure surpassing Australian ore. And live with the great and good of yore. —Alexander Smart.

Didn't Deserve It.

Howard is quite a spender. His only living relative is an old uncle who is not, and there are other differences between Howard and his uncle. However, one day not long ago our young hero more or less diffidently approached his avuncular relative with the intimation that it would be a graceful thing for the old chap to loosen up.

"Young man," said the uncle, "you are a spendthrift. If I had money I would not give it to you. But I have no money. You seem to think I have a treasure hidden away somewhere. Get rid of that notion. I have saved up a sum large enough to bury me decently when I die and that is all. Now get out!"

A friend of Howard asked him a little later in the day why he looked so thoughtful.

"I was just wondering," he said. "where that old fellow got the idea that he ought to be buried decently." —Cleveland Plain Dealer.

Wells as a Bear Hunter.

Walter Winans, widely known Anglo-American sportsman, hailing from Baltimore, is staying at St. Petersburg with his friend, M. Rodzionko, cousin of the ex-president of the duma.

He played a practical joke recently on H. G. Wells, the famous English novelist, who also is in St. Petersburg. Winans, who went to Russia to shoot bears, received a reporter of the Gazette de la Bourse who had been assigned to interview Wells, but owing to mistaken directions went to see Winans.

The sportsman soon saw the mistake, but thought the opportunity too good to be lost, so he treated the reporter to a long recital of his shooting experiences in various parts of the world.

The reporter listened uneasily, making repeated endeavors to turn the conversation to the subject of the author's books.

"I don't want to talk about them now; some other time," Winans would say.

Eventually the reporter left, and the next morning there appeared a summary interview purporting to be with Wells on "Bears I Have Killed." The unfortunate reporter is now busy dodging Wells and also looking for a new job. —St. Petersburg Cor. Philadelphia Ledger.

The Soft Answer.

"Impartiality is supposed to be one of the prime requisites of a good school-teacher, and indeed it is a quality which most of them possess," says David Starr Jordan, president of Stanford university. "But even the school-mistress is human and may measure out justice with a due regard for extenuating circumstances."

"A little girl was discovered whispering in school," continued President Jordan, "and the teacher asked, 'What were you saying to Mary Holmes when I caught you whispering?'"

"The little culprit hung her head for a moment, and then replied, 'I was only telling her how nice you looked in your new dress.'"

"Well, that—yes—I know—but we must—the class in reading will please stand up!" —Detroit Free Press.

Beecher's Wit.

Henry Ward Beecher was visiting Dr. Alexander at Princeton university, and the venerable president showed

him a polished cabinet in which were all the sermons of his long New York ministry. There they were, standing in stately array. "This is a beautiful present made to me by some of my people," said the doctor. "Yes," said Beecher. "I am glad to see this place." "Why?" inquired Dr. Alexander. "Well, I am glad," replied the witty preacher, "to know that this place is in existence. Dr. Alexander, because if ever there is another flood I will start for this spot—there will be one dry place."

ONE VIEW OF SLEEP.

Likened to the Freezing of Water in a Pond or Bowl.

The approach of sleep is much like the freezing of water in pond or bowl. Faint spicules dart from the sides; motes and dots, barely perceptible, swim in the midst. One might imagine the process not less grateful to the long unsheltered mere than to the merely lounging brain, for as the one desires for the time being to be defended from that thought which is its own component essence, so might the other seek a coat proof against the plunge of an icicle, formed of a like element. Slight agitation, applied with judgment, will help the matter on. The introduction of a finger will sometimes change a bowl of congealing water to a solid mass. A bit of ice slid in at the proper moment will help on the water's freezing, and so will thinking on your latest dream help to induce slumber.

Transparent and cold as are ice and sleep nothing will keep brain and water safer and warmer. All glances from them and naught stirs up mud or mood. The parallel holds to the last, for nothing can more resemble the rude awakening of a slumber than the sudden breaking of ice, and nothing is more like a gradual and pleasant awakening than the melting thaw where beginning and end are alike indiscernible. —C. E. D. Phelps in "A Farmer's Notebook."

BALANCING BOWLERS.

Two of These Natural Curiosities Sway in the Berkshires.

For many years one of the greatest natural curiosities in Berkshire county and which in earlier and later years has been visited by armies of the curious is Balance rock, four miles north of Pittsfield and near the south line of Lanesboro.

This great marble bowlder is now of a deep brown color and is scarred and riven by the storms of centuries. It is thirty feet high, fifteen feet wide and is so wonderfully poised on a few feet at its base as to tremble at the slightest touch.

It weighs many hundreds of tons and resembles from several points of view a huge egg, a blacksmith's forge and the back of an elephant. It resembles no rock to be found on the Taconic mountain range or its foothills, near which latter it stands in sphinxlike grandeur and silence.

