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IMPORTANCE OF CLASSICS.

Ten thousand times ten thousand competent speakers and scholars, taking up the cudgels for the classics, have made the assertion that the study of Latin and Greek is essential to a correct understanding of the English language. Seldom, however, have these disciples of the humanities gone beyond the stage of affirmation and sought out, to support their belief, the proofs of categorical kind which the enemies of classical training would be more or less forced to accept. It is a labor of this sort which Mr. Frederic Ireland, official reporter of debates in United States House of Representatives, has been at pains to undertake, and it is the substantial nature of the proof offered as a result of this labor which makes Mr. Ireland's article in the current Atlantic on "High Schools and the Classics" so valuable and unusual a contribution to the case for retaining Latin and Greek in the curricula of public education.

Mr. Ireland, besides being one of the world's most expert stenographers, is well known as a keen sportsman and writer on subjects pertaining to fishing and hunting. He has made frequent trips to New Brunswick and racy articles from his pen contributed to leading periodicals in the United States a few years ago did much to attract Americans to this province in quest of sport and recreation.

Mr. Ireland began by posing a list of thirty-four words for definition by pupils in the senior year of a Washington high school. The answers were given so much more correctly by the boys and girls who had studied not English alone, but also Latin and Greek, that he determined to carry the inquiry further, and had the lists multiplied and sent to high schools all through the country. The same result was brought into evidence. From an inspection of more than twenty-five thousand definitions Mr. Ireland finds himself able to say that the pupils who had studied Latin or Greek usually expressed themselves well and understood the words, while those who had studied only English during their eleven years of schooling, gave hundreds and hundreds of answers of which these are typical:

Chronicle—A malignant illness; a disease; cranky; sudden or sporadic; growlsome or quarrelsome; a skeptic. Cynical—Pertaining to the centre; pertaining to a moneyed man; conical; long and round; smiling, etc. Diabolical—Pertaining to the Bible; foolish; standing for something (this must have been derived from some vague memory of "symbolical"); insane, etc.

Genealogical—The science or study of minerals; a person who is always speaking of what would happen under certain circumstances; familiarity or friendly; relating to geography; to be genial or pleasant, etc.

Genesis—A brilliant, extraordinary person; a chapter in the Bible; etc.

Sarcophagus—Part of the human body; also some animals has it; an Egyptian bug; a sarcastic person; the throat, etc.

Sycophant—One who is always dancing; a melody; a fool or cynic.

Of course if these were specimens chosen only at random they would not be very significant. Mr. Ireland says, however, that this is not so. In his article he not only supplies hundreds more of such examples as are cited above, but goes on to the statement that ignorance of the words listed was general among all those who had not studied Latin or Greek. "There is an amazing uniformity in the answers," he says. "Ten per cent. of all Ameri-

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No mother should allow nervous weakness to get the upper hand of her. If she does worry will mar her work in the home and torment her in body and mind. Day after day spent amid the same surroundings is enough to cause fretfulness and depression. But there are other causes as every mother knows, that tend to make her nerves run down. A change would benefit her jaded system, and rest might improve her blood so as to give the nerves a better tone. But rest and change are often impossible, and it is then that all worn out women should take a short treatment with Dr. Williams' Pink Pills, which make new blood, rich with the elements on which the nerves thrive. In this way these pills restore regular health, increased energy, new ambition and steady nerve. There is a lesson for other women in the case of Mrs. Harry P. Sider, Wilton, Ont., who says:—"Five years ago my twin babies were born, and I was left very weak and very miserable, hardly fit to do anything. The doctor gave me medicine but it did not help me. Then I tried another doctor, but with no better results. One day I went home to my mother, telling her how miserable I felt, and that the doctor's medicine had not done me any good. Mother asked me why I did not try Dr. Williams' Pink Pills, and as I was glad to try anything that might help me, I got three boxes when I went back home. By the time these were used there was no doubt they were helping me, and I got three more boxes. But I did not need them all, for by the time the fifth box was used I was entirely cured, and never felt better in my life. Now when I hear people talk about feeling weak or miserable I always recommend Dr. Williams' Pink Pills, and tell what they did for me, and in similar cases I shall continue to recommend them."

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can high school pupils, seventeen years or over, when they see the word 'phenomena' think of it as a disease of the lungs; not one in a hundred recognizes it as in the plural number."

