

Then comes the class who have a university education ; many of these had been previously trained at a county model school and a normal school, but they have still to run the gauntlet of the School of Pedagogy. These number over 100 annually.

The professional imprimatur is essential for all, irrespective of their literary attainments. It may, therefore, be safely assumed :—

(1) That the settled policy of the educational authorities is that every teacher engaged in any class of schools receiving public aid, must submit to professional training.

(2) That mere academic attainments are not considered sufficient quali-

fications for the teaching profession.

(3) That the true examiner of the teacher is the man who has had professional experience as a teacher himself.

(4) That to secure necessary uniformity in standards and an economic gradation of certificates and examinations a reasonable amount of centralization is necessary.

(5) That the separation of the academical and professional training of teachers is possible, without injury to either course of study.

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PUBLIC SCHOOL CRAMMING CONDEMNED.

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FOR July 30 Rev. Dr. Talmage took for his theme "Children's Rights," and for his text, Judges xi: 36 ; "My father, if thou has opened thy mouth unto the Lord, do to me according to that which hath proceeded out of thy mouth."

Jephthah was a freebooter. Early turned out from a home where he ought to have been cared for, he consorted with rough men, and went forth to earn his living as best he could. In those times it was considered right for a man to go out on independent military expeditions. Jephthah was a good man according to the light of his dark age, but through a wandering and predatory life he became reckless and precipitate. The grace of God changes a man's heart, but never reverses his natural temperament.

The Israelites wanted the Ammonites driven out of their country, so they sent a delegation to Jephthah,

asking him to become commander-in-chief of all the forces. He might have said, "You drove me out when you had no use for me, and now you are in trouble you want me back," but he did not say that. He takes command of the army, sends messages to the Ammonites, to tell them to vacate the country, and, getting no favourable response, marshals his troops for battle.

Before going out to the war Jephthah makes a very solemn vow, that if the Lord will give him the victory, then, on his return home, whatsoever first comes out of his doorway he will offer in sacrifice as a burnt offering. The battle opened. It was no skirmishing on the edges of danger, no unlimbering of batteries two miles away, but the hurling of men on the point of sword and spear until the ground could no more drink the blood, and the horses reared to leap over the pile of bodies of the slain.