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MORAL TEACHING IN STATE SCHOOLS.

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To EDITOR OF OREGONIAN: An axiom, based on reason, says, "Virtue and intelligence form the only safe basis of a free government."

The mental development and literary culture now so generally fostered and liberally patronized by the several states leave little to fear from ignorance. Through every grade, from the kindergarten to the university, children and youth are pushed and pressed with district, only country and state aid. New methods are sought and improved systems of drilling and cramming employed to put pupils over the grades and students through the curriculum, not merely at railroad but at lightning speed.

This point should neither be overlooked nor treated with less than fullest consideration. To train the head to shrewdness without establishing the heart in virtue is to sharpen the instrument with which the demagogue rules in politics, the charlatan victimizes his dupes, and drones feed upon the products of unrequited industry. The state, the church, the family and the individual are alike interested in establishing and sustaining a high standard of morality.

Schools sustained by the state, in whole or in part, should no more be limited to intellectual and scientific culture than those controlled by the church should be restricted exclusively to moral and religious training. The family is, indeed, the nursery of virtue where a moral basis should be laid in a mother's love and in a father's example. But our sons and daughters must pass out of the nursery into the college and university before they are ready to assume the duties and responsibilities of life. Just here is the point of danger.

When the restraining counsel and guiding influence of parental care is left behind to enter a college distant from the parental roof, a well adjusted curriculum, whose moral scale should sustain in equal balance the literary, ought to greet the student to fortify and strengthen the moral principles yet in the bud ready to be developed or dwarfed, as the teaching shall be favorable or unfavorable.

There should therefore be a well sustained chair of moral science in every college and university in the land. Unfortunately this is not the case in Oregon. There is not such a chair, so far as I am informed, occupied by a competent professor in the state, perhaps not one on the Pacific coast. Will not the point of danger result from this want of moral training? May not this be a leading cause for that want of veracity, integrity and honor in the commercial, social and political circles so often noticed and complained by the press, and especially by the Oregonian?

The state university at Eugene has a chair designated "The chair of moral science," but the want of endowment and the absence of an appropriation for a salary have prevented the board of regents from electing a professor to occupy it.

There is no such chair in the agricultural college at Corvallis, nor in the normal school at Monmouth. This latter should, by all means, have a department of ethics in connection with it. It is unreasonable to send our teachers from a normal school, however great their literary attainments, and however perfect their methods, who have no scientific training in moral philosophy. The school law requires that they shall have good moral character. This they may have without being able to teach others scientifically in this department if they have not themselves been so taught.

This matter, so far as state institutions are concerned, ought to be deemed of sufficient merit and importance by legislators in the approaching session to command respectful consideration.

A liberal appropriation ought to be made for the state university to enable the board of curators to fill the chair of ethics in that institution, and a similar appropriation should be given to the normal school at Monmouth, that teachers sent out there should go fully prepared to train, and form and mould the youth placed under their care into models of moral strength and beauty. No appropriation to be made by the legislature can yield better results.

MULTNOMAH.

Valuable Advice.

The name of P. T. Barnum is about as well known to the people of this country as that of any other man in it. He has carved several fortunes out of almost nothing, and if anybody is competent to advise others as to the best means to insure success in business it is probably "the great showman." A few days ago he addressed a body of business men at Bridgeport, Conn., on the general proposition of how to make a fortune. As Barnum's secret is one worth knowing it is appended:

You do not, any of you, advertise enough. You ought to use printer's ink every day. You are asleep and want your business to run itself. Standing advertisements in a paper command confidence. The man who for a year lives in one community and leads a reputable life even though he be of modern ability, will grow in the confidence and esteem of his fellows. On the same principal newspaper advertisement becomes familiar in the eyes of the reader. It may be seldom read, still it makes the name and address of the man familiar, and its presence in the columns of a paper inspires confidence in the stability of its enterprise.

Mr. Beecher on Thanksgiving.

