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Manual Training—Its Place in the Public Schools.

We have been requested to publish the following article, written by Dr. A. H. McKay, Superintendent of Education, for the Educational Review. For sake of economy of space, it has been somewhat shortened. Manual training is a branch of education which is claiming more and more the attention of educators and all interested in educational methods. We trust it will not be long before it will become a part of the system of the Bridgetown school, which has rooms in the new building partially adapted to the purpose.

The manual training subjects all of relative and friends. "Public school routine work may be considered as divisible into two categories, (1) mental training and (2) manual training. For full mind development there must be a corresponding development of the body, through which the mind manifests itself. As the hand is the chief working organ of the body, manual or hand training is well taken as the general term for such education, which in its widest scope includes all bodily habits as well as the control of the muscular of the hand in exact obedience to the correct conceptions of the trained mind. Experience has amply proved, what might be readily inferred, that apart from the practical utility of manual training its simultaneous progression with mental training adds powerfully the soundest and most effective mind culture; and in some cases it appears to be the only effective introduction to any mind culture possible.

The manual training of our public schools under present conditions is not intended to be specialized into trade schools, or even into the more generalized technical schools. It is intended merely to prepare our young people to enter directly into employment not requiring difficult specialized skill or into professional schools, such as medical, theological, law, business, agricultural, engineering, technical and other colleges; or into trade schools in which a special muscular habit has to be developed so as to become precise, rapid, and semi-automatic; or into apprenticeships. It is valuable also for the student who is to take a university course.

The manual training subject already introduced, or authorized to be introduced, into all our public schools so far as possible, are briefly as follows:—Writing, drawing, kindergarten work (which is the ideal manual training for primary grades), domestic science and mechanic science. "Domestic science is the term used in Nova Scotia to denote a group of subjects involving mental as well as manual training, all of them of prime importance in every household. A principal part of \$200 may be earned by a school which has the prescribed equipment and a sufficient number of pupils—about fifty—above grade V of the public school course.

"Mechanic science is the term used to denote a group of tool-using arts, similarly conditioned as domestic science, except that the grant may reach \$800. "Apart from the tonic and alternative effect of manual training on the minds and bodies of pupils, the practical or immediate utility of the acquisition, and the specific culture of remote utility of the power thus gained, a valuable sentiment is being created in favor of the manual and industrial arts. It dignifies labor in the eyes of the young and old. The result will be more skilful and intelligent labor. The rank and file, as well as the captains of industry, will become more cultured and more influential. The clerical professions will become less crowded with the unfit, will have fuller and better employment, and will also become more happily disposed than under other conditions. All this can be fairly expected from the all-round training of the pupil—the training of the head and hand. It will then be easier also to train the heart."

Farmers' Meetings. Messrs. W. H. Fraser, of Ontario, and W. H. Woodworth, of Berwick, who have been addressing large and enthusiastic agricultural meetings in Yarmouth and Digby counties during the month, are also addressing meetings in this county at present, under the auspices of the County Farmers' Association. The first meeting was held at Clementsport on Saturday evening, the 26th. The attendance was small, but considerable interest was manifested by those present. Subjects dealt with were Orcharding, Clover, Management of Poultry, etc. R. J. Messenger, secretary of the County Association, was present and urged upon all farmers to become members of agricultural societies, and also spoke of the benefits to be derived from the holding of public meetings.

The second meeting was held at Grandville Ferry on Monday evening, 28th. The attendance was very good, and deep interest was taken in the topics discussed, many questions being asked by the speakers. W. E. Weatherpoon, Esq., was chairman of the meeting. Mr. Woodworth spoke on Cultivation of Soil, Fruit Growing, Management of Orchards. Mr. Fraser spoke on Clover, Notions on Woads, and Bacon Hog. A meeting was held at Paradise last evening, and the last meeting of the series will be held at Falkland Ridge this evening. Mr. Fraser and Mr. Woodworth go from this county to Lunenburg county. Farmers who do not hear these speakers are mis-improving a great opportunity. Mr. Fraser has had large experience in addressing institute meetings in Ontario. His store of knowledge on the subjects upon which he is irretrievably and he puts considerable humor into his addresses. Mr. Woodworth is intensely interested in orcharding. He is one of the many successful farmers of Kings county, and has a fine orchard of 2,000 trees.

