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Education

Education is a very high accomplishment, and without an education one can't expect anything only hard work.

You hear some say, "I don't care to get an education just so I can read and write, I have sense enough to keep any one from cheating me out of any thing."

There isn't any thing to give away, these days, and if you get an education, you pay dearly for it, a literary education, a business education, a musical education or anything you may undertake, it cost a great deal of time, as well as money and where there is a will, there is a way. Therefore if anyone tries, and says—they will accomplish a thing they are sure to succeed.

What makes so many poor people in the world today? Is it because they have spent all their time trying? No I think not. Most of them never look farther than a day ahead of time, and then there are some, who haven't the patience think when they begin they can accomplish a great deal in just a short time, and when the time has expired they just give up. Have they accomplished anything? No, but where

is their time and money? It is a true saying, "every thing will help." But what person is going to give a young man or lady a high position unless he or she is competent of filling the position. It takes something more than to know how to read and write to be a stenographer, a telegrapher, a school teacher or book keeper, and just take all of these out, and what are you going to do? You might be wealthy and never have to work, but can you enjoy your self going through the world so ignorant you can't be enjoyed by other people.

Let us all fix our minds on something, that we aim to accomplish, and work for just that thing only, and never give up till you have accomplish that aim—
MYRTLE HOPKINS.

What our Library Needs

All schools need librarians, even if they can't get it full of books, "Our library needs more books it helps the school along" We need various kinds of books, such as books on History, books on Physiology, books on Geography and others. We need various other things in our school room, The blackboards need to be fixed they need repainting, we need a political map, and need pictures of the residents.

FLETCHER PATTON.

SCHOOL TALK

Our school term is growing very short whereas it ought to run till June.

Our vacation will be longer than the school term has been, all on account of lack of funds to run our school. The people of Borden county ought to be awake to the conditions, right now, and talk up, work up and vote on a school tax that will support our school at least nine months each year, and not only that, but our people need better school houses and better equipmet.

We need more and better desks; we need maps charts new stoves pure water supply and a good library. Why let Borden county children, attend a second rate school. The school interest should be above every other interest in Borden county at present. When the assessor comes around render your property at what it is worth and give us a 10 months term next year.

The success of the school is in the hands of the tax payer render right, and then pay right. Any school can get the right teacher when it can pay what he is worth.

No school can be built without money and money comes from taxes and taxes come from the proper rendering of property. Therefore render right.

T. R. MAULDIN.

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SMITH RESCUED BY POCAHONTAS

Captian Smith and a band of men were at this time (about 1607 or 08) stolling about over the forests of America hunting for gold when they became hungry and had no food to eat but John Smith was not willing to starve. He leard a force of men into the Indian country to get a supply of corn from the savages. But the Indians refused to sell their grain, so Smith attacked them and put them to flight. He captured their village where he found plenty of corn.

With plenty of corn and wild fowl to supply their present needs, the spirits of the colonist rose and began their old mode of exploring.

Smith now began exploring the Chespeke bay and the rivers which poured into it.

One day he and several companions sailed up the Chickhoning river, looking for the Pacific ocean. They thought America was a narrow strip of land and never dreamed that it was as wide as the ocean which separated them from England.

Smith anchored boat in the river and with an Indian guide went into the woods to shoot

some game for his dinner.

Suddenly he found himself surrounded by Indians, whose dreadful yells were almost enough to make the stout-hearted Smith tremble. He determined to make a brave fight, however, and holding his Indian guide as a shield between he and his enemies, he began backing toward the river where he had left his companions. An arrow struck him lightly then he fired his gun into the crowd, one Indian fell, the rest fled but soon returned fiercer than before. The captian did as before began backing. As he was backing he suddenly slipped up to his waist, into a boggy creek, dragging his guide with him. As he could not get out of the mud, and was growing numb with cold, he was compelled to surrender.

The Indians pulled their captive out of the bog and warmed him by the fire. Then they intended to kill him but Smith was smart enough to present the chief with his pocket compass. This aroused the wonder of the Indians. To increase the wonder of the Indians more Smith wrote a letter to his friends at Jamestown. The poor Indians were now over-come with amazement. "The white can make the dry leaf speak," they said. They were very proud of their prisoner and fed him so bountifully, that the captian said afterwards "their plan of cramming me did sorely grieve me, for I surely thought they were about to fatten me, in order to eat me."

Smith was led in triumph from one village to another until at length he was before the king of all the Indians, of this region, Powhatan by name. Powhatan dressed in a robe of raccoon's

skins and feathers in his hair, was seated on a raised platform in a long arbor-like house. By his order Smith was condemned to die. Tying his hands, they laid the captians head upon a great rock, and a powerful Indian, with uplifted clob, stood ready to beat out his brains.

At this moment Pocahontas, the chief's daughter, a maid of twelve or thirteen years, ran forward and bending over the prisoner, took his head in her arms. Out of love for his daughter the old chief ordered the captian's life to be spared, and directed that he be put to work making bells, beads and toys for little Pocahontas. After several months of captivity King Powhatan told Captain Smith he could return to Jamestown but he must send back two cannons and a grind stone. He gave the Indians, who went back to Jamestown with him the cannons and showed them how to use it but when he fired the cannon the savage took to their heels and upon returning they declared the cannons too heavy to carry and accepted beads and trinkets instead.

Cora and Mollie.

We Should Associate with Good Company.

We should be very careful and particular with whom we associate for our associates will have much influence whether it be for the good or the wrong.

The first step toward the progress of establishing a good reputation, honored and highly respected, is to always associate with good company, next to be with persons of decided virtue that has the power and ability to influence people to live a better

life that they may be promoted to a much higher position than the one they now occupy. The communication of evil will injure and corrupt good manners and character. Now let us all try and avoid communications of evil for ill qualities are catching. The race of humanity requires education and the greater part of that education is obtained through example of our associates."

