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Editor's Talk

V JE begin this week a series of special personality and problem articles by one of our staff writers, Mr. Augustus Bridle. Most problems that interest the public are sure to have interested first the men who have helped to create them and are concerned in their working out. It often happens that a set of conditions is the making of a man. It is no less certain that the right kind of man reacts powerfully upon the conditions. And it is sometimes a speculation where the problem leaves off and the man begins. These articles make no attempt to settle any problems. They are merely an attempt to delineate what the problems are and what kind of men are working them out. The articles, all based upon interviews, will be as various in character as the human side of the men. They will appear once a week from now until further notice.

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On June 29 we shall publish our annual education number. It was a cynical poet, partly a philosopher, who wrote away back about Queen Anne's time:

> " 'Tis education forms the common mind; Just as the twig is bent the tree's inclined."

In Canada we still seem to be wrestling with a great variety of conditions in the business of bending the twigs. In most civilized countries the task of educating youth has become more complicated than it was even at the close of last century. Progress has knocked to smithereens a great many of the old methods and arguments concerning education. The kind of college and school pabulum that made young men and women fit to tackle the world twenty years ago, has been rehashed and befrilled and obsessed with faddisms, based upon the necessity for changing the practical application of truths to the riddle of education. A hundred years from now civilization will be wrestling with this enigma. Science has upset the world. And there are a lot of people who have been bamboozled by an imperfect knowledge of science. In the march of making millionaires we have somewhat lost track of the school-teacher. But the dominie is always with us and while we believe that no editor is qualified to teach teachers how to teach, journalism owes more than passing attention to the work of education.

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