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HAND EDUCATION.

Since putting forth a series of articles bearing more or less on industrial education, we have come across an excellent editorial in the Montreal Witness on the same subject. It will, there is no reason to fear, be appreciated by our readers, who receive it in full in this issue. The clear and forcible manner in which the educational problem of the time is stated will, it is to be hoped, commend itself to the Hawaiian Board of Education, for every proposition is as applicable to this Kingdom as to the country for which the article was written. There are other points in connection with modern educational methods and results, which are working on the HERALD'S mind to be one day brought out, but there is as much in the article of the Witness as can be properly digested at once.

USE YOUR HANDS.

The honorable and undervalued profession of teachers has for several days been meeting in this city and discussing some most interesting and important questions. Everything that affects the education and the instruction of our children (for education and instruction are not quite the same thing) is important, and we hope to see good results from the discussions, in the shape of better ventilated school-rooms and a large chocking off of examinations. But we must say that we are thankful most of all for the raising of another question, that of hand-work in schools. This subject was introduced to day by a paper on "Industrial Training"—that being the scholastic way of expressing the idea—and we hope that the seed sown to-day will bear a large and speedy harvest. There was a time and not so very long ago, when schooling was confined to the "higher" classes, and "real education" to the "lower." Or perhaps, to put it more correctly, the rich folk got schooling at school, and education out of it, and the poor folk got the latter only. The poor man's son, in a long apprenticeship, learnt the trade that was to give him his living in after years. To rich man's went to school and gave tempo, rarylodging in his system to more or less vast and undigested amount of Greek and Latin; then left school and learnt what were then considered the proper occupations of a gentleman,—to wit, hunting and fighting. We toss up our heads at those barbarous old times—and glory in the bran-new systems of our own invention. Very spick and span systems they were too, with every detail filled in, every corner polished off, and guaranteed to fill in young people and polish them off so that when they grew to be middle-aged and old they should be free from the discredit of being uneducated. These systems have often been carried out with disastrous faithfulness. The young have been crammed with "facts" and plied with examinations till they have become like rifles loaded with ball and powder, simply in order to be fired off at the examiners—containing little more than an empty cartridge shell of knowledge after the discharge, and sometimes injured or burst in the process. Putting metaphor aside, and taking only the negative effects of the cramming system, one fact is startlingly clear; that the present system—even in the modified form which prevails in our own schools—does not fit the scholars for their future life. Long apprenticeships have been extinguished; they were too slow for this telegraphic age; and nothing has taken their place. The children, who in days gone by would have learnt one or other of many sensible and honer-

able trades, in which their faculties would have found great scope, are now sent to school, taught reading, writing, arithmetic and geography, with a flaying of French and German and classics and a pinch of science,—and what then? Why, this: the scholar who carried off armfuls of prizes comes out into the world, and finds that his book studies have scarcely set him on the first step of life's ladder. His education has fitted him, generally speaking, for but one occupation—that of the clerk. The consequence is before us all the time; cannot be blinked at or shirked. There is a glut in the clerk market; demand lags hopelessly behind supply; and the article is to be had at slaughter prices. What has been, has been, and cannot be undone. But it is never too soon to begin doing right when we have been doing wrong; and what we now propose, in all earnestness, to our school authorities, is to teach our children such practical accomplishments as will have placed them several steps up the ladder when the school wall no longer shelters them from the struggle of life. The list of accomplishments within the reach of children is a large one. There are, for example, carpentering and joinery; wood carving, and other manipulations of wood; working in brass; working in leather; pottery; the cultivation of flowers and plants; all sorts of needlework and work in textile materials, from plush to rags; not to speak of experimental engineering on the one hand, which may need expense—and drawing, on the other hand, which is at the foundation of all hand-work, and is of such infinite value in nearly every trade and profession that it should be taught as an essential, like reading and writing. It is not our place to lay down a plan or to say—Teach this and leave that untaught. Our schools are in good hands; we believe that the Witness' advocacy of hand work would have been acted on long ago but for the resistance of parents and the apparent impossibility of adding to the subjects without adding to that very strain upon children which we condemned. On this point we would suggest, firstly, that if hand-work is more important than some other work to the children's welfare, there should be no hesitation about sacrificing the less (however dear) for the greater; and secondly, that perhaps this change might not, after all, be necessary. The amount of time and energy spent by children on mechanical occupations, such as fret-saw work or the dressing of dolls, shows that such work is recreation to them. And in other cities it has been found that voluntary hand-work classes—not during the regulation school hours—have been attended with more punctuality than the ordinary classes, and with as much enjoyment. —Montreal Witness.

