

(Political Advertisement)

Our Children

By Mrs. W. B. Davis



THE DISCIPLINE OF BACKWARD CHILDREN

One might ask whether it is right to require backward children to observe the rules and regulations which are applied to normal children. We may have in mind a child who is not developing as rapidly as he should. He is not learning to control his appetite or his temper. Should he be punished for his shortcomings because he does not have understanding as other children do? Is it wise to penalize a child who is backward when he does not restrain himself at the table or leave things that do not belong to him alone, or control his temper when he does not get what he wishes?

The view generally taken by those who are lenient with a backward child is that he cannot learn self-control. It is true that such a child does not acquire self-control or restraint as rapidly or fully as do normal children. This follows from him being backward. The impulses of all young children are stronger than their sense of what is right and proper in their relations with others; but as normal children develop they rapidly gain control of their impulses while backward children acquire mastery over them more slowly. Of course every one knows that a dog can be taught so that it will control some of its impulses, such as

barking, stealing food from the table, chasing cats, and the like. Horses can also be taught self-restraint to slight extent. An imbecile is higher in the scale of mental and nervous development than either a dog or a horse, and he can acquire self-restraint in a higher degree than they can. This means that backward children can be trained to control their angry passions, to conform to reasonable rules and regulations governing their actions at table and the like. Even though a longer period of time, because of the larger number of repetitions in order to learn control of his impulses; he can make the connection between penalty and misdeed. It is of supreme importance that he should do this early for his own welfare and for the welfare of those with whom he has relations. In the development of a normal child, new interests constantly appear, and these operate to absorb his attention and energy so that the original impulses become subdued for lack of support. A boy in his teens does not run or yell as much as he did when he was seven or eight because new interests have developed which claim his attention and use his energy, so that he does not feel the strong urge to run and yell as he formerly did.

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"All citizens, regardless of race color or creed," Clarence Miles, attorney and candidate for mayor stated this week, "are entitled to careful consideration in all matters affecting the city."

Thomas Pansing, attorney and World War II veteran seeking a position on the council, issued this statement: "During my stay in Lincoln I have always had a friendly relationship with many members of the Negro race. I am interested in their problems and

will, if elected, do my best to be of service to them and their problems."

Arthur Weaver, candidate for re-election as councilman said, "I have always maintained a fair and unbiased attitude on all problems of the minority groups. My past record merits the support of all."

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