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THE American Institute of Instruction will meet this year at Newport (July 9-13). Dr. J. G. Fitch, of London, author of "Lectures on Teaching," will speak on the "Evolution of Character"; Nicholas Murray Butler, of New York, on "Manual Training"; Prof. A. E. Dolbear, of Tufts College, on "Recent Advances in Electrical Science"; A. E. Winship, of Boston, on "Genius and Circumstances in Education"; Edwin D. Mead, of the Old South Historical Course, Boston, on the "Importance of the Study of History"; President L. Clark Seelye, of Smith College, on the "Higher Education of Women"; Miss Bertha Hintz, of the Boston Normal School, on "Drawing in Schools"; W. H. Lambert, of Fall River, on "The Extent and Character of the Study of English Authors"; and J. B. Sharland, of Boston, on "Music in the School Room." The officers are in correspondence with other speakers. Further information may be obtained from Geo. A. Littlefield, Superintendent of Schools, Newport, R.I.

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A WORD TO THE BOYS.—I have made up my mind to speak to you about a little matter, for I believe you want to do what is fair. Now, when the girls study just the same books you do, and often go far ahead of you at school; when so many of them study stenography, telegraphing, and other kinds of business, become teachers, doctors, missionaries, etc., as they are doing more and more each year, what right have you to sit about, as lazy as a cat, and let these girls work and tug till they are tired out, for your comfort, and to do things which you should attend to yourselves? Don't

they like to run and play as well as you do? Don't they need the exercise and fun that you get in the great, splendid outdoors, just as much? Are you not physically stronger, and better able to bear the heat of the kitchen, and the breathed-over-and-over air of in-the-house, than they? Ought you not, then, in your big hearty, good-natured fashion, to "give them a lift," every time, when the work presses on them, and to take care of your own room, if they do of theirs? It seems to me this is just a "fair divide." Let me tell you about three splendid boys I knew once on a time. Their father died and their dear mother was left to bring them up and to earn the money with which to do it. So these young fellows set in to help her. By taking a few boarders, doing the work herself and practising economy, this blessed woman kept out of debt, and gave each of her sons a thorough college education. But if they hadn't worked like beavers to help her she never could have done it. Her eldest boy—only fourteen—treated his mother as if she were the girl he loved best. He took the heavy jobs of housework off her hands, put on his big apron and went to work with a will; washed the potatoes, pounded the clothes, ground the coffee, waited on table—did anything and everything that he could coax her to let him do, and the two younger ones followed his example right along. Those boys never wasted their mother's money on tobacco, beer or cards. They kept at work, and found any amount of pleasure in it. They were happy, jolly boys, too, full of fun, and everybody not only liked, but respected and admired them. All the girls in town praised them, and I don't know any better fortune for a boy than to be praised by good girls, nor anything boys like better. They all married noble and true women, and to-day one of those boys is president