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The Teacher's Work.

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When we look around us and behold the amount of vice existing, the innumerable places of sin which are constantly enticing the young from the path of right, we are forced to say in our minds, "O, what a work there is for the teacher to perform in order to prepare his pupils to be able to resist their influences!"

The importance of moral training in the school-room cannot be over estimated, from the fact that in youth are impressions made which will follow through life, whether they be good or evil.
If the evil overcome what good may have been implanted, a bad man is the almost inevitable result, and he is another of the innumerable host of sinners which are set in constant readiness to entrap some unguarded youth who may chance to wander within its seductive influences.

Moral strength is gained, if acquired at all, in youth. There is a period in the life of man at which he becomes a moral fixture, and reasoning accordingly, we find it highly important that every legitimate effort be made to indelibly print in the hearts of the young the principles of morality preparatory to this period in life, so that they may be able to resist the temptations which are so powerful for evil.

The wisest man that ever lived uttered these words, "Train up a child in the way he should go and when he is old he will not depart from it," thus implying a fixedness in character. We do not mean to say that a man who has been a reckless boy is unquestionably destined to a life of wickedness and shame. He may be reclaimed through the power of the Ruler of the universe. Sometimes parents are led to wonder why it is that their boy is so careless, so indifferent in regard to the principles of morality; they see that they have exerted every energy to properly train him, but all seems vain. If they are believers in the Word of God, the sentences quoted from Prov. 22-6, come up in their minds and they begin to reflect to see wherein they have failed, but when the true cause of his waywardness presents itself, they exclaim, "O, had outside influences not interposed our boy would have been saved!" It is not necessary to say that these influences exist on the streets of our towns where boys congregate for their general amusement, in gambling houses, saloons, and all these dens of vice, for it is generally known. It seems to be impossible, under many circumstances, for the parents alone to succeed in sufficiently impressing upon their children the importance of true morality. They can control the acts of their children to a great extent while present with them, but when their children are at school or elsewhere they cannot. If parents fail to succeed in their efforts against the surrounding allurements of vice, who should assist them? Since the teacher is next to the mother in forming the character of those little ones who are under his almost daily care for months and sometimes years, he is the one who should certainly assist in their moral preparation for future usefulness in life. But when we come to that thought, most grievous, that there are parents who set no example worthy of imitation, who make but little if any attempt at moral training, we are forced to say, for children under such influences, there is no hope save in the indefatigable labors of the kind and noble teacher. O, what moral responsibilities rest upon the teacher. If it be better that parents be Christians in order to properly train their children, then it is better that the teachers be Christians in order to be better prepared to fill their high and noble calling. Can it be that there is a teacher anywhere, who is so ignorant as to say that his pupils have not a tendency to follow him, to a more or less extent, as an example? If so, then he is certainly to be pitied.

Knowing that the teacher is looked to as an example, how important, then, that he be a man of high moral culture and humane principles. Ah well do I remember the lessons of morality which I received from some of my boyhood teachers, lessons which have followed me closely, and many times while reflecting on them, the thought has come up in my mind—may not I give lessons of a similar character to my pupils, and thus be sowing good seed upon good ground which shall yield much fruit? We see that moral training in the schoolroom is an important, essential, that there is a great work for the teacher to perform. When we remember that the teacher is looked to as a pattern, we should direct for a moment and say to ourselves—am I a good moral character? am I addicted to any bad habit? do I use profane language? do I frequent saloons and gambling houses? am I one of those who partake of the intoxicating bowl? O, let us seriously ask ourselves these questions, and if there is anything of an evil nature gnawing at our vitals, let us be men and resolve to lead a new life, that of the true, noble instructor of the tender youths of our country.

We need not expect an increase of morality in our State and nation unless there be an increase of moral training among the young; we need not expect better laws until there is an increase of the mor-

als of our country; we need not expect the enforcement of all the laws we now have until the moral condition of our nation has grown to a higher pitch; and this degree of morality will never be attained unless the young are properly reared. Then as coworkers with parents let us not forget our high duty, but ever labor to our utmost to build up society, both morally and intellectually.
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The Sherman Diamonds.

