

The Planet.

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LEST WE—IN CHATHAM—FORGET.

The visit of the Minister of Education, his tour of the various local institutions of learning, the Central School Fair, the exhibit at McKeough School on the morrow, the awarding of the prizes in The Planet Junior Essay Competition—all have tended to direct the minds of our citizens to matters educational.

It would appear, therefore, an opportune time to seriously ask ourselves—the people of the Maple City—just "where we are at" educationally!

That we have fine schools no one will deny; that the schools are doing, reasonably well, the work they are supposed to do is evidenced by the success of the students at the departmental examinations.

Yet, is it not a lamentable fact—all too easily established—that the great majority of the tax-paying parents are almost totally ignorant of the condition of the schools, the worth of the teachers and the character of the work done? Surely if we are to obtain the most and the best for the amount of money we spend on our schools, the people generally must evince a very much deeper interest therein.

Here, in the hey-day of apparent success, of examinations splendidly passed, of peerless and astounding exhibits, of honors galore—let us not forget. Let us give heed with attentive ear to the strong, true note sounded by our distinguished visitor.

Are the departmental examinations a fair test of the success or failure of the work done by teachers? Those who have given this question most serious thought have emphatically stood by the negative. The aim and end of education is not to be able to pass an examination by answering a number of specific questions. Examinations doubtless have a material value as a test of the amount of work covered by the teacher with the pupil, but they can in no sense determine the effect which the teaching, or the teacher, will produce in the life and character of the pupil. And, after all, the supreme test of the work done must ever be: "Are the pupils equipped to the fullest possible extent for the faithful and capable discharge of the duties and responsibilities of citizenship?" Competitive examinations and the awarding of prizes may act as a stimulus to some, perhaps, already over-ambitious students, but care should be taken to instill into the minds of all students, bright and dull, that "Knowledge is Power," and that this power means moral responsibility.

Too often this power is looked upon only as a means of successful competition in life's struggles; to put it plainly, as a means to get the better of some man not so richly endowed or ably trained mentally.

The Planet heard with satisfaction the intimation of the Hon. the Minister of Education that, in the proposed changes in the curricula of our schools, less slavish attention to authorized text books would be required and more latitude given to the personality, and spirit, and individuality of the teacher.

This is a change in the right direction.

How often the teachers know the right, but have to teach the text-books. The result is the moral nature is starved that the head may be crammed. We oft-times much fear that the sole standard in our life to-day is becoming "success"—and "success" means to be at the top of the class, in school, in commerce, in society. Yet he who is to-day the greatest character-forming force in the world, the great Teacher of all teachers, said, "I am not come to be ministered unto, but to minister."

The Planet will have attained its object if it may aid in impressing upon the minds of teachers and parents the thought that, after all, the end sought in our school work is the preparation of our children for useful and honorable service in the varied walks of life.

About a stolen kiss there is a charm that lingers long in the memory.

Constancy is the complement of all other human virtues.

Outbursts of temper do not always reflect an ugly state of mind.

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Diplomacy is a matter of business, though a polite business, hedged about by etiquette and forms and adorned with a few frills. Get behind the lingo and the lingo and go to the heart of the thing and you will find it very much like the practice of law. The man with the best case ought to win, and when he doesn't and the man with the poorer case does win it is because he is the better man and knows better how to present his case and how to handle it. There is another popular notion that the American diplomatic establishment is weak because our representatives abroad contend with men trained all their lives in the diplomatic school. We have no permanent diplomatic establishment. Our ambassadors and ministers abroad are picked from law offices, editorial rooms and even counting rooms. Usually they have had no previous acquaintance with diplomatic work. Yet nine times out of ten they are more than a match for the men they have to deal with abroad. Breadth and strength of character, knowledge of human nature and experience gained in the rough and tumble of life count for quite as much as the other fellows' dilettante culture. It is the judgment of the best observers throughout the world that our successful American lawyers and editors easily hold their own against their competitors. — Walter Wellman in Success.

HOW BROKERS WORK.

Four Different Kinds of Operators Who Execute Orders.

Let's see what a broker is exactly. He's the man whose services you must seek if you wish to buy or sell stocks. You can't do a thing in Wall street without that broker. You can't fill your own orders in Wall street any more than you can fill your own teeth. The broker is to you as a speculator what a dentist is to you as a man with a toothache.

Now, operations on the floor of the Stock Exchange are conducted by four groups—first, by individual speculators who trade on their own account, and these of course are members of the exchange; second, by brokers who lend money for banks; third, by commission houses which buy and sell bonds and stocks for persons not members of the exchange, and, fourth, by specialists who are also called floor brokers, and oftentimes "dollar brokers" or "two dollar brokers," and who execute orders for commission houses. In turn, commission houses are of two kinds—those that conduct one home office and many branch offices connected by private wire, and those that conduct a local and mail business.

