

# The Colleges or the Children?

## Normal Schools vs. Training Courses as Teacher Producers.

Justice Watson, Chairman of Educational Commission Brings Educational Issues to a Focus.

### VERMONT STUDENTS IN VERMONT COLLEGES.

	Freshmen	Sophomores	Juniors	Seniors	Total
University of Vt.	135	117	68	88	408*
Middlebury College	40	47	29	35	151**
Norwich University	16	18	8	6	48
	191	182	105	129	607

\*15 special.  
\*\*More than one-half women.

The school age in Vermont is between 5 and 18 years. The average number of children of separate ages for any year of school age is about 6,000. From the foregoing figures it will be seen that practically 191 Vermont students enter the three colleges aided by the state, and that in these three colleges there are 129 seniors, who probably will graduate the coming June. Therefore, only about three per cent of the Vermont children in any year of school age enter college and only about two per cent graduate. Hence the state has given during each of the past two years, \$100,000 to aid in the education of 3 per cent of school children and only \$400,000 for the benefit of the remaining 97 per cent of the state. Some of this \$100,000 goes to rival the efforts made for Vermont by the United States.

There are 300 high school teachers in the state and it requires about 40 each year to supply the vacancies and keep this number good. In 1913 not more than 13 Middlebury graduates and not more than 6 University graduates, and in 1914 not more than 9 Middlebury graduates and not more than 11 University graduates, took up teaching in the high schools of Vermont, the other 25 or more beginners in high school work came from other collegiate institutions. Although Vermont needs about 40 new high school teachers annually, Middlebury and the University together are training about 100 seniors for high schools. Therefore, it is plain that we have a surplus of trained teachers for our high schools while we have a great scarcity for our rural schools.

The following table gives the number in each collegiate year in Middlebury college and in the University who are regularly enrolled in the department of pedagogy:

	Sophomores	Juniors	Seniors	Total
Middlebury College	35	47	52	134
University of Vermont	16	36	46	98
	51	83	98	232

This present year there is appropriated to Middlebury \$13,600.00 for teacher training, forestry, and industries, and \$10,400.00 additional for teacher training, making a total of \$24,000. Hence one can readily see what the cost of each one of these high school teachers trained in Middlebury has been to the state and the number it has trained at state expense for other states.

### TEACHER-TRAINING COURSE.

At the present time there are, in the state of Vermont, 1307 teachers in one-room schools, 235 teachers in two-room schools and 163 teachers in three-room schools, making in all 1705 rural schools. To keep the number and in order to reduce the rates of expenditure of teachers good for these 1705 rural schools it will require annually about 325 teachers. The teacher-board, as it is impossible to foresee training courses under proper encouragement, and to provide for them by agreement can readily develop this strict statutory enactment. The number of teachers. The teacher-training whole subject is summed up in the courses this present year will turn out 220. Ten more courses under proper encouragement would supply the need of the rural schools. Each teacher, in said apportionment, to the training course attracts into teaching qualifications of the teachers, the population of 50 high school students who would not have taught if it had not been for these courses. In order to town and the efficiency of the school.

### NORMAL SCHOOLS.

In 1914 Johnson Normal School graduated 48 teachers. Of this number 41 took a one-year course and 7 a two-year course. Castleton graduated 36, of whom 28 took a one-year course and 8 a two-year course. No other New England state recognizes a one-year course in a normal school as a basis for a teacher's certificate. No other New England state has a normal school located where so few children are easily available for demonstration and practice exercises, and no other New England state has so low a standard for admission to and for graduation from normal schools as Vermont.

### PRESENT ENROLLMENT OF NORMAL SCHOOLS.

	Two-year Lower Course		One-year Lower Course	Two-year Higher Course		Total
	Juniors	Seniors		Juniors	Seniors	
Castleton	11	7	34	10	13	75
Johnson	15	12	26	7	7	67
	26	29	60	17	20	142

The one-year lower course is for graduates of high schools and academies and covers the same amount of time as is covered by the Teacher Training courses. The expense per graduate, including those of the one-year lower course, is double the cost of a graduate from a Teacher Training course. While the expense per graduate is high, considering practice facilities, the expense would be much higher if the number of students were decreased to the ratio of the ordinary New England facilities; and, if the number were increased, the efficiency of each graduate would be decreased below what it is now. Only 20 of standard normal training will be graduated this year from the Vermont normal schools.

The question is: Shall Vermont establish a standard normal school with proper facilities, so as to raise the

standard of general education, or shall it continue to graduate students below the accepted standard in training and thus maintain low standards in education, and also shall it continue to send out teachers whose normal school certificates are at a discount in other states? More money for rural schools and a standard normal school, department connected with one of the institutions of higher learning seems essential.

