

Educating Girls in Germany.

An educated girl in Germany is one who first, by a thorough mastery of her mother tongue, by an intelligent knowledge of history, a thorough acquaintance with English and French a practical understanding of house-work and what is known as cooking chemistry (taught in the schools), and skilled, moreover, in botany, sewing embroidery, drawing and music, is competent to assume the management of a household, relieve with grace the meagre amount of society usual in German homes, and above all exert an intelligent oversight in the education of her children.

Such an education as this would probably meet the ideas of most people, even in America. The only difference to be seen at first glance is the lack of Latin and Greek and the higher mathematics. And yet, throughout all these higher schools for girls, indeed, even in the Volk schools as well, it is everywhere clear, by an omission here, an addition there—by a special study adopted and a general one dropped, that the German Government is educating its girls for the household. Latin and Greek for girls are among the impossibilities.

"Will the classics ever be adopted in girls' schools?" I asked of a well known director of one of them.

"Never," he answered quickly, "never! we do not believe in it. Girls must be wives and not professors."

"Do you think such studies are beyond their physical or mental strength?"

"By no means," he answered in surprise. "We do not object to it on any such grounds. We merely question the utility. Our experience is that in the schools through England and America, and wherever the classics form a part of the curriculum for girls, Latin and Greek are studied at an enormous loss of studies infinitely more necessary. We give our girls physiology and chemistry, and especially try to ground them thoroughly in botany."

"How long is your course in botany?" I asked, remembering vividly our text books which bore the title of "Fourteen weeks in"—everything. His answer took my breath away.

"Five years. Five years in botany," he replied, unconscious of the reason of my surprise.

Gladly dropping the subject, I said to him: "Then you believe that there are no physical or mental disabilities in the way of girls acquiring the classics?"

"No, no, no!" he repeated emphatically. "I do not believe it in the slightest. Nay, more. I believe girls would make better Greek and Latin scholars than boys. They are patient they are more trustworthy. For many years, he continued, "I was a professor of language among boys, and I assure you I never have found in boys such application and such depth of attention—two great requisites in classical study. Girls learn easily. Intuition may land them in the twinkle of an eye at the very point which a boy reaches by laborious reasoning. What they lack in natural physical strength, they are sure to make up by their rapid acquisition. Their reception is something wonderful; you hear your own faults, sir! They never flinch in attention. Their eyes are ever upon you, catching up your thoughts as they leave your lips, and so accurately that they come back and recite the blunders of your own speech. Never make a mistake if you teach girls, for as sure as you do, so surely will you hear of it again."

These were the words of the director of the famous Louisen school in Dusseldorf, whose experience as one of Germany's prominent educators has led him to such conclusions.—*Boston Journal*.

—Go ye into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature. He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved. He that believeth not, shall be damned.—*Jesus*.

Colleges and Faculties.

The thousands of young men who in these two or three weeks are swarming (workers, and drones too) out of their studious hives, will not fail of many a kind word of cheer, and many a reminder that college success can be crowned with life success only by persistence in the same diligence which has conquered it in the narrower sphere. Let it be considered that we too, heartily offer our congratulations to our boys and bid them God speed.

And a word of cheer to the fine boys who are just ready to enter college, who are looking forward to the four years of labor which their elders have just accomplished. Will they work? Will they be eager to learn? Will they apprehend that it is not the amusement, the fellowship of college by which they are to be most benefited; but it is downright study? Not all of them; for youth is young and dreams, and would rather play than plod. This wisdom comes often too late; but there are as fine boys in the coming as in the going generation, and they will honor their opportunities.

Most serious is this graduation season to the teachers. After all, we need have most anxiety for them, for they have most responsibility. Not every teacher is apt to teach. Few are really good teachers. There are college presidents and professors who are ignorant, and should be removed for incompetency; who are cold and cynical and who chill the enthusiasm they should inspire and guide; who are eaten with narrow prejudice, and cramp the trustful charity of youth; who are overbearing and willful, and outrage the honest manliness of their pupils; who pretend to love God, but fear the investigation of truth and make unbelievers.

What makes a college is not buildings nor endowment, nor numbers nor show. It is teachers. The teachers are all there is to a college. Good teachers make a good college, if there be nothing else. Poor teachers make a poor college, whatever else there be. A single teacher, capable, honest, diligent, enthusiastic, may be worth all the rest of the faculty put together. Many a college can show us one professor worth—for impetus on young minds, for impulse to earnest study—more than all the rest of the faculty. Trustees do not understand this. They heap up money, buildings, libraries, and forget that their most diligent pains should be devoted to securing the best men as teachers. Not the coolest men, nor the safest men, necessarily; but the men that will waken the sluggish and spur up on and guide the young geniuses of the schools. The jockey who can train a colt and have the skill to guide and drive him to the winning-post is honored. He has the income of a lord. One of these days, perhaps, parents and trustees will value a successful teacher as much as Lorillard values the Archer who drives his Iroquois to the Derby winning-post.—*N. Y. Independent*.

Valuable Suggestions.

Always tell the truth; you will find it easier than lying.

Always do a kind act in a kind way; to do it otherwise destroys all its value.

Do a mean act in a mean way; so it will have a keener sting—for your own breast. But better not do it.

Whatever you dislike in another correct in yourself.

Better be upright with poverty than wicked with plenty.

Time never rests heavily upon us when it is well employed.

Do your duty in that station of life in which God in His providence has placed you.

Mind your own business.—*Ex.*

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