All men are known by their companions, and if some one was noticed in bad company people would talk about that person and say, he is a bad fellow, and would blame the parents for raising him up in such a way but though a person might be good and get in bad company, he soon gets as bad as his associates so I advise boys and girls to associate with good company, and at home these principals should be taught, little folks should especially be taught to be mannerly kind courteous and treat every one right.

We also should be very particular in what kind of examples we set before children for they are going to pattern after the older ones, they are going to copy all they see done, good or bad. Words cannot express the great importance of a good example, after which the young will pattern, and put in practice the powerful exercise and elements of their nature.

I will state a fact that I know by experience, once there was a boy who I knew a few years ago, whom I thought was a very good christian boy. Now this boy told me of his early childhood days. In conversation with him I found out that he had a good father and mother, but when he grew up to manhood he had departed

from his raisings, and had gotten off in bad company with the most dissolute and degraded characters, which led him on in transgression and sin, this ending in his being sent to the scaffold.

While he was on the gallows he made the following speech of warning to his surrounding friends: "This is a very solemn day with me boys. I hope this will be a warning to you boys as long as you live to never associate with bad company, for bad company is what led me off into sin and ruin."

I will mention an other fact which there is a great lesson to be derived from, and a lesson which should be deeply studied.

Once upon a time there were two boys raised up together which were boys of good talents.

Now these boys had grown up to manhood, and they thinking it was the proper thing they left home and went to another state for the purpose of getting a start in the world.

Now one of these boys employed in laboring on the piers of one of the great railroad bridges on the Mississippi river, where he was associated with bad company where he never had the opportunity to be in society and to be associated with good people of knowledge with the ability to lead people to a higher and a nobler life.

While here in this sinly lonely place at work, an accident occurred in which several men were fatally injured, among these men that were injured was this young man who was fatally injured. He was taken into one of the tents where he and his laboring comrades had been staying, so now when they had lain the suffering man

upon his dying couch, while he was lying on his couch suffering he was told by a physician that he could only live a few hours.

He now requested one of his friends to pray with him realizing that his days in this world were almost spent, he also stated that he was not prepared to die. His friend assured him that he never prayed for anyone not even for himself, he then asked next that a song might be sung, but his friend did not know any song suitable for an occasion of that kind.

He finally asked that a bible might be brought and a few verses read to him before he past out of this world into that bright celestial shore beyond, but sad indeed it was that this man past away without a prayer, without a song or a verse read from the Bible.

His dying request was, "Boys never get away off from home and get in place like I have gotten into, where a prayer, a song, or a verse of scripture cannot be heard for you might be usured in the presence of God unprepared."

PORTER COTTEN.

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on the dollar in the form of better equipped citizens for the future. Good deeds always come back to a man Besides your capital is always there and draws interest without manipulation. Give us some books

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Gail, Texas**

THE NEEDS OF OUR SCHOOL.

Just think! our school will be out in five weeks, there will be six months vacation. I don't intend to be out that long as I will go to school at the Sealy school house but most of the pupils will be out of school till September. If we had had more money our term would have been longer. Gail should have a nine months school every year.

We need a political map, new black boards, and a war map. If we had one our history would be much more interesting, we could see just where each army was stationed, we would learn more about a war in one lesson than we do in five as it is.

We have been studying about Washington, Irving William, Allen Bryant, Henry Wadsworth, Longfellow and many other great authors and their works. How nice it would be to have some of their works in our library, and when we go to get some more books we intend to get them.

We have works of Edgar Allen Poe, which are fine, also Milton's poems, and we hope to some time have the works of the other great poets.

I think when any one reads they should read something that would do them some good, I am not saying that I haven't read books that were not good for I have read several novels, but wouldn't encourage novel read-

ing. I have seen some novels that I thought were good, and was no harm in reading them.

Gail school will come to the front some time, and I will be glad when it does.

We appreciate what the people have done for the school. A school can be nothing if it hasn't the people to back it, and I think Gail has that, but we need a stronger financial fund than ever before.

ALMA SEALY.

PUPILS PAGE

Guess Eunice thought she had been real good Friday, as she gave in two hundreds on deportment.

Porter Cotten was absent from school Friday morning.

We wish to correct a mistake in the last issue of the school Journal. It read that we had been loving one another on Thursday last, it should have read that we were loving one another all the time.

Zettie C. and Josie D.

There are some in school that write enough letters to supply the United States in stamps. We think it would be better for them not to use so many stamps as their fathers may fail in his farming next year or they might break the Government up.

I wonder what was the matter with Sam Burk last Friday, for when he was visiting his grandmother he read one sentence and

parsed another. I suppose he was thinking of some one.

Miss Alma Dickenson was absent from school Thursday morning.

Judge Yellott and Mr. Taylor visited the school Tuesday.

Miss Bee Burnett was absent from school Thursday.

The school turned out for the funeral Wednesday.

Miss Mable Baker, a former student of our school, has returned to Gail and on last Tuesday started to school.

Miss Ora Smoot was absent from school Friday.

Eula Holler was absent from school a day or two this week.

Ruby Burnett was absent from school Thursday.

Cora Berry was absent from school Monday evening.

Eunice Nisbett was absent from school Monday morning.

Frank Berry returned to school Monday eve after the absence of one week.

Ethel Morrow was absent from school the last part of this week.

Mollie Hopkins was absent from school Wednesday.

Pearl Johnson was absent from school this week.

Misses Alma and Josie DeShazo were absent from school Tuesday.

Oscar Spears was absent from school Wednesday evening.

Zettie Cathey was absent from school Tuesday morning.