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Shipping Intelligence.

ARRIVALS.

FRIDAY, NOV 26.
S.S. C.R. Bishop from Waialeale and Kuaui
S.S. Waialeale from Hanalei
S.S. Mokohi from Mokohi and Maui
S.S. Waimanalo from Waimanalo
S.S. Liholho from Kauai

DEPARTURES.

FRIDAY, NOV 26.
S.S. Leahi for Hanalei

WEEKLY TRAVELING TO-DAY.

S.S. W.G. Hall for Maui and Hawaii
S.S. Haleakala for Peleekeo
S.S. Rainbow for Koolau
S.S. Heela for Koolau
S.S. Edw. Kidder for Hongkong
S.S. E. J. Spence for Hongkong
S.S. Bank for Hongkong

PORTS OF CALL.

From Kuaui and Waialeale, S.S. C.R. Bishop, Friday Nov 26—12 P.M. J.C.M. K. and about 23 days.

Vessels in Port from Foreign Ports.
Ger. bk Pacific, Olman, from Bremen, Germany
Am. bk Geo C Perkins, Ackerman, from San Francisco
Haw. schr Jennie Walker, Anderson, from Panning's Island
Bk. bk Mary Winkelma, Backus, from San Francisco
Bk. E. J. Spence, Gill, from Hongkong
Ship Theobald, Re, from Newcastle, N.S.W.
Brit. bk W. H. Watson from Liverpool
Am. bk. bk. Kilduff from Port Townsend
Am. bk. bk. Forest Queen from San Francisco
Bk. Edward Kidder from Portland en route to Hongkong.

Vessels Expected from Foreign Ports.
Am. bk. bk. Salina Blake, from San Francisco, due
Am. bk. bk. Martha Davis, F. M. Benson, sailed from Boston, Aug. 1st, due December 10-20. To C. Brewer & Co.
Bk. bk. Martha Fisher, to have sailed from Liverpool, August 27.
Am. bk. Saranac, from New York due November 18. Castle & Co., agents.
Ger. bk. bk. Glenside, Rullston, from Liverpool, due Jan. 15-20. H. Davies & Co., agents.
Am. bk. bk. S. N. Castle, Hubbard, from Port Townsend, W. T., due December 15-20. Castle & Cooke, agents.
Haw. bk. Lady Lamson, Marston, from Newcastle, due February 10-20. To Brewer & Co., agents.
Ger. bk. bk. Hydra, from Hongkong, due December 1-15. R. M. S. Mariposa, Hayward, from San Francisco, en route to the Coast, due November 27.
Brit. bk. bk. Nellie May, from Sydney, due December 1-15. To W. & A. G. agents.
Ship Mercury, from Newcastle, N.S.W., due December 31.
Ger. bk. bk. Hercules, from Liverpool, due February 20-30, 1887. To Schaefer & Co., agents.

NOTES.

The steamer Mokohi brought two large sugar-bale, 100 lbs., and 3 horses, 27 pigs, and 100 lbs. of sugar for the post-office. She will sail Monday for Mokohi.
The schooner Waialeale sailed today, bringing 100 lbs. of sugar.
The steamer Waimanalo brought 600 bags of sugar.
The schooner E. J. Spence is today for Hongkong with 3000 lbs. of sugar.
The schooner Waialeale sailed Monday for Hanalei.
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Quoting Scrip & Co.

An eight year old boy in a Honolulu household, being bothered at something the other day, made use of the expletive, "Confound it!" His little sister of six promptly corrected him, saying, "You had boy you said a bad word."
"Oh, 'confound' is not a bad word," was the defense set up.
"It is so," came the rejoinder; "The Bible says it is. Let me show you," and off she ran and got the book.
"There let me read to you, 'Confound is a bad word.' Now!"
Confronted with this unanswerable citation the boy appealed to his mother, saying, "What a foolish little goose; she thinks the Bible is a dictionary."

A Chinaman who was looking after a bunk in the Edward Kidder for Hongkong, sailing to day, had his plans obstructed and was given one of the best berths in the Station last night, because he was trying to get away from debts amounting to about \$900.

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