

needs encouragement in a more varied exercise of all the creative faculties to prevent a one-sided and premature development which lacks in breadth and strength. Precocity is much to be dreaded. A forced plant gives bloom early but fails in later development to fulfil the complete order of its being.

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The exercises of the intelligently conducted kindergarten are infinitely more interesting to the normal child than being suddenly called from play and bodily freedom to give attention to signs in a book which he is told say "It is an ox" or more logically "The cat sat on a mat." He has little or no interest in these thrilling (?) tales. Curiosity is not looking out from his mind to understand. The conditions are not favorable to eager interest. He must learn to read sometime to be sure, but is it not reasonable that he must want to know something that is written before the exercise of reading will have the best effect? The brain like the digestive organs cannot assimilate much unless there is a desire for the food taken.

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Our system of education has not yet produced the results we hope for viz., the making of a class of citizens ideally intelligent and appreciative. Until we have perfect results we must not make the fatal mistake of resting in satisfaction with methods which claim our respect chiefly because they have come to us from an honored past but which have as yet failed in giving us ideal results in developing a vitally intelligent and efficient generation of men and women.

#### MARTIN LUTHER'S LITTLE TAME ROBIN.

I have one preacher that I love better than any other on earth; it is my little tame robin, who preaches to me daily. I put his crumbs upon my window-sill, especially at night. He hops on to the window-sill, when he wants his supply, and takes as much as he desires for his need. From thence he always hops to a little tree near by, and lifts his voice to God and sings his carol of praise and gratitude, tucks his little head under his wing, and goes fast to sleep, and leaves to-morrow to look after itself. He is the best preacher that I have on earth.—*Martin Luther.*

Three peas in a pod:

Prepare! be punctual! persevere!

To this important rule adhere.

#### A TERCENTENARY.

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The year 1913, is the three hundredth anniversary of an event of considerable historic interest, namely, the first clash between the French and English in America.

So much is heard of the "Mayflower" and her cargo that we are apt to lose sight of the fact that Anglo-Saxon civilization was well established in America before the voyage of the "Mayflower" in 1620. Jamestown, Virginia, was founded in 1607. The Virginians laid claim to the whole Atlantic coast, from Florida to the Gulf of St. Lawrence, although the French had preceded them, in the north, by their settlement in Acadie in 1604.

Among those interested in French colonization was the Marquise de Guercheville, "one of the most beautiful and zealously religious women of her time." She was a patroness of the Jesuits, and sent out to Port Royal, in 1611, the two Jesuit missionaries, Biard and Masse. This was the first appearance of the Jesuits in New France. Huguenot sentiment was strong at Port Royal and there was much discord there for two years. Madame de Guercheville then resolved to establish a new colony, under Jesuit auspices. She and the Jesuits purchased from De Monts his rights in America and also secured a fresh royal patent. In the spring of 1613 a vessel named the Jonas, which had previously voyaged to Acadie, was despatched, with a party of colonists under La Saussaye, including two Jesuits, St. Quentin and Du Thet (a lay-brother). This vessel took possession of La Hève and then paid a visit to Port Royal, where Biard and Masse were taken on board. The course was then laid for the coast of Maine, the intention being to ascend the Penobscot, as far as the Kenduskeag River and establish their settlement at the present site of the city of Bangor. There were forty-eight souls in all on the vessel. Unpropitious weather and dissensions in the crew caused them to make a landing on Mount Desert Island, near the entrance of Frenchman's Bay, south of the present Bar Harbour. Here it was decided to remain. They named the place St. Sauveur, considering it their salvation, without any suspicion of the destruction so near at hand. There they raised their cross and began tilling the soil and building houses.

Thus they were busily employed, one fine