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The Mission of the German-American School.

AN ADDRESS,
Delivered before the German National
Teachers' Association, August 2, 1870, at
Louisville, Ky.

(Continued.)

The true disciplinarian in seeking to attain his object—the normal and harmonious development of the pupil's moral nature—seeks to develop the delicate germs of moral qualities from within outwards. He is well aware of the difficulty of his task; he knows well enough that the same germ may grow into a vice or into a virtue according to the character of the circumstances that influence its development; he knows how shyness may result in modesty or in sneakiness, how fear may grow into prudence or into cowardice and hypocrisy; how that natural "wildness," or exuberance of spirit in children, may become energy of character or cruelty and coarseness; and he directs his whole disciplinary labor, even in the slightest detail, to the management of these germs so as to induce them to grow vigorously in the direction of virtue. And just as far as he succeeds with he has good order; for the good child, as well as the good man, delights in doing his duty, and good order is his normal condition—free and voluntary act, a very different sort of order from that which results from the penitentiary methods of the drill-master, an order based not upon fear and selfishness, but upon natural respect and good will and upon self-respect on the part of the pupil. My time does not permit me to enlarge upon this scanty outline; still I would beg to direct your attention to one or two cases that will illustrate what injury an incompetent teacher may do by misdirected labor, though he may be earnestly and honestly desirous to do good.

One of these is the case of a young teacher who was anxious to incite to her pupils "principles of honor," as she called it. In order to accomplish this, she told the children that she would not watch them nor reprove them during the time of instruction, but would ask each child afterward, whether it had done its duty. You see how plausible this mode of procedure is. It teaches and practices an honest course of one's own conduct and generous admission of one's own faults; and so far, at least, this mode of procedure has its good points. But unfortunately, she went one step further, and that was a fatal step; she punished each child after the confession, and each knew at the time when it confessed that punishment would surely follow. My attention was directed to this by two other teachers who taught one of the classes in which this potentiary of manufacturing principles of honor was going on. They complained that they had observed in the class a growing disposition to dishonesty, lying, and prevarication, and that they were unable to account for it, and to check it, when I was fortunate enough to discover the cause and to check the evil. Another case was that of a teacher who wished to secure correctness and neatness in the written homework of her pupils, and who, for this purpose, stuffed her pockets with little trinkets for the successful children. My attention was directed to this case by the unusual number of quarrels that were brought to the principal's office from the class in which the experiment was in progress, and the prohibition of the trinkets restored friendly feelings among the members of the class. Many of you are undoubtedly aware of the melancholy results of those miserable systems of ranking the pupils by which attention and censure are aimed at, and envy, jealousy, selfishness, and dishonesty attained; or those other equally miserable systems of flogging, scolding, and reviling by which obedience is sought; while obstinacy, cruelty, and rudeness are found and self-control is nipped in the bud.

To reduce the possibility of the occurrence of such blunders is the main object of the normal school; and, while we may admit that pupils of such schools are liable to err, it is nevertheless certain that this cannot happen as frequently to them (moreward and foreward as they are) as to inexperienced school-girls who know nothing of the physical and less than nothing of the mental and moral constitution of a child. It is true that the efforts of the best teachers are frequently counteracted to a great and sometimes to a total extent by the influence of unreasonable parents and relatives, or by association with vicious comrades; but then the school has at least not created nor increased the evils in question. Let us hope that ere long the German-American schools and their noble allies, the normal schools of this country, will succeed in demonstrating the value and necessity of the professional training of the teacher before we intrust to him our greatest treasures, our children, and that their labors will result in the creation of professional schools all over the land, from which an army of true teachers will issue to sweep incompetence and presumption from the sanctuaries they have invaded.

We have now reached the last and most important portion of the mission of the German-American school—the delivery of the school from the thralldom of ignorance and of political and religious sectarianism. Many of you are no doubt inclined to assert that, as far as the last of these (religious sectarianism) is concerned, the American school is certainly freer than the German school, and this may be conceded as far as the so-called German-church-schools of this country and the schools of Germany are concerned. The latter, under the supervision of the State, must take notice of the State religions; the former, the German church-school, is the result of the fervor of American sectarianism in German citizens of this country. But the German-American school is free of every trace of sectarianism. While the American private school, in order to succeed, must always place itself under the patronage of some religious sect; while the American public school, ruled by the Protestant Christian majority, still disregards the remonstrances of Catholics, Jews, and Free-Thinkers in its continuance of the Protestant Bible in the schools, the German-American school appeals equally to all sects, or rather disregards

all religious sects and confines itself exclusively to the legitimate task of the school—the mental and moral development of the child, leaving the sectarian training to the family and the church. It is not on this account an irreligious school (at least, if we include in the term religion those broad principles of morality which all acts combine to rever). It teaches the child the knowledge, love, and practice of virtue, and enables it to think and feel correctly and humanely; but it leaves all articles of faith, all that is based upon tradition and simple belief to the home and the church; it teaches the child to do right for the sake of right and to be virtuous for the sake of happiness in life and leaves the implication of the various doctrines of salvation to the parent and the clergyman. And, allow me to insist, that it follows this course not from disrespect of faith in religion—for I have known many a religious teacher in these schools—not from a wish to avoid the displeasure of certain sects, but from a conviction that it would fail in its duty if it chose another course.

