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Practical Education the Best.

PEAKING on Founders' Day at Cornell University, President William C. Brown, of the New York Central Railroad, a man who is generally recognized as one of our captains of industry, made some sound suggestions. Declaring that it was impossible to believe that the legislature would fail to appropriate \$1,000,000 for the State Agricultural College at Ithaca, continuing, he said; "I would give no less attention to graduating lawyers and physicians, but would give a great deal more to turning out of our public schools young men with a good common school education plus a year's practical training at some useful trade. I would have a first class manual training school attached to every high school, college and university, where young men could be turned out good, practical journeymen blacksmiths, boilermakers, carpenters, cabinet workers, plumbers or skilled workmen at some other useful trade. I would increase the capacity of these schools to accomodate every child in the community and then I would make attendance compulsory." The value of a trade well learned is great, and a trade is as honorable as a profession. Nor does a man have to follow a trade because he knows it. Mr. Brown is right.

Domestic Science.

By Miss Martha Trinder.



ABOUT two years ago the New York papers raised a hue and cry against what was termed "fads and frills" of modern education. Domestic Science may be a "fad and frill" to the pessimist, but to the parent its aims appeal strongly. Its practical aims are:

to train the hand and develop some skill in the use of utensils and material.

To develop the power to follow directions intelligently. To teach the theory and practice of plain cooking, cleaning and serving.

It is becoming evident to all, that Domestic Science and Manual Training are necessary, absolutely necessary, that the present and coming generation may be able to secure a position of high standing and be able to hold it.

About a year ago a manufacturing firm in Ohio announced that after a certain date, only those need apply for a position who had begun their education in the kindergarten, where they had received special training in the intelligent following of directions. This means that our great commercial world is helping to raise the standard of Manual Training, the "learning to do things with the hands."

In these days of complex living, most mothers and fathers lack the time, or the inclination, to teach their children the art of doing things from a scientific basis, therefore this instruction is left to the schools.

Furthermore, coupled with this instruction are also social aims: to instill habits of neatness, clean-

liness and order: to train independency and accuracy of thought, word and act: to dignify labor and give the child some idea of social values: to prolong the school period.

Miss Addams in her book called, "Democracy and Social Ethics," says "that we have hardly gotten away from the deep distrust which centuries of slavery and the feudal system have cast upon manual labor." We want to work but little with our hands. We think of it as degrading. Then again, many people have become impatient, in their hurry and bustle, with the slow progress made, to prepare the child and citizen for social relations.


According to the last U. S. census, 1,700,000 children under sixteen years of age are at work. In Massachusetts alone, a state which boasts of its schools, 25,000 children between fourteen and sixteen are at work or idle. These children leave school simply because the work is not sufficiently attractive to hold them. Why not implant Manual Training into these schools, that the children may be anxious to remain in school, that the physical and mental may be developed together; that they may be able to use their hands as well as their brains? The child that does not know, this day and age, is like a locomotive without an engineer.

The educational aims of Domestic Science are: to correlate the grade subject and to apply them; to develop the mind and train the will.

With these aims in view the child that has learned to make something has had an impression made upon his mind, that no text-book or lecture could have made.

New Year Resolutions.

By Rex Robertson Tanner.

EHOLD the New Year "am arrove!" Bag and baggage this new relation has descended upon us to "abide a wee," whither or no. And since it cannot be subtracted from hence, I believe in celebrating its advent properly. I have decided to turn over a new leaf, for one gets so much enjoyment from his attempts to accurately transcribe the contents of the old, blotted sheet. The new leaf being turned, I have proceeded to break every resolution I made, fallen off the water wagon, been faithfully faithless to all noble impulses towards betterment. Now that I have acted as the accepted "average human," I set me down to plan my conduct for the coming year.

In the first place, I will attempt the nullification of the Golden Rule. I will do my best to lay it gently in its tomb; or better still, I'll cremate it, thus insuring its non-resurrection. I will do unto my neighbor as I did in the past—only a little more so. Acts of waywardness, condoned in me, shall be condemned in others. "Might makes right" shall be my creed; to repay good with evil, my ambition.

No doubt I'll have a love affair this summer. If this be true, I shall play with the affections of some sweet, young girl, afterwards laughing in her face when she discovers that her most precious pearl has been cast before swine. Then when some woman of worth recoils from contact with my leprous personality, spurning me with the tip of high-heeled shoe, I shall whimper about feminine cruelty, and lay the cause of my subsequent deviltry at the feet of "the woman who ruined my life."

My friends shall profit by my wholesome aspirations. I will repay their kind acts with duplicity, their toleration with irritableness, their staunch support through adversity with non-recognition in mine hour of triumph, when the mob cries, "Hosanna!" I will demand the best there is in them, while I give them criticism and abuse. I will be uncharitable to them. I will require roses in return for nettles.

