

Training for Character.

At present there is perhaps no subject more frequently discussed in pedagogical circles than the formation of character.

The net result is that discussion has far outrun achievement, chiefly because the principles laid down are only too often vague and impracticable.

What part is the teacher to play in forming a pupil's character? In general, he must both inculcate principles and foster the formation of habits.

Those for whom these lines are written are thrown in contact with boys of many different extractions.

The boys of the second class are mentally slow, but persistent and thorough. They set their teeth firm and reach the goal in triumph, late it may be, but well for all that.

The boys of the last class are quick in speculation, but inept in practical affairs, save perhaps in diplomacy.

But a teacher's view of the difficulties which will be encountered would be incomplete without some very definite notions of the influences which play upon boys in America.

On the other hand, with proper care pupils will leave our halls lofty of mind, strong of will, sound of judgment, poised in all things—men who will sing under lowering clouds, and whistle in the teeth of a biting wind.

Who dares do more, is none—will mean more for them than for Macbeth himself.—K. H. Tierney, S. J., in America.

One of the most famous glaciers of Switzerland, that of Salévez, is being blown up and sold to residents of distant towns since the opening of the great St. Bernard railroad has provided a means for its distribution at a profit.

All this has a most deleterious effect upon our boys. It tinsel baseness and glorifies infamy. And tinsel and sham glory dazzle and pervert youth.

As soon as the boy is committed to the teacher's care his training should be inaugurated. No moment should

be lost. Late conversions are apt to be few and far between, and though they are a blessing in comparison with a former condition, yet they are seldom as satisfactory as a slow, steady growth in goodness from childhood to old age.

And how often are we not called upon to say of many of our pupils that they are not stanch in battle, nor well-knit of soul?

Nor will it suffice simply to uproot vices. The garden is not made beautiful by a mere process of weeding, but barren and ready perchance for a new crop of more loathsome weeds.

One by one, slowly and patiently, attractive ideals must be held up before the pupils. There must be no confusion, no bustle, no magisterial tones, but peace and calmness and simplicity.

But even after stern preparation we gird our loins and swing the battle-axe with clumsy reluctance. Without training from youth men will do neither in any way. Failure, doom, and the like.

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Daring Feats of War Correspondents.

The splendid tribute which Field Marshal Sir Evelyn Wood paid to the late Melton Prior, when he unveiled a memorial to the famous artist-correspondent of the Illustrated London News in the crypt of St. Paul's Cathedral, was in no sense exaggerated.

Altogether Prior went through thirteen campaigns, dating from the Ashanti war in 1874 to the Russo-Japanese fight in 1903. He was present during the Serbian and Turko-Russian campaign of 1876. He witnessed the destruction of Baker Pasha's troops at El Teb in 1884, and was with Wolseley's relief expedition which went up the Nile in the same year.

Neither must one forget the work in later years of another of the brilliant band of Illustrated London News war artists—Frederick Villiers—who, at the present time, is with the Bulgarian forces as representative of that paper.

It is an interesting fact that the first correspondent sent out by a newspaper in Great Britain to describe the war was Henry Crabb Robinson, the famous English writer, who died forty-five years ago, and who, during 1807-9, witnessed and described for The London Times the battle in Spain against Napoleon.

Perhaps the greatest war correspondent who ever lived was Sir William Howard Russell, who went through the Crimea, and whose letters describing the bad management of the war officials led to the downfall of a Ministry.

Not only, however, was Russell a wonderful war correspondent, his accounts, for instance, of the battle of Sedan, the Zulu war, and the Egyptian war of 1882 being marvels of descriptive writing, but he was also a splendid peace correspondent, and during his career was responsible for much of the international news and revelations which appeared in the columns of The Times.

Russell was an intimate friend of the late King Edward, who called him "Billy." When he was invested with his knighthood in 1903, the King said to him, "You must not trouble to kneel Billy—stop!" and he gave him his right hand to shake.

It is a fact not generally known that Mr. Le Sage, the managing editor of The Daily Telegraph, proved himself, during the Franco-Prussian war, a very enterprising war correspondent. He went through all the stirring incidents of the siege of Paris, and tells the story of how one day news of the signing of an armistice by the belligerent forces was handed to him by an eminent authority, whose name is known to almost every person in Europe.

Realizing its value, the correspondent hurried with all speed to the Garde

du Nord, and set himself to work to charter a special train from Paris to Calais. Here he found that he had been forestalled by the special correspondent of The Times, who had utilized the only train available.

But The Daily Telegraph has never had a more wonderful correspondent than Bennet Burleigh, the veteran campaigner who is now at the front.

