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## THE DAILY EXAMINER.

NOVEMBER 26, 1897.

### HOME LESSONS.

THERE has been a good deal of discussion, private as well as public, over the requirement of the Charlottetown School Board that a record be made of the time spent by each scholar of the public schools in the preparation of home lessons. The limit of the requirement is, we are informed, only one week. This being so, the experiment cannot work much harm; and it may not work much good. The reasons which influenced the School Board to it seem to be these: Complaints had been made that certain pupils were given hard lessons which necessitated several hours study each evening; other complaints had been made that certain pupils were not given anything to do at home; and there were still others to the effect that certain teachers with "fads" for certain branches of study were compelling their pupils to learn long lessons in these to the exclusion of other branches;—and the Home Lesson Record was adopted as a means by which the School Board and the Principals of the schools might gain information concerning the truth of these complaints and what is really being done as to home lessons.

The subject of "home lessons" is certainly one to which attention may well be given. There is nothing in the teachers work which calls for the exercise of more discrimination. The pupils are of many and various degrees of ability. Some children are dull and some are bright. Some are weak and some are strong. Some have done as much as they ought to do in the course of a day when they have worked for five hours in the schools. Others perhaps, have strength and vitality sufficient to enable them to study at home for an additional hour or two without risk of injury to either mind or body. Therefore, to give to all the pupils of any one teacher the same home lesson, and that a heavy one, is folly bordering upon criminality. If the "home lesson" is necessarily to be studied by all the pupils, it should be an exceedingly light one no matter how far advanced the pupils may be. We can never know how many young lives have been cut short or how many minds have had the early brightness taken out of them as a result of too much study in and out of school. It has been remarked that certain bright boys and girls have grown to be dull men and women. This is not natural; and we can only account for the unexpected result by the fact that discrimination was not shown in the direction and limitation of their studies at school and college. There may be a good many "little Josephs" in our schools. But there are also many more who are ambitious, industrious and conscientious; and to impose on these latter home lessons which necessitate three, or two, or even one hour's hard study is irrational. As a general rule the time for home study ought not to exceed one hour. This is a matter about which teachers ought to exercise a wise discretion, and not allow themselves to be influenced by the representations of foolish and ignorant parents anxious to see their children ahead at the examinations. It is, also, a matter about which the School Board will do well to place a reasonable check upon such principals of our schools as are desirous of having their pupil's names at or near the head of the list of candidates for admission to Prince of Wales College and Normal School. Success at examinations ought not to be purchased at the expense of life and health.

—Sir Louis Davies is praised by some of the Washington correspondents as "a sagacious and astute diplomatist." Uncle Sam long ago learned the practical value of "soft sawder."

### NOTES AND COMMENTS.

—Another profitable industry is opening up for Canada. It is said that a company at Bath, Ont., engaged in the evaporating business, has discovered a new process of evaporating potatoes and onions and can reduce goods into one tenth the space they originally filled. It is already preparing for the Yukon market. At present nearly all such preparations used by the imperial government for the Royal navy and the army, amounting in value to hundreds of thousands of pounds sterling, are obtained in France, Germany and Holland. A careful attention should be given to this trade in Canada. It is capable of enormous development.

—England is teeming with loving reminiscences of "Jolly Mary" and tributes to the late Duchess of Teck. She was the most popular member of Queen Victoria's family. The "Princess of the Poor," as she was called, was noted for her independent spirit and wit. In her younger days she set her heart upon being a hospital nurse. She argued and discussed, entreated and protested, but her cousin, the Queen, would not hear of such a thing, and so plump and pretty Mary married and settled down. She said always when telling the story: "I shed bucketfuls of tears, but it was all for the best." The Duchess of Teck was homely and genial in manner, and had the rare gift of giving pleasure by a word and a look to every one who met her.

—The Oxford Magazine publishes some interesting figures to show that the old universities are holding their own in supplying successful candidates for the various civil-service examinations. Out of one hundred successful competitors for home, Indian and colonial posts, no fewer than eighty-six are Oxford or Cambridge men. Oxford is far ahead with fifty-seven, the Light Blues scoring twenty-nine places. The second notable point proved by the statistics is the diminished influence of the "crammers," who "seem to be settling down more and more into the position of supplements rather than of substitutes for a university training." Only two candidates out of the hundred remained for three or four years with the special trainer.

—A writer for the Empire of London says: Mr Chamberlain is a great smoker, and he does some of his best work over his pipe. This reminds me of a funny little incident that happened some years ago. I was lunching with Mr. Chamberlain at Princes Gardens, and, after lunch, he expressed a wish to have his thoughts read. Before I began the experiment I asked him to lay down the pipe he was smoking—as I invariably find that in such experiments smoking is apt to distract the subject's attention. He did so, and I commenced, but to my great astonishment, I did not find that intense concentration of thought I, from my knowledge of Mr. Chamberlain, had been led to expect. I mentioned this to him. "It's all through the pipe," he said, with a pathetic look at his favorite brier smoking, on the mantel-shelf. "I don't think I can concentrate my thoughts—so soon after lunch—without it. Let me smoke and you will, I think, get all the concentration you want." I let him smoke, and I at once found him to be an admirable subject.

### ESTEEMED EXCHANGES

Moncton Times: Grit government has not made The Times rich, but we are not kicking half as hard as some of our brothers who are in clover.

Montreal Gazette: Sir Wilfrid Laurier has sunned himself right into the affections of the U. S. press. Uncle Sam just dotes on a man who comes to give him something.

The Montreal Gazette remarks that "the history of the dairy industry in Prince Edward Island is a capital instance of what may be done by Government help in developing private enterprise. The P. E. I. farmers are now running their own business and are doing well. It is the same of success in Government aid when those aided are able to get on without it."

