

SCHOOL SUBJECTS.

The London county council announces that hereafter school managers may exclude from board schools children under five years old.

The Prussian minister of public instruction has issued a circular to the German provincial board schools, requesting them to prohibit girls from wearing corsets.

Dr. Kiburo Yamauchi, an official in the central office of mines, Tokyo, has announced that John Hopkins will be the recipient of an extensive collection of Japanese minerals.

James Speyer, of New York, has given to the trustees of Columbia university the sum of \$50,000 to endow the Theodore Roosevelt professorship of American history and institutions in the University of Berlin.

The largest public elementary school in the world, it is said, is that recently opened at Hester, Essex and Norfolk streets, Manhattan. It is in the thickest of the population, and it serves 4,250 children. There are 85 classes, 49 of boys and 36 of girls, with an average membership of 50.

J. E. Kirby, president of Drury college, Springfield, Mo., is the youngest American college president, being but 20 years old. Pearsons hall, which stands on Drury college campus and is occupied by the science departments, was built with donations from D. K. Pearsons and from several St. Louis Congregationalists.

Prof. John Bassett Moore, one of the most popular men on the faculty of Columbia university, is known in university circles the world over because of the commanding position he has attained through his lectures and writings on international law and diplomacy. He has written the only history and digest of international arbitration in existence.

A Californian has offered two prizes of \$500 and \$200 for typewritten essays on "Moral Training in Public Schools," to be not less than 6,000 nor more than 12,000 words. The essays must be submitted by June 1, 1906, to Rev. Charles R. Brown, of Oakland; President Jordan, of Stanford university, and Prof. F. B. Dresslar.

OLD-WORLD ODDITIES.

Rarely seen so far north, a rose flamingo and an Egyptian flamingo were recently shot on the sands near Calais.

Frau Prielle, who at one time was the most popular of all the actresses attached to the Royal opera house, Huda-Pesh, has gone mad, in consequence, it is said, of reading Edgar Allan Poe's works.

Members of the London stock exchange are not allowed to advertise. Lists of the members are posted at the Bartholomew street entrance of the Bank of England, and are to be had on application to the secretary.

It has been found that a pale green light used in the clock faces of the tower of the English house of parliament shows the figures and the hands on the dials much more distinctly than the whitish light hitherto used.

The Berlin courts recently denied that an employer was liable to pay compensation in the case of an employee who died from heart stroke after working hours. It was held that death was caused by the heat suffered while the man was at work.

Dr. Barnardo, the London philanthropist who died recently, had a startling way of protecting the papers upon his desk from the devastatingly tidy housemaid. In a wastepaper basket under the study table basked two snakes. This "worked like a charm," according to a personal friend of the doctor's.

A somewhat heated correspondence has taken place between the British war office and the government of Australia because one of the Australian colonels who went with Gen. Sir William Nicholson to Japan wore his aiguillette on his right shoulder instead of his left, thus conveying the impression that he was on the general's personal staff, when he was not.

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Hogan Reviews the Year 1905

By HENRY M. HYDE

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ANY OF US in these stressful days find time for introspection, for glance ahead? In the slower past we seemed to have, even the most industrious of us, time for the "going apart alone," the inquiry how it is with you, my soul; but now we

have little inclination for that, meditation is put away with the rest of the old-fashioned, un-modern.

An editor friend of mine was asked if they turned out much work in her office. "O, yes," she said; "we don't think we just typewrite."

On the eve of the New Year let us be old-fashioned once more; look back into Time, and look forward. What has been the loss the last twelve-month, what the outlook for the twelvemonth to come. Let us take stock. What resolutions should we venture on?

Weary of present materialism, we will look to character first of all. What retrogression here the past year? Have we grown a shade more selfish, less unselfish? And do we hypocritically call our selfishness "the proper looking out for our own interests?" Do we look with increased pride on the laxity and term it "tolerance," an advance in worldly wisdom? Are we satisfied with the narrowing of our sympathies, and do we speak of this as "more philosophy?" Quite likely.

