

## ABSENCE OF MORAL TRAINING GREATEST DEFECT IN SCHOOLS.

Plea for Study of Human Nature in Order to Stifle Egoism and Elevate Altruism—Changing of Teachers Suggested.

(By Howard Moore.)

The most surprising defect that will be noted by future generations in the educational schemes of the present will be, says Howard Moore in the Chicago Record-Herald, the absence of any serious attempt, or any attempt at all, in fact, to inculcate morals in the young. The doctrine of evolution has revolutionized most departments of life and thought, but it has not as yet exerted anything like its full effect on the educational process.

Darwin's revelation, like every other revelation that has come to men, is perceived most tardily by those working in departments where the phenomena are most complex and involved. The necessity for moral education does not seem to be more generally felt now than it was in pre-Darwinian times, when we believed that the human animal, altogether different from other animals, began his terrestrial career as an untrained page. We now know that human nature came from the jungle,

not from the skies. But we go on educating just as we did before we made the discovery. The educational methods in use today are adapted to the training of beings who come into existence as embryonic angels and are utterly unfit for the symmetrical development of beings such as children are now recognized to be.

Our educational devices have not kept pace with our information. They are not up to date. The nature of civilized men, along with their faiths and institutions, have been evolved from those of savage men, and the nature of savages have come from the quadruped and the reptile. Civilization is only a veneer—a graft on a stock of barbarism. As Col. Parker recently put it, "The child is a born savage."

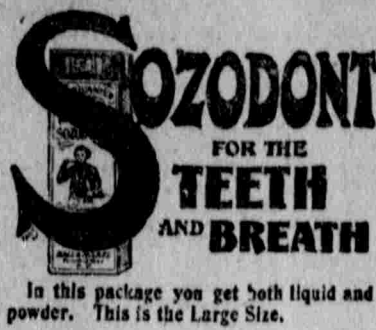
In the nature of every child egoism greatly preponderates over altruism. In the great majority of them this preponderance is marked. Now, our educational process should take account of heredity—should adjust itself in the light of Darwin's discovery.

The majority of the woes of mankind come from this inborn excess of egoism—this supreme regard for self. It is this innate weakness in human nature that creates the necessity for the everlasting darning of the golden rule. It is not natural for men to do as they would be done by. But it is the ideal of every enlightened man that men should do as they would be done by. The ideal condition is one of balanced egoism and altruism.

### MOLD PLASTIC MIND.

How, then, shall human nature be revised? By Sunday school dawning and the preaching of solemn homilies to men and women after their habits and brain structures have become fixed? No. In the plastic age of childhood, and by the same systematic and determined effort that is given to the training of the mental powers proper. The school today does just one-half what it ought to do, and the other half of its task it never attempts to do. It sharpens the intellect, but it does not cultivate it. The great concern of the school is capitalization. No serious effort, certainly no systematic, scientific effort, is made to mold the heart. Intellectual training is all right and proper, but science is not the only limitation of the new-born human being, nor even the gravest limitation. It is animality. If anything like the same amount of time and thought were devoted to counteracting the fearful blight placed upon us by our animal origin that is now nearly wasted on the study of extinct languages alone it would revolutionize the world.

It may possibly be said that the great difficulty is to know how to inculcate morality. But I do not myself believe that this is the prime difficulty in the matter at all. The great need is a vivid and intelligent realization of the nature of human nature and of the consequent necessity for moral instruction. Human nature is not followed to its roots, and there contemplated face to face. The fact that religious socie-



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ties are able to impress creeds of all kinds on the young and to fasten them so firmly on the mind that a lifetime cannot efface them proves that the human mind is an exceedingly plastic thing and capable of receiving almost any kind of impression. If we begin early enough and use the proper methods.

It will be unfortunate if our age cannot make a real beginning in the revision of our educational attitude toward the child. Compared with these larger problems, the problems of method and administration over which we are accustomed to agonize so liberally seem petty and ridiculous indeed.

