

CLAIM IT WOULD RELIEVE OVER CROWDED SCHOOLS.

Individual Instruction System Said to Possess Many Advantages--Class Promoted as a Unit--Is Successful in New York.

Discussion of the means of relieving congestion in the local schools has directed attention to the "Batavia system" of individual instruction. It takes its name from Batavia, N. Y., where it was first tried and has since been carried on successfully.

It assumes that the graded school has come to stay, and that in order to prevent clogging or congestion it is necessary to keep all the pupils moving through the school. It renders possible the organization of larger classes, with two teachers, one to conduct recitations and the other to look after the individual pupils and to make the weak spots in the class strong without disturbing the regular work. Where the classes are small individual instruction is made possible with the single teacher by stopping half of the recitations and devoting the time saved to individual instruction.

The partial trial of the system has since been undertaken in the local schools by requiring one part-time teacher to assist the other by drilling the backward children, but the plan has unfortunately been presented as an attempt to compel teachers to do a full day's work, rather than as a pedagogical innovation, and as a result, has not tended to secure enthusiastic effort on the part of the average teacher.

According to Superintendent Kennedy, the Batavia system has benefited pupils, teachers and parents; has tended to maintain heavy attendance while the high school has been crowded to overflowing. His article is an enthusiastic appeal for the trial of the plan because of its success at Batavia.

Under the present methods the teacher forces through as many of her class as possible, and to do so exerts a pressure upon the children which overtaxes her and soon breaks her down, leaving her a nagging "schoolmarm," and destroying the condition of repose and equipoise so essential to good teaching.

It is wasteful of time, destructive of interest, and promotive of discouragement. It tends to wholesale failure, indicated by the great multitude who drop out, and by the indifferent scholarship of the few who persevere.

Statistics show that the dropping out is the rule as the classes progress, and that a low grade of work and scholarship is the rule with those who remain. The class sits moodily in the room working disinterestedly in an effort to keep up with the bright pupils, who having accomplished their work, are idling or planning mischief. While this may be an extreme case, others in a greater or less degree exist throughout the schools. With the Batavia plan these evils have been largely overcome. The teacher is saved from that nervous worry which is closely allied with the present system, the child is saved from the nagging and scolding of the tired and irritated teacher and from the worries of home study and efforts to "keep time" with the more able pupils, and the parent is relieved of the worry brought on by his or her efforts to aid the child when distressed with its home work.

The second teacher aids the slower pupil arouses in him a spirit of enterprise, to the end that he is able to keep up with the brightest in the class. She is there to administer to the needs of the children, and she

"becomes a ministering angel," and "beams upon the very pupils who she had been hitherto nagging and scolding." The teacher who was worried and annoyed with forty-nine pupils "is now throwing the broad mantle of a mother's love over seventy-eight. With a second teacher to help the slow or dull pupils, the children are no longer sent home troubled and disheartened. They leave school without a school book, through for the day, and with time to "enjoy the pleasures which belong to the life of every child."

As the child has no home work the parents no longer need worry because of their feeble efforts to aid their children, and the evenings at home are brighter. Most important of all, the children take greater interest in their work, and their capacity for thinking and learning seems to have increased. As a rule, the slow-wrongly called dull-mind is only slow because a stimulus is lacking. It needs to be encouraged, and will keep pace with the brighter. When such encouragement is given it is possible to move the grades along as a unit, and there is no check or hindrance. The pupils all keep moving from grade to grade. None suffers from the pangs of "being left back," and none are far enough advanced to move faster than their classmates--to be advanced more than one grade.

While the Batavia system requires two teachers, it has, according to Superintendent Kennedy, been proven to be economical. One large room with two teachers can be run for about \$200 less than two smaller rooms, while the increased attendance in the schools caused by the new system results in a decrease in the per capita cost of instruction per pupil.

The board of superintendents has had the plan under consideration, and the trial in part time classes already referred to, while a partial one, affords opportunities for study of the system. If the rooms were large enough to accommodate both part time classes at once, and the two teachers were put in charge, a full trial could be given to the plan. The present method of instruction have been criticized for the failure to teach the child how to study, how to acquire knowledge, and this criticism is largely due to the fact that pupils are overtaught--so great an amount of time being devoted to developing topics or to explanation. It seems that this has been largely done away with at Batavia, where the "second teacher" instructs the child how to study, and prepares him for the work which he is to take up next with the other teacher. Another advantage of the system, according to those who have investigated it, is that it breaks away from the text-book, and enables the teacher to get into that closer touch with the pupil which is so essential to effective teaching.

One of the faults found is that by devoting the same amount of time to individual as to class instruction there is danger of loss. This criticism would seem to be a criticism not of the system but of the method of putting it into operation. The following taking from the report on the Batavia system by Superintendent E. D. Palmer of West Bay City, Mich., is of particular interest:

"The teacher asks: 'Does it not mean more work?' No; less. First, worry is gone, and worry kills more than work. If a pupil does not understand the work in hand, or is absent, the teacher does not worry, and the class time is not taken up with explanations that the others are not interested in. Then, since there is no time wasted in needless explanation, in the class, the teacher does not feel driven for time and can get more done with less friction. The same thing applies when the same teacher is alternatively class teacher and individual instructor, while at the same time the alternating work rests her."

