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Practical Civics And Self-Government

The study of self-government is a most vital part of education, because it deals directly with the altruism of living. The class in civics is easily converted into an active, self-governing body, as a result of the understanding of what government and law are. The election of officers and the making of a simple constitution, fashioned after that of the country, always proves interesting, helpful and satisfactory. Each pupil has the responsibility, not only of his own thought, progress and happiness, but of that of the group. A change in motivation is seen immediately when self-government is instituted, and increased interest, alertness and a sense of responsibility follow. This method of school government can be given, even to young children. A little child can be led very easily into the spirit and practice of efficient citizenship and enjoy it.

In the past, there was passive, external obedience to the more or less autocratic control of those in authority. To-day the child is taught that each one is not so much a subject as a co-operative member of a community to which he must give his share. He learns that each group of which he is a part—be it family, school, city, state, nation or that world community, the inter-dependence of which is growing so much more evident—has common wants, our "inalienable rights," which lead to common purposes, to team-work or co-operation and on to organization under leadership. Because of this community experience and the common wants, laws have been evolved; laws which are a protection to the well-meaning and a restraint only to the wrong-doer.

Thus comes the understanding of man's place—a helpful, active, responsible member of the community—in fact of many different communities. Thus comes the training that the pupil may acquire a habit of taking initiative in private and in public affairs and of thinking and acting independently and vigorously and in co-operation with his mates and those in authority. His understanding of the fundamentals of independent citizenship and right practices. He learns that his thinking must be clear and uninfluenced. His voting must be wholly impersonal, with the one thought of the betterment of the group. He understands that the organization is his, that the leader is chosen by him, and because of recognized qualities of leadership for the purpose of carrying out those plans which are made for the best good of the whole, those plans which will give to all the greatest opportunity to supply the "common wants." They know that because this is so they owe allegiance, loyalty and active participation.

Can boys and girls so trained fail to make better citizens? Is it not placing the responsibility where it belongs now and where it will belong always? Is it not training for citizenship and thus sending our young people on better fitted for whatever part in life awaits them? Does it not lead them to see not only their own rights but the rights of others and the duties of all and to appreciate them?

One school whose civics class has carried this out well, headed their simple but forceful and able constitution with the following quotation: "God grants liberty only to those who love it and are always ready to guard and defend it."—Condensed from the Christian Science Monitor.

WHITNEYVILLE NOTES

Our popular teacher, Miss Dickie is preparing a programme of recitations and dialogues for the Christmas closing exercises.

The pupils of the Baptist Sunday School, under the skillful leadership of Mrs. Melvin Stewart, are preparing for their Christmas entertainment.

Mrs. P.A. Forsyth has returned from a delightful visit to New Carlisle, P.Q., where she was the guest of Rev. and Mrs. James McCurdy.

Mrs. Perley Tozer of Sunny Corner was the guest of Mrs. Hiram Whitney recently.

The roads here are in bad condition. The only good piece of road between Curtis' Corner and Redbank is that part made some years ago of gravel by Allen Tozer of Sunny Corner. If some of the road taxes were used in getting gravel every year, we would soon have good roads. A few shovelfuls of sticky mud will not make good, permanent roads. Wake up road tax payers, stand up for your rights!

GOOD RELIGION

Birmingham News: If you can't lick him and forgive him, that may be discretion; but if you lick him and yet forgive him, that is good religion.



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Tuesday, 20th November 1923

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Canada Lures World-famous Stars



That the two-fold attraction of Canada's audiences and Canada's scenic and climatic allurements, especially at Banff, is proving irresistible to many great concert, theatrical and movie stars is well brought out by the above photographs reproduced above, which represents some of the famous artists who have recently visited Canada. The majority of the originals of these pictures need no introductions to Canadians. Sophie Breslau, that brilliant contralto singer, who is shown about to start her tour of this country from the Canadian Pacific Railway's Windsor Station, Montreal, made a great hit everywhere. Dame Clara Butt retains her place in the hearts of British audiences. Galli Curci's golden voice has enraptured millions. Elsie Janis, internationally known impersonator, and her "Mamma" foregathered with the Mounties at the C. P. R. station at Banff and got a big thrill. Jack Holt, famous movie star, snapped off-duty among the Indians at Banff, is lyrical on the subject of Canadian scenery. Jascha Heifetz was on his way to the Orient when he posed for the Canadian Pacific camera-man. The perennial Pavlova expresses her appreciation of services rendered aboard the "Empress of France". Doug and Mary had the time of their young lives holidaying at the Canadian Pacific hotel at Banff, where the picture reproduced was taken.

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