One of Mr. Burleigh's best "scoops" was his interview with Joubert on the eve of the last South African war. The slow troop train by which he was travelling was overtaken by a special, on which Joubert and his staff were going to the front.

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Our London Letter.

LONDON, April 4th, 1913.

A RITUALISTIC MOURNING PAGEANT.

A remarkable demonstration of Ritualism took place in the Capital this week on the occasion of the funeral of a famous Anglican Clergyman, Father Stanton. This gentleman had been in his day a great preacher and a pious personality.

CATHOLICS IN COUNCIL.

The Catholic week has been one of reckoning up, so far as we are concerned. The presence of so many of the Bishops in London for the usual Low Week Conference has brought forward many societies and institutions anxious to secure the presence of one or other of their Lordships at its annual meeting.

Palace, His Lordship was accorded a magnificent reception from the numerous Catholics of the East end who are noted for their enthusiasm as much as for their poverty.

GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY—THE CHILDREN'S DAY.

Next Sunday a very charming sight will be witnessed at Westminster and Southwark Cathedrals. On Good Shepherd Sunday the Cardinal and the Bishop of Southwark each receive in their Metropolitan Churches the offerings collected during the year by the children for the Crusade of Rescue.

CHURCHES IN DANGER FROM SUPFRAGETTES.

The latest form of outrage practised by the Supfragettes, that of setting fire to Churches, is causing some anxiety to Catholics since our Churches form a very easy prey to such designs.

CONSECRATION OF THE BISHOP OF ELPHIN.

There was a great gathering of priests and people in Sligo Cathedral on Sunday last when the new Bishop of Elphin was solemnly consecrated by the Archbishop of Tuam.

THE GOVERNMENT, THE PROTESTANTS AND MALTA.

The Protestant atmosphere is seething with excitement regarding the commission of a naval vessel to carry the Papal Legate from Syracuse to Malta.

A POPULAR BISHOP.

The Jubilee Fund for Bishop Amigo, designed to free the Diocese from debt, has received a filip this week by the addition of donations amounting to some £7000.

£1000, and four well-known Catholics, Lady Mary Howard, Mr. James Hope, M. P., Mr. Tooks and Miss G. Coates, have each donated £500 apiece.

Pontifical Honors.

Readers of THE CASKET who have gone through and are acquainted with Laval University at Quebec, will no doubt rejoice at the news that the present Rector and Superior, Rev. Amédée Gosselin, has been made Apostolic Prothonotary by His Holiness Pius X.

Although a young man, Mgr. Gosselin has had a great career in the teaching profession. Professor of Belles Lettres, of Rhetoric, of History of Canada, then Prefect of Studies at the University, he succeeded Mgr. Mathieu in 1909 as Rector, to which position he was reappointed last year.

That Fenian Raid Bounty.

Mr. Editor: Much excitement and, I fear, unfounded hope has been caused by articles on this question recently appearing in your columns.

The bill, introduced by the Hon. Minister of Militia, at the session of Parliament a year ago, is clear did not and does not contemplate such an object as to extend a measure of reward to those still surviving in Canada, who took up arms or entered into active drill, preparatory to resisting an anticipated Fenian invasion of Canada.

It issued a proclamation calling for volunteers for these special purposes in March 1866. Did any respond from Antigonish County? That is the question.

In that case, a public record would necessarily be kept of it and such record should be available now at Halifax. Let our representatives search the records, and settle the matter.

The Nova Scotia Military Drill, always in the Autumn, obtained before a Fenian invasion was ever spoken of, and attendance therat was wholly without recompense.

My own very strong impression is, that not one volunteer from this County, and few if any from Nova Scotia, responded to that proclamation. If so, the records should show it, nor can I see why such important records would be "destroyed" no more than the one quoted by Mr. W. Chisholm, M. P., in your last issue.

Owing to the "Union of the Colonies" at that time being a burning question, and the strong feeling of "Anti-Confederacy" in the people of the Province were in no mood to take kindly to any such call as embodied in the "Proclamation" in question.

I venture to say that not one of those who have already made applications, or who are about making them, can truthfully say that they ever heard of such a "proclamation," much less responded to it.

An Interesting Sketch of a Nova Scotia Highland Family. The piece of history here given has local as well as Highland colour, and must prove interesting to our older readers, who take pride in their words and prowess and patriotism of their ancestors.

was a poet of more than ordinary sweetness and energy, and such of his songs as have been published are read and sung wherever the Gaelic language is spoken. He studied music with the celebrated McKay of Skye, whose son Angus, was afterwards piper to her Majesty the late Queen Victoria.

