

in society than many who did not have a chance equal with themselves. They did not have the energy nor push about them to rightly use the gift given of a classical education. I will own it was not the fault of education, but in the person. "To silver scour a pewter cup, it will be pewter still."

Self-made men like Franklin and Newton, whose deeds are monuments of their well earned fames, conceived a purpose and in bending their powers together with plans in a given direction accomplished in a crude state what has been a basis, in a large degree of which science has since wrought.

Benjamin Franklin dabbled in journalism and was a moving thought in his day. Few have excelled him in his sayings of truth, however coarse and roughly put together. They improved the gift that was in them, which the world honors, and whose names will be handed down to future posterity as advanced lights of their day.

Others might be named whose education was limited that can be classed in the foremost ranks of their times. The thoughts they imbibed went out to the world as honesty and up to the talent they had, and have filled a place together with those who have had rare advantages, and no more credit is due them for work wrought superior to their brethren of less education.

May those of us who did not receive a college course and limited in a graded school, sit not idly down and think we can not wield an influence for good in the world. Our sayings may not be rounded and flow as smoothly as the Greek orators, but may reach persons below our understanding.

The world is made up of all classes of people and let each with the education he or she has, use it to a goodly purpose and leave results to Him who knoweth the motives of the heart.

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PELHAM FIRST-DAY SCHOOL.

Knowing that as a letter from a long absent unheard of member of a family is cheering and reviving, even though it contains no flattering news, so remembrance of kindred in association may be likewise beneficial. Feeling that a brief account of the first attempt at F. D. S. work in Pelham Monthly Meeting of Friends, which adjourned for the winter at the end of 9th mo., might be of interest to some and perhaps incitement to others. I will endeavor to state what we did wherein we were benefitted, and what the feelings are concerning its future as have been expressed. Although organizing on the basis of a school, in reality we were only a class. The aged, middle aged and youths meeting together, reading and talking over the lesson assigned for the day, one hour before the meeting for worship. Fifteen average attendance for 21 weeks, where there were only three youths to attend—considering the situation of each, and multiplied years of some, is felt to be a portion for deep heart-felt thankfulness and sufficient encouragement for perseverance another year if Divine wisdom permits the taking up of the work again in the season suited to our condition.

A Friend from abroad, of considerable experience in F. D. S. work, favored us while in session with a welcome visit and spoke encouragingly to us, saying that a degree of originality was necessary for success in any position, and especially so in our peculiar one—that a rule cannot be laid down for another, as we are circumstanced so differently—we must each endeavor to seek for that which is suited to our needs in our own situation. Surrounded as we are by large S. Schools of various religious denominations, where every element is used without let or hinderances, that is calculated to attract the outward eye and youthful mind, we need scarcely hope for any filling up from outside