"The condition of the people of the

United States," said Mr. Beecher yesterday at the beginning of his sermon, "as compared with that of the people of Europe, ought to excite the most lively thankfulness."

"We have socialism in our midst," said Mr. Beecher in the middle of his sermon, "and socialism is nothing but monarchy in disguise."

"I speak these things in kindness to workingmen," said Mr. Beecher at the end of his sermon, "but I know I shall make enemies. I also know that some day they will say I am right."

HOW TO TREAT INGERSOLL. The following question having been submitted to a college professor, he replied in the Albany Journal, from which we quote:

Dear Professor: Are not Ingersoll's arguments unanswerable? What are you going to do about it?

SEVERAL STUDENTS. So you are out half dollar specie, are you? No, no; I cannot answer him. Boys, I recall the incident in my eager and impetuous youth of wasting a pound and a half of bird-shot on a small owl. I followed him from tree to tree, and shot away as much as a hatful of feathers, and when he died of fatigue I found that his body was about as large as a robin's and I could put it to no earthly use. He was a deceptive target. If I understand the gentlemen from Peoria, he wishes to liberate youth from the incubus and thralldom of superstition. That devastating influence of the country clergyman of \$500 per annum and a donation is what worries Robert, and he proposes to cure it and eradicate it for the trifling pittance of \$250 per lecture. For 50 cents he proposes to liberate your mind from that influence which filtered into it from the trembling lips of your mother, and free you from the chains of superstitions loaded upon your soul by the rough but loving hand of your father. Of course he worries about you more than these old fogies did—for 50 cents.

You look around you in this city here and you discover several millions of dollars invested in hospitals, seminaries, asylums, forced on the sufferer community by this same mythical, miraculous, and superstitious incubus of religion. You ask the gentlemen from Peoria where his little public institutions are, founded by his peculiar teaching, and he says in an absent-minded manner, "Fifty cents at the door."

Boys, you see sometimes a poor man's little funeral procession, with a democratic wagon and a little coffin so small you could carry it under your arm. A poor couple walk behind it with breaking hearts. Their baby is in the little coffin. It was their all. Their hearts are broken. Oh, if we only had Bob there to tell them about fifty cents and myths and miracles—for fifty cents—how it would cheer them up.

But you say "there are many infidels." Boys, you are mistaken. An infidel is an abnormal growth, and nature feels funny once in a while, creates a freak, e. g. the living skeleton; the fat woman; the two headed girl. So there is about one infidel to a million sane men.

The most of these noisy fellows are amateur infidels. They talk Ingersoll in fair weather and pray themselves hoarse every time it thunders. A well-developed case of cholera morbus will knock their infidelity out of them and leave them in a cold sweat like a china dog in an ice house. I know them. The most of them are like the boy who runs away from home and comes back to stay with father nights. Then, again, boys, take a look around you when you invest another fifty cents in liberty, and compare the crowd with the kind of people you find in almost any church. It is the order of sanctity you smell! Hardly, boys, hardly. But you can eat peanuts there, and choke on the shells, while you applaud the funny jokes about the heaven where you know in your hearts you hope your mother is, or hear the humble Nazarene ridiculed, who, you think, and always will think, gave a home to your weary old father when he left the earth.

Yes, boys, his arguments are unanswerable, and I think the seasons will come along and the churches will continue to bloom, and all nature will most exasperatingly and calmly perform her functions, if Robert is not answered. You know when the first steamer crossed the Atlantic a great philosopher was delivering a most conclusive argument to prove that by no possibility could a steam vessel cross the ocean, and that provoking steamer came snorting and sizzling and spurling right into the harbor. Boys, so will God's foolish children go right on praying and preaching and dying and going to heaven in spite of argument.—St. Louis Advocate.

