

## AN EIGHTH GRADE IDEAL

Some Useful Thots for Those Who Are Patrons of the Schools

### VIEWS OF LEADING EDUCATOR

Prof. J. A. Beattie of Cotner University, located at Bethany, a suburb of Lincoln, has written a pamphlet on the subject, "An Eighth Grade Ideal", which we have been requested to publish in The Herald. Believing that it will be interesting to many of our readers we give it, as follows:

#### An Eighth Grade Ideal

Six considerations serve to introduce the theme, to give meaning and importance to the several parts and to the ideal as a whole.

1. Every teacher feels the need of an ideal, a goal, a measure, that the work of teaching and its results may be definite, accurate and efficient.

2. It is the desire that each one shall raise the questions with himself: Is the ideal, fixed by this or that specification, too high, or too low? Is it worthy, or unworthy, as the foundation on which to build the education given in the high school and in the college and university to which some will go? Is it a preparation, as far as it goes, for the every day affairs upon which many will enter as soon as the eighth grade is completed?

3. What ought an eighth grade pupil to be able to do when the work of this grade is complete?

4. Is the ideal here presented in harmony with the best that is known of the educational foundations which ought to be laid during the first eight years of school life and instruction? Is the ideal such in character, such in scope and such in purpose that it lays the foundations for a business education, for industrial growth and for professional life and development?

5. Is the ideal set forth in the following specifications in harmony with the nature and destiny of the immortal beings to be educated? If it is realized will the pupil, at thirteen or fourteen, have an informed mind, will he be established in principle, will he have a regulated heart, will he be worthy of character, and will he be inspired by the highest and holiest things?

6. If this ideal could be realized in every rural school and by the work of the grades in every town and city would our days be happier, our homes better, our skies brighter, our society purer, our aspirations higher, our work more efficient, our worship more sincere, our devotion more constant and our business life and relations more completely under the control of the Golden Rule?

With these things in mind and constantly raising the questions sug-

gested let us study the eighth grade ideal.

(1) Be able to speak the English language.

(2) Be able to write readily and legibly, easily and accurately.

(3) Be able to spell the words used in common life and in daily business.

(4) Be able to read a book and a newspaper with distinct articulation, clear enunciation and correct pronunciation.

(5) Be able to gain the meaning from the printed page with such clearness and understanding that it can be told to others.

(6) Be able to use all the arithmetical knowledge necessary for common life and ordinary affairs.

(7) Be able to employ free-hand drawing in illustration of thought, and the charm and harmony of music in the cultivation of taste and beauty.

(8) Know enough geography to appreciate current events, possess a general idea of the earth's surface, and understand the relation of geography to individual and national welfare.

(9) Understand the leading facts, the heroic deeds, and the sincere devotion of the makers of American history so well that they will inspire to earnest and patriotic citizenship.

(10) Value the principles of our government well enough to cast an intelligent ballot, to appreciate men and measures and to judge righteousness of the acts and the representatives of the people.

(11) Be intelligent in the laws and conditions of health and be able to appreciate the advantages of a "sound mind in a sound body".

(12) Possess definite preparation (as far as it goes) for a vocation, knowledge of the use and the productiveness of machinery, understand the requirements of a useful life and be able to appreciate the conditions of industrial progress and material well being.

(13) Be honest in purpose, worthy in conduct, genuine in character, generous in heart, and trustworthy in life.

(14) Have formed fixed habits of thrift, industry, politeness, temperance and truthfulness.

(15) Be able to enjoy the beauties of Nature and the glory of the heavens; to appreciate the sacredness of human rights and the wealth of opportunity on almost every hand and be inspired by the almost divine in the literature of the English tongue.

Is the foregoing ideal such an one as we ought constantly to cherish? Is it worth while, for us as teachers, to make the preparation which this ideal implies on the part of those who are the guides and instructors of childhood and youth?