And now comes the contemplation. How far do we want this to go on? Shall we let self-interest, a letting down of standards, unsocialism go on to an old age ruled by mercenary motives, marked by low principles, by inhumanity? Heligh! Just this calling of things by their right names has brought us up short; we tremble a little over the careless past; are afraid of that unsavory old age. Maybe it would be well on New Year's Day to old-fashionedly put up some old-fashioned mottoes:

"For selfishness is death."
"I had a very unpleasant conversation with my conscience."

"Every man takes care that his neighbor shall not cheat him. But a day comes when he begins to care that he do not cheat his neighbor. Then all goes well. He has changed his market cart into a chariot of the sun."

Let us go on taking stock. How is it with the health of the body? Has that been neglected, has it been over-considered—some evil no less than the other? Have we jealously guarded the share of sleep its due, not stolen therefrom in mistaken ambition, mistaken pleasures? Has the daily generous gift of air and sunshine and flying cloud and fair sky been unregarded; the "world too much with us?" Have we been neglectful, with gross carelessness paid no heed to building up wasted tissues; expended energy at the price of health? Or have we been in-temperate of wine and meat?—the one evil no greater than the other. Have we thought and talked nothing but symptoms, been wholly concerned with the carnal? So many omissions, so many over-anxieties we may have been guilty of. Let us put in prominence on New Year's Day:

"A sound mind in a sound body."
"The best part of health is fine disposition. It is more essential than talent, even in the works of talent. Nothing will supply the want of sunshine to peaches, and, to make knowledge valuable, you must have the cheerfulness of wisdom."

Have we been cross, irritable, irritating? "Let a man practice the minor virtues." Have we been inaccurate, untruthful? "In all the superior people I have met, I notice directness, truth spoken more truly, as if every-thing of obstruction, of malformation, had been trained away."

Have we been hermit, or frivolous; one extreme or the other? Have we shut ourselves away from mankind, lived a life of selfish seclusion, untroubled ourselves with civic and social responsibilities, got ourselves into a state where any reminder of the great seething life outside seems unpardonably intrusive, unwarrantably impudent? Look out, look out. Hang these words where your eyes may light upon them oft in the New Year:

"He prayeth best who loveth best. All things both great and small."
And the over-frivolity. What has it all amounted to; the late hours, the night-of-it piled upon night-of-it? No books, no thoughtfulness, no time for charitable deed, for hunting up neglected friend, for the kindly homely duties. True, "We must have society. We cannot spare variety;" but likewise true we must have some variety from society. Body and soul need quiet, repose, an escape from jar and fret. And what is the New Year guide for this blundering?

"Tis the fine souls who serve us, and not what is called fine society." Have we been lonely, thought it not possible to find a friend? Take heart from these words:

"Nor scour the seas, nor sift mankind, A poet or a friend to find. Behold, he watches at the door! Behold his shadow on the floor!"
Have we been too busy, too hurried to be kind, gentle, responsive; have we exalted "business," underrated friendliness? Let us hang this where the light will shine on it full and bright: "Life is no so short; but that there is always time for courtesy." Have we been unrelenting; unforgiving, retaliatory? Dare we so continue, so be little ourselves? "His heart was as great as the world, but there was no room in it for the memory of a wrong."

Heligh! All the walls of all the rooms will be covered with motto; with adage and admonition. Let us see them with a seeing eye once in awhile.
KATHARINE POPE.

years, an' has no doubt it will grow more popular all th' time, as Thaydure is constantly teachin' it new tricks. Wan av th' novelties promised for th' new year is a head-on collision between the elephant an' a railroad locomotive goin' at top speed. Almost ivybody but th' mahout is afraid this 'll result in Ray-Pub's gettin' badly mangled, but Thaydure says clares 'twill be only light exercise for his pet. Public curiosity is arduidly at white heat to see th' outcome av this sensational act.