Morning News in Brief.

T. W. Dougan, representing the western miner's federation, is in the city, enlisting aid from the local union for the 8,000 federation members who are on strike in Colorado. Mr. Dougan says that good contributions have been received here.

The voters' list was closed at sheriff's office yesterday, and the names will be submitted to his court which will be held Friday afternoon at 3 o'clock. The new names number about 200, a fact which points to the activity of both political parties. The sheriff is required by law to notify the revisors and hold courts to consider applications up to within ten days of the election. The court will probably hold more sessions before November 3rd.

George Whyte of London, England, is at the Royal Mr. Whyte when asked as to Mr. Chamberlain's agitation for fiscal reform in England said that it was rapidly gaining ground and that the conservative party would probably be returned to power.

J. G. Caswell, of Gloucester, England, who is at the Victoria, was invited by his brother, Major Albert Caswell of Belleville, Ont., to make him a visit. Just before he sailed, however, he received a message stating that his brother had died very suddenly. Mr. Caswell decided to make the trip and visit his brother's widow and his son, Dr. Caswell of the States.

The flag for the engineering class of the University of New Brunswick which was made by Miss Brydona-Jack was designed by Allan R. Crookshank of Rethesay, who is a senior student. It is a double pointed pennant, the upper half black the lower half red. In the centre is the college crest in green and white, the colors of the engineering society and around this in white letters "U. N. B. Engineers."

BISHOP FOR CUBA.

Boston, Oct. 11.--The house of Bishops voted in favor of consecrating a Bishop for Cuba. The Cuban field is now under the supervision of Rt. Rev. James H. Vanburen, Bishop of Porto Rico. It is understood that if the House of Deputies endorse the action of the Bishops, A Diocesan for Cuba will be chosen at the present convention.

The members of Boston Episcopal churches tonight tendered a reception in the Museum of Fine Arts to the Bishops' Deputies and their wives. A number of specially invited guests were present.

ST. DAVID'S CHURCH REPAIRS.

The repairs, to St. David's Presbyterian church, are progressing very favorably. The sabbath school rooms, will be ready for occupation in about two weeks. Committee rooms and a new library room have been built, and a new organ will be installed in the church. The chancel has been enlarged and new windows will be put in at the rear. The galleries which formerly extended up to the chancel, have been rounded off sufficiently, to allow of two windows on each side of the church, to be "in full view. The arrangement of the pews will be changed, and a number of new ones added. Steam heating will be installed by John Coughlan. Mr. Myles has charge of carpenter work, and Mr. Burley is doing the mason work. It is not yet known when the repairs will be completed.

Victoria Temple, was honored last night by a visit from the grand officers of the Temple of Honor. They were accompanied by the D. M. W. T., and a number of addresses were delivered.

On Friday evening, a number of boys belonging to the Leinster street debating club, met at the home of Percy McAvity, and decided to reorganize. Percy McAvity was re-elected president; Harvey Colwell, first vice-president; Thos. Drake, second vice-president; Noel Bensinger, secretary-treasurer; Frank Smith, Ruthford Simms, Sydney Scott, and Kenneth Woodrow, executive.

A meeting was held yesterday afternoon, at the home of Frank Smith, and constitution and bye-laws were drawn up.

The examination for law students, which was to have been held at Fredericton on October eighteenth has been postponed to Tuesday, eighth November. The oral examination for attorneys will take place on the evening of November 7th, and the written examination on the morning of the 8th.

Miss Marguerite Downing and Mr. Walter Cook of the Fiske Stock Company were married on Sunday evening last at their hotel in Halifax, in the presence of all the members of the company.

At St. Flavie, a few days ago, Detective Skeffington, arrested an I. C. R. employe named Ouellet, charged with forging the name of another employe named Cote to the pay sheet and drawing the latter's salary \$68.50. The money was found on Ouellet.

T. A. Sullivan, of Bonny River was in town yesterday. He reports that ten moose have been shot in that section, during the last eight days.

David Craig, has been elected president of the National Master Plumbers' Association, of the United States. He is a brother of Joseph Craig of this city.

CHAUDIERE CLUB.

Ottawa, Ont., Oct. 11.--In the case of Kelley and Hillman, charged with keeping a common gaming house called the Chaudiere Club, argument was today concluded and judgment reserved.

MUCH LUMBER RAFTED.

The following lumber has been rafted at the Fredericton Boom Company works up to September 30th last--35,789 joints, 154,860 feet of hemlock, 12,363,830 feet of cedar, 1,488,010 feet of pine, 101,572,963 feet of spruce and 2,492 pieces of pulp wood. F'ron. Cleaner, Oct. 11. personal.

J. C. Anderson, left recently on a visit to New York, Philadelphia, and St. Louis.

Father M. A. McPherson, Little Bras d'Or, left this morning by the early train for St. John, N. B., on important business, Sydney Post.