To a broker in one of these classes your order is given. In executing your orders and those of others the broker's earnings may be any sum from \$10—more usually \$100—to thousands a day.

The Spread of Banking.

The Bank of England was established in 1694, the Bank of Scotland a few years later, and these institutions were not long in finding imitators. As trade in the provinces increased, substantial men began to feel the inconvenience of being their own bankers and retaining all their wealth in their oaken chests. Gradually they began to open accounts with some of the London bankers, which they utilized for their business transactions. Doubtless such men were beset by many friends and customers to accommodate them through their banking account, and thus the well to do trader developed into the country banker with his London agent, who much preferred to do business and incur carriage and postage with some one leading firm in a town to having several small customers in the same place.—London Standard.

The Pensions of Europe.

A traveler who has toured Europe with his wife at \$4 a day for the two declares that the pensions are the base of his cheap travel. In every continental city visited they easily found delightful pensions at \$1.20 a day each. The pensions have not the style and display of the hotels, but they have all the comfort and the servants' fees are fewer and smaller. Breakfast includes bread and coffee, nothing more. Luncheon and dinner are course meals, very much alike. Some one in the house always speaks English.

To Tell a Horse's Age.

The age of a horse cannot always be told by looking at its teeth. After the eighth year the horse has no more new teeth, so that this method is useless for a horse which is more than eight years old. As soon as the set of teeth is complete, however, a wrinkle begins to appear on the edge of the lower eyelid, and another wrinkle is added each year, so that to get at the age of a horse more than eight years old you must count the teeth plus the wrinkles.

Noah Not First.

George—Who was the first one that came from the ark when it landed? John—Noah. George—You are wrong. Don't the good book tell us that Noah came forth? So there must have been three ahead of him.

The Single Misfortune.

"Misfortunes never come singly, you know, Miss Priscilla."
"Alas," said the poor maiden, shaking her head, "the single misfortune is the worst of all!"

Punishment to Fit the Crime.
Judge—It seems to me I've seen you before. Prisoner—You have, my lord. I used to give your daughter singing lessons. Judge—Twenty years.—School Board Journal.

STILL GROWING

Demand for Mi-o-na Stomach Tablets Continues to Increase

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THOSE HOG PENS

The matter of removing the Grand Trunk hog pens is receiving active attention from Mayor Cowan and the Board of Health. At the last meeting of the Board of Health Mayor Cowan assured the members that any action on their part would be thoroughly backed up by the Council. A committee, therefore, consisting of Dr. Charteris, Dr. Hall and the Mayor was appointed to notify the Grand Trunk railway that these pens must be removed at once.

This letter has been drafted by the City Solicitor and sent. It warns the company that unless immediate action is taken more vigorous steps will be made by the Board of Health. The Mayor this morning expressed as his opinion that the company have had sufficient leniency in this matter and it is now time that something should be done.

ANNOUNCEMENTS.
At The Grand—
Her First False Step—Oct. 30.
Sherlock Holmes "The Sign of the Four"—Nov. 1.
Montaville Flowers in recital of Ben Hur, No. 1 of the Chatham Lecture Course—Nov. 2.
Gorton's Minstrels—Nov. 7.
(Supplied to The Planet by Press Agents).

"HER FIRST FALSE STEP."

"Her First False Step," a new sensational drama by Joseph Lej Brandt, which is to be presented at the Grand to-night, contains one of the most startling scenes ever introduced in melo-drama. A den of savage lions is the feature of the fourth act, and a little child is thrown into the den by her brutal father. The scene is thrilling in the extreme. The play opens on a farm in New Hampshire. The kitchen of a country home is shown, and during the scene the village quartette and a rollicking country dance furnish excellent entertainment.

The second act takes place in New York. The stage act is a novel one and shows the interior and exterior of a bank. A realistic bank robbery is introduced and the act closes with a strong climax.

The third act is the interior of a wretched tenement, the home of the unhappy woman, whose first false step in marrying a man unworthy of her comes so near to wrecking her life.

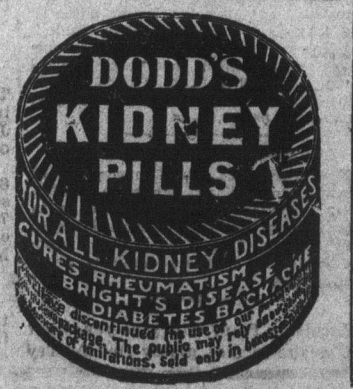
The first scene of the fourth act is a dock scene showing the Brooklyn bridge in the distance. Two large steamboats are used in this scene, and the scene ends with an exciting rescue of the heroine from East River. It is in the last scene of this act, however, that the author introduces his strongest thrill. The act is a wonderfully life-like representation of the interior of a menagerie tent. The wild beasts are shown, a den of lions in the centre. Into this den the villain throws his own daughter, but the hero of the play rushes into the cage, beats back the lions and rescues the child.

