

## Address Delivered on Objectives in Education

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I think the schools are trying to do. Nearly every subject that is placed in the curriculum of the school is placed there because it will help to make better citizens. When you meet the objective of health education you have helped in part to solve the citizenship question. The same is true regarding the other objectives so far named. A worthy home member, a person who has a worthy vocation and one who has health is apt to be a better citizen for those reasons. It is not enough that instruction be given in the plan of our government. Where good government is dependent upon the intelligence of the governed as it is in a Democracy, such as ours, it is essential that we have a majority of citizens who have been trained with all of these main objectives in view. Some have mistaken ideas regarding the training for citizenship. They look upon it only as a separate subject to be taught in the schools. By them I have heard it said that the Legislature should pass a law requiring at least a year and a half's credit in Citizenship for High School graduation. It is my opinion that such a law would be of no value. The school teaches good citizenship when it trains the students to become skillful in the fundamental processes, when it helps to build strong physical bodies, when it trains for worthy home membership, when it trains for a vocation, when it develops habits for worthy use of leisure and when it builds strong ethical character. In the teaching of every subject the school is engaged in training for good citizenship. This is as it should be. Civic education should never be lost sight of by the school as one of the main objectives in education.

6. Worthy Use of Leisure.—Every individual should have a margin of time for the cultivation of personal and social interests. He should have leisure time in which to recreate his powers and enlarge and enrich his life. The tendency of the times is to shorten the working hours and thus lengthen the time for leisure. It follows therefore that the worthy use of leisure should receive increasing consideration as an objective in education. The unworthy use of leisure may impair health, disrupt home life, lessen vocational efficiency, and destroy civic mindedness. Right habits and an appetite for the finer enjoyments of leisure must be attained in youth.

7. We come now to the seventh and last named objective, Ethical Character. The realization of all the objectives already named is dependent upon Ethical Character. For this reason it should receive specific consideration as a main objective in education. Good citizenship, vocational excellence, worthy home membership, go hand in hand with ethical character. Our schools must keep this objective in mind. The finished product must be men and women with ideals, with force of will to live up to these ideals. They must be moral and upright in their home life, honest in their vocation, dependable in their community, state and nation.

I think our schools are doing their utmost to meet this requirement. Generally speaking I think you will admit that no other profession has a stronger percentage of ethically strong men and women than the teaching profession. They are setting a worthy example. Ethical training is given every day. I know full well that the schools have been accused of falling down in this respect. Many would have it that religion should be taught in the schools for the purpose of building strong ethical character. I agree with them that that should be the purpose of religious education, in part at least. If that is the purpose of religious education then I submit to you that the schools are already giving considerable religious education. Should it be a part of one's religion to live a clean life so that he or she may grow up to be a strong healthy man or woman, with skill in the command of fundamental processes, worthy home member, ethically sound in a vocation, intelligent and conscientious contributors to the promotion of the common welfare of our community, state and nation, and in all this morally strong, if that is a part of our religion, then I say that the school, the public school, is doing as much as should be expected of it in the line of religious education. The public school can never be expected to teach the different shades of sectarian beliefs.

In conclusion, may I say that if we accept these to be the objectives in the education which should be provided for all the children of all the people, and admitting that the elementary schools cannot meet these objectives, then we have failed as a community, state and nation, until Secondary Schools have been placed within the reach of every child whether he lives in the country or in the city. I mention this because it is a problem which we must face whether we live in the city or country.

We have not done our full duty as a state and as a nation until the same opportunity for education has been provided for all.

### FERSHING'S TRIBUTE TO THE HORSE AND MULE

"I believe the horse is coming back into his own." "The time has not come when the horse is seen only in museums and I don't think it is ever going to come. I believe there is a definite place for the horse and for his economical use in many practical ways on the farms and in the cities."

"It's the old mule that is the most reliable thing in the army. You can pack him, drive him, ride him, starve him, beat him and neglect him—do all sorts of things to him that you can't do to an automobile—and he is always there as long as he has four legs to stand on."

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### Christmas Eve in the Home

CHRISTMAS EVE in the home is always a jovial event, or should be. The father has closed his ledger with a "Thank God" that there is now and then a respite from toil, from the perplexities and cares of everyday life, an oasis in the desert of the year, and yields himself for the time to the pleasure of creating new joys for the loved ones at the home fireside. The mother's heart overflows with love and thankfulness as she watches the innocent and enthusiastic glee of her little ones over their Christmas gifts. And as for the children themselves, what eternity of time could compensate them for the loss of one Christmas?

### GREATER MINNESOTA

By Anna D. Olesen  
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(One of a series of articles on development of Minnesota's resources written for the Minneapolis Journal by leading men and women of the state.)

