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The City Not Favorable to a Practical Education.

What singular and strange blunders in matters of education are often made by those who, in other matters, are noted for sound judgment and shrewdness!

Every parent, however humble in circumstances financially, desires to educate his son or daughter, and fit him or her for the practical duties of life.

After the full course in the district school has been mastered, a higher school is sought, where facilities may be had for a fuller training in the higher departments of education.

The original thought of a thoroughly practical education is too often lost sight of in the desire to put on those accomplishments which a perverted taste and a vitiated public opinion point out as necessary.

But, apart from the bad taste and worse economy of wasting time and spending money on a smattering of music and other superficial accomplishments, parents do not know, or overlook the fact that they often place their children under influences which completely neutralize or counteract the instruction which they receive in college.

These influences are not always understood by the parent, and can not be controlled by the teacher however anxious and zealous he may be.

A single illustration will make plain the nature of these influences. A boy of sixteen or eighteen summers is placed at college in one of our cities. He has professors competent, energetic and zealous in their labors, and every facility for progressing in his course. The student applies himself diligently. He is a bright youth, and he makes good progress. He is laying the foundation for a practical education.

Exercise is necessary to bodily health and relaxation to mental vigor. The side-walk furnishes the best means of recreation in the fresh air.

As he passes along the street, his attention is arrested by the man at the forge, all covered with dust and soot, wielding the sledge or shoeing a horse; or, looking into the cabinet shop, he sees the man with brown arm pushing the plane. His face is covered with perspiration and he looks wearied with labor. Just then he must step aside and give place to a dandy who is passing. He sports a cane, a gold watch, a pair of kid gloves and wears a plug.

The unsophisticated youth receives a lesson. He makes a comparison, unconsciously, it may be, yet surely; for in the simplicity of his mind he feels that the man in fine clothes is the gentleman; while the men at the

forge and the bench are the blacksmith and the carpenter.

He is looking for a model in life after which he shall fashion his life; and deceived by appearances, he feels that he would prefer to wear the fine clothes rather than ply the hammer or push the plane.

It is a first lesson and has made about as much impression as a child's first lesson in the alphabet.

But it is to be repeated from day to day through a college course, and like the lessons in literature which mould and fashion the mind by repetition. This contrast between honest industry and gilded idleness impresses the mind of the student by repetition until he passes completely under its influence, feels that work is degrading, and that the gentleman must live without labor.

This lesson perfected is sufficient to overcome and render worthless every vestige of practical training the student may have received in a college course.

The whole thought for the future is how to procure fine clothes and live without the degradation of work. But it is in town where these well dressed gentlemen of elegant leisure were seen and admired in contrast with the shabby garb of honest industry.

Hence the disposition of students so trained to leave the rural home where labor secures health and industry a competence, and go to the cities in search of some mode of making a living without hard work.

If the parent would avoid such a result let him be careful how he places his child under influences the direct tendency of which is to destroy in the mind all idea of the practical, and to establish a false estimate of the dignity and importance of labor.

A pebble may change the course of a stream at its source; in like manner, a thousand influences, prevalent in a city and apparently insignificant, may throw the mind of the student into a channel unexpected to the parent and ruinous to the best interests of youth.

Ignorance or Meanness: Which?

Editor Christian Messenger:

A gentleman whose word is truth; writes: "I went out to hear a Methodist brother preach last night. Yes, I went to church. When people can learn so much by going to church, why don't they go oftener? The minister preached upon the subject of 'The true Church,' and this is what I learned: He informed us that emigration from this terrestrial sphere to the celestial courts was suspended from the time of the fall of the Roman empire, to the days of John Wesley; since which time, however, there has been an unceasing flow into the New Jerusalem. But, alas! among that white robed and countless blood washed throng—no Catholic, no Episcopal and no Campbellite had a place!"

Is it any wonder, Mr. Editor, that men of sense are so thoroughly disgusted, when the "Oh fools" of Christ's displeasure—and the "carnal, sensual, and devilish," of Paul's disgust, are put up to instruct and lead the people.

This "brother" was surely a Cretan, whose portrait was drawn by Paul in Titus xii. I would advise that "brother" to study that verse long and well, and then not be like the foolish man that "beholdeth his natural face in a glass, and then goeth his way, and forgetteth what manner of person he is."

BROTHER WASCOPUM.

While other countries are suffering from famine, war and plagues, we of Oregon, are the highly favored of the Lord, blessed with health, peace and plenty. Do we cultivate the spirit of gratitude, and ever offer thanks for our mercies and blessings?

