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A FIRST PRIZE ESSAY

How May the Common School Exert a Larger Influence on Rural Life.

[By Lena B. Foster, Lawrencetown.] world. Here, at least one third of the child's wakeful hours between the ages of five and sixteen are usually

spent. These early years of the child's life, lay the foundation of its future physically, morally and intellectually. Surely then no person would be thoughtless in regard to the welfare of the child during these early school years. But too often we find this the case. The home may have a great influence, but the school has greater. At school the child is constantly mingling with other children of various

social standings, who will have more or less influence over them. But since the home and the school are the two out-standing figures in the formation of the child's character, why should "In my opinion, no other medicine there not be greater co-operation bein the world is so curative for Constipathese two fundamental bodies?

Many people form the idea that if the teacher and scholars perform their without the co-operation of the home, the teacher, no matter how competent, cannot make a success of her teaching. Perhaps we might be asked how this co-operation may be accomplished, especially in sections, where little interest is taken in school work.

residents of the section to visit the crops may be raised. school and see the work being done there, it would not be long before the residents of the section would become

monthly meetings. Perhaps these af- ation.

the children would also be much bene- etc. that the children of today, will be having visitors come to their school the land, where practicable, as quickly in a few years, and these occasions of their childhood will have a lasting impression. This is only one of the many ways in which we may promote

town would be amazed and say they Australia or China, could answer quite in a large degree to the teacher. Child- and old and as a result, prove very ren in their early school years should beneficial.

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ness and contentment.

It is the duty of every teacher to see some very convenient kitchen, it would it will also be practiced at home. The school grounds should be large

games of all sort and also for a vege- tary condition of a well, remembering table and flower garden.

afternoon of each month, on which to discovered in the way of caring for invite the trustees, parents and other plants, etc., and as a result, better

Then again children reading of what others have aspired to, may be inspired to do even greater things themselves, and as a result become great would not want to miss one of these and useful in the up building of civiliz-

spelling match or something of this race, perhaps there is no place more drainage and leaching. Hence it is Not only would the parents en- fitting than the school house for hold- that every precaution is taken here to joy and benefit by these occasions, but ing educational, patriotic meetings,

the rate paying citizens of the section and thus after a time they feel that as possible after it is produced. house and are attended by both young going plan of procedure.

history, the industries and the govern-year, nearly every teacher feels inspired to his best work for the cording to the duration of the rotation. if taught in the right manner will have a lasting impression on the builds are the substantiation of the rotation, in the regular from a summer term of school or perchance may have just had a quiet, rest- fresh manure is allotted to each year pave the way for the deeper book ful summer vacation at home or at of the rotation. For instance, in a study which will follow as the child be-One fault of the common schools of work as he is. Thus September is the hoed crop. In four-year rotations,

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Where manure is applied for cultivation of the scholars.

diseases. If attention is paid to these twenty should go see how a certain matters, the scholars will probably be farmer makes a farm gate and then healthy and with health comes happi- are asked to measure it and draw it to scale, there would be an improvement Tidyness also does much to improve of farm gates in your neighborhood. the appearance of a school premises. If you should take your girls to see

The school is the child's minimum that the children keep their desks do the community more good than to clean and if this is practiced at school keep those girls after school to make up their problems in cube root. Teach them how to judge the saniand well-drained with ample room for that a dug well drains back four times

its depth. Show how to find the per Another important feature of a good cent of Carbon Dioxide in the air, and school is a library. As soon as the then have them examine the air in the child has finished the second reader, jails, the moving picture parlors and he is able to read books for the sake the crowded stores. Get so busy lookof the information in them, and enjoy ing up these interesting problems that doing so. There are now many good books, very interesting to children so and Saturday to come. You will disyoung. The ability to read should now cover subjects for your composition be looked upon as a tool with which classes, run into all kind of arithmethe child can better prepare his mind tical problems, clean up many dirty, and character to do the best work in insanitary back yards, cause many life. Every country school should dangerous wells to be condemned by have a good circulating library for the Health Department and make the children's books so that each pupil grocers, bakers and meat dealers keep may have a good book to read at home clean, sanitary places of business.

