

"Mistaken man", said I, "you are providing pain for yourself instead of pleasure".

If I see one fond of appearance or fine clothes, fine houses, fine furniture, fine equipages, all above his fortune, for which he contracts debts and ends his career in a prison, "Alas!" say I, "he has, paid dear, very dear for his whistle".

In short I conceive that a great part of the miseries of mankind are brought upon them by the false estimates they have made of the value of things.—*Benjamin Franklin.*

Each month a prize will be awarded to the school that sends to the editor of the RECORD the neatest exact reply to the questions and exercises of the preceding month. No more than one reply must be sent from one school, but it may be the work of one pupil or the composite work of any number of pupils. The teacher may criticize the work during the progress, may point out that any answer is incorrect, but must not herself do any part of the work or state what is the correct answer. The reply must be posted to the editor within three weeks of the date of issue of the questions in the RECORD. The award of the editor is to be final and without dispute, and will be published not later than the third issue after the publication of the questions. The prize when received will be at the disposal of the teacher, either to reserve for school use or to give to the pupil who has most contributed to the successful issue. To facilitate the transmission of the prize, with every reply submitted must be given the name of the school, the grade competing, the name and address of the teacher, and, if the reply be the work of one pupil only, the name and age of that pupil.

The best answer will be published in the second issue of the RECORD succeeding that in which the exercise appeared.

The following exercise is open to competition to all school grades, but in assigning the prize this month the age of the child, or the average age of the class, competing will be taken into account.

—PROBLEMS like the following are helpful in awakening thought and rousing an interest in foreign countries. Say to the children: "Now imagine that you are boys and girls living in Bombay. I want you to write me a letter describing the way you eat, the food you eat, the clothes you wear, the way you ride about the city, the church and school you attend and the work you do." To do this well the child