Local and Special News.

A fresh lot of Confectionery arriving this week at Mrs. A. J. Weir's. —Lost on the Granville road, a pocket book, spectacles and chain. Finder will please leave at this office. —J. H. Hicks & Sons are excavating a cellar for a tenement house they intend building at one on their property on Washington street. —Sweet Janinae oranges selling at 80c. per doz. at Mrs. A. J. Weir's. 11 —The Clarence W. M. A. S. will meet with Mrs. Edson Marshall on Monday evening next, Dec. 5th. All interested are cordially invited to attend. —Mr. James deWitt expects to occupy his new residence in about a month. Mr. and Mrs. deWitt are domiciled at present at the Grand Central Hotel. —Mrs. A. J. Weir's for Raisins and Currants for your Christmas cooking. —Dr. Anderson goes to-morrow to Halifax to attend a special meeting of the Dental Association. He returns on Saturday, and on Thursday next week will go to Bear River for a few days. —Apples shipped by the last trip of the London City, through Mr. Frank Black, agent, J. B. Thomas, Covent Garden, London, brought very satisfactory prices. Blenheim brought 14s, Kings 12s and 13s. —Nova Scotia apples for home consumption continue to arrive at the Market Slip, says the St. John Telegraph. The fruit sells all the way from \$1 for early apples and \$1.50 to \$2 for No. 1 winter fruit. —The official members of Providence Methodist Church will give a reception to the congregation and friends of the church on Wednesday evening, Dec. 7th. Refreshments and suitable entertainment will be provided. All members of the congregation are cordially invited to be present. —The tank wagon of the Imperial Oil Co. went through the bridge at Annsbury last week. It still lies where it fell. The oil has been leaking out, and attempts have been made to save a portion of it. It is understood that a claim for damages will be preferred against the Municipality. —Berwick Register.

Local and Special News.

—Four lbs. Mixed Candy for 25c. at Mrs. A. J. Weir's. —Mr. Burpee Chute has moved into his new house on Granville street, recently built for him by Mr. Arch. Chute. —Mrs. Sparrow will receive a choice violin selected at the service in St. James' Church on Sunday evening next. —The Outlook was enlarged last week by the lengthening of its columns several inches, adding considerably to the reading space of the paper. —Messrs. J. H. Hicks & Sons sold one of their mounted moose heads to D. A. R. officials for their London office. —All property taxes and water bills not paid forthwith will be once collected by the policeman. F. L. MILNER, Town Clerk.

Annapolis Co. S. S. Association.

Since assuming the duties of Secretary and Treasurer, I have received for our work the sums below stated, which I acknowledge with thanks. We would be very glad to hear from other schools in the county, as we wish to pay part of our Pledge to Provincial Work by Jan. 1st. The largest contributing school has only an average attendance of 22. Amounts received are as follows:—

Table with 2 columns: School Name, Amount. Includes Arlington Baptist (1.00), Lower Granville Baptist (1.00), etc.

RESSEIA A. DREW, County Secy. (County papers please copy.)

FOR SALE

My HORSE; only six years old, kind, perfectly sound, good traveler and rider. \$25. T. D. RUGGLES.

YOUTH is the Time For Preparation.

And it is important that the very best be got out of the time now. Over 100,000 copies of this book have been sold. It is the only book of its kind that gives the full benefit, as their success demonstrates. Catalogue free to any address.

INTERCOLONIAL RAILWAY

TENDER FOR CRIBWORK. Sealed Tenders, addressed to the undersigned, and to be received by the undersigned, on Monday, Dec. 5th, at 10 o'clock, for the construction of a cribwork between Lewis and ...

