

What we have said before may be applied to the education of both sexes. But as we have not the least experience in educating girls, what follows will entirely relate to the male sex. A boy of about eight years of age ought to be able to enter the primary school...

At the school-room the greatest silence should be observed and the child accustomed to orderly and gentle behavior. Here is a place to brood a subject on which one has publicly expressed our views. But as we have seen so many abuses, so much faultily since the time we entered the profession of teacher we feel confident that those already acquainted with our opinion will excuse us...

The old philosophers as Socrates, Plato and whatever the names may be of these founders of schools, before they began to teach their speciality wanted the minds of their disciples to be trained that it should become so detached from the earth and its surroundings that all their mental capacities were absorbed in the subject they intended to study...

By discipline we teachers understand such training (it should be of the mind but unfortunately it is but seldom so) that the children preserve an order so that instruction be not interfered with. To maintain this very necessary order rules are laid down, which are enforced by punishment.

It is this very fear of punishment that makes the word "school" such a scarecrow to children. And we declare that a great many times we have seen punishments which the teacher would have shown more common sense and sound judgment, if he had, if not absolutely rewarded yet spoken a few kind words to the boy. But what we hold to be a real abomination, we do not care how strong we make the expression, is to inflict corporal punishment in the school. We do not at all intend to interfere with the parent's control over the child, but we feel confident that we can prove that all kinds of corporal punishment have such bad influences that they should be prohibited in public and private schools.

In some grammatical works the words "to chastise" and "to chasten" are considered synonymous; in our opinion this is a grave though thoughtless error. "To chasten" means to make chaste, to make pure, to do away with the gross and the first named word should have grown obsolete. It is namely an expression of the Old Testament, used only before the Gospel of Christ was better understood. To chastize refers to one's mind the idea that an offender became chaste or purified as soon as the law was promulgated; as soon as the "eye for eye" and "tooth for tooth" was taken, the excommunication was withdrawn, and once more was he allowed to join in the service of his "God of Wrath." It was chastening when a monk or other devoted person before the 16th century of our era whipped himself so that the marks remained in his body, hoping by these tortures to propitiate that Supreme being, he knew he had offended.

Mr. Editor—The series of articles on education that have appeared lately in the columns of the Advertiser, have prompted me to write on the same subject as applied to the needs and especially of the young of the Hawaiian race. First among their needs is a knowledge of the English language. Second, the early training in habits of useful labor. To supply these needs, I would have all schools taught in English; the curriculum of study being limited to reading, writing, arithmetic and geography; and the scholars made familiar with the use of tools and implements of the industry, cleanliness and temperance which their children need in their books. They have no idea of applying to the everyday lives of their children the moral conveyed in lessons written for that purpose; so that when they read that Johnny Badchild went fishing on the Sabbath and fell in, and was drowned, all they think about it is, that Johnny was pupule for not knowing how to swim. I might go further, and say that whatever of good the child may, with infinite labor, be taught during the day in the school, is driven out by the bad that he absorbs, mentally and physically, without an effort in his home.

Mr. Editor—Allow me a space in your paper to make a few remarks on the article of a writer in last week's Advertiser, on "water supply." Your correspondent refers to a promise which I had made of restoring the former Nuuanu stream within five years after its old water-mark. I made such an offer to the Legislature of 1870, but as I was not even noticed in an answer, my offer being perhaps esteemed as the emanation of a cranky old man, or the people of Honolulu or at least the learned legislators preferring or rather being fond of drinking water with a slight taste of sea-salt or a stick in it, I of course did not press my services any more. But your correspondent having mentioned the five years, I would respectfully remind him that while six years ago circumstances permitted me to make such an offer in good faith, the last six years have wrought such important changes in the valley, that no map could undertake anything like such a labor with means at hand such as the country could have afforded.

After I found that the country was not so well off as I had thought, I have not only not done anything, but the rule is that it works with very little or no created space. The last few years have not only destroyed every large tree in the valley, but have made former many of the low places, where the former mass of creeping haun trees has either fully disappeared or is very much thinned out, and the heat and drought has baked the soil so hard that it will take many a shower of rain to soften the soil to receive the water, while digging holes for planting will be twice as slow and laborious as when the soil was wet. Besides this, quite a different plan will be pursued from that of six years ago, as the sheltering trees have disappeared and replanting will require quite different varieties of trees, while the rule is that it works with very little or no created space. The last few years have not only destroyed every large tree in the valley, but have made former many of the low places, where the former mass of creeping haun trees has either fully disappeared or is very much thinned out, and the heat and drought has baked the soil so hard that it will take many a shower of rain to soften the soil to receive the water, while digging holes for planting will be twice as slow and laborious as when the soil was wet. Besides this, quite a different plan will be pursued from that of six years ago, as the sheltering trees have disappeared and replanting will require quite different varieties of trees, while the rule is that it works with very little or no created space.

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