John Collins, I. C. R. station policeman, left last evening for Fredericton, on a well earned vacation.

Mrs. A. E. Killam, and Mrs. C. W. Price, of Moncton, arrived in the city last evening.

A. J. Webster of Shediac, is in the city.

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MADE RICH GIFT TO SOUTH AFRICA.

Alfred Beit, Diamond King and Multi-Millionaire Gives Government \$400,000 Farm.

Johannesburg, Oct. 11.--Alfred Beit has presented to the Government for educational purposes the Frankwald farm, twelve miles from here, which is valued at \$400,000. The farm possesses the features of advanced agricultural science. A reservoir has been built on the Willcocks principle, and across the Johannesburg River there is a meale mill in full working order and a plant for the treatment of timber, producing poles, for which there is a great demand from the mines. Eight hundred acres are under plantations, and two hundred are laid out in vineyards, orchards and nurseries. Mr. Beit's original offer was conditional on the government acquiring an adjoining estate costing \$100,000, after which he undertook to spend \$50,000 in increasing the area of the farm, bringing the total up to 2600 acres and carrying on a scheme of a dairy farm and a veterinary school. The government accepted the proposal with gratitude.

This handsome estate is Mr. Beit's personal and private gift, and must not be confused with the park presented to Johannesburg some time ago by Messrs. Wernher, Beit & Co. Mr. Beit has for some time been in consultation with the South African government, and the assistance of Lord Milner, it is believed, of a scheme toward the formation of a school of higher education. It was Messrs. Wernher, Beit & Co., who promised the splendid sum of \$1,000,000 towards Lord Rosebery's proposed Technological Institute in London, on the Charlottenburg system. Like Mr. Julius Wernher and other members of the firm, Mr. Alfred Beit is earnestly devoted to the cause of education in the empire. Though the richest self-made man in the world, Mr. Beit has very simple tastes, and the beautiful collection of pictures at his house in Park lane is almost his only luxury. "You can't offer the doctor anything," said Mr. Cecil Rhodes, once, of Dr. Jameson, "and all Beit wants in this world is \$5000 a year for his mother." He is, however, a millionaire several times over.

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S. S. CONVENTION OPENED.

The New Brunswick Sunday School association opened its 20th annual convention, at Woodstock, yesterday evening in the Reformed Baptist church. The choir was occupied by Rev. J. M. McLean, president of the association. Following is a list of the delegates from the St. John: Mr. and Mrs. T. S. Simms, Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Machum, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Reid, Miss Ethel Hawker, Miss Maud Stillwell, and Mrs. T. H. Bullock. The executive committee and pastor's conference met during the



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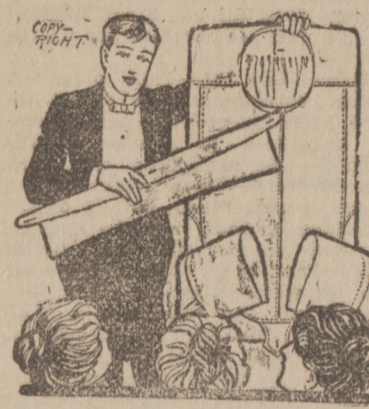
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Bronze Statue of Frederick the Great to be Unveiled at Washington.

Washington, Oct. 11.--Emperor William's gift to the American people of a bronze statue of Frederick the Great will be unveiled by the Baroness Speck Von Sternberg, the German Ambassador on the Esplanade of the army war College, November 19, in the presence of the President, the Cabinet, the Diplomatic Corps, the Supreme Court, the Admiralty of the Navy, the Chief of staff of the army and officers of the army and navy in Washington. As far as possible officers of the army and navy of German descent will come to Washington from nearby posts and will participate in the ceremonies.

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Teacher--"Yes, but in one who is good for nothing, it might be a saving grace were he good at excuses."

McLean's Vegetable Worm Syrup--the kind your mother used, the original and genuine worm syrup.

FREIGHT CREW HELD GUILTY

For the Awful Disaster on the Missouri Pacific, Causing 29 Deaths.

Warrensburg, Mo., Oct. 11.--The crew of the extra freight train which collided with the Missouri Pacific world's fair train yesterday, resulting in the death of 29 persons, is held responsible for the disaster by the coroner's jury, which returned a verdict tonight. The verdict charges the crew with disobeying orders and with being asleep at their post of duty. No recommendation was made as to the prosecution of the train crew.

Prosecuting Attorney Morrow said after the inquest that he would immediately begin the prosecution of the persons charged with the responsibility of the wreck by the coroner's jury.

THE ENGLISH WORKINGMAN.

Montreal, Oct. 11.--A special London cable says:--"Interviewed on the subject of Rev. Mr. Campbell's criticism of the workingmen, Rev. Mark Guy Pearse said that the workingmen of England could hold their own in all respects with the workingmen of other European nations, but in Canada and America there are no such drunkenness and conditions. The prospects of the workingman there begot a self respect which our less happy conditions do not encourage."

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