

KEEPING SCHOOL.

In this and every other country some so-called teachers who are only keeping school so many months for so many dollars, they have but few of the elements that make up a genuine teacher. They are not intentional frauds, but are doing the best they know how. The trouble is they have undertaken a calling for which they are unfitted. Many of them are deficient in education and all come short in the capacity to instruct and govern. Improved methods of doing things they know nothing about and have no tact at infusing new life and increased interest among the pupils. Such are school keepers. The true teacher intuitively reads the disposition of his individual pupils, sees the various troubles that need to be overcome and devises appropriate means to meet each case. Like a good machinist, he gradually puts the school in proper working order. The genuine schoolmaster is an industrious enthusiast himself and manages to infuse those qualities into his students. He holds the reins of government with a firm hand and only occasionally has to administer severe punishment. He is as earnest a student as any of his pupils and seldom comes before a class without being full of the subject in hand. The object of this article is to get school keepers to see themselves and their work as compared with those who are real educators. A school keeper is always more of a detriment than benefit to any set of children.—West Side.

The war spirit, since President Cleveland's message of last week on the Venezuela question, has gone up to fever heat. If England does not relinquish some of her claims both in Venezuela and Alaska, there is going to be some fighting. And who will be the victor? It will be all of North and South America (with the exception of Canada) and England on the other. The united navies of the United States and the republics of South America will certainly be more than a match for England and her dependencies. We will fight for a principle and not for conquest. If England will let us alone we will let her alone.—Guard.

Praise of President Cleveland is now on almost every tongue in the United States and many countries in Europe. Great Britain has been in dispute with Venezuela about a boundary line and would not submit to arbitration, but proposed to have it end exactly to her liking. For 70 years the American people have adhered to the Monroe doctrine that no foreign power should interfere with any local government on this continent. The British propose to disregard that doctrine, and the president has just sent to congress a message recommending that our country take whatever steps seem necessary to oppose and if need be resist foreign aggression on American soil. Governors, senators and congressmen alike are in close accord with it, regardless of their political beliefs. The nation is with the president almost to a man.

An exchange gives this sensible advice: If one will be independent in business and have a free course in the world he must be self-reliant and build up a sturdy, strong manhood. One is strong who is conscious that if all the business of the world around him should fail his possessions will abide because he has no debts to pay. A pauper cannot hurt such a one except in the volume of his trade. His home will continue to be a shelter for his family, and no man can touch it. His occupation may be gone for a time, but "no debts to pay" will be the sweetest song that can ring in his soul as the days and months go rolling on. Such a man is ready for the race of life when opportunity presents itself. He is a free man, and it is freedom which contributes to the enjoyment as well as to the prosperity of life. It will help to banish care and keep grief away. Above all things avoid debt.

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