

EDUCATIONAL COLUMN.

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No Place for the Lazy.

No intellectual attainment, no mental discipline, no sparkling genius will avail the teacher in the school room if he lacks energy. There are exceptions, but the average scholar must be pushed. Without this constant stimulus his mind becomes indolent and sluggish. The choicest thought conveyed in faultless rhetoric may be poured over the student's mind, but unless that mind is stimulated to receive, and to seek for truth, no effect will be secured except to weary and disgust. The best stimulant the teacher can use is his own example. If he is a worker, alive with interest, puts points in their strongest light, if he concentrates all his mind to the business in hand, the student will recognize and shape his course to correspond; but if the teacher is careless and indifferent, he must expect the same traits in his pupils. A man can't teach school and sleep at the same time. Brain and muscle must go together. Either without the other is of little importance in the school room or out of it.

The Teacher's Institute.

The fall meeting of this association is but one month hence, and it is not too early to form and develop some plans by which it may prove a success. Are the teachers in the county interested on the subject? Are they preparing questions for discussion? Do they deem the Institute of sufficient importance to make an effort to increase its influence? Such and similar questions should certainly claim the attention of our teachers, for upon their individual work depends the success or failure of the meeting. The executive committee will meet very soon to determine and publish the programme, and we would earnestly invite all teachers to send us questions, subjects, &c., &c., that may aid us in consummating the order of exercises. Direct to us and we will be glad to lay them before the committee. Again we ask all to wake up, and "work while it is day," for by our indifference we may kill the whole thing.

There is a sentiment more prevalent than should be, that those schools are the best which take the pupils at the earliest age, and keep them the greatest number of hours. We need not say that this is a fallacy fatal to the young, who suffer the consequences in premature decay. Some parents imagine that as soon as their boy is large enough to don pants he must go to school, not particularly to learn, but "just to keep him out of mischief." We are not an advocate of sending children to school as soon as they quit crawling. Again, some patrons would have teachers consume all day with their school, or rather, teach "from the rising of the sun till the going down thereof." Let us hear what Sir Walter Scott says in regard to the limit of healthful mental labor: "I can very seldom reach six hours a day, and I reckon that what is written after five or six hours of mental labor is not good for much." So we say, what the scholar learns after six or seven hours of continuous confinement is not good for much. We will speak of this subject again.

We were glad to notice some time back that our School Commissioner, Mr. Connor, was making a tour of inspection through the county. This is right, emphatically so, and we trust he may not terminate his travels till he has visited every school under his charge. We most cordially extend an invitation for him to pay us a visit, and spend a day or two in our school.

An announcement in the last issue of the exercises of our school, St. Matthews' Academy, will open the second Monday (8th) of September, and from present indications we confidently look for a prosperous session. Our people, we are proud to say, are alive to their interests and never flag in the matter of educating their children.

It is said that the French scholar is deplorably ignorant of geography, for this science has not had its proper place in the curriculum of French schools. Strenuous efforts are now making to remedy this defect, and we hope geography will occupy that high position it should in the schools of the country.

Why does a ball fired through a glass not shatter the glass?

Dr. Abel Stephens, the able historian of the Methodist Church, says that it is "ecclesiastical discipline, as a whole, is the most effective known beyond the limits of the Papal Church." And a writer in an exchange says: "They never lack a man for a field nor a field for a man."

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