

NO USE TEACHING CLASSICS TO BOYS WHO CAN'T LEARN

Sir Henry Newbolt's Address on "Illiteracy in Public Schools."

Expert Says Education Really Begins at 25 Years and Ends at 85.

London, July 29.—(By mail).—Sir Henry Newbolt gave an address on "Illiteracy in Public Schools" at the first annual meeting of the Parents' Association, held at the house of Sir J. Rennell Rodd, 25 Cavendish square, on Friday. Sir Rennell Rodd, who was in the chair, expressed the view that the teaching of the classics should be deferred until the boys understood their own language and literature.

Sir Henry Newbolt, in his address, said he did not believe that public schools were honeycombed with illiteracy. It was stated that illiteracy did exist in public schools, the reply came that the illiteracy was due to the abandonment of classical education. To his mind the illiteracy of boys was voluntary, but if a boy chose to be slung and careless, there must be some reason for it. Schoolmasters taught language, not as literature, but as philology, and the result had been that boys had been troubled by the strain of learning grammar and philology, instead of those things with which literature and life were generally concerned. Boys thought that to be too accurate in English was pedantry, and that to be too accurate in another language was simply grotesque. They believed that it was almost a bit of brag to speak French like a Frenchman. He knew of a boy who, in his weekly letter home, had used the adjective "topping" no fewer than four times. That showed poverty of resource. The boy knew perfectly well that classics were all right in their way, but he thought they were ridiculous. When forced to read the line from Sophocles describing two women as "twin sprouts of a blasted tree," the boy immediately nicknamed his master "Old Sprouts." It did not deal with human life as he saw it.

Read No Advantage.
Practically speaking, Greek was being taught in public schools only to those who entered as classical scholars. The classical scholars of any school never had been illiterate. A knowledge of the classics carried with it a knowledge and appreciation of English. Out of the boys who had learned the classics at school, quite nine-tenths were not classical scholars. They were constitutionally unfit for grasping the advantage of Greek. They were not going to be made to do it. It was argued by some that the world and the schools would lose by that, but he could not understand that argument. Why should time be spent on boys, who could not learn and did not want to learn?

He did not know of any country in the world where they began to learn the classics before they were substantially equipped. The world was an enterprise in which children and parents were quite equally involved, and there was no reason why they should not be. In the course of discussion, the Rev. E. M. Venables (Harrow) said that too many parents in education. They wanted something that would pay. They said, "There is a job waiting for Tommy in the City, and we want him to be taught something useful." He suggested that if magazines were eliminated from the school libraries and the motor car abolished, there would be a chance of getting boys to work. A something approaching the literary manner.

Colonel Shirley said that during the war he had nine thousand young men through his hands, and he had found that the board school boy was far ahead of the public school boy.

MAN IN FANCY DRESS HELD UP PLAYERS

Kirkland Lake, Ont., July 30.—A masked man, wearing fancy dress costume, held up a poker game here recently and relieved the players of \$800. According to reports made later to the township and provincial police, the stranger carried two revolvers. A masquerade dance was in progress in another place at the time, and apparently the bandit came from the ball.

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Neptune Holds Court on a Famous Canadian Ship

A REMARKABLE photograph of the ceremonies that took place when the Canadian Pacific steamer "Empress of France" crossed the line on her recent "round-the-world" tour. Neptune accompanied by his royal barbers and other officials came aboard in the early morning and duly initiated those who were crossing the line for the first time. His Majesty's stay on board was short, but the same cannot be said of the little god Cupid. He came on board early and stayed until the end of the trip, as may be gathered from the fact that out of a total of 800 passengers on that famous 20,000 mile cruise, no less than forty came to the end of the trip as engaged couples. This fine photograph of Neptune's court was made by Miss Margaret Miller of Waterbury, Conn., who was one of the ship's passengers.

What The Tide Brings Them In

(N. Y. Sun.)

It's a poor tide that doesn't bring somebody good. This is particularly true of the shore colonies along Long Island Sound, where there is a great deal of shoreline and consequently a great many people to throw things into the tide. The tide might be called the perfect janitor except it isn't quite that.

True, everything you don't want is borne away by this beneficent current, but then the generous tide comes back with much which you likewise do not want.

But the tide is a sort of universal provider, and summer colonists on Long Island and the Westchester shore have found that almost anything is sure to turn up if you wait long enough for it. Hammers and rowboats come in to him who waits and who, of course, is quick enough to salvage them before somebody else does. The toplest trunk that the people at the tide is just what you want for a tool chest. And for logs, the enterprising summer commuter who goes out after all the logs in sight will have his next winter's supply of firewood assured.

Come Easy, Go Easy.

