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THE INFLUENCE OF OUR READING. Physiologists and metaphysicians tell us that every impression received through ear or eye, or any other source, leaves its impress indelibly fixed upon the atoms of which the delicate complex tissue of the brain is made; that their very form and shape is changed thereby; that other impressions may cover it, hurry it from sight as it were, but obliterate-never. Repetition and corresponding impressions may deepen it until it becomes a fixed habit of thought; but that under all circumstances; and always, as of matter so of mind and time or money to this end for surely 12 Large Pages and 84 Long Columns. feeling, nothing is ever lost, but nothing will bring better returns. [To be Continued-] that at some time we may meet it again, when we least expect to do so. Our experience to a certain extent proves to us that this is true. for how often thoughts and memories recur to us, we cannot tell how or why, which have been forgotten for years. Therefore who will dare to say that anything is gone forever. In view of this wonderful and solemn fact, who, would not wish all their thoughts and impressions to be noble and true, pure and beautiful? And who have not some things fixed in their memories they would gladly forget? Vain wish. We may turn from them, we may bring other thoughts to counteract their influence, above all we may be careful to avoid such in future, but we cannot blot them out.

It is very true that as the world is, we cannot well be in it and pursue the ordinary duties of life, with- the state. Apply to your County Superout seeing and hearing much that intendent. we would gladly avoid. Impressions thrust themselves upon us from without, which we cannot escape; but we are told in the written word that "as a man thinketh in his heart so is he," and if we reject and as far as possible turn from and avoid all lowering thoughts and impressions, we may leave the rest in his hands, who has promised to present his own without spot or blemish before the throne of his Father. Perhaps there is no source from which, after the years of early childhood, we receive so many new thoughts and ideas as from our Containing Over Twenty Thoureading. A book comes to us even more closely oftentimes than our that of the writer. The more inter- ed. esting the book, the more talented the author, the more this is so. Besides we are more or less on our 14guard as to our living companions and associates. Are we as careful of these silent ones? A book, a paper, how innocent looking, attractive in appearance and makeup, it does not thrust itself upon us, but quietly awaits our pleasure, and the love of reading is such a good. possession and a source of so much profit and enjoyment that often we neglect to look closely enough into the effect, but it may decide the destiny for time and eternity. How continually we are shocked by reading of young criminals from respectable families, having every advantage and help toward an honorable manhood and womanhood. who have gone wrong. In startled surprise we ask why? Almost invariably the answer is through their reading, drinking in wrong and evil and distorted views of life. their passions and imaginations

have become inflamed thereby, un-

The Oregon Register til by, some rash act in emulation of a dashing but lawless and wicked hero or heroine, they find their character gone and themselves behind prison bars or in dens of infamy. Nor is it strange, knowing; the cause. Can you pour a stream of vile, dirty and impure water into a vessel containing clean, and not all be defiled? No more is it possible to pour evil and lowering thoughts into the mind and not have it sullied thereby. I appeal to you parents, teachers, guardians, and instructors of the young, as we must all stand before the judgment seat of Christ to give an account of our stewardship, whatever else you do, whatever you leave undone, guard this point; know what books the children under your care are THE BEST AND BIGGEST reading, and as we have divine authority for believing that nothing so quickly or so surely overcomes the evil as the good; see to it that there is no lack of that which is pure and wholesome; spare no sacrifice.of

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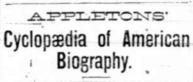
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