

killed. Later.—The board of education has adopted a resolution expressing disapproval of the dissection, and has informed the principal that anything pertaining to the dissection of animals in the public schools is prohibited. A repetition of the offence will be considered sufficient grounds for the dismissal of the teacher. Prin. G. R. Miller, under whose supervision the dissection was made, has tendered his resignation. It is reported that Miss Frances Nearing, the physiology teacher who conducted the dissection, will also resign.

LEARNING AND TEACHING LIFE.

One bright morning the great Edison called his son to him and spake thus: "Thomas, my son, you know almost as much as your father, but what you know will never be of use to you until you know men. Get out, Thomas, and study men. Brush up against the world for a while, and let us see what you are made of. You have good ideas, work them. Good morning."

Why should the reading of this little incident suggest *teachers*? But it did. This view of a preparation for work always does suggest teachers. They need this miscellaneous mixing with the world more than any other class of women workers, and they get the least of it. Why? "No time!" "Too busy!" are the regulation excuses. There are other reasons besides these. Teachers do not realize that free, wholesome intercourse with the world helps them to be better teachers. Such a thought never occurs to them. They have little taste and little time for mixing with people who have no special interest in teachers or schools.

But there *is* a preparation for the teaching and training of children in this contact with every phase of life—in this "brushing up against the

world;" and it is a preparation that cannot be furnished by experts in pedagogy or in normal schools.

If teachers will go to evening socials, entertainments, fairs and clubs where schools are never mentioned; if they can enter into fun with boys and girls in the game-playing stage; if they can look on at a "society" reception, where the width of a hem or the shade of a ribbon is of eternal moment; if they can listen when business men talk business; if they can watch men differ in politics; if they could overhear publishers discuss purchases, profits and possibilities; if they will linger while some tired, hedged-in mother deplores her monotonous, narrow life; if they can go to the theatre and be thrilled by some worthy play; if they can listen to a symphony concert; if they can see a good picture and hear it interpreted; if they can get inside the life of that ragged newsboy, calling "papers," on the street;—if teachers could do all of these things and many more of the same kind, what would it do for them?

The Republican members of the New York legislature have unanimously decided in caucus to re-elect Dr. Charles R. Skinner as state superintendent. This is practically equivalent to an election, as the Republicans control the majority of votes. Dr. Skinner is one of the best-known educationists in the United States, having been president of the National Education Association last year.

"And so beside the silent sea

I wait the muffled war,
No harm from Him can come to me
On ocean or on shore.

I know not where His islands lift
Their fronded palms in air;
I only know I cannot drift
Beyond His love and care."