at all times. The reading of these at Many teachers spend Arbor Day and home makes every school study more all their spare time in planting trees interesting and useful to the child. and shrubs and caring for school gar-Such books together with dictionaries, dens. If a teacher persues this course ed. But this is a serious mistake for histories and biographical sketches of it will not be long before the children great educationalists together with and residents of the community in plant and bird books and Nature general will become interested and Studies, make a very interesting lib- will try to rival each other in the rary for any country school. Such planting of trees, flowers and shrubs books will be very beneficial to the and otherwise improving their premcommunity, for they may be carried ises. Thus the value of the property home and read by the older members is increased as well as improved. In of the family, and pe haps through this and numerous other ways the this kind, would set apart a special reading them, something new may be common school is exerting an influence

Conservation and Utilizvtion of Farm Manure.

·(Experimental Farms Note.)

All investigations go to show that farm manure has its greatest value when fresh, that the liquid portion is richer than the solid material and that teresting by having some recitation, a ant factor in the rearing of the human the former is more readily lost through ensure a minimum loss of plant food constituents in the manure and is the Many teachers are embarassed by chief reason for applying manure to

they are not welcome and cease to At the Central Farm, Ottawa, the visit such a school. Such teachers liquid manure is absorbed by means should try to hide their embarassment of litter, usually cut straw, and as each and make all visitors feel that it was a load of mixed liquid and solid manure pleasure to have them manifest their is gathered it is taken directly to the a greater interest in school work. Many persons form the idea that education can be obtained only by studya special entertainment at the closing spreader, as convenient. This method mistakes made in regard to school of school for the Christmas and sum- is carried on consistently throughout mer holidays and also for Empire and the year although during occasional are studying geography, if asked to Arbor days. In some communities, winter seasons this system may be give the population or area of their own many of the parents and younger people will co-operate with the teacher in depth of snow or other causes. The forming a sort of club and each week contour of the land at this farm which were asked the population or area of prepare some sort of a programme. varies from fairly level to gently roll-These meetings are held in the school ing lends itself admirably to the fore The manure is always applied sys-

tematically in definite cropping sys-At the beginning of a new school tems or crop rotations. The amount today is that children are confined too For a five-year rotation, the amount is The average teacher does not spend thirty tons, of which fifteen tons is Connection at Middleton with all collections; gather them around you to the of bein to your network of the importance of the importance of the to the the the to th



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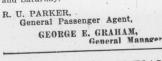
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The seating is another important 1917 feature to be considered in the construction of a school building. Very often we find the seats in a school Finds us with larger classes and from very near the same size, this greater opportunities for our grad- should not be, as even children of the same age vary greatly in size, and a tall child sitting in a low seat, becomes stooped shouldered and probably dies of consumption. Again, the seats should be arranged so that the child does not face the light, but if possible have the windows at the back also at the left of the pupil when seated at its desk. As a result of poor lighting many children suffer of eye Principal.

the community at large? If you are teaching in the country you have many chances to improve

your time outside the school room coming generation will be trained from all former teachers. Get out and study nature. Take long walks and bring back plants, soil samples, rocks, tion for your scholars. Point out to hours, proved to be one of the heav some farmer's boy how his father lest in years, the depth of snow that might stop the small gully from getting larger. Tell another that the poison ivy on the line fence ought to cant patch of Canada thistles in the cord. Telegraph poles were down and cow pasture ought to be heavily salted the telegraph and telephone communibefore another season) Bring ears of cation with outside points cut off. corn from different farms to show a difference in cultivation and variety. Take your camera along and bring back pictures of good and poor fences, cattle and farm buildings. When you have found something good take your

school around to see it. If a school of

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German Colony Conquered is one of Vast Area.

German East Africa, conquered by the British, is a very extensive country and has a total area of 384,079 miles, or more than thirteen times as large as New Brunswick, with a population of 10.000,000, of which the very large majority are blacks. The capital of the country is Dar-es-Salaam. At the beginning of the war the country was in a very flourishing state, commercially, and the total imports for the year \$8,485,500, while the exports for the same period of time were approximate 13 \$3,252,500.

