

Victoria, Australia, is mourning the death of Francis Ormond, one of that colony's greatest philanthropists. He gave \$230,000 to Ormond College, Melbourne; \$100,000 to Melbourne University for a department of music, and was one of the chief founders of the Workmen's College, which now has 2,000 students.

In a discussion on "Defects in our Educational Process" at the University Convocation of the State of New York, we note the following:—

"It does not kindle the intellectual fire and awaken the faculties of the mind to activity. * * * Our educational process is too dogmatic and mechanical, and it does not, therefore, tend to produce the intellectual power and independence which stamp the truly disciplined mind."

"A failure to develop the emotional nature."

"Darwin confessed to an atrophy of his moral nature and æsthetic sense. Goethe, in an exclusive quest for the intellectual perfection, lost some of the finer elements of complete manhood." * * *

"A failure of our education to teach self-reliance. The power of original thought is not developed" * * *

"Our teaching is too professional." * * *

"A teacher should be a companion to his pupils." * * *

"Another defect is the preponderance of lady teachers in our schools. * * * The best education can be given by corps of teachers chosen about equally from both sexes." * * *

"We are losing sight of, we are not thinking enough, of the individual soul, of the manhood of the individual. * * * At the head of every historic epoch stands a great man—Moses, Socrates, Gladstone, Cavour, Raphael, and de Vinci."

"A good deal of brain gets into the teachers' profession, but comparatively little stays there. The biography of any great man is pretty sure to tell that he soon got into teaching; it is pretty sure to add that he soon got out of it—if he hadn't got out of it he never would have been a great man. As a way-side inn on the road to fame, teaching is like New Hampshire for a birth-place—capital, if you don't stay there too long." * * *

"The story is old of the schoolmaster out West who offered to teach that the earth was round or that it was flat, according to the opinion of the committee. It never was much of a joke. The teachers of New York have got to teach round or flat, according to the committee, or get bounced."

"The different classes of schools do not attend with sufficient exclusiveness to do work which they were designed to do. The grammar schools often attempt to do a part of the work of the high schools; the normal schools, to some extent, attempt to do the work of the academies. Colleges are, in part, doing the work of the high schools and academies."

Socrates is everywhere spoken of as an ideal teacher.

In Guizot's history it is stated that one third of the University students of Europe die prematurely from the effects of bad habits acquired at college; one third die prematurely from the effects of close confinement at their studies; and the other third governs Europe.

Syracuse University is rapidly becoming one of the leading educational institutions in the land. The benefactions and endowments last year reached \$400,000, thus giving it a first place among the other colleges in the amount and value of the gifts received during the twelve months just closed. The principal of these, it will be remembered, were the Von Rank library, worth \$35,000, and the new Crouse College, valued at over \$300,000. Now it has just been given one of the finest collections in the world of engravings and portraits of scientists, philosophers and distinguished men of all ages and countries. The collection could not be duplicated for \$50,000. It is the Wolff collection, and was presented by Mrs. Harriet L. Levenworth as a memorial to her late husband, Gen. L. W. Levenworth.

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