

TEACHERS SHOULD DEVELOP MENTALLY AS WELL AS PUPILS

So Urges Dr. Braithwaite Before Middlesex Teachers.

MAKES SOME SUGGESTIONS

Western University May Organize a Summer School Next Year.

Addressing the East Middlesex Teachers' Institute Thursday afternoon, President E. E. Braithwaite of Western University urged upon his audience the importance of continuing their own mental development, while giving themselves to the task of training the minds and moulding the characters of children.

"Unless you continue to develop," he said, "you will do worse than standing still." A laugh followed his next statement: "If you don't continue to develop, you will begin to look like teachers." Continuing, he touched upon the obstacles which stand in the way of the way of self-development. First among these is the mental weariness which concentration upon the work of teaching involves.

Another difficulty named was the lack of outside stimulus. London teachers have been able to find this stimulus in university lectures, with a view perhaps, in the process of time, to covering the university degree course.

Hope for the Isolated Student. For the isolated student, hope was offered in the extra-mural courses offered by some of the larger universities through correspondence and a perfection of system which is practically direct supervision.

Dr. Braithwaite urged the teachers to impress upon their pupils, even the very youngest, the idea of working towards a university course. The fact that due consideration is not being given in Western Ontario to the value of college training, he stated, is shown by statistics which show that a smaller percentage of students go from the high schools of Western Ontario to any of the universities than from any other part of the province.

Advantages of Higher Education.

Concerning the advantages of higher education and university degree work, Dr. Braithwaite had forcible arguments to offer in the form of statistics. "Some people will tell you," he stated, "that a university degree doesn't count for much in making progress in life. In the United States it was found on investigation some years ago that only one man in 140 had a university education. Of 600 members of congress at the time, 200 were university graduates, and the great majority of the rest had at least a partial university training. It was found that two-thirds of the influential positions in the United States were held by college-trained men. Reduced to mathematics, the college man has one chance in fifteen of achieving an influential position, to one chance in 4,000 of the non-college man."

The vocation of teaching, Dr. Braithwaite termed, "one of the most ideal, from the fact that its field of operation is the realm of the mind of man, made out a little lower than God."

"There is no limit," he declared, "to the possibilities of the mind for development."

Personality important.

In conclusion the importance was urged of the factor of "personality" of the teacher and the influence it may exert in shaping the entire after-career of pupils. "You, yourselves, ought to be an inspiration to all that is highest and best," he concluded.

After his address, Dr. Braithwaite stated a summer school had been under consideration for another year by the Western University authorities, provided it was found that there would be sufficient interest and support to justify such a step.

"I am going to ask you," he continued, "how many of you here would be interested should such a school be organized for another summer. It is probable your attitude in the matter will be an indication of the attitude of other teachers of Western Ontario."

The right hand of the majority present shot up in response to the question. "Good," said the university president; "we must have the summer school."

Importance of Expression.

V. E. Greer, M.A., of the Stratford Normal School emphasized in connection with his practical talk on "Third-Form Language," that the keynote of English composition and grammar in the public schools is teaching adequate and correct expression of thought. In the public schools, language is taught not so much as an accomplishment and for its cultural value, as for daily use. It is of greater importance to teach the habit and appreciation of good use of language, not only in the classroom, but in the playground.

John A. McNaughton, Masonville, a delegate to the Ontario Educational Association, presented an interesting report.

FIGHTING FOR EMPIRE AS WELL AS FEEDING IT

Lake of the Woods Milling Company Well Represented Overseas.

In presenting the annual report for the twelve months ending August 31, 1916, the vice-president, Mr. W. W. Hutchison, stated that 125 members of the staff, as well as two directors and the president, Brig-Gen. Frank S. Meighen, himself, were serving in the Canadian Expeditionary Forces.

In spite of this handicap, however, the annual report shows a successful year, with net profits of \$252,141.61. This provides for bond interest, dividends (7 per cent on preferred and 3 per cent on common stock), and \$100,000 written off property and good-will accounts, and leaves the sum of \$52,141.61 towards surplus account. With this the surplus reaches \$389,155.77, from which must be deducted \$100,000 war tax—\$50,000 for the current year and a like amount for last year—leaving after the close of the company's financial year.

The output of the Medicine Hat mill, burned in April last, was missed during the busy months since, though the direct loss was fully covered by insurance. The modern plant under construction to replace it is expected to start operations this year.

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A pretty wedding took place Wednesday night at the home of Mr. and Mrs. William Tazzman, London, Township, when their daughter Emma was united in marriage to Sgt. Samuel Curtis of the 142nd Battalion by the chaplain of London's Own, Capt. W. C. Ridgford. The bride was given away by her father, and Miss Gertrude Attrill played the Wedding March. The groom was supported by a brother of the bride, David Tazzman, while the bridesmaid was Miss Tazzman sister of the bride. About sixty guests were present.

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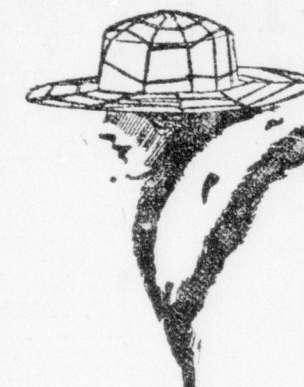
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