The Normal.

The Normal work is assuming proportions highly satisfactory to the friends of the institution.

The classes are falling into line and moving forward in the course with a degree of zeal and energy which is the best guarantee of success.

Special mention should be made of the teachers' class, in which there is the most profound interest manifested. The introductory lessons, by Prof. Stanley, on entering a new district and taking charge of a school, the preliminaries, organization, &c., have commanded the concentrated attention of the large class of teachers in attendance.

We anticipate the finest results from this work.

Our regular bi-monthly meeting at Independence, last Lord's day, was well attended, morning and evening. Good order and respectful attention characterized the audience.

Reports from the Field.

BROWNSVILLE, OR.

Feb. 14, 1879.

Dear Bro. Campbell:

We are engaged in a good meeting at this place. Bro. J. P. McCorkle is doing the preaching; he is a good workman.

The meeting is well attended, the interest good and increasing.

Eleven additions up to this writing. Don't know when the meeting will close. Seven immersed to-day and two more to be immersed.

We will write you again when the meeting is concluded.

To the Lord be all the praise.

Your brother,

J. E. ROBERTS.

PINE CREEK, WHITMAN CO., W. T.

Feb. 2, 1879.

Bro. Campbell:

The good cause is still gaining here. Bro. C. J. Wright preached here on the first Lord's day in Jan. We had one addition from the Baptist—a preacher; and on the night of the 31st of Jan. he preached a discourse on baptism, by a request, and we had two to make the good confession.

We now number fifty-one and six to be immersed on the fourth Lord's day in this month. May the Lord ever be praised.

Yours in Christ,

J. M. PROPST.

COTTAGE GROVE, LANE CO., OR.

Feb. 9, 1879.

Editor P. C. Messenger:

DEAR BROTHER,—We met to-day, according to previous arrangement, at the Shortridge school house, and had a very interesting meeting with a large attendance for this time of year.

The church at this place is in a very prosperous condition, both young and old members taking part in the social exercises of every alternate Sunday. The church meets regularly on every Lord's day, to attend to breaking the loaf and other Christian duties. We have preaching on every other Sunday.

At the close of the exercises to-day Bro. J. P. White and Sister Susan E. Turpen presented themselves and were united in holy matrimony by myself.

Your brother in Christ,

J. M. HARRIS.

COQUILLE CITY COOS CO., OR.

Feb. 6, 1879.

Elder T. F. Campbell:

We have just closed a meeting at this place, continuing six days. Bro. T. M. Morgan, of Douglas county, kindly returning among us once more to encourage us with his Godly counsels and cheer us with his genial smile. Once more, ready as in days of yore to do and dare for the glorious Gospel of the Kingdom.

Our meetings were well attended by orderly and attentive hearers the entire time, and just here let me say

there are few if any of the small towns in this State where better behavior is seen during Divine service or where the entire community seem more interested in the cause of Religion, than the inhabitants of Coquille City and vicinity.

We closed our meeting last Wednesday the 4th instant, after having enjoyed good meetings and after realizing that in truth it is not a vain thing to serve God.

We are looking forward and with one accord expecting to see "the good seed" (already sown) springing up in our midst and bringing in the promised measure of increase, and for a great ingathering to the fold of Christ, those loved ones now out as wanderers from their home.

The church seems to be encouraged and ready to redouble their efforts in the cause they have espoused.

We want to know and do our duty leaving the result in the hands of Him who doeth all things well.

Owing to the extreme bad roads we are not doing any work out of Coquille City this winter but expect with the return of fair weather and good roads, to open a spring summer and fall campaign as extensive as we can supply with each a monthly appointment.

We need more laborers here, there is in this County alone work enough for two or three good able men, oh that we had them. Pray for us.

Your brother in the Lord,

O. C. HUNTINGTON.

Church News.

(From Richmond Christian Examiner.)

—Sister Goodwin, editress of the *Christian Monitor*, is sick.

—About fifteen members of the Missouri Legislature are members of the Christian church, and brother Matthews, once located in Norfolk, has been elected chaplain of the House of Representatives.

—Brother G. W. Odgen is in a meeting at Rock Enon Springs, Frederick county. He reported five additions up to the 25th instant.

—Brother W. L. Butler, of Mayfield, Ky., expects to issue the first number of his new monthly, *The Apostolic Church*, in a few days.

—Our Foreign Missionary Society is continually enlarging its work. It now sustains three evangelists in England, brother and sister DeLaunay in France, brother Holek in Denmark, and has just arranged to send a missionary to Mexico.