St. John Sun: The Canadian Pacific carries freight to St. John for the same rate as the Grand Trunk has to Portland, though the distance is 189 miles greater. Mr. Blair undertakes to carry freight for the same rate as the Canadian Pacific, though his road is 260 miles longer than the other. And now Halifax, which is another hundred miles further, wants the same rate as St. John. It comes in the end to a competition of a 840 mile route with one of 299 miles.

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### SUMMERSIDE NOTES.

The bkite Bonita, Phillips master, cleared from this port on the 24th inst., with a cargo of 34,000 bushels oats, \$10,200, for Bristol, England. She was loaded by the Hon. Wm. Richards.

The bkite Cosmo, Malgraft master will clear for the same destination in a day or two. She is also being loaded by the Hon. Wm. Richards.

Summerside has just now two dancing assemblies in full blast, one conducted by Mr. J. E. Delaney in Ludlow Hall, and the other by Miss McDonald, is held in Mrs. Crabbe's building on Water Street. Both are fairly well attended.

### HARPER'S MAGAZINE.

The leading features of the Christmas Harper's are "The Wooing of Malkatoon," a narrative poem by General Lew Wallace, illustrated by F. V. Du Mond; "The Queen's Jubilee," by Richard Harding Davis, illustrated by R. Caton Woodville; "Destiny at Drybone," a story by Owen Wister, illustrated by Frederic Remington; "An Act of Charity," by Charles Dudley Warner; "George William Cooke, illustrated; "A Bird's Egg," by Ernest Ingersoll, illustrated by fac-similes in color of the eggs of the most familiar American birds; and "Puppets, Ancient and Modern," by F. J. Ziegler, illustrated. Altogether Harper's Magazine for December is fully up to its very high standard.

THE MISSIONARY WOX.—According to the story told by an exchange Rev. R. M. Dickey, the Presbyterian missionary to the Klondike, is a heroic fellow. He bought a piece of ground for \$100 for a church site. The title to the possession of land in the place is only the right of a squatter, and it is an understood thing that a man is the owner of a lot if his bed is upon it. Some rascals planned to jump his claim and set off to bring their beds before the erection of the church. The minister, hearing of the scheme, made all haste, hauled a couple of logs to the spot and set a collection plate upon them. When the claim jumpers appeared upon the scene Mr. Dickey and several of his friends calmly awaited and defied them.

—As Mr. McVane has put his name to his letter, we give it publication; but we think that enough has been said about Archbishop Cleary's extraordinary mandate.

One of our seven first prizes taken at the Provincial Exhibition, was for the Sovereign Flavoring Extracts. They win on their merits.

Hon. Mr. Mulock, Postmaster General, may not be able to make Canada rich by the issue of jubilee stamps and other progressive measures. But he has a fair chance to be at the head of the richest family in the Dominion. He is said to be a millionaire and his wife another. Now by the will of Mrs. Cawthra Murray, the son of the postmaster general falls heir to the bulk of her estate said to be worth five millions.

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### A THANKSGIVING FABLE.

Thanksgiving morn  
Had just been born,  
While through the barnyard straying  
A gobble proud,  
With gobble loud,  
Was to his yardmates saying:

"I am the peer  
Of a chanticler—  
You can bank upon my word  
That screeching thing  
Is no longer king,  
For I'm the 'only' bird."

With conscious pride  
And stately stride  
His gobble strode along,  
With well poised head  
And measured tread,  
Gobbling a Turkish song.

Said the bantam cock  
To the Plymouth Rock:  
"Get on to his gobble's hobble!  
Excuse my mirth,  
But you'd think the earth  
Were his to hear him gobble."

Said the Leghorn bold,  
As he scratched the mold,  
"Well, I admire his gail,  
But o'erlook his ways,  
For the old saw says,  
'Pride goeth before a fall.'

There's Master Max  
With a glittering ax.  
He must be going to work,  
Well, dash my spurs!  
Great chestnut bars!  
He's quillined the turk!

"What did he say?  
'Thanksgiving day  
Will be dead enough in a minute'—  
To say the least  
A glorious feast,  
And he'll be strictly in it."

### MORAL.

Don't get too loud,  
Don't be too proud,  
Repress undue elation.  
Don't think by birth  
You're heir to earth  
And guard against inflation.

Don't grow verbose  
O'er neighbor's woes,  
When you have what he lacks.  
Misfortune's snare  
May catch you where  
The gobble got the ax.

Cincinnati Tribune.

### THINGS TO MAKE A NOTE OF.

C. O. F.—Meeting of Court Charlottetown, No. 576, tonight at 8 o'clock.

We remind our readers of Mr. Justice Hodgson's lecture upon Joan of Arc in St. Peter's Hall next Tuesday.

Judge Hodgson's lecture next Tuesday in St. Peter's Hall will undoubtedly be an intellectual treat.

W. C. T. U.—A public meeting under the auspices of the W. C. T. U. will be held in the Schoolroom of the First Methodist Church on Tuesday Nov. 30. Particulars later.

The Queen who is in excellent health, has invited a succession of "Dine and sleep" parties to Windsor. The store-keepers of London are up in arms over the visit of the Prince of Wales, their best customer; to a large departmental store, where he made many purchases.

## NOTICE.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an application will be made to the Parliament of Canada at its next session upon behalf of The Manufacturer's Guarantee and Accident Insurance Company, for an Act to change the name of the said Company to "The Guarantee and Accident Insurance Company of Canada," or such other name as the Parliament of Canada will permit, and the Directors may approve of, and to ratify and confirm the By-law passed by the said Company providing for the issue of Preference Shares in the said Company.

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