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TEXT BOOK CONDEMNED.

And the System it Represented Should Share Same Fate, Says "Another Pupil."

Arraigns the Effort of "A. F. Pupil" And Gives a Series of Arguments in Support of His Contention.

To the Editor of The Planet:

Sir.—It is always a cause for gratification when we see a pupil willing to stand up for his teacher, even though he be "no friend" of the aforesaid dominion, but when that same pupil, in his youthful zeal and inexperience, overshoots the mark and does his teacher more harm than good, then it is that we must regret the master had not taken up the cudgels on his own behalf, instead of entrusting his fortunes to one not so capable as himself of presenting the matter to the public in the best possible light. The writer has also had the honor of receiving his High School mathematical education—he it ever so slight—from Mr. Taylor, of the Collegiate Institute. He has even hobbled in study with those of the Lord's anointed who comprise Mr. Taylor's "advanced pupils," and can therefore speak intelligently, for himself at least, regarding the subject of the benefits to be derived from Mr. Taylor's method of instilling into the minds of students the principles and practical knowledge of the important subject, arithmetic.

At the outset, I must confess that I cannot conjure up within me the same feelings of superior scorn which "A. F. Pupil" evidently has for "the embryo mathematicians transplanted from the Central and McKeough schools." I was once a pupil at one of these schools myself, and have even been proud of it and the teachers under whose tuition I came while there. I was even able—strange though it may seem—to gain a fairly good knowledge of arithmetic from my teachers in the Public school, and for all that I at present know concerning it, I give them the credit. Of course, as is only too evident, Mr. A. F. Pupil has graduated from a back concession school house, where they grow mathematics of the highest grade in the potato patch at the back door, then I am dumb before his superior intellect. Perhaps it may be that he who penned that epistle in defence of Mr. Taylor cannot remember the time when he was anything else but an "advanced pupil," and in this case his biting sarcasm may be quite justified. However, he has this to comfort himself that if he was not afflicted with the faculty of the "loose gable" when in his embryo state, he has certainly been stricken with a very malignant type of the disease in his maturer and more "advanced years."

Laying aside all the irony and sarcasm in this gentleman's letter, let us see what he is driving at anyway. This is certainly "difficult to grasp at once, as all good things are," but if we consider the question long and carefully we will find that he desires to recommend Mr. Taylor's method on the ground that he "does not cram your head with knowledge of arithmetical facts, but with axioms that give you power to do independent work." He concludes with the interesting and highly creditable belief that Mr. Mounter's friends are at the bottom of all Mr. Taylor's woes.

Now, sir, if there is any ground upon which Mr. Taylor's system can be attacked, I think it is this: that the pupil is so crammed with theories, principles, and rules, that when sound, practical work is required he finds it impossible to relieve his over-charged brain of the theories which encumber it, so that he may use his own intellect and common sense to good advantage.

For my part I always found it so, and although I lay no claim to the honor of being considered a mathematical genius, I was able, in spite of the fact that I was always at the bottom of the bi-monthly examinations, when Mr. Taylor marked the papers, to pass the departmental examinations during the entire time which I spent at the high school (and let me say, for the purpose of substantiating my statements, that I went through the institute from the bottom to top passing all the departmental examinations) and, not because I worked the problems according to Mr. Taylor's methods, but because I arrived at the correct answers in the manner which best adapted itself to my mathematical ability. Moreover, dozens of others can be found who will give the same answer regarding Mr. Taylor's methods. I would like to ask "A. F. Pupil" if it is not a fact that Mr. Taylor refuses to accept a problem from a student, though the correct answer may have been arrived at by the scholar, unless that problem is set down, and the solution given according to Mr. Taylor's pet formula? Is this the way to encourage the embryo mathematician? I am informed, and upon credible authority, that in the recent bi-monthly examinations in one of the lower forms, a certain boy handed in

a paper in arithmetic with nearly every question correctly answered, but was awarded no marks because he had not worked the problems according to the rules and theories laid down by Mr. Taylor in his special method, as set forth in his book upon the subject, which the department refused to authorize. While we are on this subject of authorizing Mr. Taylor's book, it may not be amiss to look a little more closely into it. When the C. C. I. board submitted copies of the book to Mr. Seath, inspector, and one or two other expert mathematicians in order that those gentlemen might judge of its merits, Mr. Seath, after looking the work over, wrote to the board saying that he could not see in what particular it was superior to the one now in use in the Collegiate Institute and for that reason he could not recommend its adoption. In addition to this, the educational department failed to find in the work any promising degree of merit, which would warrant its authorization. Now, if inspector Seath could not recommend the book, he could not recommend the system contained in this book, and if the department could not authorize the book, it could certainly not authorize the system upon which the book is based. Surely this is fair reasoning.

