

# THE SCHOOLS.

Advantages of Public Schools.

On the west coast of South America lies the gallant little Republic of Chile, whose efficiently managed public school system has advanced her to a position of one of the most distinguished and warlike Republics of the South American States; as her youth are not only well taught in acquiring a good common school education, but to defend the principles of their state constitution as well. As an evidence of the power which this training gave her over her enemies, I will state that, notwithstanding she has a population of only 2,186,724, she waged a successful war against Peru and Bolivia, with a combined population of 5,876,000. The result of the late Franco-Prussian war made Germany the first military power of Europe. This grand accomplishment was reached because of the judicious training of the German youth in her splendid system of public schools. To prove this fact, I will say that Napoleon the First, crossed the Rhine, drove back the Austrians, captured their capital, captured it and destroyed her own troops of peace. After the lapse of twenty years Napoleon the Third, crossed the same Rhine, with the same French troops, and being of the same blood of his illustrious ancestor, was indignantly defeated, and his capital was looted and burned, and his Government in their turn destroyed. The result of peace. This success over the French was the outcome of the superior public instruction of the German youth in the interim covering the time that elapsed between these two periods of European history. Great Britain, with a population of less than 27 1/2 millions, is enabled by her superior intelligence to rule a heterogeneous mass of three hundred and fifty millions of human beings, scattered as widely over the earth's surface as the sun never ceases to shine upon them. This is an aggressive nation; but whenever she starts her flag of conquest against a Christianized fellow in the world, she is always in contact with the highest educated class of our citizens, are impressed with their polished, classical culture, and not so with the masses, and she is to see the day of the British flag in decline there, yet the disparity between the two is too great when we reflect that the British constitution is at least a century in advance of the public school education in order to enable them to meet their fallen intelligently. This result can be accomplished by the passage of the State Educational Bill, which I fear, since I am now convinced that it is not the intention of said Bill to establish an independent school system in the State.

Great care must be exercised by those charged with the prosecution of the course of study, to make them think shall serve the purpose of training the mental faculties in their various stages, and which at the same time shall furnish useful knowledge that can be rendered useful in subsequent special preparation for any particular calling.

The subjects of mental education most effective in producing the desired results are object lessons, language, arithmetic, drawing, and practical geometry, writing, and industrial drawing, geography and history. These, taught in a judicious and systematic manner, will secure results in accord with the theory of our common schools; not that they shall fit boys and girls for any particular trade, but that they shall give to them useful information which they can make available in preparation for any special vocation, as their tastes and opportunities may permit.

To these studies should be added music, manners and physical exercises for the development of right principles as rules of action and the maintenance of character, and to effect ends of health, and perfection of body strength and vigor.

How many of your pupils are able to sit down and write a business letter in correct form? This is something that they will all be called upon to do in after life, and if you do not teach them in the schools it is certain that many of them will never be taught. There is a pedagogical truth in the saying of Garfield's that "the student should first study what he most needs to know, and that the order of his studies should be the order of his work."—School Teacher.

We are sometimes told that we shall eventually educate children out of their spheres. In America children have no spheres which they inherit. To realize them to the farm, plenty, then government to knowledge, from this in which, is a legitimate aim of education.

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# A Terrible Surgical Operation

## A FATAL MISTAKE.

The Cleveland (Ohio) Press, of February 28d, 1883, published an account of a fatal surgical operation which caused a great commotion among medical men throughout the whole country, Dr. Thayer, the most eminent surgeon in Cleveland, pronouncing it scandalous. It appears that a Mrs. King had been suffering for many years from some disease of the stomach, which had resisted the treatment of all the physicians in attendance. The disease commenced with a slight derangement of the digestion, with a poor appetite, followed by a peculiar indescribable distension in the stomach, a feeling that has been described as a faint "all gone" sensation, a sticky saline collecting about the teeth, causing a disagreeable taste. This sensation was not removed by food, but, on the contrary, it was increased. After a while the hands and feet became cold and sticky—a cold perspiration. There was a constant tired and languid feeling. Then followed a dreadful nervousness, with gloomy forebodings. Finally the patient was unable to retain any food whatever, and there was constant pain in the abdomen. All prescribed remedies failing to give relief, a consultation was held, when it was decided that the patient had a cancer in the stomach, and in order to save the patient's life an operation was justifiable. Accordingly, on the 22d of February, 1883, the operation was performed by Dr. Vance in the presence of Dr. Tuokerman, Dr. Perrier, Dr. Ayms, Dr. Gordon, Dr. Capner, and Dr. Hallwell of the Police Board. The operation consisted in laying open the cavity of the abdomen and exposing the stomach and bowels. When this had been done an examination of the organs was made, but to the horror and dismay of the doctors there was no cancer to be found. The patient did not have a cancer. When too late the medical men discovered that they had made a terrible mistake; but they sowed the parts together and dressed the wound that they had made, but the poor woman sank from exhaustion and died in a few hours. How sad it must be for the husband of this poor woman to know that his wife died from the effects of a surgical operation that ought never to have been performed. If this woman had taken the proper remedy for Dyspepsia and Nervous Prostration for this was what the disease really was, she would have been living to-day. SHAKER EXTRACT OF ROOTS OF SISKIYOU'S CURATIVE SYRUP, a remedy made expressly for Dyspepsia or Indigestion, has restored many such cases to perfect health after all other kinds of treatment have failed. The evidence of its efficacy in curing this class of cases is too voluminous to be published here; but those who read the published evidence in favor of this dyspeptic remedy do not question its convincing nature, and the article has an extensive sale.

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