

year. Since then Mr. Jas. Wad-
del of the P. E. I. Electric Light
Co., has offered ten sets of steel
halyards to the first ten schools
procuring flags.

For some three years past the
Whitehall School Record has
chronicled the happenings in the
Whitehall combined school, Phila-
delphia. The little paper has, as
Prin. J. L. Shroy says, apparently
come to stay. The April number
contains a few suggestions from
Mr. Shroy, concerning "school as
business" that are worthy of the
consideration of teachers, pupils,
and parents.

We talk so much of business
with reference to men and women,
says the writer, that we sometimes
overlook the fact that the term
applies with equal significance to
boys and girls—going to school
being their business. There are
some differences, we know, and
the nearness of financial profit to
men and the "far off-ness" of fi-
nancial profit to boys has often led
the latter to leave school and go
to work. Life long regret fol-
lows: "How I wish I had con-
tinued at school!"

Yes, school is a business. It is
a time-keeper that takes account
of those who came late to work.
It knows that a succession of late-
ness means loss of interest in the
business. A succession of ab-
sences may mean failure. Men
who lose no time at their business
for years because of the smaller
amount of money in the envelope
at the end of the week or month,
will allow their children to stay at
home for the most trivial reasons.
They forget that their children's
"envelope" of knowledge will be

proportionally short for every day
lost—knowledge being their pay.
The harder a man works—the more
he is interested in his work—the
more cheerfully he carries out the
wishes of his employer—then the
more chance he has for promotion
and advance in wages,—the same
is true with children, the studious,
the interested, the well behaved
pupil is the one who stands near
the head of his class and has for
his pay a fund of systematized
knowledge which will some day
have a value that gold cannot pur-
chase for him.

To the educated, cultured, re-
fined young man and young wo-
man, there are many open doors,
many opportunities for advance-
ment, many fair fields for the at-
tainment of honor, wealth, and
position. Can we afford to thrust
all these aside? Can we afford
to hold a dollar so near the eye
that it hides the beautiful land-
scape of wisdom, whose "ways are
ways of pleasantness and all her
paths are peace"? If our parents
have not interested themselves in
our business when we were child-
ren and we now feel the loss of
many golden opportunities,
should we not make a special
effort to place the business of our
children upon a paying basis, the
income from which will be a thank-
ful heart, a longing satisfied and
an enrichment of earth's treasures
in good, true, noble men and wo-
men. Some one has said "There
is no happiness to be compared to
the happiness of an aged parent in
the true success of a son or daugh-
ter." Are you storing up such
happiness now? Isn't it worth
while?