Now, in spite of all this, in spite of the fact that the C. C. I. board was obliged by the indignant parents to stop the use of this book in the school, Mr. Taylor still teaches his system and, in the name of common sense, if the book is so bad, is not the system condemned with it? Moreover, if the system is proper and is worthy to be taught, then I for one say let the book containing the system be used also in order that the pupils may not be handicapped in learning it. I understand that Mr. Taylor exemplified the value of his method before the Ontario Teachers' Association at Toronto a short time ago. Let us hear from Mr. Taylor or his champion, Lee, as to which the demonstration was received by the teachers of the province, and whether or not they set the seal of their approbation upon the system of arithmetic conceived and taught by him. It is also a fact that in one school in Kent county will find this system taught; not even in those schools—and there are many of them—in which the teachers are former pupils of Mr. Taylor. Why is this? Is it simply because the method can not be learned well enough by pupils and these pupils can not grasp it sufficiently to enable them to demonstrate the theories and the principles of this wonderful system to the children whom they have in charge?

I know a case of one young lady who had gained her knowledge of mathematics from Mr. Taylor, and when she came to teach a certain branch of the subject she found herself totally unable to do so. In her extremity she came in to her old public school teacher who put her on the right track, and as she was coming to teach the subject clearly and intelligently before her scholars, something which she could not, by any means, have accomplished had she relied upon the method which she had partially learned in the Collegiate Institute, and which she had never perfectly understood.

I hope, sir, that you will forgive me for thus trespassing at such great length upon your valuable space, but just one more thought, in conclusion, as the ministers say.

Statistics of recent examinations have been published by the principal of the Collegiate Institute to prove that a very high standard of excellence has been attained in arithmetic at the examinations of recent years. The principal does not tell the public that two of these examinations upon which he dilates, viz: the second part of the junior matriculation or form II, and the senior matriculation or form III, theories of arithmetic at all, so that his statistics and arguments in this respect are in a great measure nullified, when we consider this fact.

In conclusion, let me bring before you one or two points which I consider to be the foundation of all arguments upon this question, which cannot be contravened or evaded. Inspector Seath refused to recommend Mr. Taylor's system, the educational department would not recognize it, and the C. C. I. Board ordered further use of his book to be stopped, and the money which the pupils have spent in purchasing copies of it to be refunded. Notwithstanding all this, Mr. Taylor still uses the system in the school, and when his supporters can show upon what grounds its use is justified then they will have obtained some reason, at least, for rushing into print in defence of the mathematical master of the Chatham Collegiate Institute.

ANOTHER PUPIL.
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THE COUNTY COUNCIL.

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THURSDAY AFTERNOON.

Council resumed this afternoon at two o'clock.

Moved by Mr. Morrison, seconded by Mr. Rankin, that leave be granted to introduce a by-law to empower the warden and treasurer to borrow money for the current expenses of the county for the year 1901.—Carried.

Moved by Mr. Vester, seconded by Mr. McCoy, that in future the poor of the county be kept in the House of Refuge by the general rate over the whole county and that the by-law governing the House of Refuge be amended accordingly.—Lost.

Moved by Mr. Robinson, seconded by Mr. Ross, that a grant of \$50 be made to each of the agricultural societies throughout the county.—Referred to agricultural committee.

The council then went into a committee of the whole to grant to assist the Township of Orford in the Moravian bridge, after thoroughly threshing the matter out the committee rose and put the following:

Moved by Mr. Jones, seconded by Mr. Sifton, that this council grant the sum of \$250 to the Township of Orford as a rebate on money paid by Orford to assist in building the Moravian bridge.—Carried.

Moved by Mr. French, seconded by Mr. Rankin, that whereas a committee consisting of J. B. Rankin and Manson Campbell of the City of Chatham had waited on this council soliciting our sanction for the renewal of a charter to an electric railway to be known as the Kent Radial Railway Co., and the course to be taken, having its centre at the City of Chatham and running in the several directions outlined, this council grant their request.—Referred to petition and legislation.

NOTICES OF MOTION.

Mr. French will move to-morrow that he will make a motion making grants to all agricultural societies that received grants last year.

Mr. French gives notice that he will to-morrow move a motion in reference to asking the Provincial Legislature to renew the charter to the electric railway asked for by the deputation which came before us this morning.

Mr. Ross will move to-morrow for a grant towards Jeannette Creek bridge.

Mr. Sturges gives notice that he will on to-morrow move to make a grant to Kent and West Kent Farmers' Institute.

Mr. Morrison gives notice that he will to-morrow move that no grants be made this session to roads and bridges.

Mr. Regardt gives notice that he will to-morrow bring in a motion asking for a committee to take into consideration the best means to deal with thieves in the county with a view to stamping out the practice of petty thieving, which seems to be getting more prevalent.

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THE SATURDAY PLANET.

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All the special features will be included in this issue and a full service of the latest local, national and foreign happenings.

MUCH MONEY IN RAISING BEETS.

Chatham Citizen Gathers Much Interesting Information from Wallaceburg Farmers.

J. W. Aitken, Assistant Supt. of the Metropolitan Life Insurance Co., while in Wallaceburg recently made some enquiries into the raising of beets for sugar. A large number of farmers in the vicinity of the glass factory town are raising sugar beets for the Marine City factory.

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