Shortly before leaving the Highlands of Scotland, John McGillivray married Margaret McInn. She was the McDonalds of Glen Coe. It would seem that her people, like the McDonalds of the Strand, were of a military disposition, as sixteen of her cousins served in one regiment—the Scots Greys. All sixteen fell at Waterloo. Incidentally this goes to show that the Greys were not on that field for mere parade.

James, a younger son, seems to have inherited the military spirit of his mother's people, and Cape Breton, he sailed for England, where he enlisted in the Cavalry Division of the Queen's Life Guards, which he considered the grandest regiment in the world.

These lines beautifully blend hope and resignation. Let us trust with the poet that his dream is fully realized. May they rest in peace.

Personals.

Thomas O'Connor has been appointed Harbor Master at Guysboro.

Miss Mary Jane McKenzie of Fraser's Mills, Antigonish, left on Monday for Seattle.

Mr. James McDonald, painter, Antigonish, left for Boston on last Saturday, where he will work for the summer.

Senator Girroir of Antigonish arrived home from Ottawa on Saturday. The Senate having adjourned until the 29th inst.

Mr. Dan McDonald, plasterer, of James River, Antigonish, started yesterday for Winnipeg, where he will pursue his calling for a time.

Harold McDonald, C. E., Antigonish, is rapidly recovering from an operation for appendicitis which took place at St. Martha's Hospital last week.

The Misses Florence McDonald and Ida Mullins left for Seal Harbor, Maine, last week, having spent the winter at their homes in Monk's Head, Ant.

Messrs. Aurele Demers and Archie Chisholm, of the Western Union Telegraph Staff at Antigonish, have accepted positions with the Commercial Cable Company, Hazel Hill, Canada.

Mr. Roderick McDonald, North Grant, Antigonish, his mother, sister and child, were passengers by Tuesday's early express for Vancouver, where they will reside in the future.

Messrs. Ronald McGillivray of Lakevale, Ant., and Rod McDonald of Copper Lake, Ant., left yesterday to open up spring work on their railway contract on the Dartmouth, N. S., Dean Settlement Railway.

Rev. Finlay Chisholm, P. P., S. W. Margrave, C. B., started for home on Tuesday. Fr. Chisholm spent several weeks as a patient in St. Martha's Hospital. Fr. Chisholm, we are pleased to report, feels very much improved in health as a result of his treatment here, and we, speaking from appearances, would pronounce him in perfect health.

A thirty horse-power automobile, driven by Julius Goux, Saturday, established several world's records at the Brooklands track, London.

References — Bishop Morrison, Antigonish, N.S. Rev. F. W. Kiely, P. P., North Sydney Rev. J. W. McIsaac, Bras d'Or, N.S. The Catholic Clergy of P. R. Island.

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The Catholic Church And The Advancement of Women.

There is a curious impression among some non-Catholics of limited reading, that the Catholic Church was inimical to the higher education and the general advancement of women; and also there are, within the Church, many men and women unable to formulate a contradiction to this error, as they have never taken the trouble to ascertain the facts of history, nor even to observe what is going on about them in distinctly Catholic circles.

It would be easy to contradict them on the testimony of broad-minded and scholarly non-Catholics, even since 1850. But we have before us at this moment, a singular little book, "Progress: What it means. A Study of the Evolution of Religion, Education and Women," by Mrs. Randolph Mordecai, (B. Herder, St. Louis.)

We remember a woman as a guest at a literary and journalistic club in Boston some years ago, who, glancing at a large gathering of intelligent and efficient women before her, was so lacking in general information, to say nothing of tact, as to hail them as "a consequence of Luther's glorious Reformation!"

Fortunately, there was a well informed Catholic member present able at once to refute this wild assertion, by showing that the progress of women was distinctly retarded by Lutheranism, and that women were students in the Universities of Spain decades before Luther—in the days of the great Queen Isabella.

Mrs. Mordecai further considers the political aspirations of women only a part of the change. From her allusion to the college student, we must infer that she doesn't approve of the higher feminine education as given to-day in her own country and in America.

In an historical sketch of Temperance Reform by Dr. F. A. Lane in the "Temperance Cause," the writer takes us back to the ancient Egyptians and tells us about the orgies of drinking that characterized the worship of the gods among this people.

"They learned to read and write in their own language and often in Latin. They were taught surgery and the art of making and administering medicines, so that as a rule, and except in cities where professional aid could be obtained, the care of the sick and wounded were in their hands."

