

appellation must be earned by working in a professional spirit or it will not be accepted by other professions, or by the world, merely because it is assumed.—*The School Journal*.

"TRICKY BOYS."—What is the reason we hear so many boys saying "honor bright" to each other when they are making trades or promises? Is it because boys cannot trust one another, and are obliged to put in an extra proof that they mean to fulfil their obligations?

A few days since I heard one boy say to another, "You'd better look out for Fred Wilson; he is a tricky boy." Inquiring into the matter, I found that "tricky" in Fred Wilson's case meant getting the best of the bargain in trades by representing things to be better than they really are; making certain promises that he never fulfilled and did not expect to fulfil when he made them. He was a boy who was not reliable, and nobody could depend upon him. Yet Fred was a fine talker; the boys said he could get around anybody if he tried to. Some boys who thought themselves quite clever had been "taken in" by him.

Now, boys, do you know what kind of man Fred Wilson will make? Unless he changes very much, he will be a dishonest, unjust, unreliable business man. There are too many such men in the world already. What we need are true, square, honest dealers in business everywhere. The boys who are growing up to take positions of trust and responsibility in life

should begin now to be straight in all their transactions with each other. Don't represent what you have to offer in trade as being better than it really is. A number of years ago there was a boy whom I knew who used to "swap" chickens and rabbits with other boys. He made it a point to get the best of the bargain always, if not by fair means, by unfair ones. He generally made these bargains with boys younger than himself. When he got older, he managed somehow to keep himself in pocket money, which his family, having a hard time to make ends meet, could not furnish him with. He had a "knack," they said, of keeping himself in money. Small pieces of money were often missed in the household, and sometimes at the neighbours', and often-times he managed to get the pennies away from the small boys at school. Nobody seemed to suspect him of getting it dishonestly, although he was always known as a "tricky boy" among his schoolmates. When he became a man, he was given a position of trust and responsibility. He handled a great deal of money, and no one suspected him of being dishonest in any way. But the time came when it was found that he had been stealing thousands of dollars from his employers. He is in State Prison now, and just before he went he confessed his crime, and said, "I was always dishonest; when I was a boy I did not seem to have any true sense of honour. If I had only begun then to be straight and square in my dealings, I should not be a convict in State Prison to-day."—*Susanna Paine*.

"THE appropriate and attainable ends of a good education are the possession of gentle and kindly sympathies; the sense of self-respect and the respect of fellow-men; the free exercise of the intellectual faculties; the gratification of a curiosity that 'grows by what it feeds on,' and yet finds food forever; the power of regulating the habits and the

business of life, so as to extract the greatest possible portion of comfort out of small means; the refining and tranquilizing enjoyment of the beautiful in nature and art, and the kindred perception of the beauty and nobility of virtue; the strengthening consciousness of duty fulfilled; and, to crown all, 'the peace which passeth all understanding.'"