It is not generally known that there is another balance rock in Berkshire about of equal interest with that in Lanesboro. It is on the highest point of the Monument mountain, where it slopes toward the east, and is 700 feet above the river at the village of Housatonic. Its estimated weight is over 100 tons. —Pittsfield (Mass.) Cor. New York Sun.

A Smoke Puzzle.

"One day on approaching our factory," writes an American engineer in Cuba, "I noticed a great cloud of smoke, oily and black, rolling out of the chimneys and blotting out the surrounding landscape. I went to the boiler room and gave the firemen a good dressing down for allowing so much smoke to escape, telling them it was throwing money away and that if they could not fire better I would have to discharge them."

"I thought no more of it till the next morning, when, on entering the engine room, I found the chief mechanic jubilant over some joke. He told me that the chief fireman, a negro, had come to him with tears in his eyes and had said: 'Mr. U. says that we must not let the smoke go out the chimney; if we do he will discharge us. Now, if the smoke cannot go out of the chimney, where can we put it?' —Power.

When Warships Were Cheaper.

Warship expenditure of the present time would have horrified the Emperor William I. Andrew D. White, for many years American minister in Berlin, records that in an interview with the old emperor in 1881 "he asked me some questions about the Elbe, in which I was about to travel to New York. I told him how beautifully it was equipped, it being the first of the larger vessels of the North German Lloyd. He answered: 'Yes; what is now doing in the way of shipbuilding is wonderful. This morning I received a letter from my son, the crown prince, who is at Osborne and has just visited a great English man-of-war. It is wonderful, but it cost £1,000,000 sterling (\$5,000,000). At this he raised his voice and, throwing up both hands, said very earnestly, 'We can't stand it, we can't stand it.' —Chicago News.

Read the advertisements too.

RELIABLE — FOLEY'S HONEY AND TAR COMPOUND.

It is the quality of Foley's Honey and Tar Compound that makes it such a reliable medicine. For coughs, colds, croup, whooping cough, bronchial and la grippe coughs which "hang on" in the spring and weaken the system it has no equal. It also gives prompt and definite results for hoarseness, tickling throat, and stuffy wheezy breathing. Mrs. Benj. W. Seavey, West Mille, Me. says:—"Let me tell you how much I think of Foley's Honey and Tar Compound a family cough syrup. It is particularly valuable as a small quantity has the effect desired and it contains no opiates. I consider it the best cough syrup we have ever used." And Thos. Verron, Hancock, Mich. says:—"Foley's Honey and Tar has always proven effective, quickly relieving tickling throat, and stopping the cough with no bad effects." In 25c, 50c and \$1.00 bottles. The genuine is in a yellow package. For sale by Hill's Drug Store.—Adv.

For Sale—Near Cove.

The north 260 acres of our 420 acre hillside bunch grass pasture, and cherry land, no improvements, except fencing. Good springs, fine view of valley. The above 260 acres for \$2000 spot cash, and purchaser will have to put in division fence between the said 260 acres and the south 160, as the above price is below cost 25 years ago.

MATT W. MITCHELL,
Cove, Ore.

3-23-Mon.-Wed.-& Sat.

Stomach Trouble Cured.

Mrs. H. G. Cleveland, Arnold, Pa., writes, "For some time I suffered from stomach trouble. I would have sour stomach and feel bloated after eating. Nothing benefited me until I got Chamberlain's Tablets. After taking

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It is hard to do, and there is no reason for it when for a small price we grind them like new. We have the machine that is used at the factory where lawn mowers are made.

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HAPPY.

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Freight Rates on Application.
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FINE SMALL FARM.

Well improved, 51 acres in alfalfa; 25 acres fall wheat on fallow ground; Six room house; New barn which holds 45 tons hay and 14 head of stock; two chicken houses 16x32 ft. each; Hog house 16x38. Plenty of water. Located a few miles east of Island City. This is an exceptional dairy, hog and poultry farm. Reasonable terms. No exchange considered.

WILL BUILD TO SUIT.

I have a client who has choice residence lots on Sixth St. who will build a modern residence to suit purchaser on exceptional easy terms if you have \$500 cash. You can have your own architect prepare your plans and estimates.

STOCK RANCH WANTED

I have a client who has some choice income Portland property that is paying interest on \$30,000 who desires to exchange it for a well improved stock ranch; will assure some indebtedness.

WANT CITY PROPERTY.

I have a good farm near Elgin, another near Summerville to exchange for good city property in La Grande. No inflated values considered. This property is priced right and property submitted must be also.

CHOICE CITY LOTS.

I have a number of choice lots east of the Court House. Watch this portion of the city improve this year; Also two lots on N Ave. near high school at real bargain prices; also lots in other portions of the city. La Grande is rapidly becoming a city of home owners, don't you have a patriotic longing to own your own home?

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I have a number of choice modern homes that can be purchased on very small payments. Change your rent receipts into investment coupons which will result in you soon owning your own home.

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