THE EDWARD E. RICE CO.

Presenting the great character study, Sherlock Holmes in "The Sign of the Four."
There is little doubt that the greatest detective play ever introduced on the stage is the "Sign of the Four." This exciting melo-drama is being played this season by the famous Edward E. Rice Company. Mr. Rice has been noted as one of the most successful theatrical managers in this country, having introduced nearly all the leading comedians of the day to the public, and now having control of some of the leading attractions of the country.

Every lover of melo-drama should be sure to witness the "Sign of the Four," which visits this city on Wednesday, Nov. 1. The hero of this thrilling adventure, none other than the world-famed detective, Sherlock Holmes, holds his audience throughout, whether the morbid, self-poisoning lover of cocaine, or the daring, astrophical sleuth-hound of the law. The play is one of those quaintly new, Conan Doyle stories, so full of incidents, and bringing out the wonderful character of the fabulous detective, made famous by the novelist. The company is strong and first class. To tell of the many excellent features of this production would require columns of space. Suffice it to say it is one of the best plays of the season and no one will be disappointed in witnessing the production at the Grand on Wednesday night.

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TILBURY

Oct. 28.—Mrs. Chas. Johnson leaves to-day to visit her sister at Port Rowan.

Miss K. Brookie, of Woodstock, was the guest of Miss Bell Wilson yesterday.

Mr. Nelles, of Toronto, is visiting his brother here, Lawyer Nelles.

C. Johnson left on Thursday on a hunting trip to Muskoka.

Darrel Moffat leaves on Monday for Toronto, where he will attend Upper Canada College.

Mrs. (Rev.) Ball continues seriously ill.

Oct. 30.—Chas. Trudell, of Detroit, spent Sunday at his home here.

W. A. Hutton returned to-day from a visit with his mother in Napier.

Miss Annie Campbell, who is attending the Ursuline Academy in Chatham, spent Saturday and Sunday at her home here.

Miss Elodia Therrien, of Detroit, spent Sunday with her parents in Tilbury North.

J. Laird, who is leaving for Watford to go into the hotel business, held a very successful sale of his household effects on Saturday last.

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DRESDEN

Oct. 30.—Mr. and Mrs. L. J. Wright, of Leamington, spent Thanksgiving and Friday with relatives in town.

Orval, Frank and Samuel Cragg, of Detroit, spent Thanksgiving with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Cragg.

Rev. F. M. Holmes conducted Thanksgiving service in Christ Church. He also assisted at both morning and evening service yesterday, delivering an eloquent and instructive sermon to his former parishioners on each occasion.

F. K. Hughes, of Huron College, London, was the guest of his mother, Mrs. S. E. Hughes, on Thursday and Friday.

Arthur Grover, of the Western University, London, spent the Thanksgiving holidays with relatives in town.

The annual meeting of the Bible Society will be held on Tuesday evening at eight o'clock in the Methodist church. A special address will be given by the representative of the society, and the resident ministers will also take part in the service.

Messrs. James and Sandy McVean returned on Friday from a few days duck shooting at Mitchell's Bay. Mrs. B. Waddell and daughter Edith, of Sombra, were Dresden visitors on Saturday. Quite a number of Dresdenites took in the races at Chatham on Thanksgiving Day. Mr. and Mrs. Robert Budd spent Thanksgiving in Sarnia. Mrs. E. Miller, of Port Huron, is the guest of friends and relatives in town. Chas. Wright, of Chatham, spent Thanksgiving with Dresden friends. The choir of the Methodist church, assisted by other local talent, gave

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a successful musical entertainment in the church on Thanksgiving night. Captain and Mrs. Ribble entertain a number of friends at lunch to-night.

The Misses Hicks entertain a large number of girl friends to-morrow evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Baxter have returned from a short honeymoon trip and will take up their residence in North Dresden.

Mrs. (Dr.) Tweedie, of Toronto, is the guest of her daughter, Mrs. J. C. Tassie.

Miss Leah Davies, of Chatham, Miss Beatrice Davies, of Tupperville, and Mr. Earl Davies, of Chatham, spent Thanksgiving at their home in town.

Modern Japanese coins and bank notes bear legends in English as well as in the Japanese.

Sunlight Soap is better than other soaps, but is best when used in the Sunlight way. Buy Sunlight Soap and follow directions.

LIDOOTE.

The farmers are busy at the corn harvest.

George Woods gave a party to a number of friends last Friday evening.

Wm. Wilson and Tom King have returned from the West.

Wellington Sommerset spent Sunday last at his home here.

Carry Rome spent Sunday last in Commerville.

James Mackness spent Sunday at his home.

Charles Ratcliff, who was injured some time ago, is improving.

Lizzie Bell is visiting at the home of Neil Cumming.

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