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TECHNICAL EDUCATION AND MANUAL TRAINING.

In the November number of the Canadian Magazine, which from time to time publishes the most terse and timely articles on educational matters, appears a paper on "Technical Education," by Bernard McEvoy, which seems to so touch the core of the problem that it should be read and re-read by every progressive educator. Commenting on this the Canadian Teacher says that technical and industrial education must become. Canada will never rest satisfied with the purely literary work which our schools are now doing. Canada's sons must be prepared for Canadian life; and so sure as Canada's broad acres, teeming waters, rich mines and unbroken forests called for the skilled farmer, the intelligent fisher, the scientific miner and the wise lumberman, just so surely must our schools and colleges provide a course of study which will enable our students to become adepts in the industrial and technical arts. The eyes of all are turned to manual training as the probable gateway through which this reform in our educational system may enter. Mr. McEvoy says:

"Some few years ago I was under the impression that to introduce manual training into our schools would tend to turn the ordinary subjects out of doors. But a study of the educational work that has been done on this line in France, Germany, Russia and the United States, has convinced me that I was wrong, and that a judicious combination of theory and practice may be helpfully and wisely instituted. There is no doubt that school manual training would prepare the scholar in an admirable manner for those industries to which they are to give their lives."

It is very pleasing to note that broad-minded men like Mr. McEvoy, who are not teachers, are beginning to see the need of manual training to broaden the school programme, to give the race greater skill, and to lead men to love work. But it is to be hoped that no one will think such utilitarian views of the question led educators to advocate the introduction of manual training into the schools. The educator has much stronger reasons for his advocacy, reasons which are educational, not economic nor utilitarian. He values the change wrought in the selfhood of the child more than the product of its work or the improvement of its manual skill.

The intellectual and moral advantages of manual training are its strongest recommendation. Its most important products are the invisible, not the visible. Brain making and brain co-ordination are the direct result of manual training. James L. Hughes in that most important book, Froebel's Educational Laws for All Teachers, says:

"Every educational process that either communicates knowledge directly to the child or trains the child to acquire knowledge for itself, and stops there, develops the sensor or receiving power only. It matters little, so far as complete brain development is concerned, whether the knowledge is communicated by words or through real things, whether it is received from the teacher readymade or gathered by the pupil himself. If school education stops at receptivity and reflector, at the acquisition of knowledge and the development of the knowledge-gathering and the reasoning powers, the motor brain remains undeveloped, and the co-ordination of the sensor and the motor neurological systems remain practically uninfluenced by school education.

Such, then, is the real ground for the introduction of manual training into an already overcrowded school curriculum, viz., the evolution of a perfect manhood. The firm hold which the manual training idea has taken on the public mind is voiced by Mr. McEvoy in the following sentence:

"I have no doubt that in a few years a properly appointed workshop will be an adjunct of most public schools.

The valuable paper is closed by the following paragraph:

"In conclusion it may be said that technical education is certainly one of the means whereby our great resources may be utilized for the common good. It is a means that has been successfully used in other countries, and where it has been tried it has never failed to improve trade and to elevate the operative class. It will be as successful in Canada as elsewhere if it is handled in an intelligent and public-spirited manner."

Mail and Empire: We could man several more contingents with eligible fellows who are disappointed in not getting upon either of the two we have equipped.

Hixon—But the law can never make a man honest.
Dixon—No, but it can make him awfully uncomfortable when he is dishonest.

NOTES AND COMMENTS.

—It is remarked by the Gazette that the strictness of the war censorship is not likely to be decreased by the arrival of Lord Kitchener in South Africa. In the Soudan campaign he kept the correspondents under lock and key, and did not allow them to say one word until all was over. When operations were pending, they were not allowed to go to the front at all. In consequence there is no one the correspondents like less, and the feeling is reciprocated by the General. However, if he does his work in South Africa as well as he did it in the Soudan, not even the newspaper men will grumble.

—Le Journal the French Conservative organ of Montreal, publishes a short article denouncing the seditious article recently published in the Semaine Religieuse. By the way, Archbishop Beign and Bruchesi have both condemned the article regarding which La Presse said: "To say that the French-Canadians are oppressed by England, is a falsehood without name, for if there are free people in this world, these people are the French people of Quebec." Even Tarte's La Patrie has at length become alarmed at this result of its incendiary work and leading, and tries to hedge and deprecates the anti-British character of the article.

—A spirited debate took place in the United States Senate a few days ago on the Philippine question,—the basis for speech making being a resolution of enquiry offered by Mr. Pettigrew (S. D.) to which substitutes were proposed. Mr. Pettigrew attacked the administration's policy in the Philippines and also made some startling charges against those who were supporting the administration. He declared that a systematic effort was being made to prevent accurate information from reaching the people of the United States and that it was a political scheme to further the candidacy of Mr. McKinley for re-nomination and re-election.

—The United States has 56,000 men fighting in the Philippines, and when one district is conquered, and the troops proceed to operate elsewhere, the conquered district becomes unconquered at once.

It is a serious war, though we hear only occasionally of its details.

Here is a table which gives the losses in the Philippines since August 8th, 1898:

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Grand total.....	3,242



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OBITUARY.

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Only 14 months ago she was a gay and happy bride, receiving the congratulations of her many friends who today are called to mourn the loss of a noble christian woman whose short life was spent in doing good. Her funeral took place on Wednesday morning to Freetown, and was largely attended. There were over sixty sleighs, headed by her kind and respected pastor of her native parish, Rev. J. E. McDonald, who, notwithstanding the long drive and cold morning, was on hand to gaze for the last time on earth on a face he admired in life, and honored in death for her many excellent traits of character.

A Solemn Mass of Requiem was offered up for the happy repose of her soul by her brother, Rev. D. P. McGuigan. There were also present to assist at the service Rev. Mgr. Gillis, Rev. J. E. McDonald and Rev. J. J. McDonald, Kinkora, who, at the close of the Mass, delivered an excellent discourse, dwelling on the many good qualities of the deceased, and exhorting her friends and the congregation to offer up prayers for the happy repose of her soul.

The pall-bearers were James McAleer, Patrick Murphy, Louis Hasalm, Dr. James Johnston, William Power and Terence Goodwin. She leaves an infant daughter, a kind husband, an aged father, five sisters and four brothers to mourn the loss of a devoted wife, an obedient daughter and a kind and thoughtful sister.

At Campbell's Cove, on the 9th inst., Sarah Catherine McCormack, beloved wife of John J. Campbell departed this life in the 29th year of her age, after a long and weary illness.

Up to the time of her last illness the deceased had been of strong and vigorous constitution and many years of conjugal and domestic felicity seemed to be in store for her. But the shades of death hovered around invisible, and in accordance with the inscrutable decree her temporal happiness was destined to be of short duration, exchanged, let us hope, for an eternity of happiness in the other life.

Industrious in her habits, of modest and retiring disposition, kind heart and cheerful in mind, this amiable person won the love and esteem of a large circle of friends who sincerely grieve over her premature demise.

Much sympathy is felt for the bereaved husband, the happiness of whose home is thus so early blasted, as well as for the two little ones so early deprived of a mother's tender love and care. May she rest in peace.

(Other papers please copy.)

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