#### Who Pays?

The Auditor of Accounts says that there is an immediate need of \$100,000 for the country schools. To meet this need it will be necessary to curtail some of the excessive appropriations to higher institutions, or to tax the people.

John H. Watson,  
Chairman Educational Commission.

## THE EVENING BANNER BENNINGTON - VERMONT

Thursday, March 11, 1915.

### BENNINGTON BRIEFS

News of the Town and Village Told Briefly for Busy Readers

New spring silk waists at Noveck's, Adv.

10 oranges and 9 bananas for 25c at Estes' Market. Adv.

New Elite shoes also new Walk-Overs for men at Hart's shoe store. Adv.

H. B. Hutchins, who has been confined to the house by illness, is able to be out again.

Special price on 50 cases of fancy tomatoes, peas and corn by the doz. at Estes' Market.

The regular weekly meeting of the W. E. C. will be held in the G. A. R. rooms tomorrow evening.

The Bennington Socialists local will meet Friday evening at the home of Lyman Armstrong of Maple street.

Elmer Lansing, a former resident, who has been visiting friends in town, has returned to his home in Albany.

Ray Dinwiddie has resigned his position at the express office and will leave tomorrow for Nebraska where he will work on his father's farm.

Kenneth, the young son of Mr. and Mrs. George Fleming of East Main street, who underwent an operation for appendicitis at the Samaritan hospital in Troy, Tuesday, is doing as well as could be expected.

Don't forget the Indoor Athletic meet and Sunday school social to be held in the Congregational chapel for the older members of the school, Friday, evening at 7:30. All members and friends come and enter the contests. Help your class win.

Miss Catherine Dinnean of Sheephead Bay, N. Y., Mrs. Sarah McCann of New Britain, Conn., Mr. and Mrs. R. R. Powers and children of Water-villet, Mrs. Mary Purcell, Miss Nora and Richard Purcell of Pittsfield have been called here by the death of John P. Purcell.

The Baptist church will hold its mid week service this evening at 7:30 o'clock. Those attending are requested to bring the March number of "Missions." The thought of the evening will center around the outlook for our world-wide work of evangelism. A large attendance is requested.

There are still a few vacancies in the First Aid to the Injured Class. Any others wishing to make themselves proficient in simple first aid methods should take advantage of this short and practical course offered by the Civic League through the kindness of Dr. Henry Goodall. Registrations may be telephoned to Miss Vossler, 339-Y, before Friday noon.

A large number of the ladies of the W. E. C. spent Wednesday evening with Mrs. Ruth England Smith at her home on Park street extension. 500 was played and refreshments served. It was a pleasure to her to have so many of her old friends with her as her health, which has been so very poor for the past four months, does not improve as fast as her friends would be glad to have it. The favors were awarded to Mrs. George Atwood and Mrs. Seymour Wood.

Mrs. E. C. Hamilton was given a surprise party at her home on Main street Wednesday evening by a number of her friends, the occasion being her birthday anniversary. Cards were played and refreshments served. All come to the card party this evening given by the young ladies of the Sacred Heart parish in the Young Women's club hall. Whist and 500 played. Good prizes and musical programme at 8 o'clock. Admission 10c.

The teams of boys who are to make the canvass on Saturday of this week in the interest of the Y. M. C. A. work will be divided as follows: team No. 1; Junior Moore, Capt. John Holden, Paul Howe, Waldo Holden, Wm. Braisted, Calvin Moore; team No. 2; Fred Cardinal, Martin Noon, Anthony Stoppello, Ivor Pelsue, Robert Levin, Chas. Stein; team No. 3; Donald Fauley, Floyd Walker, Edward Shippey, Leslie Mort, Frank MacLaren, Alexander Litster; team No. 4; Wm. Graves, Lewis Evans, Lyle Hunt, George Graves, Richard Elwell, Robert Hart. Dinner will be served at the association building on Saturday at 12:30 for all the workers in the canvass.

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TO-DAY

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NORTH BENNINGTON

Don't forget the stereopticon entertainment at the Methodist church this evening at 7:30. A small admission fee will be taken at the door

#### POWNAI

Mrs. G. P. Crandall returned Wednesday from a visit with her sister in Hoosick Falls, N. Y.

Mrs. Frank Moon, who has been visiting George Potter in North Pownal, has returned home.

Mrs. Frank E. Lewis has returned from Weehawken, N. J., where she went to see her daughter who is ill. Leon Janks of Cheshire, who was recently appointed census enumerator for that town is well known in Pownal as he was a clerk in the store of A. G. Parker & Son some years ago.