"He built a house; time laid it in the dust;  
He wrote a book; its title is now forgot;  
He ruled a city, but his name is not on any tablet graven, where rust  
Can gather from disguise, or marble bust."

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"He took a child from out a wretched cot,  
Who on the state dishonor might have brought  
And reared him to the Christian's hope and trust.  
The boy, to manhood grown, became a light  
To many souls, and preached for human need  
The wondrous love of the Omnipotent."  
"The work has multiplied like stars at night  
When darkness deepens; every noble deed  
Lasts longer than a granite monument."

DESERVE SPECIAL MENTION

The Herald intended to call special attention to the half page ad of Tagg Bros., which appeared in our last issue. The gentlemen composing the company, especially the two who attended the convention, A. W. and B. W. Tagg, are well known to the stockmen of this part of the state. They are square business men and enterprising. One way in which they show their enterprise is by giving the newspaper that boosts for their market a liberal advertising patronage.

### TRIP IN AUTOMOBILE

South Omaha Commission Man Making Tour of West

Thomas J. Donahue, president of the prosperous young live stock commission firm of Donahue, Randall & Company of South Omaha was here taking in the convention and advertising his firm in a very unique way. Mr. Donahue came overland with his own automobile which was well covered with pennants and banners boasting Donahue, Randall & Company, and the South Omaha market. He came thru the sand hills by way of Long Pine, Valentine, Rushville and Hay Springs, covering the entire distance including many stops, in three days. He is driving a Firestone Columbus car equipped with Kelly Springfield Staggard Tread tires.

From here Mr. Donahue went to Chadron, thence west expecting to stop at Sheridan, Caspar, Cheyenne and other Wyoming points, and return to Omaha along the Union Pacific.

That simple remedies are best has again been proven. Harry Thiele, Druggist, reports that many Alliance people are receiving QUICK benefit from simple buckthorn bark, glycerine, etc., as mixed in Adler's-ka, the German appendicitis remedy. A SINGLE DOSE helps sour stomach, gas on the stomach and constipation INSTANTLY because this simple mixture antiseptizes the digestive organs and draws off the impurities.

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Another feature besides the musical selections formed a part of the chapel programme this week. The writer refers to the readings by Miss Pauline Montgomery and Miss Leone Mallory. These young ladies gave us the same pieces which they spoke at the state contest at Kearney; and both were received with the same keen enjoyment and appreciation and welcomed with the same hearty applause as on previous occasions. Many were present however, to whom these readings must have been

able of awakening the enthusiasm, arousing the ambition and deepening the sense of responsibility of every true teacher who heard it. The lecturer spoke first of the wide difference between the life of the immature young of the lower animals and that of the human species; showing how the survival and development of the former depended far more on their instincts and simple reflex action of the physical being of the individual, and less on the care and deliberate purpose of the parent, than is the case with the latter. Again, when the age of choice is reached, who ever heard of a black cat desiring to be white, or a horse with one white foot wishing to be differently coloured. The human race alone is endowed with the ambition and the power to conform to the ideal, a sense of constraint towards betterment of the inner self—even a feeling of condemnation in the neglect of an attempt at least to realize such an ambition.

The speaker then outlined the American child's inheritance under various heads such as would include the contributions of science, history, the twentieth century ideal of efficiency, sacred and other ancient literature, etc., and finally the inestimable privileges of the Christian religion.

The concluding remarks dealt with the influence of personalities in close proximity, not to say union, one upon another; and the lecturer warned his hearers that they might find, by comparing portraits of their parents taken fifteen or twenty years ago with those of present date, that people in the marriage relation tend most strongly to become more and more alike as the years pass. It therefore behooves every teacher (and every other unmarried person) to be sure that the partner of their choice is one whom they would feel it an honor and a joy to resemble more closely in the days to come!

The following beautiful poem, the author of which is unknown to the writer of the notes, was quoted by Dr. Beattie in the course of his remarks.

