

VALUE OF EDUCATION

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Editor Athens Reporter.

As a graduate of the Athens High School, I am naturally much interested in the question concerning that institution, but whom does it concern more than the boys and girls who are some day to become pupils of this famous old school. Are we going to decide this question from selfish motives or are we, broad-mindedly, going to give the scholars of this county an approved school, better opportunities and larger chances of a more successful career?

The moral value of an education is only equalled by its financial value. A good education is worth money—more money than the average man realizes. The educated man gets a salary of about \$1,200.00. Supposing he works for forty years, then during this time he has earned \$48,000.00. Remember, this man to earn this \$48,000.00 had first to have a good education before he was capable of holding a position of responsibility and before he could command a good salary.

Now, the other fellow—the man who works by the day, the uneducated man. What does he draw? \$1.50 a day is considered a pretty good pay—and he works from two to four hours longer each day than the educated man to get this \$1.50, to say nothing of the difference in employment—one in an office, the other, anywhere he can. There are about 300 working days in a year. Therefore, the average workman earns \$450.00 each year, whereas the educated man earns \$1,200.00—a difference of \$750.00. In forty years the difference amounts to \$30,000.

From these figures the value of an education amounts to \$30,000.00 in hard cash, to say nothing of shorter hours, greater pleasures and more home life and comforts.

If the High School By Law is defeated, the scholars who would otherwise enjoy the opportunities of an approved, up-to-date school, will be forced to put up with the inconveniences that may have been good enough 80 years ago, but which are inadequate to-day. An approved school will cost less than 6 cents on a hundred dollars assessment. Don't let that 6 cents stand in some school boy's way to winning that \$30,000.00 difference, and making his parents proud of his brilliant, successful career.

The graduates of the Athens High School bleat the founders of that grand old institution. I trust the coming graduates will not have occasion to blame any voter for limiting their opportunities and curtailing their chance of success by casting his vote against an approved school and better education.

Thanking you for this space, I am,
Yours etc.,
L. Glenn Earl.

BLACKWOOD—STEACY

The residence of Mrs. Jonas Steacy, Elgin St., was the scene of a very pretty but quiet event on Tuesday morning, Dec. 31, the occasion being the marriage of her daughter, Miss Edna Blair to W. Smiley Blackwood of New York.

At 9.30, to the sounds of the "Bridal Chorus," rendered by Mr. Franklin Willows, the bride and groom received their friends, the bride and groom received their friends, the bride and groom received their friends.

The bride, who looked charming in a gown of Irish baby lace with pearl trimming over a marquisette, carrying a bouquet of white roses and hyacinths, appeared, leaning on the arm of her brother, W. L. Steacy, by whom she was given away. Little Miss Beatrice Breesee carried the ring, which was concealed in the petals of a rose.

After the ceremony, which was performed by the Rev. Geo. Edwards, pastor of the Methodist church, Athens, the bride and groom received the congratulations of their friends, during which Mendelssohn's wedding march was played.

While the register was being signed, Miss Irma Culbert sang very sweetly "Greater and Deeper." The guests then repaired to the diningroom where a dainty luncheon was served.

The bride wore a stylish travelling gown of "Mustard" Scotch tweed, with hat to match, and Persian Lamb furs, gift of the groom.

Mr. and Mrs. Blackwood left for Montreal, en route to New York, followed by the best wishes of their many friends.

ERRED AND MARRIED

The Brockville Recorder of Thursday and Friday last gives the following account of the strange experiences of a young couple from the country:—

On Saturday night, December 21, a youthful appearing swain and a fair looking damsel arrived here and registered at the Revere House as Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Gray, of Newboro. They claimed to have just been married in Smith's Fall and were on a honeymoon trip.

The said honeymoon continued to extend to such an extent that the bill for board by yesterday had run into the hundreds.

Chief Barker was called in. He closely questioned Gray and the latter owned up that he was out of funds and was willing to leave a suit case as security.

Continuing his investigation the Chief learned that Gray was 24 years of age and that of his supposed wife 21 years. He said he lived near Newboro and the woman was from South Crosby. Continuing his cross-questioning the Chief's idea that the pair were not married was well grounded. When asked who performed the ceremony Gray became nervous and this was intensified when he was asked for the certificate. Later he gave in and said he and the woman, who is Nellie Violet McGonnigal, had never been married.

Miss McGonnigal was then sent for and stoutly maintained that she and Gray were married. She was told of the fact that Gray had previously told the Chief such was not the case and she, too, admitted the ceremony had never been performed.

The couple were then taken to the police station and charged with obtaining board and lodging by false pretences. Later they were remanded.

On Friday they were allowed to go, as the amount in question, \$44.50, was settled by the uncle and brother of Gray. Before leaving the chief's office, however, a marriage license was secured and the two were united in marriage by Archbishop Dobbs. They intend leaving for the country in a day or two where it is expected they will take positions with a farmer.

TOLEDO

Miss Edna Seymour has been indisposed for the past few days, but under Dr. Bourn's treatment is rapidly recovering.

Yates Marshall, little son of Mr. and Mrs. Claude Marshall, is rapidly recovering from a rather serious illness.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilbert Drummond are here from their home in Saskatchewan. They with their family are now visiting at the home of their respective parents.

Mr. James Holmes, who recently suffered the misfortune to break his ankle, is now able to walk.

Mr. Robert Seymour is suffering from a severe cold.

Mr. Sterns Kilborn, who has been residing in the West for the past nine years, is at present renewing old acquaintances in the village. Recently he had been visiting his sister, Mrs. James Holmes and his brother Gordon, both of Toledo, but at present he is visiting friends in Merriokville.

Mr. Sam Lewis of Smith's Falls was the guest recently of his brother-in-law, Mr. James Seymour.

Eric and Seymour Lewis spent the holidays with Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Seymour.

The Baptists of Toledo gave an oyster supper and concert on New Year's night. A large crowd was present and all report an enjoyable time.

Mr. N. H. Beecher and Mr. Robert Ferguson, patients at St. Vincent de Paul Hospital, Brockville, are slowly sinking. Both have been ill for some time.

Wallace M. Johnson and his mother of Athens were visiting the latter's sister, Mrs. R. Seymour.

Rev. Mr. and Mrs. Backhurst of New Boyne spent the holidays visiting at the homes of their parishioners.

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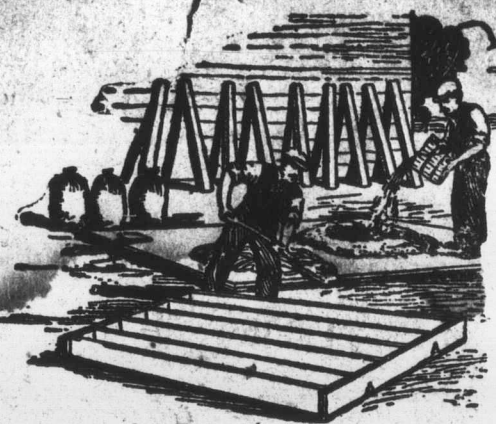
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