If our state were as densely populated as Belgium, it would have 58,000,000 people; if as thickly settled as Ohio, it would have 10,000,000; if as well developed as Indiana, it would have 6,500,000. Today the population of Minnesota is less than 2,500,000. We shall some day have 10,000,000 people within the borders of our state, perhaps more. The wealth of a state is its developed natural resources, its factory products and the number of its intelligent, industrious and thrifty people. The people of Minnesota are intelligent, industrious and thrifty. They are largely descendants of the folk of northern Europe, and a large percentage have come from there, and there are just enough people from the southern European countries to give fervor to the characteristics of the majority. They are willing to work, and to work hard. Already they have cleared the primeval forests, dotted the prairies with productive farms, worked the mines, built schools, churches and colleges, and given to the civic life of the nation some of the leading citizens of our country.

Descendants of such people will develop a great and growing state. Wisely the fathers who made the constitution for Minnesota, made the provision whereby public education always will be encouraged and liberally aided from the revenues derived from state lands. And as they builded well in their day, so will we of the present and our children after us, profit by their example. We are now the makers of the destiny of our state.

In order that Minnesota may grow in strength and increase its population, we must take full advantage of our geographical location, and of the resources that are natural to this state. Our farming population may well be trebled, our factory population may be multiplied many times, for, excepting our flour industry, we have scarcely begun to manufacture the raw material we produce.

There are several reasons for this. First, we of the west do not fully realize the importance of manufacturing. Secondly, the east is thoroughly organized financially to favor the continuation of its factory prestige; the east also is nearer world markets and its fuel supply—coal. But it will not take long until all this will change. The Great Lakes-St. Lawrence seaway will be built, and that means that we then shall be a thousand miles nearer the great markets, for with the flags of all seafaring nations flying in the harbor of Duluth, we will have cheap transportation to the best markets of the world.

With the further extension of federal loan service, the eastern capitalist will lose his stranglehold on power, and finances will be readily available for the west. Much of our water power will be turned into electric power for the running of factories, and with the perfected use of peat as an important fuel, we shall be freed from the domination of the coal operators of the eastern states. It is estimated that we have several billions of tons of peat in our state, and most of this is in northeastern Minnesota. Apparently Providence placed it there for a specific purpose, if we only have sufficient wisdom to use it. Ample and cheap fuel supplies conveniently located in the state, means that the many millions of tons of iron ore that is now being shipped to the east, would be used into manufactured goods in our state. Thus, northeastern Minnesota will become one of the greatest manufacturing districts in the world.

Our state is young. It has the right kind of people to begin with. Our climate is sufficiently rigorous to keep us active and alert. Therefore, with the proper development of our fields, mines, our factories, our manhood and our womanhood, we may well expect that Minnesota always will rank as one of the leading states in our commonwealth.

### CARRYING COAL FROM NEWCASTLE

Wm. Wilkie, who lives within a few rods of the Canadian border, is beginning a work that will probably grow to large proportions before the winter is over. He is hauling hard coal from Emerson to St. Vincent and Humboldt homes. Emerson is said to have a large quantity of hard coal in stock. The dealers here have none. The coal was mined in Pennsylvania and purchased by Canadian dealers last summer. Some people wonder why it is that Canada has American coal and we have none. The answer is probably something about as follows: The Canadian wholesale coal dealer had foresight and business sense enough to order his coal early, probably last spring. The American wholesaler didn't and got no coal.—St. Vincent New Era.

## The Long Distance Telephone

By Christopher G. Hazard

IN THESE days, when wires stretch from pole to pole and wireless messages fill the air like auroras, Santa Claus is not left without hints and suggestions as to the desires of his beneficiaries. They come in from all quarters and tax even the resources of his prodigal spirit. It used to take time and pains to send letters to his headquarters, but now anybody can call him up in a moment or send a wish out into the space that tingles with electricity, that swift and willing servant of joy, full of light, and heat, and power.

So, when Tim had suggested a letter to Santa, Maggie had replied, "Why don't you use the tell-em-phone?" and Nora had said that wireless was better. "Sure, he's too far away for them things," objected Mrs. McCann. "No, not if he has ten thousand miles away," said Mr. McCann. "Mike Hennessey sint worried to his father in Australia, and him as far as that, and look at him now, wid his motion car—that was the answer he got!" "Well, I'll try it, anyway," said the half-converted Tim.

But the line was busy. Moreover, it was likely to be busy for the next two weeks, Central said, which rather discouraged the boy, but at the same time gave him a bright idea: Why not put up his own wireless telephone? Then he could ask for all that he wanted.

The neighbors, and especially the neighbors' boys, were much interested in Tim's experiment as it progressed. The stock of materials was limited, but with friendly help the two wires and the rest of a simple apparatus were contrived and the boys imagined that they heard things as they listened in. They imagined, too, that there was an ear at the other end of everywhere as they were sending out their expressions of desire. Certainly it was well noised about in the neighborhood that McCann's boy was scientifically hopeful for himself and family; even the particulars of his aspirations were understood.

