

Education—A Sermonette

(Crawf. C. Slack.)

Text: The nation's to-morrow depends upon the children of to-day.

Education is the resource of the mind, the clearing house of all great achievements and possibilities. "Knowledge is power." What the world requires to-day is more teachers and fewer preachers. Most anyone can preach, but very few can teach. To preach of unknown things is too perplexing. To teach realities is uplifting and crowning. Educate the people to think right and they will do right and live right. Where a people are ignorant they are superstitious and in bondage—slaves to false doctrines and overlords; education makes them free. Let us cast aside this foreign stuff of the dark ages and establish an up-to-date system founded upon the requirements and essentials of the day. Something to benefit mankind here. Let us have the truth, a knowledge of possible things. Let us fit men to live, not to die. One of the greatest legacies a parent can leave to a child is a first class education, and in the future every child must be the possessor of this. We must have free books, free clothes, free board, free schools, and our children must be taught to think free. Where the circumstances of the parents will not permit of this, it must be furnished by the state, by commandeering the excess profits of commercialism.

We can only get the rudiments of an education at any college. True, but let us look to it that that education is up to the standard, that it is worthy, far-reaching and compound, not only useful to the child itself, but the education should be of such a character as to make the child a worthy asset to the nation. We cannot all be inventors and masters of science, but learning makes a people resourceful and fosters ingenuity. You cannot make a piece of tough leather by the process of tanning, but you would have to know how. Let us know how. I believe our educational system, as it is to-day, is a gigantic hypocrisy. Why do I say this? I have been in touch with scores of college graduates, among them many professors, B.As., M.As., D.Ds., LL.Ds., etc., and I have failed to find five per cent. of them who knew anything about mechanics, agriculture, music or art. The man who knows nothing at all about music or art is not educated. It is not necessary for him to be an artist, not necessary for him to be a vocalist. He should be capable of criticising and conversing on art, being able to tell a good work when placed before him, and at least be versed in the rudiments of music. Music is a world within itself, and stands out pre-eminently as an educator. Music has harmony, sympathy, soul, in fact everything a man should have in his composition. What would this world be without music? Every child, when it leaves the public school should be able to read the score of a piece of music as it would a book.

For the children of the poor the best road to success lies in learning a skilled trade. The road along this line in our educational system leads to nowhere. Our children learn little of real value, and often much that unfits them to use their brains mechanically. A certain number rise above their surroundings, but many have told me they have found it hard to get out of the rut. Our educational system is in a rut, and it has been in the same old rut for fifty years to my knowledge. Ministers of education, school trustees and school teachers, all in a rut. As I said, some get out of the rut and rise to worth-while things—those who do not remind me of a hand organ, which grinds out only the music it is set to—only this and nothing more. Permit me to say this for those who are contented to stay in the rut: The world does not measure a man by what he has, but by what he is doing with what he has. Therefore make the best of use with what you have.

I have a lot of sympathy with school teachers. The main objective with many of them is to get in the time between one vacation and the next, finding ways and means to please every fond mother in the section, and furnishing brains for all the darling little Marys and Johnnies in the school, keeping on the gilt-edged side of the inspector, who has been appointed by a government minister of education, who knows no more about a public school than I do about the Greek Testament. A school teacher must do all of this to be successful, for which he will receive the smallest

pay possible. I do not blame teachers for not taking an interest. What I wonder is how sections find school teachers at all for the monetary offering.

The teachers of the public schools should be the best paid of the whole profession, for it is they that should do the selecting. They should be endowed with keen powers of observation and be able in a few months to discover the mind-trend of the pupils. Then each pupil should be encouraged along its particular line. The start is most important. Of course, mankind will never be equal in ability as long as brains vary in quality, but education which is far-reaching and effective helps all. There is absolutely nothing of so much importance to the nation as the child. And nothing so important to the child as an education.

Junetown

Miss Bessie Clough, Brockville, and Mrs. Fred Tennant, Caintown, spent a day last week with Mrs. Claude Purvis.

Misses Alice and Belva Purvis were in Brockville on Thursday visiting their mother, Mrs. W. J. Purvis, who is a patient at the General Hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Bert Wright and Miss Margaret, of Brockville, were visitors at Mr. John A. Herbison's last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Halliday, Charleston, spent Sunday at Mr. Francis Fortune's.

