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LITERATURE IN A SMALL WAY.

The following is a paper read before one of the many teachers' gatherings on the other side of the line; and though there is a seeming exclusiveness in the matter of the selections brought before the attention of the children, there is a suggestion in the method pursued which our teachers would do well to adopt in interesting very young folks in the literature of our Reading Books.

About three years ago, wishing to have a talk about the president of our country I asked my class of little ones "Who is the greatest man you know of?" Many and varied were the answers. Some declaring in favor of Supt. Kendall, who was superintendent at the time, others thought Mr. Fee, our truant officer. One little fellow fairly danced with a consciousness of superior knowledge as he boldly came out for "Jesse James." I was surprised; but, curious to know how deeply the admiration was seated. I led him on to tell me what he knew of his hero. I found he was very well posted indeed on "Jesse and his pards," and evidently there was a full fountain somewhere at which he was at liberty to drink his fill. He had a big brother who read big books and then told him the stories. And the big brother and his "pard" had a room in the barn where secret meetings were held, and there was a *whole shelf* of books. And so little Frank, eight years old, was stocking his mind with,