Among others, old man McKeefrey heard the news. McKeefrey was a peculiar old chap. He lived alone in a rather dilapidated house on the edge of the village and had little to do with anybody. Once in a while he would give his views on the one subject that employed his thoughts to an evening company at the corner store, but no one paid much attention to them. His one idea was that charity began at home, and the popular opinion that in McKeefrey's home it stayed there. There was also a general opinion that in McKeefrey's home it was not very much needed. The old man was not much on dress and he seldom went anywhere or seemed to indulge in any of the non-necessities or luxuries of life, but he was supposed to have means enough to outshine the best of them, should he desire to.

It was when he had been descending, to a few listeners who sat about the store stove, upon the folly of sending Christmas things to soldiers that he heard about Tim McCann's hopeful electrical efforts. The old man was at once interested. In earlier years and before his retirement to Apple Center he had known the ambitions that are common enough in the world and had compelled fortune to yield him some of his favors. A dishonest partner and something that went wrong in a love affair had embittered him, however, and caused his misanthropic retirement into his useless obscurity. Reacting against society, he had more and more turned his thoughts inward and inclosed himself in a shell of selfishness. He was the sole inhabitant of his little world and charity was his servant; the only needs he really believed in were his own needs; to their supply and protection his means were consecrated.

But now McKeefrey was strangely interested. Something of old sympathy and youthful feeling stirred in his crusty heart. He was touched by the thought of boyish anticipations and afraid of the disappointments that he foresaw. He remembered that once his own heart had been warm and hopeful, that he had made effort for good and sent out dreams into the future. There came back to him a sense of the bitter and blighting frost that had chilled and deadened him, and there sighed in his soul a faint hope that happiness might visit him again in his effort to bestow it upon others.

It seemed a sweet and desirable thing to him to honor the faith that was causing Tim to reach out into the world for a blessing. So it was that there were signs of strange activity about McKeefrey's house and mysterious arrivals at McCann's house. And when on Christmas morning, the McCanns awoke to the very liberal response that Santa Claus had made to their specifications, Mrs. McCann's pessimism was retired in confusion. "I wouldn't have believed it," she said, "that old McKeefrey could be that changed, the cratur; that he could be a Santy Claws, the omadhaun. It do beat th' divil. It is more wonderful than all your phones and wires. These do be great times we do be livin' in. I niver thought electricity could go that fur."

It was Tim's first step in science, but he went a good deal farther than that. Now he can put you into real communication with all the rest of the world if you like. But he owes it all to that change of heart that came to old Mr. McKeefrey.

As for the old man—he has never been able to get back into his old house and hard shell. Charity has taken him out into a large and happier world!

My biggest asset is the good will of my customers and sincerely value the business given me the past year and shall endeavor to merit your patronage in the future. May your Christmas be Merry and the New Year bigger and better and busier than ever before.

### DECEMBER ACROSTIC

THE following words are arranged in order, one under the other, their initials will spell the name of something relating to Christmas. As a further help, we will say that each word has three letters:

1. A small insect.
2. Word used in speaking of ocean tide.
3. More than one.
4. Word used in asking questions.
5. Adjective meaning not rigid.
6. A small part of the body.
7. Head covering.
8. Verb to be mistaken.
9. Month of the year.—Successful Farming.

amount of fuel used and numerous other grievances all caused from the accumulation of soot in the chimney and boilers.

For the information of those wishing to obtain more heat, lessen the number of fires and conserve on fuel, with increase of production of power, Harry Walker of the Farmers Elevator association gives the following instructions:

"The fire is put into good condition with a substantial body of hot fuel. Common salt, thoroughly dried, is then thrown or sprinkled onto the incandescent bed in a quantity depending entirely on the size of the furnace. In the case of a house heating furnace, one pound at a time is ample; in the case of a large power plant boiler, four or five scoops full may be required. The dampers are kept open so as to maintain the furnace

temperature and the salt is allowed to remain until the fumes have entirely disappeared.

Immediately upon charging the salt the furnace becomes filled with dense fumes which may require as much as half an hour to entirely disappear. If results are not obtained on first application, it should be repeated as many times as necessary.

Once the heating surface is thoroughly cleaned a small application every few days is usually sufficient to keep it so.

Everyone using soft coal is urged to use this remarkable, simple, and cheap process of getting rid of soot, cleaning and heating surfaces of boilers, thus saving a large amount of coal, preventing fires from chimneys, and generally conserving all along the line of heating and the production of power."

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The angel said unto them, Fear not, for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people.

For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord.—Luke 2: 10, 11.

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## Merry Christmas and Happy New Year

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**E. L. TORNELL**

Prosperity, Health and their Blessings.

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