

**TRAINING THE LITTLE ONES.**

I would say a word in behalf of the little ones, the coming men and women; the advancing phalanx which is to leave its impress on time. I would help to place this coming generation one step higher than the last that it may be loosed from the trammels of past ages. That its pathway may be along a broader road, though that road may be but the lengthening, broadening, brightening of a pathway prepared by intellects who fought the good fight and laid down their lives, leaving only progress as their heritage. It is by reaping the benefit of past intelligence that progress in one generation leads to higher progress in each succeeding generation.

Through the mistakes made in the past many a lesson has been learned, and indeed it is through mistakes alone that new lessons are learned. Seeing this, therefore, and seeing a remedy is needed it must be looked for far beneath the surface.

Let us come to the root of the matter: In times gone by the maxim that "children must be seen and not heard" made them utterly, absolutely subservient to the ruling powers with no say in the matter.

Now I suppose some little indignant soul said to him or herself, "When I'm grown up I won't treat my little children that way. I'm going to let them do just as they please."

Just so a new thought is awakened, as a pebble thrown into the water that widens its circles until lost to the eye. So that little one's declaration of independence, its proclamation of freedom, made its impress and parents and teachers have felt its influence and have been roused to study the best methods for guiding this republic of little ones that is in future to formulate the laws of nations.

Children are not reasonable, but reasoning beings and that reasoning faculty should be cultivated from its very first inception. On this subject I speak advisedly.

Now the usual way of punishing children, by whipping, is atrocious; it is barbarous, a relic of ages of ignorance. A child treated so grows up in fear, deep rooted fear that blasts its very life. It cultivates a self-consciousness, a fear of what this one or that one will say or think. It leaves no room for freedom of thought.

Well, their instructors, be they at home or at school, are not really to blame; they are following in the old ruts. Only a few have cut a new road through an untrod jungle and found a path leading up to a brighter, sweeter life.

Make companions of your little ones. Make them feel that father, mother, teacher are all with them in interests. Extend always a guiding and helping hand that the little ones may fearlessly grasp it and they will quickly acknowledge the love prompting the action.

Wherever it is possible to do so give them a reason for your demand for obedience. Where it is not possible tell them when they are older they will understand. Stimulate always to purity of motives and desire for knowledge by placing before their minds the sayings and doings of pure men and women.

Moral and ethical training may be justly termed the higher education of man, for it applies to the development of those qualities which make manhood lovable, heroic, sublime and which gives to life its richest significance, its purest joys.

Saying this is not disparaging intellectual culture. But intellectual culture alone can not give happiness or inculcate virtue. The greatest scholars, the most purely intellectual figures in history have

been far from the happiest men; nor have they been conspicuous for virtue or moral culture.

Never admit for one moment that a child is beyond your control. Every human being has a will, and a mighty engine is that will. It is the silent influence belonging to each individual. No one will deny that the presence of one person will be very irritating, whilst that of another brings peace and rest, and yet another is like a tonic, bracing as a fresh mountain breeze.

Now that influence is what parents and teachers wield ad libitum. If they would only realize it! That wonderful, silent influence; that still, small voice so penetrating it can fill a whole big room so that each little child can feel its influence, which it will most surely, and will slowly but surely acknowledge it. Untiring patience and self-control will make it plainly manifest.

Let them see that in reproving you are only seeking their best interests. Show them to what sad consequences such faults may lead.

It may be very discouraging work with many subjects, but one can never tell how much good soil lies beneath a hard crust into which some little seed may penetrate and take root to bear abundant fruit. So let us never despair.

Never make them afraid to come to you with all their little troubles. It will save many a heartache in after life.

In the home and in the school let each little soul know that it wields a wide influence for good or for evil.

I would plead, too, that each be taught that it is a responsible being. Many and many a life has been wrecked by reason of having grown to maturity without knowing a sense of responsibility.

Join interests with theirs and make them feel that they are assistants in the home and in the school room.

"Busy work" has been found for the school room, so that no child should be allowed to sit idle. When at home let their interests be found in the home, not away from home. Throw some responsibility on each one. This partnership business is productive of great good to both parties.

Let love be our guiding star.  
A. B. C.

**WHAT A WOMAN WANTS TO DO.**

The following has been going the round of the press, and credited to "exchange:"

"Onward, roll onward, oh time in thy flight, and make me a woman that's clear out of sight; give me bloomers, the pants and shirts, and let me get out of these horrible skirts. A whisker-producer invent if you can, give me a head that grows bald like a man; grow a tobacco that won't make me sick and teach me to chew, a la man, very quick. Let me, oh, let me drink whisky and swear, bet on the chickens and back the fleet mare. Stay out at night, hold office and vote, take in the town and a six shooter toat; sit on the buzzard roost if I choose, play base ball and wear spiked shoes. Onward, roll onward, oh time quickly fly; make me a man or help me to die. This world as it is fills me with woe, but if I were a man 'twould be a heaven below."

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"Doctor, you told us a great many grand and beautiful things about Heaven yesterday, but you didn't tell us where it is."

"Ah," said the pastor, "I am glad of the opportunity of doing so this morning. I have just come from the hill top yonder. In that cottage is a member of our church. She is sick in bed with fever. Her two little children are sick in the other bed, and she has not got a bit of coal, or a stick of wood, or flour, or sugar, or any bread."

"Now if you will go down town and buy fifty dollars worth of things, nice provisions, and send them to her, and then go and say, 'My sister, I have brought you these provisions in the name of our Lord and Savior,' ask for a Bible and read the twenty-third Psalm, and then get down on your knees and pray—if you don't see Heaven before you get through, I'll pay the bill."

The next morning he said: "Pastor, I saw Heaven, and I spent fifteen minutes in Heaven as certainly as you are listening."

**THE DUTCHMAN'S LAMENT.**

Here is another item credited to "exchange:"

A Dutchman with more or less philosophy in his make-up addressed his dog thus: "My dog, you have a schnap. You was only a dog and I'm a man, but vish I was you. Effry vay you half the best of it. Ven you vant to go mit der bed in, you shurst turn 'round t'ree time und lay down. Ven I go mit der bed in, I haf to lock up der blace, und vind up der clock und undress mine self, und my vife wakes up und scholds me, und der baby cries und I half to vawk him up und down, then bynby ven I shust get to sleep it's time to get oup again. Ven you get oup you stretch yourself a couple of times und scratch a couple of times und you are up. I haf to dress mine self und light der fire, put on der kettle, scharp some mit mine vife already und den maybe I gets some breakfast. You lay 'round all day und haf plenty fun; I haf to vork hard all day und haf trouble plenty. Ven you die you still haf der best of me. You shust lay still. Ven I die I haf to go to hell yet."

**NON-RESIDENT NOTICE.**

In the chancery court of Benton County, Tennessee.—John A. Blanchard et als. vs. Timothy Blanchard et als.

In this cause it appearing from the statements of complainants' bill, which is sworn to, that the defendants, James Pettyjohn and Artie Pettyjohn, are residents of the Indian Territory and are non-residents of the State of Tennessee. It is therefore ordered by the clerk and master that they enter their appearance herein at the next July rules day of the chancery court to be held for the county of Benton at the court-house in the town of Camden, Tennessee, on the first Monday in July, next, and plead, answer or demur to complainants' bill, or the same will be taken as confessed as to them and set for hearing ex parte.

It is further ordered that a copy of this order be published for four consecutive weeks in THE CAMDEN CHRONICLE, a newspaper published in the town of Camden, Tennessee.  
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