"The entire management of their households was in their hands, and when they were called upon to manage their estates as well, or to act as regents of principalities and

kingdoms, they almost always ruled wisely and well.

"But it was in their homes that they reigned whether these homes were simple manors or royal courts.

From the last paragraph, it is quite evident Mrs. Mordecai is not in sympathy with the cause of woman suffrage; and, as she writes from England, where feminine dynamitars, window smashers and hatchet slingers are serving well-deserved prison sentences, it is hardly to be wondered at.

Again, we think the following assertion of Mrs. Mordecai, while containing much truth, are too sweeping and indiscriminate:

"While woman surpasses man in most of the virtues, she has not, as a rule, this high standard of honor. Nor can she be made to feel the responsibility of her own actions or to consider their consequences.

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As to the change of name, a clergyman interviewed quoted the remark of Bishop Brent of the Philippine Islands that "the word Protestant in the title of our Church is a complete barrier to progress.

"It is reported to have been a common experience for the minister to be indisposed on the Sabbath and to be unable to deliver his sermon. If such a condition should exist in any pulpits at the present time, there would be a change.

"When a church was built in those days it was the custom to have a raising, or erection of the building, in which the able-bodied men from the surrounding country would participate. When the work had been completed, the drinking would begin and one of the first duties in this revel was to get the minister intoxicated, and when his condition became bestial, he would stagger up the village street between two other men in the same condition, singing songs that were not in the psalm books and were never heard within the sacred precincts of the Church.

"It was unsafe to preach a temperance sermon in those days, while a temperance orator would have been mobbed by an indignant people who would have thought that their rights were being infringed upon, and that their liberties were being taken away from them.

An Authoritative Voice.

A correspondence about joining the Catholic Church has been running in the Guardian. The Catholic Times of London gives a resume of the letter of a layman who says things worth noting.

Through the "London Times" correspondent at Malta it is announced that the British Admiralty have sanctioned and ordered the use of a British vessel for the conveyance of the Papal Legate to the forthcoming Eucharistic Congress in the famous Mediterranean island.

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Does not the word "return" here suggest the idea of the Protestant Episcopalians having been formally in that fold, a view which presumably they would not admit. But the right notion was in the head of the newspaper man.

Bishop Brent's avowal is a striking one. The word Protestant is not a name to conjure with in the Philippines or anywhere else and therefore the seekers after "converts" are afraid or ashamed of it.

Millions for Defence.

The military spirit of France is aroused. It has voted 500,000,000 francs to put itself on a war footing so as to meet a possible invasion from beyond the Rhine. Two years' service under the colors no longer suffice; there is an absolute necessity, but there is no need of imposing it; all the young bloods in the land are eager to enlist not merely for three years, but for more if necessary.

When we remember that this defence of the lay school is nothing else than a diabolical attempt to crush out every vestige not only of Christianity, but even of the knowledge of God from the hearts and minds of the helpless school children of the country, who will in consequence be its worst enemies, we can easily understand what a malignant purpose often lurks under the declamations of men who clamor for unrestricted State control of education.

Not Alarmed.

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The Dreamer.

I wish I knew how, where and when That much-discussed "one chance in ten" Is due to show itself to me— That "golden opportunity That comes once only to all men."

O! will it cackle like a hen, Or crow, or flash upon my ken With signals lit for me to see? I wish I knew.

If I could sleep and wake again Ere it becomes a "might have been," Just let it in and turn the key, I'd be as happy as could be! I wish and wish for this—and then I wish anew.

Stung.

"Bella, have you any engagement for—" "Mr. Squinchley, my is Miss Blim." "H'm! Well from the present outlook, it's likely to be Miss Blim as long as you live."

Wanted to be Helpful.

"Katie," said the mistress, "what have you done with the letter I left on the table?" "I put it in the letter box, ma'am." "But it was not addressed." "No, ma'am, I supposed you didn't want anybody to know where it was goin'!"

April's Wizardry.

I woke at dawn and heard the rain And far-off snarls of thunder, I closed my eyes that sleep again Might draw my senses under; And soon, in puffed warmth enraptured, I lost in sweet forgetting The clamors of the stirring world, Its labors and its fretting.

I woke in sunlight and arose. The joyful birds were chanting; A young girl in the neighboring close Was busy at her planting. I knew, as something erst unknown, The blessed charm of labor; I loved—ah! not myself alone—I yearned to love my neighbor.

"The weather has been so mild lately," remarks the Emporia Gazette, "that the sap is rising in Gomer Davies' wooden leg."

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