SEALED TENDERS

Sealed Tenders for the Collection of County Rates in the Various Wards of the County of Annapolis are requested for the year 1905.

Don't Worry!

About your Xmas presents, but call on SANCTON after Monday next, and inspect his beautiful line of QUADRUPLE PLATEDWARE

Call at your local PHOTO STUDIO

and examine samples of work. I think we can please you in style and finish. I will be absent from Bridgetown December 5th, 6th, 7th and 8th. After that time I will be at my Studio here constantly excepting Thursday of each week, which is my day at Annapolis.

N. M. SMITH, Photographer

Holiday Forethought

The prudent housewife at the beginning of the busy season, preceding the Holidays, lays in a carefully selected stock of GROCERIES and DRIED FRUITS, etc., for making Christmas dainties.

C. L. PIGGOTT.

Do Your Shoes Suit?

This is a question most men and women must answer for themselves. My entire range now open for inspection. Do not overlook my stock in making your Xmas purchases.

Felt goods for Xmas cannot be surpassed.

Ladies', Gents' and Boys' OVERSHOES and Rubber Boots. Lumbermen's stubb proof Rubbers, high and low cut, Felt Sox.

Slater's Rubberless Boots for Ladies' and Gents'.

Ladies' LEGGINGS and GAITERS. A full line of Amherst made coarse-wear in Men's, Women's, Boys' and Children's sizes.

THE PEOPLES' BOOT AND SHOE STORE

W. A. KINNEY. PRIMROSE BLOCK, BRIDGETOWN.

STRAYED

On the premises of MILFORD T. HOPKINS, Centerville, a gray, silver, color, white and red; 3 silks in right ear and 1 in left ear. Owner can have same by proving property and paying expenses.

TENDERS

Tenders for the following supplies required at the County Asylum and Almshouse for the ensuing year are requested. Sealed tenders to be filed with O. T. Denton, Municipal Clerk, on or before December 1st, 1904, at 11 o'clock, noon—

\$\$\$ Count

We have about 20 tons of the celebrated Essex Fertilizer on hand, and to make room, we will offer some inducements along this line, whereby the farmers can save dollars, to be paid for Dec. 1st, 1905. Ask us about this.

2 New CARRIAGES at cost.

HARNESSES, galore. Get ready for sleighing. Our full line of SLEIGHS coming shortly.

John Hall, Lawrencetown.

MRS. POTT'S SAD IRONS

A NEW LOT just in. AND MORE Bread Makers Large and small sizes.

R. SHIPLEY.

Plants

Just received a big lot of Potted Plants of all kinds Chrysanthemum Primulas, Easter Lily, Asparagus Fern, Holly Fern, Boston Fern, Palms from 75c up. We have one beauty for \$1.25. Begonias, (spotted leaf) Hyacinths, all colors. Cut Flowers (to order only).

"WEARE" THE DRUGGIST.

AGENT HALIFAX NURSERY.

J. W. Beckwith's Fall Stock of DRESS GOODS comprising all the newest effects, is now complete. We have the latest Cloths in heavy weights for Ladies' Suits and Skirts, and cordially invite an inspection and comparison of quality and price with samples from abroad.

NEW FALL JACKETS Cases 3 Cases from the leading manufacturers of Germany and America. These goods are FAR SUPERIOR to anything ever shown in town. Call and make your selection before assortment gets broken. John Lockett & Son.

Prepare for Cold Weather! I have in stock a full line of Stoves for Hall and Room. Also the best Ranges. Prices Right. Furnace Work and Plumbing a specialty. R. A. Crowe, Queen St., Bridgetown. WALL PAPERS! I am still collecting orders for Pratts celebrated Wall Papers and intend calling upon many of my customers as possible. F. B. BISHOP, LAWRENCETOWN. NOTICE OSCAR BAUCKMAN has been placed in charge of the Brick Yard and will deliver Brick only upon an order to be obtained from the Manager or Secretary. October 11th, 1904.