One young woman at a bungalow colony bought a canoe early in the season. A pair of leather canoe cushions were the first objects that the kindly current almost up to her door. Then came an extra paddle. But one day the fair canoeist was careless and her easily acquired cushions went floating away again. Doubtless some other waterfront resident has them now.

A severe storm sent a rowboat floating in to one waterfront household, and some efforts to find the owner were unavailing that family is now one rowboat to the good. A coffee pot, an ice pick, an artist's smock, a pail, and a life preserver drifted in to this same household within a few weeks.

Logs—large logs and small ones, round and square, waterlogged and crumbling and sound and usable—abound in the tide and are considered great prizes. Waterfront residents spot them at a distance and often there is a race in rowboats to see who reaches the "sleepers" first with a rope. When dragged ashore and dried out the logs can be chopped up into firewood, used in rafts and floats, or made the underpinning for bath houses and bungalows. One establishment which doesn't boast a pier uses a huge square log, with a convenient bit of iron sticking up, as a hitching post for its rowboats. Another household whose bungalow is in the path of the treacherous and destructive northeaster which sweeps down the Sound, weighs down the porch of his bungalow with logs of all sizes and shapes.

Tubs of imitation Italian marble, fashioned after the ancient couch baths of the Romans, are used for mud-bath cures in one large hotel sanitarium.

To Great Britain is due the credit of having the first organization which bore the name Young Women's Christian Association, being first founded in 1864.

Letter 13 Years on Way From Boston To Fall River

Fall River, July 30.—Thomas R. Borelli, president of the Fall River Bill Posting Company, has received a letter that was mailed in Boston in 1910. The letter, it appears, was dropped in a mail chute and #115 way to the box became stuck. A note remained for thirteen years until it was found by workmen when the building was being torn down. It was turned over to the post office department, remaining at its destination last week.

OBJECTION TO BILL BY PRESBYTERIANS

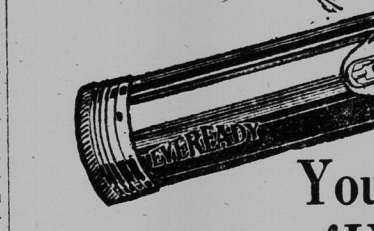
Toronto, July 30.—Objections are being raised by the Presbyterian Church Association to the church union enabling the bill, which was approved by the General Assembly. They declare the bill is unfair. In support of their contention they are sending out from their office in Toronto a special statement prepared by Rev. Dr. J. D. Cunningham. He says that the bill seeks to rob the minority by force of legislation, of those rights which belong to the minority by common law. Dr. Cunningham asserts the three uniting churches do not require a bill to accomplish union, the bill only being required to transfer property, and call upon the members of Parliament to protect "the sacred rights of the minority."

For an inland town, Abington, Mass., was treated to an unusual sight when an automobile containing five or six young women from Brockton, who were attending in bathing suits and wearing their way for a morning dip at one of the nearby beaches, broke down and they were forced to stop at a garage for an hour or so until repairs were made.

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Hines Acts to Speed Rating of Disabled Men

Gives 2-Year Status After Examinations to Temporarily Incapacitated.

Washington, July 28.—General Frank T. Hines, director of the United States Veterans' Bureau, today announced the policy of the bureau under a new order which has been prepared with respect to permanent ratings of disabled service men. This order will become effective within the next few days.

TRIES CANDY IN LIEU OF RUM, BUT GOES FOLLOWING DRY TRIP

Portsmouth, Eng., July 30.—(By A. P.)—Sir St. Clair Thomson, famous British laryngologist, gave his personal testimony on the effect of American prohibition in speaking at a temperance breakfast at which Dame Sophia Gertrude Wintz, vice-president of the National Temperance League, entertained the doctors attending the annual conference of the British Medical Association.

"The first few days I was in America I was distinctly uncomfortable," said Sir St. Clair. "Then I took to sweets, and this seemed to relieve me. On my return to England, however, I suffered a severe attack of gout, and I returned to moderate drinking."

The local newspapers say the temperance breakfasters smiled at the throat specialist's confession.

Forty bales of human hair formed part of the cargo of a vessel recently arrived in the U. S. from China.

The thickest skin is found on the palm of the hand. It is 20 times as thick as that of the eyebrow.

To Examine 20,000 Here.

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The order provides for an examination at the next fixed time of a disabled veteran by a special board of three medical officers chosen to determine the man's disability. One of the medical officers will be an expert in the particular disability which is to be examined into. The finding of this special board will be used by the rating section and local boards to give the veteran a permanent rating.

Veterans May Appeal.

The veteran will be immediately notified of the results of the special examination and if dissatisfied on appeal at once. The ratings will be fixed for two years. The dissatisfied veteran can have a new examination within that period.

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