I shall be a slave to public opinion. Fear of being thought "peculiar" shall blind my vision of justice crowned with humiliation; shall thwart defense of principle against the attacks of a brainless majority—for I would rather be conventional than president. I shall "laud the knave and scourge the tool." I will sprag the wheels of progress by clinging tenaciously to antiquated ideals. I shall consider serious thought to be the original sin. I shall be first to scramble into the bandwagon. I shall peacefully sleep while jackals gnaw at the vitals of the nation. Then will I awake, shout frantically, beat my watchdogs and return to sleep. My birthright shall be sold for a mess of pottage which is a cemetery for insecta.

Moreover, I'll ostracise the man who has the misfortune to be original. If he in any form differs from the common herd, if he is a dreamer, a deep thinker, a genius; if he attempts to live above the commonplace, or refuses to tarnish his soul by contact with the vulgar, or cultivates the altruistic instinct—his doom shall be sealed insofar as I am able to manipulate the sealing wax.

Dust shall accumulate on "The Scarlet Letter" and "Les Miserables" while I go into raptures over Oppenheim and McCutcheon. I shall flirt with Salome, patronize the meaningless "problem" drama, go to seed on musical comedy; thus forcing all decent dramas, all worthy operas out of existence. My

wind-broken musical cornsheller shall grind out "He Loved Me Till I Broke His Dollar Watch," to the disgust of my plaster cast of Schubert.

My mind shall be given over to the contemplation of the low and trivial. Conversational inanity shall displace wholesome discourse; my chief diversion the besmirching of character. I will live a life of foolishness, foppish vanities and superficiality. I shall be narrow minded, prejudiced, and hysterical in my judgment of my fellow men; hetrodoxy shall mean "the other man's doxy: I am right; he who disagrees is wrong." A monetary value shall be placed on the most sacred; purity of character and nobleness of thought shall be strangers to me, and since a beautiful, consistent life is rare, it must be a dangerous phenomenon. All in all, I shall endeavor to make the year the epitome of inconsistency, sordidness and hypocritical worldliness. Then shall I be welcomed by the populace as a good, great man; great because my pigmy existence resembles that of incorrigible mass of humanity! Thus, when the year closes, it shall be added to the monument erected in honor of the depravity of mankind.

Exchange.

We are glad to find our exchange list much larger this month. The Messenger from Wichita is a new arrival to our exchange table and we are glad to welcome it. The cover design is fine and so are its contents. We, also, acknowledge the receipt of the Edgerton Review. These exchanges are all good, up to-date school papers. We invite your attention to them. They may be found in our library.

Word comes to us from Stirling that Miss Elizabeth Michel, one of our former students, is rejoicing over the completion of a new high school building and domestic art equipment.

The following item from the Beloit School Life will be of interest to those who were in school with Miss Maude Harlan:

“The domestic science class spent a week making various delicacies suitable for the holiday season. They saved enough to fill two large confectionary boxes, one of which was presented to the board of education, the other to the superintendent. Nothing finer could have been bought in any store.”

Miss Harlan is now instructor of domestic art and science at Beloit.

Many of the leading high schools are now members of the State Debating League. This league was formed last year by the University of Kansas. Inter-high school debates are to be held in order to select the district champion, and the two who make the best showing in the inter-district contest meet in Lawrence in May, 1911, to decide who is champion debater of the state. Lawrence, Bonner Springs, Rosedale, Garnett, and Ft. Scott high schools have entered the contest.

The preacher and printer have at least one thing in common: both have the devil to contend with.-Ex.

- Editorials -

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To Be or Not to be. "TO BE or not to be; that is the question." Whether 'tis better to be an auxiliary school or a full fledged institution? So far as the school and state are concerned there is but one answer. It is up to the legislature to determine that issue. There is now on a struggle, backed by the citizens of Pittsburg and Southeastern Kansas, for the separation of our school from Emporia. There is no other section of the state of equal area that contributes more to the running expense of Kansas than the Southeastern portion. Believing the cause to be


just and reasonable, the people are stirred as they seldom have been before. The faculty is for it, and the student body is an enthusiastic unit, and the people of this part of the state demand our freedom. Respect for Democracy and "Home Rule" is the slogan.



Folk. WE DESIRE to call attention to the coming of the next number of our lecture course. On Feb. 6th The Hon. Joseph W. Folk of Missouri is to lecture to us. Few men have accomplished as much as he, for real reform. He began his career as a Circuit Attorney of St. Louis where he laid bare more official corruption than was ever exposed before in the history of the world. He met with the fiercest opposition. He was vilified by the corruptionists of every kind, but he carried his fight before the people and while Roosevelt carried Missouri by 25,000 majority, he was elected governor by 30,100. The laws he was instrumental in getting passed for wholesome reform are too many to be even merely mentioned. No student can afford to miss his lecture. The Y. M. C. A. of our school deserve the highest praise in presenting such talent.