—Bro. I. J. Spencer reports three additions to the Paca street church, Baltimore, last Lord's day.

—Bro. E. E. Orvis, formerly of Virginia, now of Bloomburg, Pa., has again entered the field as evangelist.

—Bro. Emmett Waldrop expects to preach the first Lord's day in February for New Bridge Baptist church, Henrico Co.

—Bro. M. M. Davis, a native of Virginia, has entered upon his third year with the church at Roehampton, Mo.

—Bro. Challen was the first corresponding secretary of the General Society, having been chosen to the office October 23d, 1849. Among his illustrious associates at that time were Alexander Campbell, David S. Burnet, Walter Scott, Thos. M. Allen, John T. Jones, John O. Kane, John T. Johnson, Talbot Fanning, J. J. Moss, W. K. Pendleton and James L. Barclay, the most of them dead, some of them still living.

—Since the organization of the American Christian Missionary Society in 1849, there have been held twenty-nine annual conventions. Of these, Bro. Challen attended twenty-one.

—Bro. Troy Shelley is preaching for the people at Princesville; his wife frequently takes his place in the pulpit, and preaches good sermons.

—The Shakers claim to have been the inventors of metal pens, and to have first made them of brass in 1816.

—The First Presbyterian Church in Quincy, Ill., just completed at a cost of \$60,000 was burned on the second instant.

General Church News.

—The Dunkard Church has founded a college at Ashland, Ohio; building to cost \$100,000 endowment fund already subscribed \$180,000. This is the only Dunkard college in this country.

—A Parsee lady joined the Methodist church in Bombay, June 16, the first of that faith that has publicly professed Christianity.

—It is said that over 30,000 Hindoos have within a year professed Christianity.

—On the 7th of November seven Chinese converts were baptized in the Wesleyan church, Creswick, Australia.

—A movement in New York is contemplated to make all Episcopal churches free seated, alike for the poor and rich.

—Plymouth church Brooklyn, admitted 72 new members last year, and dismissed by death or by letter 76. The membership is 2,515.

—The will of the late Thomas Powers, of Philadelphia, leaves \$4,000 to the Reformed Episcopal church annually for twenty years.

—A United Presbyterian church building costing between \$3,000 and \$4,000 has just been completed in Orleans precinct in Linn county.

—There are nearly a hundred Protestant churches in Asia Minor.

—The Free church of Scotland has raised the aggregate amount of \$53,600,000 in thirty-one years.

—The Church Missionary Society has just assumed the care of a new mission station at Gaza, Palestine, and has appointed Rev. A. Schapira, a Christian Jew, to the charge. This society also proposes to send out shortly an expedition to the south-western end of Albert Nyanza.

—A movement is on foot in Germany to increase the number of German colonists in the Holy Land. An Ultramontane paper publishes an appeal for funds, to promote the interests of the scheme. There are numerous German colonies in Palestine, chiefly of Romanists.

—A weekly newspaper is projected at Rome, to be under the immediate inspiration of the Pope; it will be published simultaneously in five languages, and will be edited by Conestabile, of Perugia, with Monsignor Pecci, the Pope's brother, as the power behind the throne.

—The *Christian Union* says: "The Woman's church is the latest ecclesiastical feature in this city. It is an offshoot of the Psychometric Society, also a female organization, and based on the assumed theory that women are peculiarly qualified to lead in philanthropic and religious movements. The object of the Woman's church, as set forth in its prospectus, is to embody religion instead of theology, to put an end to discord and war, and unite all under the divine banner of love. It has no creed, but professes as its law of life, 'Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself'."

—A course of three lectures in aid of the M. E. church, West Oakland, has been arranged for by the pastor, with Drs. Guard and Briggs, and Rev. C. C. Stratton, President of the University of the Pacific.

—Rev. C. F. Reid, recently appointed missionary to China from Kentucky Conference, cannot, as contemplated, sail for China, February 1. Cause: Failure to secure the requisite amount of money.

—Governor Zebulon B. Vance, of North Carolina, recently united with a Presbyterian church in Raleigh.

—The *Religious Herald* says there are over 17,000 Baptists in the city of Richmond, Va.

—The Baptist *Gleaner*, of North Carolina, is dead. The gleaner was thin, and the editor starved out.

—Five Thousand dollars have been raised by subscription for the Sailor's Home and church to be erected in Portland, Oregon.

—Gov. Roberts, of Texas, is a Methodist.