Miss Janet Ferguson is in Brockville visiting her niece, Mrs. Chas. Walker.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Purvis, Mrs. Chas. Truesdell, and Mrs. Chas. Baile, spent a day last week in Lansdowne with Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Foley.

Mr. and Mrs. Francis Fortune spent the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Green, Kilkenny street.

Mrs. Thos. Franklin spent a few days last week with her nephew, Mr. A. E. Summers, Mallorytown.

Miss Ettie Cughan is a patient in the St. Vincent de Paul Hospital, Brockville.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Mulvaugh and Miss Orma Mulvaugh spent Saturday in Brockville.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Fitzsimmons were week-end visitors here with the latter's sisters, Mrs. A. B. and Mrs. R. K. Ferguson.

Miss Lillie Morris, Athens, is the guest of her cousin, Miss Maggie Ferguson.

Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Warren spent a day last week in Escott with the former's sister, Mrs. Norton Mallork.

Miss Mary Purvis has returned to Ottawa after spending a week with her parents here.

Miss Winnifred Purvis, Brockville, Mr. Howard Purvis, Edmonton, and Mr. Frenk Judson, Lyn, spent a few days last week at Mr. Walter Purvis'.

School has reopened here with Miss L. Wiltse as teacher.

Mrs. R. Sturgeon and daughter, Inez, visited on the Island last week. Mr. and Mrs. M. Weatherhead are happy with their little daughter.

Charleston

August guests at Foster's Hotel include D. L. McGill, Philadelphia, Pa.; Mr. and Mrs. Vanhouston, Maplewood, N.J.; J. Kelly, W. C. Wallace, Ottawa; W. C. Fletcher, Montreal; M. Wellor, Washington; A. E. Thompson and wife, Brockville; J. Henderson, Rochester; H. Rudd, Richmond Hill, N. Y.; A. McKenzie, L. Bradley, G. L. Howell, Smiths Falls; H. E. Kerst, Jersey City, N.J.; Mr. and Mrs. Tremblay and son, Hoboken, N.J.; Mr. and Mrs. Carman, G. H. Burwell, Jersey City, N.J.; E. F. Wiser, T. R. Melville, F. H. Pringle, Prescott; G. M. Rogers, E. E. Englass, Ithica, N.Y.; D. Doovey, Montreal.

Mr. and Mrs. S. W. Kelsey and daughter, Cora, went to Keelerville on Sunday to attend the funeral of Mrs. Card, who passed away after some months' illness.

Charleston had many visitors on Labor Day.

Lovers of duck hunting have taken advantage of that sport in the past week.

Miss Julia Hudson, Massena, N.Y., was a recent visitor at her home here. She was accompanied back by her sister, Miss Nellie Hudson.

When men speak ill of thee, so live that nobody will believe them.—Plato.

LOCAL NEWS ITEMS

Brief Notes of Interest to Town and Rural Readers.

Miss Laura McKinley of Seelys Bay, who has been visiting her cousin Miss Ada Leadbeater, returned to her home last week end.

Mr. Kenneth Blancher, who has been teaching Summer School in Saskatchewan during his holidays, was home a few days prior to returning to the Dental College, Toronto.

Mr. H. H. Arnold who has been on an extensive trip through the Canadian West is home and reports a very pleasant and successful trip.

The net proceeds of the Camp Vega Entertainment amounting to \$71.69 was kindly handed by Mrs. Beecher to the Charleston Lake Association—The thanks of the Association is hereby tendered to Mrs. Beecher.

The Charleston Lake Association has placed a light on the public wharf at Charleston.

Choice Potatoes, special this week at 65c per peck at The Bazaar.

Remember the dates of Frankville Fair—September 25 and 26. Arrange to be there.

Oranges 25c, 30c, 40c, 50c and 60c per dozen—Bananas 35c to 50c per dozen and also all First-Class Fruits at The Bazaar—R. J. Campo, Prop.

The Engineers of the Fishery Department are to confer with the Engineers of the Gannock Water Power Company in during the third week in September in regard to a Fishway ordered by the Dept. to be placed in the Power Co's. Dam at Outlet.

