

of social institutions he knows nothing of the true inwardness of the struggle for existence.

"Equal to the struggle for existence is the progress of use."

Nonsense! A part can never equal the whole. Use, usefulness to others; ability to use others intelligently for self-preservation in the struggle for existence is the standard of fitness in the social environment as it is. "Go to the ant, thou sluggard; consider her ways and be wise." The best thing the faculty of such an institution can do is to close its doors to the public and spend a few years in removing the motes of ignorance from themselves ere they endeavor to remove its beams from others.

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A TEACHER'S VALUE TO THE PUBLIC.

"What the teacher is counts for much more than what she knows. A love of children, unlimited tact and infinite patience are the necessary natural endowments," writes Caroline B. Le Row in the September Ladies' Home Journal. "Of course, the ability to teach implies the possession of an education, though no amount of education alone can make a good teacher. While all teachers must know more than they teach, the power to impart to others is the important matter, and the one in which tact or ingenuity is absolutely the prime requisite. Moreover, she should be personally a social, intellectual and moral force in the community. The physician and the clergyman have immense opportunities for this uplifting of humanity, yet their advantages are small when compared with those of the teacher, which are practically unlimited. Encouragement and satisfaction in this field of labor never can be dependent upon results, for it is seldom that the teacher is permitted to know what the years of maturity owe to faithful care of the youthful days. The teacher's time is always one of seed-sowing, never of harvest."

OIL TRUST TO STAY.

[Attorney-General Godard will not drive it from Kansas. Says it will benefit no one.]

The people of Kansas need fear no anti-trust legislation for the purpose of political buncombe, such as was observed under the last administration, while Attorney-General Godard is at the head of the legal department of the state. Mr. Godard says that he is perfectly willing at any time to bring proceedings against any trust doing business in Kansas when he believes such proceedings will be of benefit to the people of the state. When asked why he did not commence injunction proceedings in the supreme court against the

Standard Oil trust, as many other state attorneys have done, he replied:

"If anybody in Kansas can point out one benefit which the people would secure by my driving The Standard Oil Company from Kansas, then I will go into the supreme court and ask that it be enjoined from transacting any further business in Kansas. Now, suppose that I should drive this company out of the state, what would be the result? The smaller companies would handle the oil business of the state and we might expect to see the price of oil advance. We want competition in trade in order to give the people the best their money will buy, and in driving out The Standard Oil Company I would kill competition. Since I came into this office I have not received a single complaint from anybody in the state concerning The Standard Oil Company. I have seriously considered commencing proceedings against the company, but have come to the conclusion that it was not for the best. Generally, when things of that sort are done, it is for political effect, and I am not built that way. I don't believe in looking after the people's interests by making political issues.

"I believe that there should be a change in some of our laws, regulating the formation of legitimate trade combinations. We have, by legislation, prevented any such organizations, and it has had the effect of driving many manufactories out of business in Kansas. Look at the wire manufacturers. They were compelled to quit business because they could not form combinations with other companies of that character. This was wrong, as anybody can see. The combination of wire companies would have enabled plants in this state to live and would have done the people no harm either. The trust merely comes in and underbids and undersells the small manufacturer. He can do nothing but shut down his plant.

"It is practically the same way with regard to other manufactories in the state. We, by law, have prohibited them from forming combinations for their preservation, and the trusts wipe them out one at a time. This is not right, and I believe there should be a change. I believe the government should regulate trusts and fix the prices of their goods, just as it does railways and postal companies.

"There has been some talk among the fusion senators because I do not continue the prosecution of some grocery trust operating in this state. The prosecution is said to have been commenced by my predecessor. I understand that Mr. Boyle took testimony against this trust, but he did not leave the testimony in this office and I can do nothing without it."—Kansas City Journal.

The true conservative fears nothing and reads all.

CONSERVATISMS.

Self-knowledge is the might to self-confidence.

The true conservative is a thinker as well as reader.

True conservatism is the strength of self-confidence.

Self-confidence is the ethical trust in personal ability.

"In trusts we trust" seems to be the present business man's motto.

It is the man who knows not himself who falls prostrate before the unknown.

The weak alone have no trust in themselves, hence are afraid to trust others.

Don't kick against the trust but kick yourself as unworthy of self-confidence.

The strong confide in themselves and hence have no rational distrust of others.

Watered trusts are liable to be engulfed in the torrent of inherent corruption.

The opponents of trusts are generally those who have not the ability to trust in themselves.

The trust is in the line of individual self-preservation and, so far, is an ethical institution.

The ignorant alone are afraid of knowledge and curse or ignore the ripe fruits of the perennial tree.

Any institution or method which conduces to the survival of the unfit is barbaric and hence uncivilized.

The light of self-knowledge is the beacon light on the rock of freedom. Ignorance alone founders on it.

Trusts are organizations of the self-maintaining arising out of the necessities of the struggle for existence.

A "watered" trust stands on a floating and unstable basis, and, hence, is an immoral and dangerous institution.

It is the false and ignorant conservative who cries in the anguish of self-conscious weakness "stop my paper."

There is nothing immoral in the trust, per se, any more than there is anything wicked in the interest to self-preservation.

The intelligently organized and conducted trust represents the survival of the fittest according to nineteenth century civilization.

The trust is in the line of business evolution, the march of evolution having been from simplicity to complexity in organic formation.

Civilization invariably embraces all institutions or methods which have or do conduce to individual preservation in the struggle for existence.

No true conservative "falls on his knees in the presence of anything felt to be greater, nobler, better, than himself." True conservatism is not a worshipper at any shrine but its own.

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