The Cincinnati *Enquirer* gives the following account of the disposition of the famous necklace presented to General Sherman's eldest daughter on the occasion of her marriage to Lieutenant Fitch: When it was received in this country the duties demanded amounted to \$20,000, as the lowest estimate of its value was \$200,000. The Lieutenant was unable to pay this sum, and an act was passed admitting the necklace free of duty. Lieutenant Fitch then found that the taxes in St. Louis would take the whole of his income, and he once more found the necklace an elephant on his hands. General Sherman then returned the necklace, with thanks, to the donor. In reply, the Khedive said that it was not his desire that the diamonds should be given to any member of his family, but as he had four daughters he desired that the diamonds should be mounted in sets and divided equally among them. These daughters are Mrs. Fitch, nee Yinnie Sherman, Ella Sherman, Lizzie Sherman and Rachel Sherman. The necklace was then returned to the Sherman family and mounted in four magnificent pendants, four pairs of splendid solitaire earrings and eight rings. These four ladies are now the happy possessors of four complete suits of diamonds, the value of each suit being at least \$75,000. This makes each of them rich in her own right, through the generosity of Egypt's ruler.

Waste of Wealth.

The report of Russia's attempt to negotiate a new loan, and the undoubted fact of her paper rouble being now worth only 50 cents instead of 75, suggests some curious ideas in connection with the magnificent church now being completed in Moscow, with a thick plating of gold on its dome and cross. This fashion of gilding church towers is universal in Russia, and it has been calculated that enough gold is thus lying idle to pay off the national debt. The Isaac Cathedral, in St. Petersburg, has a plating of gold three-quarters of an inch thick over the whole of a dome as large as that of St. Paul's in London. The Church of Our Lady of Kazan has a massive altar furniture of solid silver. During the great fire of Moscow in 1812 the molten gold and silver were seen flowing like water from the burning churches, and the new addition to them, which is about to be consecrated, represents an outlay of fully \$15,000,000. The late King of Italy, a practical man in his way, defied the anathemas of the Vatican, and melted down to feed his people the tons of silver saints and archbishops that crowded his churches. When will Russia be ready to do the same?

Bibulous Ladies.

A curious habit of English ladies at the theater is noted by a French contemporary. The fair English women, so says the Gallic writer, generally wear a large gold cross at the throat, and this cross is hollow and is filled with some "precious cordial," sherry, Madeira or brandy. "Thus fitted, this religious symbol assumes an unexpected utilitarian aspect, and plays a serious role in the existence of the ladies of generous instincts of comfort and allows them to take without scandal before everybody at a ball or the theater one of those tonics which it is said the people of the North need to excite, awaken and stimulate their nerves. This custom can be observed nightly at the opera, where a charming young English lady is in the habit of pressing to her lips at the most pathetic passages an enormous gold cross."

Woman is gradually wringing from the lords of creation a long-delayed recognition. Step by step she is agitating her way. She has just won a fresh triumph in France. There is a Mustard Congress in session at Paris, and a numerous committee has been empowered to decide upon the relative merits of the mustards of all nations. A distinguished authority asserts that woman has a keener perception of taste than man has, and one-half of this committee has accordingly been composed of women. The world, and especially mustard manufacturers, will await the result with anxiety.

We suspect that the joys of heaven will be often embittered by the thought of how much more pleasure could have been got out of the world if proper attention had been paid to life while it lasted, and less time wasted in anticipation of the after-world.

A Singing Hen.
Glen Cove goes to the front with the "boss hen," not a mere ordinary egg-laying hen, but a singing hen, a hen that sings "Hold the Fort" with all the unctious of a Widow Van Cott at camp meeting. This biped is the pet of a young lady of this village. She has taught the hen to accompany her as she sings the hymn, and the pullet does it with a vim, a gravity and propriety really creditable to poultry nature. She has only to start the melody and the pullet joins in and sings along with her to the end, following the scale and minding the rests in a way that would delight the most exacting choirmaster; and what is more and to the hen's credit, she doesn't giggle during the rehearsal, nor flit, nor eat peanuts or candy, nor munch chewing gum, nor get in a huff, nor manifest any other of the usual and soul-harrowing eccentricities of musical genius. As a matter of genius Glen Cove's singing hen is as much superior to the boasted egg-laying hens as the luster of Aida-baran is to the glitter of a pinhead in the pinatures of beauty dancing at charity balls.