Choice Selection of Cigars, Cigarettes and Tobaccos at The Bazaar.

Live Poultry bought every Tuesday and Wednesday at C. H. Willson's Meat Market.

Don't forget to take in the Fall Fair at Lombardy on Saturday, Sept. 13th, 1919.

Athens Village School Fair, Friday Sept. 19th, in the Town Hall—Concert at night.

Lloyd Flood has been engaged to assist E. Taylor for a number of months, and is moving to the Taylor farm house, Main street.

Yates Avery has been engaged to deliver gasoline and kerosene to several neighboring villages.

James Moulton is making considerable improvements at the Brown property, which he recently purchased.

At Wm. Cross' farm last week there was a practical demonstration of the use of a new explosive for the purposes of blasting rocks, opening drains, up-rooting trees, etc.

Mrs. Alex. Brown, Bedford Mills, was here last week, a guest of Mrs. Sarah Lillie and Mrs. Clifford Blancher.

Miss Edna Sweet, Brockville, made a brief visit here last week to Mrs. James Gordon.

Born, Sept. 3rd, to Mr. and Mrs. David Kavanagh, a son.

Born—To Mr. and Mrs. Morley Sheffield, on Sunday, Sept. 7, a son.

On Thursday evening a distressing accident occurred at Raymond Bresee's, Addington, whereby their two-year-old son lost his life by being drowned in a tank of water. Funeral services were conducted at the home on Saturday afternoon by Rev. M. Barker, pastor of the Baptist church, Delta. Interment was made at Glen Elbe.

On Sabbath last Rev. T. J. Vickery resumed his work after a three weeks' holiday at Charleston Lake.

Several from here are at the Capital this week attending the exhibition.

Walter H. Smith, B.S.A., and Mrs. E. Eaton are judges this week at school fairs held at Elgin on Tuesday, and Lyndhurst on Thursday.

Mrs. Wm. Towriss is at Frankville attending her mother, Mrs. Eber Yates, who is convalescent following an operation.

The W.M.S. district superintendent has received from the local auxiliary an invitation to hold the annual W.M.S. convention here this autumn. The date will probably be October 8th.

Division Court here is slated for October 11th.

Mr. Lloyd Earl was a recent visitor at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Toppin, Smiths Falls.

Rev. Dixon Burns, pastor of Bethany Baptist church, Toronto, occupied the pulpit at the Baptist church here on Sunday morning and the other appointments during the day. Rev. Mr. Burns will be here for the next five Sundays.

Mrs. Arthur Best and Miss Isabelle Code are spending a few days with friends at North Augusta.

Mr. T. S. Kendrick, who underwent a successful operation in the Brockville General Hospital, returned to her home on Sunday last.

Mr. and Mrs. Jos. H. Ackland are spending a few days at Ottawa during the big fair.

Miss Katherine McLean, Fall River, Mass., is a guest at the home of Mrs. D. L. McLean.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Dickson and daughter, Jeanne, Smiths Falls, were week-end visitors at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Sheffield.

Mr. Phillip Robeson, his sister, Mrs. Herb. Stevenson, Hard Island, and brother across the border, are enjoying a motor trip to Toronto, Hamilton, Niagara and other western points, where they will visit relatives. The trip up was made on the American side.

Mr. and Mrs. S. C. A. Lamb were recent visitors at Rochester.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Hutton, Guelph, are visiting at the home of Mrs. Hutton's parents, Mr. and Mrs. William Cross.

Mrs. G. F. Donnelly was a guest of friends in Prescott and Morristown last week.

Miss Mabel Greer, who attended the millinery openings in Toronto last week, left on Wednesday for Shawville, Que.

Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Way and daughter Bessie, of Cochrane, Ont., are guests at the home of Rev. and Mrs. T. J. Vickery.

Rev. T. J. Vickery attended the Brockville financial district meeting of the Methodist church at Prescott on Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Gordon S. Thompson are spending a few days with Mrs. Thompson's parents at Kinburn, Ont., prior to going to Vancouver. Mr. Thompson will represent the Quaker Oats Co. in British Columbia, with headquarters at Vancouver. We join with their many friends here in extending the wish of every success in their new home.