"In the lar-ge cage to th' lift is a din av ferocious, man-killin' chaffeurs. They praysint a pleasin' picture av th'



"TH' TWIN WILD MIN TOM-TOM AN' BIL-BILL."

result av threarin' ivn th' most savage an' bloodthirsty creatures with kindness an' '60 days in th' bandhouse. Where formerly they rushed around th' country, with fire flashin' from their eyes, they ar-er- now almost perfectly domesticated, comin' to th' bar-r- to lap up gasoline from th' naked hand an' takin' their favorite meal av rubber tires with purrs av delight. 'Tis expected that further progress will be made durin' the new year in th' direction av makin' thim gints an' 'barmin's, an' bayture long their thrairer hopes to be able to enter their din in perfect safety.

"Bayture passin' on I wish to call your attention to th' curious objects confined in this lar-ge double-barred steel enclosure. You will observe that they constantly spend their time in jumpin' up and down on each other's faces. This, howiv'r, does not indicate—as it might seem—that they ar-er- mad at each other. Far-r- from it! On th' other hand it is th' favorite method av amusement among these strange creatures, th' scientific name av which is Footballibus center rushio. These two fine specimens ar-er- not likely to remain with th' show much longer, as both Yale an' Harvard have offered large sums for thim.

"But now, ladies and gints. I will not detain you longer. Gintlemanly ushers will now pass among you, distributing the bits av pasteboard which will enable you to remain to th' grand movin' picture show av the shrapnel an' sleaz guns of Manchuria a givin' place to th' gentle dove av peace. The cost is but a dime—tin cinis—th' wrice av a good cigar, entittin' you,

until noon they splind th' time callin' each other blood-curdin' names over th' long distance tillphone, with which the din is fitted. Promptly on th' stroke av twelve th' dure separating th' two cages is thrown open an', while th' spectators hold their breath, th' two desperadoes, ar-r- mead to th' teeth, rush together an'—embrace each other. Highly moral an' instructive exhibition. Endorsed av press an' pulpit. (Hank Rogers an' Jawa D. please write.) This attraction has also been specially relengaed for th' new year.

On th' platform across th' tint, mixt dure to th' monkeys' cage, you will see Prof. Harry Lehr an' his calibrated troupe av performin' dogs. Three times a day th' professor an' his pets sit down to th' table together, an' so will threarin' ar-r- re th' latter that 'tis har-r- rd to till which is which. This amusin' an' entertainin' exhibition enjoys th' special patronage av th' smart set an' av all th' swelled lids av Newport. 'Twill be your last chance to enjoy th' performance, as th' professor is now experimentin' with a monkey with which he has alriddy succeeded in gettin' on so intimate an' confidential terms that he expects to praysint, a little later in the new season, a startlin' an' sensational twin brother act which will show how small is th' difference bechune th' lower animals an' some men.

"There in th' middle, ladies an' gints, tied to th' cinder pole av th' main canvas, stands Ray-Pub, th' largest elephant ivr exhibited in captivity—be nearly a million majority. Always a big animal, he has grown immensely durin' th' lasht year. Great credit for th' increase in size is due to Thaydure, his mahout, who has looked carefully after his feedin' an' has kept his blood in order av administerin' several tonics. Nobody else has ivr been able to make Ray-Pub take medicia, but Thaydure has him under such perfect control that at th' wor-r- d av command he will roll over an' play dead. Th' management has signed a contract for th' appearance av this unparalleled attraction for th' next four



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"Indeed!" answered the estimable lady. "If you will take the pains to investigate our domestic relations, sir, you will find that it is Mrs. Henpeck who agrees with me in everything."—Tit-Bits.

Just a Hint. "Darling," whispered the lovesick youth, "I've been sparkling with you all the evening."
"And don't you know Nani goes with sparkling?" asked the beautiful maiden who wanted a ring.
"What dear?"
"Why, a sparkler."—Chicago Daily News.

Getting Direct Action. Beryl (at the phone)—The idea of sending a kiss by telephone! Do you suppose I want to be kissed on my ear?

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Gilt-Edged. Bacon—They say Jiggins put up some gilt-edge securities; what do you suppose it was?
Egbert—Probably one of those framed family portraits.—Yonkers Statesman.

A cistern must be filled before it can be drawn from. So with life—those who put most into it get the most out of it.

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