THE Normal Light fully appreciates the opportunity of the New Year. We have resolved, and we mean to carry it out. However, we do not think it wise to publish all our resolutions, but we will endeavor to be useful, cheerful, hopeful and faithful. We owe it to ourselves and to our neighbors. So here goes for a better year than 1910.



THE LATEST addition to the faculty is a son born to Prof. and Mrs. C. A. Harpman, Jan. 14th 1911. The Manual Normal Light extends congratulations.

ATHLETICS.

A meeting of the Athletic Association was held January 11. The treasurer's report showed that \$900 has already passed through the hands of the organization this year, with a fair balance on hand. This is a remarkable gain over last year. The secretary stated that two hundred and seven members were on the roll. Prof. Yates in a short talk stated that from the faculty's standpoint, this has been the best year in the history of the organization. Coach Fuhrer gave the outlook for the remainder of the year, and said that to the best of his knowledge, the basket ball teams are the best the institution has ever possessed. The ballot envelopes of the football men were opened and Ed Dudley declared elected captain of the 1911 football team.

In a practice game on the Y. M. C. A. court, our ladies' basket ball team defeated the local high school by a score of 24-13. The team evidenced many elements of skill and training. The Normal players were: Forwards, Starring and Lance; centers, Clark and Drunagel; guards, Mary and Nellie Sears; running centers, Kennedy and Stroup.

In a second similar practice game, the men's team introduced the Y. M. C. A. team to the mysteries of swift playing and invincible team work. The Y. M. C. A. boys were handicapped by their inferior knowledge of inter-collegiate rules, but in spite of this they put up a good strong game. The final score was 43-37.

Among the important games scheduled for the teams are: Marionville, two games; Cherokee county one game; Parsons, one game, Springfield, two games. The Cherokee and Parsons games are dou-

ble games. So far the association has maintained a high class of athletic contests. It is the aim of the officers to continue to do so.

Contest in Declamation and Dramatic Art.

The annual contest in declamation and dramatic art was held between the literary societies in the Normal chapel, December 21st, 1910.

This year the Russonians and Athenians contested in declamation for the Lanyon prize, a gold medal, which was won by J. H. Branham of the Athenian Society.

The contest in dramatic art was between the Porterian and Manus Verez societies. The Porterians retained the reputation which they have gained in the past, by carrying off the laurels of the evening. The Fitch prize, which is \$25, was given to the winning society. The contests were judged by Supt. Pearson of Kansas City, Kansas, Prin. Catlett of Columbus and Principal Barbee of Joplin.

The program was as follows:

"The Legend of Bregenz," - - Adelaide Procter.
Josephine Ogilvie, Russonian.

"Christmas Night in the Quarters," - - Russel.
J. H. Branham, Athenian.

"The Fiddle Told" - - - - - Franklin
Ferol Peake, Russonian.

"Friar Phillip" - - - - - Anon.
Nellie Morton, Athenian.

PORTERIANS.

"The Happy Pair," a one-act comedietta S. T. Smith.
Mr. Honeyton, Harold Crowell; Mrs. Honeyton, Miss
Hazel Childers; Whiffins, Grover Hollman.

Scenes from "Richard III," William Shakespeare.
 King Richard III, W.E. Davis; Duke of Buckingham,
 S. L. Householder; Sir Richard Ratcliff, J.E. Willett;
 Sir William Catesby, L. G. Hare; Sir James Tyrrell,
 Dana Reed.

The Alpha Forensic Debating Club.



NEW organization, the Alpha Forensic Debating Club, has been formed to meet a new and growing need of the Normal. The purpose of the club is to help its members in the formation of views on public questions and to aid them in forcibly putting these views to the consideration of others. In the discussions and debates those topics will be studied which are apt to be debated in the coming contest with the Missouri Normal. The society looks to the future growth of the school and has not monopolized the school name, as it expects other groups to organize. These groups may then organize into the S. M. T. N. League. The membership consists of the following young men: Dana Reed, Carl Errebo, Glen S. Skinner, Lawrence Wheeler, W. Evan Davis, Lee Linthicum, Ben Lyngar, Andrew Steele, L. E. Reavley, S. Householder, Rex R. Tanner and Monroe Bragg.

Athenians Victorious.

Much to the surprise of the older societies, "the little Athenians" were successful in winning first place in the declamation contest. They were well represented by Miss Nellie Morton and Mr. James Branham, the latter winning first place by his selection, "Christmas Night in the Quarters." The society, though young, under the direction of Miss Lora Leach is doing most excellent work.

Vacation Echos.

The Faculty.

Dr. Dellinger and family enjoyed a few days' outing at the home of Ralph Smith, near Girard. The Doctor reports the capture of a real, live jack-rabbit.

Miss Krentel visited in Ft. Scott and Pittsburg.