On Tuesday morning the local creamery shipped their first shipment of milk to Morristown. Mr. Spence's motor truck was on the job, and the 13,730 lbs. of milk were soon hauled to the station. Mr. Wright, the proprietor of the factory, was pleased at the success of the first shipment, and expects he will have more patrons daily. They give absolutely fair weight and the milk is tested at factory and sample kept for ten days after shipment, thus giving anyone who is not satisfied with his rating to come in and see the test made and be satisfied. Why not make this local factory the headquarters for all our local milk?

Mrs. George Robinson was in Brockville lately calling at the St. Vincent de Paul Hospital to see her daughter, Mrs. Dave Kavanagh, of Glen Elbe, and baby boy, born Sept. 2nd.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Scott, Mr. and Mrs. Albert E. Brown and daughter, Jean, of Leeds, motored out and spent Saturday in town with friends.

Mrs. L. Monroe spent the week-end in Brockville with her daughters, Mrs. Giffin and Mrs. Kirst.

Mrs. Charles Bates, Reid street, has returned home from Mallorytown, where she has been caring for her daughter, Mrs. Baile, who has been ill, but we are pleased to hear that she is some better.

Have Miss Rappell call and show you what a fine supply of both laundry and toilet soap she has.

Miss Edith Mackie, Elويدa, made her Athens friends a farewell visit recently, before leaving for Ottawa, where she will attend Normal School.

Sheldon's Corners

School opened on Tuesday after the long summer vacation, with one new scholar on the roll.

Egbert Mott threshed at Heber Cowle's on Monday.

Mrs. D. J. Hollingsworth and children returned to their home in Winnipeg on Thursday of last week after a three months' visit here.

Mr. and Mrs. W. Newsome and F. Hollingsworth returned from Toronto on Sunday after attending the exhibition.

Miss Jennie Hamblen has started taking piano lessons from Miss C. Robinson, of Athens.

Mrs. M. Burney has been engaged to teach school at Jellyby this year.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred. Hayes attended Perth fair.

Mr. and Mrs. H. Bolton, of Winnipeg, spent a few days with Mrs. M. Hollingsworth.

Wedding Bells

WESTLAKE—WHITMORE

On Wednesday evening September 10th 1919, the marriage took place at St. John's Church, Lyn, Ontario, by Rev. J. Lyons, of Miss Anna A. Whitmore, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Whitmore, Athens, to Mr. Morris Westlake, second son of Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Westlake, Glen Buell.

Actual Experience

The Ontario Temperance Act is Emptying Ontario's Jails

Jail Commitments Before and After Passage of the Act.

ALL CRIMES	DRUNKENNESS
1915—20,337	1915—6,235
1918—13,242	1918—2,595

From Annual Reports of Inspectors of Prisons 1915 and 1918, and Schedule H. Report of the Board of License Commissioners for Ontario for the year 1918.

ONTARIO'S experience with prohibition under the Ontario Temperance Act since September 16, 1916, has been all the argument any fair-minded man or woman wants, to prove that the Act should neither be repealed nor weakened by Amendments.

Jail Commitments for crimes and offences of all kinds have decreased more than one-third since 1915.

Jail Commitments for drunkenness alone decreased from 6,235 in 1915, the year preceding the Act, to 2,595 in 1918.

Jail Commitments for drunkenness decreased despite the fact that the Act makes drunkenness in public places a "prima facie" offence, punishable by fine or imprisonment, whether accompanied by "disorderliness" or not. A drunken man on the street has become a rare sight.

The number of commitments for drunkenness in Ontario in 1918 was the lowest in seventeen years, although the population of the Province increased by over 500,000.

Some jails received no drunkards in 1918 at all. Others show well nigh unbelievable decreases, notably in the cities and larger towns.

Do you want to see the taste for alcoholic beverages revived, and the population of Ontario's prisons, jails and lock-ups restored?

If you are convinced that drunkenness is undesirable in this Province mark X in the "No" column after each question.

"No!"—Four Times—"No!"

Each and every one of the four questions on the ballot paper in this Referendum must be answered or your ballot is "spoiled." And unless you mark X after each question in the "No" column, the Ontario Temperance Act will be spoiled, and years of Temperance progress lost.

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