#### HOWE'S MOVING PICTURES

Depict Our Navy from Frigate to Battleship.

Here is a striking illustration of the progress in naval construction. The old ship is the U. S. S. Constellation—a weary Titan of the sea. It is the second ship built by the U. S. Navy. The white oak sides of the historic fighting craft hold lead from encounters with French frigates. She grappled in 1798 with the pirates off Tripoli. She was punctured by British guns in 1812 and also received a severe baptism of fire during the war of the Confederacy.

The illustration in the lower panel is the mighty first-line battleship of our own day—The Wyoming—mounted with twenty-one 5 inch guns and twelve 12 inch guns which can penetrate 11 inches of armor plate at a distance of over 5 miles. The hull and



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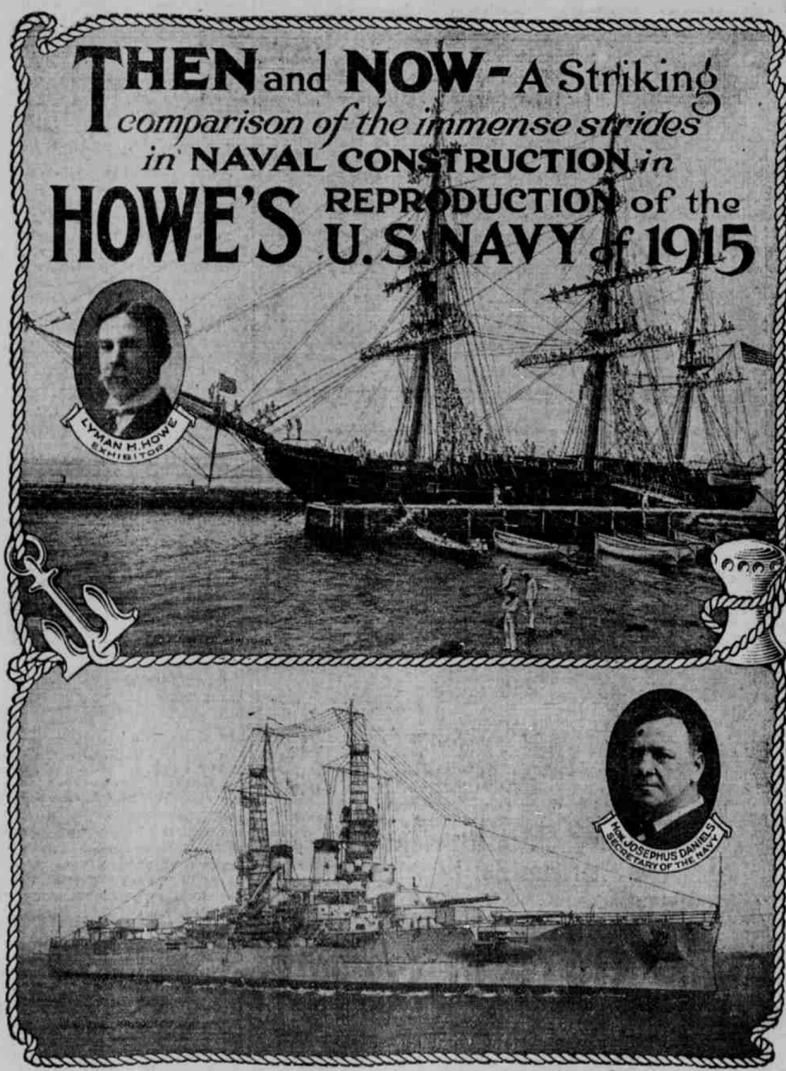
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AND A FEW OTHERS

## CHAS. G. COLE



machinery cost \$8,058,726.14; the armament \$1,828,896.76, or a total of \$9,887,622.90. Each 12 inch gun fires a projectile weighing 870 pounds, requiring 350 pounds of powder and costing \$540 per shot. This means an expenditure of \$6,480 for every broadside fired which carry projectiles weighing a total of 10,340 lbs., or 6 tons over 6 miles and would then penetrate 11 inch armor plate. It is splendidly officered and manned by a crew of over 1,000 men and every detail of life on board will be shown by Lyman H. Howe at the Bennington Opera House on Monday March 15 by authority of Secretary of the Navy, Hon. Josephus Daniels. As a fighting unit she has no equal, excepting her sister ship, the Arkansas, which made civilization take notice when her gunners smashed every existing record for matchless precision and accuracy made with 12 inch guns in a "hit-per-gun per minute" contest. These new sister ships are the superiors, ship to ship, of any fleet that sails under flag.

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