

The Lesson of Labor.

A recent examination of the Eastern Penitentiary of the State of Pennsylvania revealed the fact, as stated by the warden, that of thirteen hundred convicts, only thirteen of them had been mechanics. This is suggestive and illustrates the conservative, healthful and moral influence of the training necessary for the successful prosecution of mechanical pursuits. As stated by the warden, "Of doctors, lawyers and other professional men we get plenty, but mechanics don't get here." It may be safely affirmed that the most conservative, unobtrusive and useful element of any community is composed of those who are engaged in mechanical employment. In the process of learning their mental capacities are developed with uniformity and their time consumed in acquiring a knowledge of a trade, which if industriously pursued, is certain to yield a fair living. They are not driven to the cultivation of their wits to make a living without labor, or to encourage a species of sharp practice by which they may over-reach their neighbor. Their knowledge is generally in demand, and those who get an equivalent for what they pay. Habits of honesty, fair dealing and sobriety are thus cultivated and the mind kept in a healthy and moral character given a robust, healthy growth, which is proof against temptation.

There are no two institutions of learning in the State which promise to do more to give a high and honorable tone to society than the Miller Manual Labor School and Blacksburg Agricultural College. The curriculum combines mental with manual training, preparing the student for usefulness in either department of endeavor, and qualifying him to meet the demands of both or either. A sense of self-reliance is inspired, a conscious independence felt, which stimulates the growth of the nobler traits of manhood and assures the community a useful citizen.

We are reminded, by the train of thought we are indulging, of a notable instance of the result of mechanical training. Almost everybody in Virginia knows of John M. Robinson. He is now President of the Carolina Central Railroad; the Raleigh and Augusta Railroad; the Seaboard and Roanoke Railroad, and the Baltimore Steam Packet Company. When quite a young man his father placed him in a machine shop as a regular apprentice. After learning what he could there he went to Paris and there served for three years in the most extensive and complete of the shops of that great city, and returned to Virginia a master machinist. During the war he was assigned to staff duty as an engineer, and while traveling from Richmond to Danville the usefulness of his knowledge was brought into requisition. The engine of the railroad got out of order. The engineer examined it carefully, but could not discover where the fault was, and the prospect was that the train would remain where it was until another engine was procured. In this emergency Mr. Robinson, who was a passenger, pulled off his coat, crawled under the engine, and turning on his back, carefully examined the intricate machinery of the engine, finally called for a wrench, and after using that, asked for a hammer and cold chisel, after applying that as the necessity of the case required, he came out and told the engineer to prepare to start. Scarcely had the anxious passengers time to get aboard, before the iron horse moved off, as a thing of life, in complete order, and the trip was made without further delay or obstruction. The knowledge Mr. Robinson had acquired in the shops not only served a good purpose in this emergency, but has made him one of the most successful railroad men in the United States. Every enterprise with which he has been associated has been eminently successful. His training has been such as to acquaint him with all the wants of a railroad or steamboat and to give directions, when necessary, to have them supplied. And this would not be the case, but for his early mechanical training, nor if he had simply studied the scientific part of a profession.

What Virginia and the South now most need is technical knowledge—that their young men be educated in the skill of the shops, and become equipped to take hold of the enterprises, with which their future prosperity must be inseparably identified. It is fashionable, we know, with snobs and parvenues, who make up the generality of what are called the "best people" to sneer at mechanical pursuits and the sooty face and horny hands of the practical workers in the shops, but that does not detract from the dignity and usefulness of their occupation, nor compromise their social position with those whose good opinion is worth having. What is called "society" is a canker upon the moral body of community, sapping its vitality and perverting its character—breeding a class of drones and idlers, which only mark a point in the decadence of virtue and the prostitution of the gifts of nature. The masculine energies and capacities of men cannot afford to waste time in noticing the gossips and drawers, the idlers and the ninny. Their work is nobler, their mission higher and the demands of State paramount. The brave hearts and stout arms of the earnest workers must mould the destiny of the Commonwealth—elevate its moral tone, give strength to its institutions, fashion its legislation and build up its waste places.

We want more John M. Robinsons, more fathers like his, who will study the interests of their boys and the State, and place them where they will become useful citizens and essential factors in the great enterprises which

alone can make Virginia what she should be and cause her to advance to her proper place in the sisterhood of States.—Ed.

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The right of workmen to strike for a redress of grievances is generally conceded, but Knights of Labor and other organizations are blamed for forcibly preventing others working unless the demands are granted.

Workmen in reply to this criticism ask, "Of what advantage would a strike be if rats might thus defeat its objects? All reasonable inducements are offered to secure their adhesion, and only force for self-protection—a primal law of life—is finally appealed to. Force underlies all law, and will be the final arbitrator when peaceable means fail. Even the sublime moral motto, "Injury to each is the concern of all," is not violated in saving a rat from evil against his will."

A craft is afraid bearing its crew to a desired haven. Shall they permit rats to sink it? The human instinct is to club them off if they will not come aboard and join the crew.

It is said to be un-American "to prevent others from working when, where, and for whom they please." But what is the American protective policy but an attempt to prevent foreign workmen from so doing? American workmen are endeavoring to regulate their wages and hours of labor conformably to modern civilization. They object to the rat labor of the world underbidding them in our markets. Hence they have stationed a cordon of custom-house police along our frontiers, backed by the army and navy, to prevent such labor—underselling them here.

What nation ever hesitated to hang a traitor? When America struck for liberty she did not hesitate to hang the rat spy Andre, and would have hung Arnold could she have caught him. Tory rats fled for their lives, not being allowed to remain and defeat the patriotic struggle for liberty. A strike is indeed a war measure, a contest of strength and endurance between two vast inco-ordinate forces, labor and capital, and everything is thought fair in the contest. Like all wars it is injurious to both parties and should be avoided by all reasonable means.

The general policy of the strikers is not only thoroughly natural, but also American. It is the will of the majority subject of course, to the fundamental laws of society and human nature, one of whose principles is, "peaceably if we can, but forcibly if we must." All our laws are in a sense "strikes" for what is deemed right, and the rat minority must succumb.

True the strikers' law is not written, but the written laws of society are far less numerous than the unwritten. The latter are more flexible and conform better to circumstances, but are not less imperative.

It is indeed a grand spectacle, the organization of labor against the tyranny of capital, against sixteen or eighteen hours' labor daily for scant subsistence wages; for shorter hours, better pay, and opportunity to enjoy life! Workmen are not essaying the direction of labor. They leave to capitalists economic enterprises, and simply demand equitable consideration. They are entitled to subsistence according to the standard of modern civilization if they produce it. If enterprises will not afford this they should be abandoned.

Capitalistic corporations are combining, it is said, to defeat labor organizations. What! these artificial creations of law conspiring to antagonize their creators? The fall of Lucifer was not more swift and certain than will be that of corporations if they thus conspire. A few lines in the statute book will bind them hand and foot, and if need be cast them into utter darkness. State socialism is the goal to which such conspiracy would force us. Let capital beware and respect manhood more than money.—Texas Siftings.

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