What seems to us most evident here as in many of the examples cited above, is the amazing freedom with which the pupils have drawn, for their definitions upon their memory of words of somewhat similar sound. Thus 'phenomena' evidently associates itself in their minds with 'pneumonia,' 'cynical' with 'conical' and 'cylindrical' and other words picked up in geometry. 'Diabolical' is an acceptable substitute for 'symbolical.' 'Genealogical' is inseparably bound up with 'genial' when it is not associated with geology or almost any other ology. 'Sarcophagus' is 'oesophagus' when it is not a scab. 'Sycophant' suggests to high school pupils "That Syncopated Rag."

The Department of Public Information as Ottawa has, issued a pamphlet containing a summary of the legislation passed at the recent session of Parliament. This is a new departure and one which should meet with public appreciation. It is of great importance that the people, who are expected to observe the law, should have a chance to familiarize themselves with legislation enacted by parliament.

THROUGH OUR SIEVE

There is no noticeable change in the style of circus elephants.

Petrograd seems to be practicing falling somewhat assiduously.

There are many self-made men, but more style-made women.

Admiral Kolchak has not been formally recognized, but merely nodded to.

The trouble with these "good long talks" is that they are seldom good and always long.

It seems that any hat except the one worn last fall will be in style this coming fall.

A boy who wins a beauty prize when a baby isn't apt to brag about it when he gets to high school.

"Anyway," remarked the Man on the Car, "the League of Nations will be something new, ancient China never having had one."

A Detroit man is out \$1,900 because he bought a machine for making money and it wouldn't work. Well, he will.

A minister in Indiana says "every man should pay his wife at least \$175 a month for being a good wife." He's right, of course, but one naturally wonders if he practices what he preaches. So many of us do not.

MABELLE WANTS JOB AS VAMP

Recently the L. P. Ross Shoe Co., inserted an advertisement in a Rochester paper for vampers and closers up. Among the answers received was one from a young lady who signed herself Miss Mabelle Jones, and gave her address as General Delivery, Rochester. The letter said in part:

"Gentlemen: I have seen your ad for vampires and close-ups and I would like the job. I have been studying to vamp for several years and have been practicing eye-work for a long while. My gentlemen friends tell me that I have the other movie vamps backed off the map. I have made a particular study of Theda Bara. I don't know much about close-ups, but I suppose I could learn. I have a good form, swell brown eyes and a fine complexion."

"If you would like, I will call and show you what I can do. I have been looking for a vampire job, but never saw no ads in the papers before."

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METHODIST CHURCH Will be held in THE GROVE at MARYSVILLE, on THURSDAY, JULY 17th Trains will leave C. N. R. Station at 11.15 a.m. and 4.20 p.m., city time. Fare, 15 cents, return.

TENDERS FOR CEMENT CURB AND GUTTER

Tenders will be received at the City Clerk's Office, City Hall, up to noon, Friday, July 18th, for the construction of a concrete curb and gutter on both sides of Charlotte street, from University avenue to York street, as per plans and specifications to be seen at the City Engineer's office. The lowest or any tender not necessarily accepted. Tenders to be marked "Tenders for Curb and Gutter."

G. R. PERKINS, City Clerk.

PUBLIC NOTICE.

Representatives of all classes of citizens and societies are respectfully invited to meet the members of the City Council in committee in the Council Chamber, City Hall, on Monday, the 14th instant, at 8 o'clock in the evening for the purpose of conferring and co-operating with the City Council in perfecting arrangements for the celebration of Peace on Saturday, the 19th instant, in accordance with the proclamation of His Excellency the Governor General-in-Council.

R. B. HANSON, Mayor.

NOTICE OF ASSESSMENT.

The assessment roll for the City of Fredericton for the year 1919 is now in the hands of the City Treasurer for collection, and all persons therein assessed are hereby required to pay the amount of their respective taxes forthwith to the City Treasurer, at his office in the City Hall, Fredericton.

A discount of five per cent. will be allowed on all taxes paid in, on or before the 21st day of August next, after which executions may be issued and proceedings had thereon, as by law provided.

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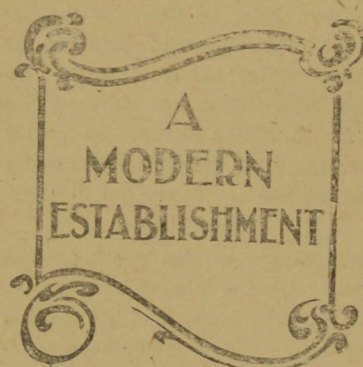
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