

EDUCATIONAL COLUMN.

All communications intended for this column should be addressed to J. B. O'N. Holloway, who has kindly consented to edit it.

Teaching.

Teaching is an art. Men don't pick up a skill without much close study and patient toil. To teach is not like pouring grain in a mill hopper. To teach, in its true sense, is to develop, to train, to make men wiser, better, purer, happier. To teach requires more than mere knowledge affords—more than a mere acquaintance with the subject to be taught. He who aims to train the hearts and minds of pupils, ought to know something about the heart and mind of the pupil. The man of great knowledge is not necessarily qualified to teach because of his learning, no more than he is gifted to speak in public. To possess or acquire knowledge is one thing; to impart it to others is quite another. Yet few will recognize the fact.

Be Patient.

The majority only come to kill time and seem to take no interest in anything," says a teacher to us respecting one class of persons who attend his school. He further complains and says they are the largest pupils, and he wishes to know what to do—they are at that age where to apply corporal punishment would be a sacrifice of self-respect, and reproofs do no good. What is the remedy? Our advice is, be patient, brother, until patience becomes sinful. At that exact moment show them the door.

We respectfully solicit communications from the teachers of the county on subjects pertaining to their profession, or on any educational theme. It is the only way we will be enabled to keep up an interest in our column. During the summer holidays, while you are resting upon your oars, will be an excellent opportunity to give us the benefit of your experience. Live discussions on live topics will greatly enhance the value of our column. Hence we insist upon you to take hold.

It was heart-rending to hear Maj. Thompson depict in mournful strains the indifference manifested by the majority of the people of the State on the subject of higher education. Only one hundred and sixteen thousand children attended the public schools last year, when there should have been three times that number.

"We aim at thoroughness in everything," remarked a teacher the other day. Pretty good object for any teacher. Whatever is done, let it be done thoroughly. We have no kind of respect for the careless teacher. The profession would sustain no loss by his leaving it. Be thorough yourself, and teach the same to your pupils.

The only reason some teachers can give for following one method and not another is, that they themselves were thus taught. Not a few teachers there are who are unable to give any reason for rules. They simply learn facts and facts they give again. That is all. A good teacher should test methods and keep that which proves itself to be the best. He should not only know rules, but he should also know why rules are in force. It is one thing to know a thing, and quite another to understand it and teach it.

In consequence of an engagement to address the Alumni Association of Newberry College next week, which will necessitate our absence, we ask the indulgence of our readers of this column for the next issue.

The Commemorative Exercises of Wofford College took place last week. A grand time they experienced. Wofford College is doing a noble work for the State, and deserves a larger patronage than she receives. No better Christian instructor lives than Dr. Carlisle, her honored President.

Burned Alive.

One of the most shocking occurrences we have ever chronicled happened last Wednesday, on the plantation of Mr. George C. Gill, in the Fishing Creek neighborhood of this county. It appears that on the above morning one of the tenants left his three children in his cabin and went with the other hands on the place to work in a distant field. While engaged at work he beheld his house in flames, and immediately mounted a horse and hurried to the scene of the conflagration, only to see his three children actually burned alive before his own eyes. The fire had done its work, and the pitiful cries of his children had been hushed in death before his untimely arrival.—Chester Bulletin.

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