It knows that the knowledge and love of virtue are the best guarantees of a virtuous and happy life—guarantees that cannot be lost while life lasts, and that will profit to their possessor and to those who come within its influence; an inexhaustible source of blessing; while, on the other hand, virtue and morality, based upon faith alone, or trust when faith is lost, and at all times liable to be perverted by fanaticism.

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WHAT would the world be without jokes, was the query that presented itself to our mind, as we read in the dispatch that came to us: That "Boe-bak" was marching upon Berlin. Visions of the eminent fighter, who threw his adversary down on top of himself, and defiantly put his nose between his teeth, rose before us, but failed to become a parallel case to that presented of Bourbaki marching upon Berlin. Where is our young and talented friend Iwanski, who is so good at caricaturing? We beg of him to give the subject a graphic aspect with his ready pencil. Ye Gods! Just think of it—Paris on the verge of famine, and yet the irrepressible sons of fun will have their jokes, even at French expense.

OLD MAN Dickey's building, next to Merritt's, will be quite an ornament to Main street. The handsome large window in the second story, and the spacious entrance to the first floor, set the building off handsomely, and gives it an airy appearance, pleasant to the eye. We saw the old gentleman at work himself yesterday, on the store, and he seemed quite proud of the handsome front, and fine arch work in the building. The public will all agree that it is something to be proud of.

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WE see lots of farmers and planters in town, who are laying in stocks of supplies, and "lives" in agriculture; implements, for use during the next season. The general feeling among the planters is, that they have an opportunity of profiting by the experience of last year's frost, and more corn and sofa will be planted, and less cotton. We command it from the city, and believe the statistics of the season just closed will bear us out in the statement that the profits upon grain and corn have been one half more than those upon cotton. Corn now commands \$1.00 to \$1.05 per bushel, at one hand; this price, is a splendid pay for crop to the farmer. In O. we are compelled at 33 and 35 cents a bushel, and thousands of bushels raised. Texas surely can afford to raise corn while it will readily command from 75 cents to one dollar.

PROSPECTORSHIP, abandoned Tresilian at Baden, leaving him to find another travelling companion.

On the evening of the very day after this desertion, as Guy Tressilian was sauntering through the streets of Baden, he had been assailed by a trio of his own countrymen, all more or less intoxicated. It was apparent that they took him for another, and intended to wreak vengeance upon him. Without allowing him to speak, they forced him to defend himself. Guy was getting the worst of the conflict, when a stranger came running to his assistance, and in a few moments the two had put the ruffians to flight.

This stranger who came so opportunely to Guy's assistance was Jasper Lowder. His resemblance to young Tressilian awakened the latter a romantic interest. He questioned Lowder, learned that he

A PEASANT wedding took place in our city on the 5th. Mr. C. F. Muller, being united in the bonds of matrimony to Miss CLARA PYRON. Mr. Muller occupies a position of trust in the employ of Messrs. Adams, Wickes & Co., while Miss Clara is well known as the fair daughter of the late Col. Pyron, whose name is identified with Texas' best interests. Of course our office was the recipient of the usual compliment of wine and cake, and the health and happiness of the pair was duly drank. Aside from all press formalities we wish the young couple all the joys that wedded life affords; agreeing with Moore that "The pure, open, prosperous love, That plied'd on earth, and seal'd above, Grows in the world's approving eyes, In friendship's smile, and home's caress; Collecting all the heart's sweet ties Into one knot of happiness."

We chance by our friend Merritt yesterday and found him straining his vision to catch sight of the police, to take charge of two rogues, who had repaid his courtesy in showing them through the upstairs of his store, by cabbagging a box of cigars each. One hid a box under his shawl, and another tucked one under his coat. They nearly got away with their plunder, and had not the joke been too good a one to keep serious faces upon, Merritt might have missed a couple of hundred of his "delights for smokers."

Cought in "fragranie de veto," and the police being not directly at hand, the matter was satisfactorily compromised by talk a' round. Merrit thinks the affair's a good joke, the two friends consider it the same, and we are the gainers of a "loca" by the transaction, for which n't the gentleman will please accept our thanks. It was indeed fortunate that Qu'p was not around just then, or we should have find a sensation avide a colic long. In these days, when men's teeth are more plentiful than locals, editors and reporters make the most of everything. We withhold names, promising that the jolts will do the finishing in the line of a treat.

Fireman's Hall, Alamo Fire Association No. 2.

J. NUARY 4th, 1870.

At the last regular meeting held by the Association, the following members were elected as officers to serve for the ensuing year, viz.:

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Amongst other matters, the thanks of the company were tendered to Messrs. F. Gross & Co., for their valuable New Year gift, consisting of fifty special diamonds; also to another of our worthy citizens, who also presented the company with \$25.00, who does not wish to have his name mentioned.

Mr. S. W. McAllister was placed on the roll as an honorary member, for services rendered, and Messrs. Cain, Koenigheim and P. Conrat were adopted as passive members.

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