Some of our exchanges are picking Colonel "Bob" Ingersoll up pretty sharply for his declaration that "no man has a right to more land than he can use." They think, as the Boston Traveler puts it, that "as the Colonel is half-owner in a tract ninety miles long by sixty miles wide in New Mexico, he must have had very exalted notions concerning his own capacities as an agriculturist." But the Colonel will probably retort that when he spoke of "use" he did not mean agriculture. He intends, no doubt, to use his New Mexican land to speculate with; and if that is the case he has no more "than he can use."

THE COCAINE HABIT.

The Worst Slavery Known—New Revelations of Power. Cincinnati Times-Star.

When cocaine was discovered the medical world exclaimed "thank heaven!" But useful as it is, it is also dangerous, especially when its use is perverted from the alleviating of pain for surgical operations to the stimulation and destruction of the human body. Its first effects are soothing and captivating, but the thrill-ings in the most horrible way known to humanity.

J. L. Stephens, M. D., of Lebanon, O., was interviewed by our reporter yesterday at the Grand Hotel, and during the conversation the doctor said: "The cocaine habit is a thousand times worse than the morphine and opium habits, and you would be astonished," he said, "if you knew how frightfully the habit is increasing."

"What are its effects?" "It is the worst constitution wrecker ever known. It ruins the liver and kidneys in half a year, and when this work is done the strongest constitution soon succumbs." "Do you know of Dr. Underhill's case here in Cincinnati?" "That leading physician who became a victim of the cocaine habit? Yes. His case was a very sad one, but the habit can be cured. I have cured many a man from a worse condition." "What, worse than Dr. Underhill's?" "Indeed, sir, far so. Justin M. Hall, A. M. M. D., president of the State Board of Health of Iowa, and a famed practitioner, and Alexander Neil, M. D., professor of surgery in the Columbus Medical College, and president of the Academy of Medicine, a man widely known, Rev. W. P. Clancey, of Indianapolis, from personal experience in opium eating, etc., can tell you of the kind of success our form of treatment wins, and so can H. C. Wilson, formerly of Cincinnati, who is now associated with me."

"Would you mind letting our readers into the secret of your methods?" "Well, young man, you surely have a good bit of assurance to ask a man to give his business away to the public; but I will not wholly disappoint you. I have treated over 20,000 patients. In common with many eminent physicians, I for years made a close study of the effects of the habits on the system, and the organs which they most severely attack. Dr. Hall, Dr. Neil and Mr. Wilson, whom I have mentioned, and hundreds of others equal to us experts, made many similar experiments on their own behalf. We each found that these drugs worked most destructively in the kidneys and liver; in fact, finally destroyed them. It was then apparent that no cure could be effected until these organs could be restored to health. We recently exhausted the entire range of medical science, experimenting with all known remedies for these organs, and as a result of these close investigations we all substantially agreed, through following different lines of inquiry, that the most reliable scientific preparation was Warner's, and we do not detract to the public. Every case that we have treated first with Warner's safe cure, then with our own private treatment, and followed up again with Warner's safe cure for a few weeks, has been successful. These habits can't be cured without using it, because the habit is nourished sustained and in the liver and kidneys. The habit can be kept up in moderation, however, if free use be also made, at the same time, of that great remedy."

"Yes, it is a world famed and justly celebrated specific. Like many other physicians used to denounce it as a made for a fact that it is the world's greatest blessing, having sovereign power over the curable diseases of the kidneys and liver, and when I have said that, young man, I have said nearly everything, for most diseases originate in, or are aggravated by, a depraved condition of the kidneys."

"People do not realize this, because, singular as it may seem, the kidneys may be in a very advanced stage of decomposition, and yet, owing to the fact that there are but a few nerves of sensation in them, the subject will not experience much pain therein. On this account thousands of people die every year of kidney disease unknowingly. They have so-called disorders of the head, of the heart and lungs and stomach, and treat them in vain, for the real cause of their misery is deranged kidneys, and if they were restored to health the other disorders would soon disappear."

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