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THE HAND AND THE BRAIN.

The great question in education today is, What shall be the relation and proportion between hand work and brain work in the schools?

On Thursday of this week, two leading educators of the state left for Washington, D. C., to discuss this topic at the national convention of superintendents and principals.

We believe that a true training should engage fully hand and brain, and that the nearer we come to this ideal the better the schools will be.

In answer to our question, "Why should manual training be taught in the schools?" Mr. Tipton, instructor in the State Normal, says there are three reasons: (1) the physiological effects;

As to the first reason, it is known that certain areas of the brain are motor or motion controlling in their operation. Particularly, that one area, that which directs the motion of the hands, is very closely connected with the thought centers.

Anatomists have found that persons not skillful in the use of their hands have these particular parts of the brain poorly developed, while the skillful hand artisan exhibits a high development of the corresponding brain areas.

It has been very generally observed that imbeciles or those lacking in any form of mental strength, are deficient in the use of certain limbs and muscles, particularly those of the hands.

It has been found further that many criminals and persons strongly inclined to immoral conduct have been greatly improved or even cured of such tendencies by giving them work that requires the constant use and discipline of the hands.

On the common sense side, we may observe, first, that all children are born with hands. This is a fact that educators have often neglected.

The normal child is never still. The use of his hands tends to correct and to make real the impressions received through the other senses—sight, hearing, smell, taste.

The tendency to handle things is one of the most persistent and ineradicable among child impulses. Indeed, such activity seems to be nature's method, as distinguished from artificial or school methods, of educating the child.

As to the third aspect, the commercial value of such training, statistics show that about 90 per cent of the human race have to earn their living by the use of tools.

The state devotes practically all its bounty in free schools to intellectual training—to the acquisition of skill in the use of language, mathematics, science and art—and scarcely any to the creation of manual skill, which is, nevertheless, the most pressing need of the masses.

Training in school should be in some degree vocational. It should prepare the child for what he is to be or to do in order to earn his livelihood.

"The reporter who sent that knew when he sent it that every word of it was false." After having established the habit of coming to the editorial rooms of this paper to prepare his daily messages in this office, after obtaining such information by way of assistance as this paper and its editorial force could furnish, even after being given good news items reaching this paper by special service for his personal accommodation and advancement, using the office typewriters upon which to write his dispatches, this is the way he repays the favor.

"Upon the day he sent the above he came to the office and made inquiries about the very thing he sent out pertaining to the ownership of the paper, which facts were given to him fully and completely, informing him of the exact condition of the majority of the stock and when it was procured.

"Doublets feeling the humiliation that his act was bringing upon him, he asked that the blame be placed upon his paper and not upon him, and after writing the message upon a typewriter in this office, he sent out this elaborate lie, saying that in this city persons who are supposed to be conversant with the matter are reticent and disinclined to talk."

"The reporter perhaps is not so much to blame. He knows what his paper demands and he knows what the manager is doing in this regard. He knows that the truth is not what they rely upon, but falsehood, backed by a prejudice that they have spent years and years at public expense in building up.

member of society. The tendency has been to make manual training educational, so to speak, from the school-room point of view; and educators have seemed to fear, or at least to avoid, the introduction of any work that is truly vocational, apparently because they thought such work would not be really educational in character.

Today the tide seems to be turning. Leading educators believe that we can have the vocational pursuits that shall give as high a mental or educational training as any other subjects can give.

In the elementary schools, the socializing work is strongly approved, for say the first five grades. After that, beginning perhaps with the sixth grade, the work should be more specific or more along the line of some special vocation.

A course of this kind would tend to give the youth an insight into the real value of several vocations, and would enable him to make a better choice as to which he would finally follow.

THE DAILY FAKER.

Some time ago the Tribune announced upon blaring headlines that the church was about to revive the practice of plural marriage and that this had been announced in a letter from the Presidency of the Church read on a certain date at a ward meeting in Davis stake.

But though the falsehoods of the Tribune announcement was proved beyond reasonable controversy, the story was sent from this city to eastern papers. We find in the St. Louis Post-Dispatch a communication, no doubt penned in the Tribune office, in which the infamous falsehood is reiterated almost word for word as first given by the daily faker.

The Tribune, when cornered and confronted with the evidence of its Palastinian mendacity, endeavored to wriggle away by saying that the copy of the letter furnished it, was not complete; that something was left out, thus trying to mend one falsehood with another.

We recall an instance of where a man in this city represented himself to be a postoffice inspector, and obtained certain favors through displaying his badge as such. A real inspector, although the favors were inconsequential, took up the hunt of the man and dogged his footsteps clear across Arizona, clear across New Mexico, and most of the way across Texas, where he finally caught up to him, and brought him back here to stand trial for his misrepresentation.

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It is important that the papers that rely on the Tribune for "news" from Utah and for "evidence" against the Church should know the character

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A PROFESSION'S HONOR.

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Whether the result of this final trial will be different from the preliminary hearings in which he was once released because one crime was alleged and another was sought to be proven, is a question for which there is as yet no answer.

But in the evidence brought out there is one small point which seems to us to be more keenly concerned with the honor of the police department, than any other. It is that Parent and Bell induced the McWhiters to deliver to one of them \$5,000 in bills purely out of the regard these two Scotchmen had for the law, and the badge of the police department.

The McWhiters brothers saw the badge of the police department on the breasts of these men, and out of their faith in the law, and that department they turned over their money into the keeping, supposedly, of the law, one of them duly applying for it a little later at the police headquarters.

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"Is not this man a policeman?" asked the victim.

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Yet that Chief of Police allowed this bunco man to wear the badge of his profession, the emblems of his profession, and then "get away with the goods."

We cannot resist the feeling that a man with a sense of honor for his calling would have resented this one circumstance with a personal vigor keener than that with which would have sought the recovery of stolen money. In one instance it was merely a case of doing his duty—in the other more sacredly personal matters were involved.

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