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**The Tillamook Headlight**  
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**Blundering Innocents.**

[T] EDITOR OF TILLAMOOK HEADLIGHT ]  
 It is illiberal to ridicule the mistakes of children, and unjust to infer from incorrect or inverted answers that they have not been well taught. What teacher can hold the attention of all his scholars all the time on all the points of the subject treated? Yet the want of charity that many good people show toward a child who gives an absurd answer would indicate that children's minds were believed by them to be not only mature but omniscient.

Is it not strange that the schoolmaster comes in for so large a censure on account of the imperfections of the human race? Is the clergyman held up to scorn on account of the prevalence of false doctrines and immoral practices which it is his mission to remove? Is the advocate of temperance reviled for the prevalence of the vice which it is his study to discourage? No. But the teacher, unless his work displays absolute symmetry, is held accountable for all the imperfections of mind—mind in process of growth in the individual and not yet full grown in the race.

Some children learn and forget; some fail to learn; some effect an understanding of subjects which they do not possess; some are self-deceived in respect to their understanding of the subjects, and labor under honest misapprehension; and some have not the metal caliber to grasp and retain and digest their studies; yet all are regarded by narrow minded scoffers from the same standpoint. "Results" "results" is the cry. Nothing is said of material or means.

Professionally dealing with maturity fall short of their highest expectations and are blameless; but the teacher's calling fails to impart to immaturity—to mere infants—infidelity of judgment unbounded knowledge of fact and the nicest discernment of the most complex relations, and so on. It is the teacher of the category of useful occupations. What does the world do for the schoolmaster that it should expect so much of him? Why should he alone be expected to give to human nature what Omnipotence fails to impart? To demand from the teacher perfection in work is as flattering, and as silly, as the awe in which he is held by his pupils, and such demand can only come from one whose ignorance and perversity it was some poor teacher's misfortune not to have removed.

Granted that a number of pupils return several ridiculous answers to a list of fair, searching questions. What does it prove? Is a teacher to be censured if a pupil, from the depths of his own originality, dashes at him the information that "the Ohio is one of the tributaries of the Mississippi"? Yet that answer from a pupil would condemn a teacher in the eyes of a captious, mouthing cynic. Children's mistakes generally arise from their imperfect knowledge of the language in which their exercises are carried on. English-speaking children are particularly unfortunate in this respect. And is it strange? A complete mastery of our native tongue requires a knowledge of one, and some would say two dead languages. Men spend their lives at the task of conquering its difficulties, and unless they have genius, do not entirely succeed; and yet, philosophers that we are, we "make fun" of a twelve year old child, if he cannot give lucid explanations of international law, and constitutional government, and political economy, at a period of life in which he is more interested in base ball than in the Cuban question; in kites, than in the Spanish war, or the war of 1812.

Two things are easy to do: to find fault, and to ask questions. If you want to cultivate charity for a blundering school boy, "put yourself in his place" in a public examination. When the lawyers, editors, judges, clergymen and bookkeepers of a city compare with its school children at their annual examination, and the aforesaid lawyers, editors, judges, clergymen and bookkeepers stand a fraction of one per cent higher than the pupils, then, and not till then, shall we acknowledge our system of public instruction a failure; then will we resign our baton as teacher, and become a somewhat preacher, or a flashy editorial writer, and avail at the blunders of babies, which we have not the intelligence to attribute to their true cause, nor the charity to overlook, nor the ability to rectify.

Aristotle taught men of mature intelligence; so did Socrates. We try to plant in the minds of babies and sucklings more facts and philosophy than Aristotle or Socrates ever dreamed of; and, if one lota of our instruction fails to take root, or is misconceived, the world is barking at our heels. The very number and absurdity of the mistakes our pupils commit show how much we accomplish. The roll call that turns out thousands of tons of finished material, has a larger scrap heap than the one that turns out only hundreds. Were the recipients of our labor material, we should be responsible for the fit of every joint, and turn polish of every axle; but mind cannot be set in a lathe, and inequalities and imperfections will escape in spite of the adaptability of the system, and the skill and diligence of the workers.

Do we attempt too much? We do not. And did we attempt less, those who now find fault with our work would be first to cry out and deplore the neglect of such and such branches, and to condemn the illiberality which would leave such and such subjects untouched. We must teach all the common English branches to give our youth a fair education. The errors that our pupils are guilty of, prove only that we must do our duty, continue teaching, teaching, for the minds of children are immature, and the minds of all imperfect. The first written exercises of some

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children are more comically incorrect than the wildest absurdities of Artemus Ward, or of Petroleum V. Nasby; and the cause of the phenomenon is—they are the work of children. Children learn mostly by their former mistakes; all animals learn by their former mistakes, except kings, priests and politicians. Time and iteration are elements of education. The greater part of every science must be mastered before its use and beauty dawn upon the mind. The child sees no meaning in the alphabet. Definitions and technicalities take up the early portion of almost every branch of study. What a child does not understand is to him an abstraction, and anything in which he is not interested he is inapt at understanding. Is it strange, then, that with his half finished education and half-developed faculties he should make absurd mistakes? To condemn him and his teacher for errors committed while his ideas are in this formative condition, before his matured judgment has given his knowledge shape and symmetry, is as unjust as it would be to declare a baby devoid of beauty because its little body is out of proportion to the size of its head.  
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