

NEXT TO GODLINESS.

A Strong Plea for Cleanliness in the Schools.

A correspondent of the ADVERTISER sent the following communication last week but it was too late for publication in the last issue. It contains matter that should be considered of paramount importance to those interested in the school. Because we have old and condemned school rooms is no reason why they should be neglected in the matter of cleanliness.

Another point the correspondent might have touched on is the condition of the churches, which are often stifling, especially during 'protracted meetings.' This applies to churches throughout the county. Millions of microbes are carried in the lungs of the congregation and breathed out and pent up night after night, until the atmosphere is vitiated and impregnated with disease. The occasional opening of the door or the windows does not suffice to thoroughly freshen the atmosphere—they should be opened wide after each service, until the building is well aired. Our correspondent writes thus:—

Mr. Editor:—While waiting in the Post Office for my mail this afternoon, I observed a notice there published to the effect that the Trustees of the schools are prepared to receive tenders for lighting fires in the three school rooms of this village, and sweeping them three times per week.

It seems to me Mr. Editor, that it is time some voice should be raised for a more thorough performance of these duties in the future, than has been in vogue for some years past. I think I am only expressing the opinion of the majority of those rate-payers who are acquainted with the condition in which the school rooms and surrounding grounds have been permitted to be of late years, when I say that it has been habitually disgraceful. Except at the annual cleansing at midsummer, the rooms have rarely been more than half swept every other day, and the dirt and refuse, papers and odds and ends instead of being taken up and removed to a secure and proper place or receptacle, or burned as they should be, have been swept outside and allowed to make untidy the surroundings of the school house.

One of the matters which should engage the attention of the teachers is the inculcating of habits of order, neatness and cleanliness. I ask, Mr. Editor, can it be conducive to the formation of such habits, to have school rooms and surroundings habitually untidy and dirty.

But there is further reason why we should seek improvement in this respect, and I am sure that both our physicians will bear me out in this. I refer to the matter of health. There can be no question that there is more or less of pulmonary consumption around us. Medical men generally recognize now that one of the readiest means and most insidious, of communicating the contagion of this dread disease is that of air laden with dust impregnated with the expectorations of affected subjects. And while our children are tramping and running in rooms swept only every other day are we not exposing them to serious risks of contracting disease in this manner. We must be convinced of this, when we recall, as some of us do with a shudder, the awful breaths with which many persons in this vicinity are afflicted.

Now is the point: It is time that the cleansing of the school rooms should be undertaken more frequently than three times per week. It should be attended to every teaching day. And it is time such cleansing should be committed to adult hands, and no longer be left to the lax performance of a little boy. It is true that such would entail somewhat more expense on the district; but what of that when the health of the rising generation comes in question? What of

that when we think of the mighty influence we are exerting in the formation of the characters of our children—the men and women of the Hartland of the future?

The present untidy nature of some places and corners in our village is often unfavorably commented on amongst us. Whence does the occasion for this unfavorable comment arise? Because the habits of cleanliness and order were not inculcated in the youth of some of the adult inhabitants of Hartland. Shall we not now look ahead and endeavour to form in the rising generation a taste for order and cleanliness.

One word more about the expense, I believe it to be a fact that our district is taxed more lightly than any other district in the Parish. The additional expense involved in having the rooms swept by an adult every teaching day would not add 2 cents per \$1.00 of valuation to our taxes, and would be practically unfelt. We would still be a long way inside the next lowest rated district in Brighton.

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EDITOR OF ADVERTISER,

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Yours truly,

JOHN BARNETT.

Jan. 9th. P. M. Hartland.

Appreciates It.

Livingston, Mont.

HARTLAND ADVERTISER,

Gentlemen:—Enclosed find \$1.00 for subscription to the HARTLAND ADVERTISER, which I am receiving regularly, and although small we find it a welcome visitor.

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GEORGE T. YOUNG,

Sheriff of Park County.

[Mr. Young is well remembered as an old resident of this village.—Ed.]

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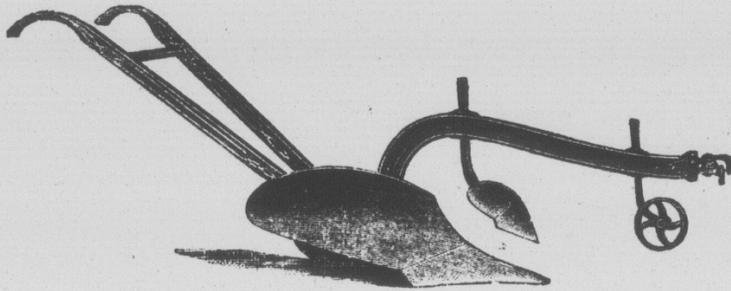
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