### WOULD TEACH NATURE.

Another reform that ought to be encouraged is that in favor of placing greater emphasis on the teaching of a knowledge of nature in our schools. Col. Parker, although busy enough generally to suit even mystics, was right again. Nature is the great thing. Indeed it is everything. Languages are only implements—only means to an

end. They are not ends in themselves. And yet we brood over them as if they were, and the chief end at that. More time and energy are given to them than anything else. It is more than ridiculous. It is pathetic. We bewail the crowded condition of our curricula, but never seem to have the wit to leave out a lot of linguistic lumber which has drifted down to us from the misty centuries of scholasticism, and which could be spared without harm to anyone. Relieving an overcrowded curriculum by sacrificing the natural sciences in favor of Latin and Greek is about as sagacious as saving the ballast of an embarrassed ship by throwing overboard the women and children.

When the human mind awoke from its 1,000-year sleep in the fifteenth and sixteenth centuries there was eminent occasion for a thorough study of the languages of Greece and Rome. All the knowledge of the world practically was at that time locked up in the literatures of these deceased civilizations. But there is no longer any necessity to go to the Greek and Latin for knowledge. The English has it, and has for a long time had, all of the literature of the Greeks and Latins worth translating, and a thousand times more of history and science. When the Greek and Latin languages were put into the schools of Europe at the time of the revival the nature sciences were in their infancy. The most of them indeed could scarcely be said to have had any existence at all. Today these sciences are giants, occupying legitimately a large part of the horizon of knowledge. To continue, therefore, to spend so large a part of our academic existence poking about among the linguistic husks of antiquity, simply because our ancestors a long time ago found it profitable to do so, is simply to think with our feet.

Nature study is not a study of leaves,

bugs and bird's nests, as most of the disciples of Colonel Parker imagined. Nature study is a study of nature—a study of the fairy worlds of astronomy, geology, physics, chemistry, botany, zoology and ecology, including their history. And today, with the magic key of evolution, we are able to unlock secrets in these wonderful realms that were never dreamed of in the past. If boys and girls all along through the primary and grammar grades could be stirred by occasional glimpses into the marvelous miracles of nature going on everywhere around them, there would be far fewer of them give out before arriving at the high school.

The trouble is not that children cannot understand these things. The teachers are themselves ignorant. They know next to nothing about these subjects. If they did, they would overflow in the classroom. Nature should be, and in the future will be, the great object of study, not man-made languages. Normal schools should be permeated by a recognition of this fact. The normal extension work now carried on in this city might very profitably be enlarged, so as to include a system of high school extension, and the teaching of everyday wonders of nature to the teachers already in the schoolrooms.

Here is a third suggestion. It may not be practicable, but I believe it is. Would it not be a step in advance if teachers in different parts of this country, and in different parts of the Anglo-Saxon world for that matter, would exchange school rooms about every five or ten years. I mean by this that when a teacher has occupied the same schoolroom for a half-dozen years to allow that teacher, when it could be arranged, to exchange places with someone else of about equal salary and ability for a year or so. How much broader a Chicago teacher would be

and how much better fitted for his task of illumination if he had spent a year each in New York, Honolulu and London. Living in New York and reading the newspapers of New York, getting communing with the minds of New York, and enriching one's consciousness with entirely new points of view would be, after having operated in Chicago continuously for five or ten years, a good deal like getting out of one's own person for comparative study. Modern civilization is more than anything else due to the unparalleled development of our means of communication. It is possible today for the experiences of thousands to find their total in a single individual.

There would be difficulties in the way of carrying out a scheme of this kind. No innovation is without obstacles. But the chief obstacle in the way of anything is already overcome when one that it is necessary for the thing to be done. A scheme of this kind would be more feasible with teachers than with nity, except professional peripatetics, for teachers are not as a rule bound by extensive possessions of houses and lands such as encumber some other classes of society.

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