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The stars shine over the sea,  
The stars shine up to the mighty God,  
The stars shine down on me.  
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## JUNIOR NORMAL NOTES

(By "Homesteader")

The following items were written or last issue of The Herald but reached the office too late for publication. We have been requested to publish them in addition to those furnished this week:

The state examinations for Box Butte county are being held Thursday and Friday of this week, and by what may be regarded as an unfortunate coincidence, fall on the same dates as the Stockmen's Convention. To meet this exigency the authorities of the normal have arranged to have all the classes one period earlier on these two days, and also to cut out off twenty minutes from the dinner hour. Those who have a class in the second or last afternoon period will thus complete their classes at 1:40 p. m. and be enabled to attend the afternoon session of the convention.

The faculty hopes that none of the students will make the ascension in the aeroplane with the object of "hitching their wagon to a star" and forget to return to earth in time to ride in the wagon!

We again had the privilege of enjoying the musical talent of several ladies and gentlemen during the week, at the chapel hour; the programme including piano solos and duets, a violin solo and a vocal solo—the last by Prof. Reimund, our popular and talented musical director. "Homesteader" will endeavor next week to give the chapel programme in full with names and selections. A new song book, "The American", has been issued to the students and is now in use, in place of the old "Uncle Sam" song book, many copies of which were dilapidated and had pages missing. The new work seems to be similar in plan and scope to the old.

On Tuesday afternoon at 2:40 p. m. we were treated to a very interesting, instructive and practical talk by Dr. J. A. Beattie of Cotner University. The title of Dr. Beattie's lecture was "An Eighth Grade Ideal", and it outlines a standard of what might be accomplished by a public school pupil during the eight years passed in "the grades", which, if measured up to, would imply a very complete and worthy equipment with which to start either a High school course or the practical career of one early compelled to become a wage earner.

Again on Wednesday morning at the chapel hour we were privileged to listen, while Dr. Beattie pictured in glowing words the glorious inheritance which belongs of right and privilege to every American child. This theme, as it was wider in scope than that of the previous afternoon, also struck the writer as being even more inspiring, and cap-

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entirely new and the writer can only measure their feelings by recollecting the delight which he himself experienced the first time he heard them.

### BOARD SAYS "EAT LITTLE"

Kansas Health Officer Asserts It Will Cut Living Cost.

Topeka, June 24.—"Don't eat so much," is the new slogan being sent over Kansas by the state board of health. For years the board has been swatting the fly and the common drinking cup and the roller towel. Now it has begun to swat the gormand. The board has just issued a bulletin on eating.

"One might just as well take a \$5 bill and light his pipe with it as to burn up that money by wrong eating," said Dr. S. J. Crumline, secretary of the board.

"It takes so much energy and power to keep the body going, just as it takes so much coal in keep up a certain head of steam. Therefore, the use of foods that will maintain the power and energy will be the cheapest and less wasteful. Most people think they will get more energy and power out of a planked sirloin steak that is listed at \$1.50 on the bill of fare. As a matter of fact, a glass of pure milk, a slice of bread, an egg, and a dish of apple sauce will give more energy producing food than the sirloin steak."

### Says Many Refined Women Smoke.

New York, June 24.—"I will take judicial cognizance that it is quite a common custom among many refined women of the world to smoke cigarettes," announced the court here, sitting in the case of H. W. Thorne, a broker, against his divorced wife, an actress, now Mrs. Charles H. Pope. The controversy is over the custody of a small son. One of the reasons urged why Mrs. Pope should not continue in charge of the boy, that she smoked cigarettes, drew forth the opinion of the court.

Mrs. Jane Quinn, accused of shooting and killing her third husband, John M. Quinn, last December in his bed, was found not guilty by a jury at Chicago before Judge Kerstein.

At his home on the Crow Creek reservation, in central South Dakota, occurred the death of Wial, one of the most prominent of the older Sioux Indians. He was eighty-one years of age.

A bronze tablet marking the place where, in 1683, the first Catholic mass was said on the island of Manhattan was unveiled on the north entrance stairs of the New York custom house.

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