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THE SCHOOL GROUNDS

The author read with interest the articles published in the last two issues of the Argus in the column allotted to the Parent Teacher's Association concerning the improvement of the school grounds and the placing thereon of playground equipment.

It is very gratifying that those interested in the Ontario Schools feel the need of attention along these lines. In this connection, as the executive agent of the Ontario Board of Education, the author wishes the public to know that those to whom schools are entrusted for their administration have given the matter very serious consideration for some time. In my report to the local board made last spring, there was recommended a systematic expenditure of a sufficient sum to equip the Ontario Schools with adequate playground equipment. At that time that body adopted the recommendation and authorized an expenditure of a sum of several hundred dollars to be divided over a period of four years for the purpose of building up a system of playground apparatus for the schools of the city.

It was found, however, upon investigation, that, due to the war prices, playground equipment had soared in price until a very unfair price must be paid for that equipment. It was decided to spend the money appropriated for the first year in putting in a floor for a gymnasium in the high school building which was done and which is being used daily for very practical physical training.

Another circumstance has operated to make it necessary to trim expenditures in every possible direction. Through some mistake in one of the county offices at Vale, the Malheur County Court failed to raise the amount authorized by the budget legally adopted by the voters in the election held for that purpose in De-

ember, 1917, collecting instead of \$27,500 voted at that time, only about \$13,500. In addition to this unfortunate mistake the county court decided to withhold the tuitions of county high school pupils due the Ontario district and authorized to it by the Oregon Laws, Chapter 235, sections 445-455. This sum now amounts to approximately \$10,000. A suit was brot for this money, a decision in favor of the Ontario schools rendered in the Circuit Court, an appeal taken and the matter is now before the Supreme Court.

As every other county in the state makes this appropriation as authorized by law, it is not at all likely that the district will fail to recover the money due it. However for those reasons the district finds itself without sufficient funds to meet the most fundamental needs of the schools, not to mention these very desirable improvements. The tax rate this year will be to begin with unusually large in order to meet the deficit already existing due to the failure of the county to collect the taxes voted last year by the Ontario district.

In the meantime, the author is pleased to note that Ontario people wish to have all the benefits of a first class city school and hopes that this sentiment of wanting all educational advantages of cities of similar size will continue to exist.

H. R. DOUGLASS,
City Superintendent of Schools.

The course of study in our public schools has gone quite beyond the proverbial three R's 'readin', writin' and 'rithmetic'. It would seem as though the limit in the number of studies had been reached thus taxing the pupil to the utmost in study.

The highest object of the school room is not so much to afford instruction and to pack the mind with facts as to develop character. A full ordered development involves physical, intellectual, moral and spiritual development. Military training, basket ball and other games insure physical, and book study, intellectual development. Moral development is incidental to the study of history and literature and the usual standards that may prevail in the mind of teachers and citizens.

Any lawyer will tell us that the basis of all civil law is the ten commandments as found in the Bible—commonly called the moral law. A moral life, then must be in accord with the moral law, the first of which is "Thou shalt have no other Gods before me." The first thought in the realm of morals is the thought of God and that he is jealous of our putting first in our thinking anything else but Him. Many people have never learned that morality is not religion. Many people live a clean, moral life who do not pretend to hold any special religious convictions and who never go near a church. Many are moral and decent and good citizens but not religious. It is the function of the church to instruct in religion. It is certainly the function of the state to instruct in morals. And so a course of study on the decalogue, or the ten commandments as found in the writings of Moses would be an invaluable addition to the courses of study in our public schools. It is fitting to observe and to know that Moses who gave the moral law was a statesman and lawyer and not a priest. He was not permitted to perform the duties of a priest. Aaron his brother was the priest and performed the duties thereof. Of course Moses was religious also but the moral law was not given to take the place of spiritual law. It was given to regulate the state primarily. When people are spiritual or truly religious they do not need moral law to regulate them because they obey moral law without compulsion.

Subjects for School Study.

Everyone of course has their own opinion on this subject. I expect there are subjects which could be dropped and we would not miss very much but I suppose these are the most important. As to my own opinion on the subject, I would like to see a course in Geography started next year. This war will have caused a great change to be made in the map of Europe, and we didn't learn any too much Geography in the Grades.

I also think that music is not emphasized enough in our High School. Owing to unfortunate circumstances the band has had to be dropped this year and it seems to me that it might be better supported. And then as to singing: We used to sing every morning for a short time and start the day off with some pep, but now even if the pupils are required to buy song books we are only allowed to sing once a week.

The Physical Training Course which is a new thing this year I think would be a mistake to drop. I believe everybody would feel the same way if they would visit the High School Gym. some day and see the enjoyment and benefit the girls are getting from it.

A. H. S. STUDENT

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