

Daily Democrat

EDUCATION.

What, How Acquired, And Importance.

A mistake is often made in the use of the terms, education and educated. We frequently hear it said, that Mr. A has a fine education and that Mr. B is a thoroughly educated gentleman, when it is very well known that neither statement is confirmed by the facts in either case. They are both omnivorous readers and are the possessors of encyclopedic information, but they are not thoroughly educated. The reason that they are not thus educated is, that education does not consist in the accumulation of knowledge. A man may be well read and not be thoroughly educated. This will become apparent by an examination of the origin of the word education. It is derived from the word educo, to draw out, and its primary meaning is the act of drawing out. It is a drawing out of the mind's powers and capabilities—a drawing out of the minds germinal energies, which have been implanted by the Creator. And it must include all the mental faculties, intellectual, moral and religious. The memory must be cultivated, the reasoning powers must be developed, the judgment must be exercised, the moral powers must be disciplined, and the religious instincts must be matured. Otherwise, education, mental development, will not be complete.

Now, how can this be done? Only by a rigid course of mental discipline. This is the only royal road to thorough education. And the journey is not made in a few hours or days, on the "Lightning Express" but requires months and years for its completion. Mental development is a gradual process of unfolding the mind's germinal powers and capabilities, and is attained in a high degree of perfection only by long continued discipline and persistent laborious effort. Well known artists and famous artists do not attain celebrity without much and long continued practice. They do not become renowned by the first or second production of native talent. The divinely implanted germ had to be developed, drawn out, by much rigid thought and close application.

And so it is in every department of mental development. Those who would stand high in any art or profession must attain eminence by education, by thorough discipline of the mental faculties. Undeveloped genius never invented an apparatus for the transmission of thought over continents and under oceans. It never utilized that all pervading, invisible, but mighty something called the electric fluid and made it man's obedient servant. It never soared aloft on the wings of science and made a tour of discovery through the regions of space, measuring in its flight the distances of the stars, and weighing the planets in its scales. It never traversed all the well beaten highways of thought, in all ages and countries, and then struck out into new and unexplored regions of original investigation in search of some unknown continent of truth. Before it could make any of these achievements, it had to undergo a process of disciplinary preparation, advancing step by step in its onward and upward progress, until the object aimed at was accomplished. And such must always be the course pursued by all that would attain to eminence in the achievements of mind. Such eminence is attained only by intense, concentrated mental application. It can never be reached by the student who depends upon his teacher for the solution of all difficult problems in mathematics, for the analysis of all intricate and complicated sentences in English Grammar, and for the elucidation of all knotty questions in mental, moral, political or physical science. If he does not grapple with these difficulties in his school days, he will not be able to do it when he goes out into the activities of a busy world, and comes in contact with the great problems, which are putting to the test the best disciplined minds in church and state. Then he will have no teacher to whom he can apply for a solution of life's difficult problems. Then his undeveloped mind will not come to his rescue in case of emergency, and the want of thought mental discipline will be a source of regret to him all the days of his life. Then he will see how much better it would have been, if he had followed the example of some of his class-mates, who were always at the head of the class, and seldom found any problems which they could not solve. The boy who does his own thinking, gives his undivided attention to his teacher, and is regular in his attendance, is the one who does credit to himself and his teacher, is a useful member of society, fills positions of honor and usefulness in church and state, wields a commanding influence in the community in which he lives and thus moulds the opinions of others. His mental discipline gives him power, which he would not otherwise have. This is the reason that some men who have not had the advantage of a college education not unfrequently outstrip, in the race of life, many college graduates, who have passed through college but are not educated. The question, at the present time, is not whether a man has been graduated at some European university, at Harvard, Yale or Albany, but is he educated? Has he a well disciplined mind? Have his latent powers of mind with which his creator has endowed him been developed, drawn out, by a rigid course of mental discipline? If they have, then he is prepared for the activities of life, in whatever sphere he may be called to act. It matters not

where he obtained his education, whether in a college, in an academy, in a public school, or at home by his own efforts. It is his thought mental discipline, and not the place of his education, which gives him his power.

What was it that made a tall, lank and awkward western rail splitter such a mighty power in the salvation of his country as Abraham Lincoln was? Not a diploma from a renowned university, but his self-acquired mental discipline in the school of close application and intense thought, in combination with good solid common sense. And if he was thus such a power in the trying times in which he was called to act, how much greater power would he have been, if he had had the advantages of a thorough college education before he entered upon the activities of public life? He would then have started out in life with a large amount of reserved force, which he could have called into action in case of emergency, and the victory would have been more easily gained. A well disciplined mind is a mighty power, and the graduate who has it at a premium and in demand, is said that only one half of one per cent of the population of the United States go to college, and that this half per cent hold sixty per cent of the highest offices of the country. There can be no doubt, therefore, about the importance of a collegiate education. Thoroughly educated college graduates are always in demand, and never was there a greater demand for such men than at the present time. This is an age of more than ordinary intelligence, and those who would be leaders in church or state must be thoroughly educated. If they are not thus qualified for the positions which they hold, their leadership will be of short duration. They need not expect to command and retain a permanent or increasing influence over those who are their equal or superiors in intelligence and mental discipline.

Just now my private opinion is, that the great want of the government of the United States at its headquarters is, a higher order of state men—men conversant with national and international law men whose minds are fitted by thorough mental discipline for the government of 65,000,000 of people gathered from all quarters of the globe; men who are christian patriots and seek the interests of the whole country; men who can not be bought, and would sacrifice the lives of selling their country for a few pieces of silver; men that are thoroughly educated, mentally, morally, and spiritually; men, in the highest sense of the term.

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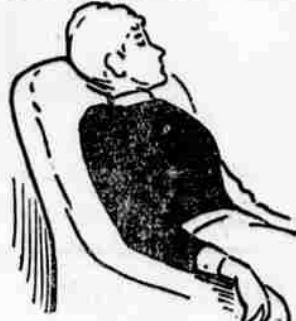
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Done by order of said association, this 15th day of Jan'y, 1894.
C. B. WILSON, Secretary. C. H. STEWART, President.

Assignee's Notice.

In the matter of the assignment of Henry Freeman Pound, an insolvent debtor.

Notice is hereby given that Henry Freeman Pound has assigned to me all his property for the benefit of all his creditors in accordance with the laws of the state of Oregon, relating to general assignments by insolvent debtors. All creditors of the said Henry Freeman Pound are notified to present their claims, under oath, to me at the office of Blackburn & Watson, attys., in the city of Albany, Oregon, within three months from the date of this notice.

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Saturday the 3rd day of Feb., 1894, at the hour of 1 o'clock p. m., at the Court House door in Albany, Linn County, Oregon, expose for sale, at auction, to the highest bidder, for cash, the following described real estate belonging to said minor, to-wit: An undivided one-sixteenth of the following described tract of land commencing at a point on the north line of the Donation Land claim of Vincent Watson and Mary Watson his wife, 19.0 chains east from northwest corner of said claim, it being not No. 1706 in the No. 62 in tp 11 S R 4 west of Williamette meridian and running thence East 32.10 chains to a corner; thence south 16.25 chains thence east 8.19 chains, thence south 18.25 chains, thence west 40.59 chains, thence north 28.33 chains to the place of beginning, containing 166.35 ac. or more or less, all in Linn County, Oregon, subject to the life estate of Aaron Wilson in said land.

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