Prof. Brower says he stayed at home and tended strictly to his own business, which is a commendable thing indeed.

Mr. Trout remained in town, plowing, and otherwise enjoying himself.

Prof. Yates attended the Academy of Science meeting at Topeka, which was in session from December 27th to the 29th. The meeting will be here next year.

Professors Wood, Bumann, Butler and Hoover spent some pleasant hours on Mr. Butler's farm near Mena, Ark. While there Mr. Wood purchased a farm. From sundry reports which have leaked out in spite of themselves, Prof. Hoover is as handy with a shot gun as he is with his baton.

Miss Owen passed the time at her home in Clinton, Mo.

Miss Rodman visited homefolks in Oklahoma City.

Prof. Harpman reports that he played tennis with Supt. Bushey every day the weather was fit.

E. A. Shepardson had a quiet but pleasant vacation with his family in town.

Mr. Carrithers passed the time at home taking

care of his wife, who has been quite sick but is slowly improving.

Miss Lux was with her father and mother in Topeka and attended the Academy of Science meeting there.

Prof. Lee was present at the Academy of Science meeting in Topeka.

Miss Chandler was at Garden City during vacation, where she delivered lectures on Domestic Art and Manual Training, to the Southwestern Teachers' Institute, which was in session five days.

Students et al.

Miss Vera Starring visited her sisters in Wichita and Coffeyville.

Murat Powell came home for Xmas and visited school while here.

Anna Quiett spent her vacation at her home in Caney.

Beatrice Brown and Irene Dunkel, well known students of S. M. T. N., passed through the city on their way home.

Flo Kennedy visited home folks and friends in Coffeyville.

Nell Clark was a guest at a house party in Parsons for a few days.

Andrew Steele spent the holidays taking plumbing lessons from Mr. Patton of Radley. He says it is a "piping" good job.

Grover Hollman visited his father and brother in Washington, Mo.

Cherry Childers visited her sister, Mrs. W. H. Lightstone, in Arkansas City.

Miss Gill accompanied Miss Rucker on a visit to Moran.

Mary and Esther Green visited a few days at Moline.

Miss Nation spent Xmas at her home in Erie.

Jean Marvin was with home folks in Topeka.

Theo. Iliff and Willis Hale spent a few days camping on the Neosho river.

The Musical Concert, given by the Glee Clubs and Students of the Music Department, December 16, was a decided success. The Auditorium was filled to its utmost capacity. The feature of the program was two songs by the Male Club, in sailor costume.

The clubs are now at work on the well known opera, "The Mikado", by Sullivan. This will be given in the near future, no definite date having been decided upon, as yet. "The Mikado" has just finished a successful week in Kansas City. Professor Hoover, with several student members of the cast, attended one evening to get ideas as to drills, staging and otherwise acquaint themselves with the work on hand.

Nadine Branin took advantage of the opportunity to be sick several days during vacation.

Chas. Cook, of near Monmouth, is detained at home by an attack of the popular malady, "the grip".

Miss Lora Leach read for the Wilson county Teachers' Association at Fredonia, December 10.

"The Fredonian" says Miss Leach made a "hit" provoked her audience to laughter and tears.

Roe Clark visited at his home in Bartlett.

Nannie Stanfield had a pleasant time at her former home at Chanute.

Lelia Coleman spent her vacation at her home in Topeka. With regards to her sojourn there, "silence is Golden."

Clara Peairs visited at home in Topeka,
Roy Hendricks stayed with Pa and Ma at Par-
sons.

Stanford Householder accompanied Marvin Mil-
ler to the latter's home in Narcissa, Okla., where a
few days were passed in Xmas activities, after which
Mr. Householder went to Pineville, Mo., and visited
with his father.

"Cy" Spence and his old roommate, Harry Cox,
were in the city during vacation.

Maud Fisher says she had a very enjoyable time
with friends and relatives at Cedarvale.

Maud Harlan, one of last year's students, visited
with Mary Sears.

Cecil Woodard spent a portion of his time in the
rural districts, shooting rabbits and squirrels, and the
remainder was passed in his prospective Ft. Scott
home.

"Teddy" Tewell has been a prominent figure in
school for the past two days. It seems almost like
olden times to see "Teddy" at his favorite pastime,
just chatting.

W. E. Bramble, a son-in-law of Prof. Wollank,
was present at chapel exercises a few days ago and
sang several solos. He was encored again and again
and each time responded with something better than
before.

Hon. Jas. Cassin and Hon. McCormack, representa-
tives from this county, were chapel visitors, last
week. In speeches they delivered to the school
they declared that they would do all in their power
to further the interests of the school in the legisla-
ture this year.

Representative Burdess of Wilson county, Sena-
tor Porter of this city and Supt. Bushey gave some
interesting talks in chapel, Thursday, January 4th.

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