Connecticut had several costly murder trials lately, the most expensive being the Hayden case, in which a clergyman was charged with the murder of Mary Stannard, one of his parishioners. The case ran for over two months at two separate times; the prosecution employed eighteen experts to detect arsenic in the dead girl's stomach and to trace blood corpuscles on the clergyman's garments and carving-knife. To experts and witnesses \$30,000 was paid. The Court stenographer, who transcribed a million and a half words, received the neat sum of \$605. And now Mr. Hayden is out of jail, lecturing on the fallacies of circumstantial evidence.

A telegram states that the iron-clad Huascar has again been in action, this time in behalf of Chile, and that its commander was killed. The policy of having a stipulated place on a war vessel for the commander, such place being perfectly well known to the enemy, may well be doubted. Thus far every commander and temporary commander of the Huascar has been killed in the little deathtrap called a turret, which has been provided for the honorable victims.

John G. Whittier says that starvation cannot be argued with. No; it is generally best to agree with a fellow who is starving; admit that he needs food badly and recommend him to try next door. That, at all events, appears to be the policy pursued toward Ireland by the British Government.

Scamps.
Real truths are often hard to realize. A good many people pretend to be not what they will be trumped up to be at the last day.

Some one who has suffered from indigestion says mince pie is meat for repentance. If we could see others as we see ourselves, there would be more good-looking people in the world.

No matter how circumspect a teacher may be, the unthankful boy will always think she sets him some terrible hard examples. The English people should look sharp about helping Ireland to seed potatoes. They may only be helping them to seed.

A ship left New York the other day laden with eight hundred gallons of rum and one missionary. Why so much missionary?

Veteran joker reading proof at the next table: "I wrote Brown and it is set up Black. The compositor must be color blind." A Sacramento paper speaks of a Senator with a half-jauy air about him. Many of them do have a sort of demijohny air about them.

A beautiful girl, up town, received a fragrant bouquet from one of her many admirers. "How lovely!" exclaimed the ecstatic fair one; "it fumigates the entire domicile." The man who boasts upon always saying what he thinks acts from a commendable impulse. A thought in his mind is like an oasis in a desert. It is a rare experience to him, and in his selfishness he would have others enjoy it with him.

The brook, you know, flows on forever. Sometimes it seems as if a lawsuit was trying to see a brook and go to one better. It was William McGinness, and not Samuel J. Tilden, who married Miss Fanny Rauck. We congratulate them both—yes, all three of 'em.

An exchange says that Miss Kellogg will never marry unless she loses her voice, and she is right. It is an immense pity that her noble example is not more generally followed.

"My dear," cried Death, "I cannot find so now I'm quite at sea." Quoth Dr. Bolus: "Never mind—There, take this recipe."

Ambition is a great thing. It makes some men millionaires and it makes some men wrestlers in the hosiery department of a country dry goods store. Joseph Cook once remarked that "the aggregation of bioplastic germs evidences an irresistible tendency to correlate the molecules in inverse ratio to the capillary process of differentiation."

A Vincennes policeman accidentally shot a boy on his first night out, shot a man next day in showing how it happened, and that night fell off a bridge and was killed.

Did you ever consider the despotism of kissing? The men kiss the women without caring whether it is agreeable or otherwise, and the women kiss the defenseless babies remorselessly.

Lives of grocery men remind us. They can make their starch halt lime, And with sugar wholly blind us, Putting sand in all the time. Some one having accused Chicago girls of being flat-footed, one of their big brothers exclaimed: "D'yer call it a flat foot that'll allow of a wheelbarrow's being pushed under the arch of it?"

One of the editors of the Buffalo *Express* is a church trustee, and he says: "Ninety per cent of the coins contributed to benevolent purposes through the church contribution-box are mutilated in some way, and would not be accepted at the postoffice."

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