

# TIMELY ADVICE ON EDUCATIONAL MATTERS ARE DISCUSSED BY REV. W. L. MOORE

Education Should Give To Body and Soul All Perfection of Which Each is Capable.

The following excellent address by Rev. W. L. Moore of Woodstock, N. B., to the graduating class of Saint Thomas' College, Chatham., is worth reading:

## Truth, Honor and Courage

I wonder, as I gaze upon so many youthful faces this evening, how many of you are imbued with a real desire to become worth while. I do not intend to preach a sermon, such is not my wish, but if I may say so, if our education does not bring out in our souls the very best, then we are at fault. The Commandments of God were not placed before men by God Himself to be stumbling blocks in the way of man's salvation; they were to be as guides. If our education, as we understand it, means we must serve ourselves, and ourselves alone, it is at fault; but this is not the concept of education that you have received. Further, if it should happen that we serve our fellow men, and them alone, again our idea of education is faulty for the most important part is left in the discard; God comes first. There are some, however, and good Christians too, who think that God is served by attending church on Sunday. This as we know, is not enough; to plot out for ourselves a wee bit of Heaven that is 'ours' is a petty and weird concept of Christian education. "Education should give to body and Soul all the perfections of which each is capable." It is difficult to imagine a healthy soul in a body that is not healthy, hence the various exercises at school and college; the body must be kept clean that the Soul be not contaminated.

To make the mind of man a mere encyclopaedia is not acquiring an education. One must be taught to think and to think logically, hence the reason of mathematics, grammar and philosophy. But do these make up an education? A vast number say, Yes! The Church tells us, No! and that is why all classes in a Catholic College begin and end with prayer, for the Church realizes that without God there can be no education.

Our fellow men, what of them? Let us take up sports. The athlete who pursues the 'lone wolf' stunt is very

liable to be placed off the team for the simple reason that he desires all the glory for himself. Team work is what is needed and without it, no team, be it football, baseball or hockey will be successful. Team work, if we may use the term without disrespect, is also needed in business, in Church work and in the community in which we live. Who wants to be a Mr. Srooge, such as Dickens has portrayed? Self, then, must be effaced if a man is to be an educated man. God, our neighbors and ourselves in education, and ourselves to serve God and Country. Do you doubt this? Look at the various nations today, and God knows they lack faith in one another. The world laments and groans and cries out, "Who shall deliver us," and if the young men of today going forth into the world will subdue Self, and live for God and their fellowmen, what is to become of the human race? So let us help man, not for personal merit, nor for business reasons, but because he is God's just as fully as we are. Hence throughout life we must do team work that the world may win, and win what? Riches? No! Honor? No! But the right to 'being' by 'doing' for God and his creatures. Today it seems the slogan of the world is, "How much is there in it for me." If any of us have that smug idea tucked back in a fold of sub-conscious area, let us rid ourselves of it quickly. The man in the community who seeks to 'do' the community, even here will be 'done' by his own hands. He must serve; true he receives a reward, he must live, but he should not discriminate between plain honesty and 'business honesty.' Business honesty? It has no meaning, but honesty is justice the world over. Today, more than before, a young man needs courage and honesty. Such a man is free; free in the sense that he knows the Truth, and walks honestly. No man is free to break the law of God or of Country.

There are many today with good education, but something is lacking. I do not know; I should be presumptuous were I to say I do know. Perhaps they are lacking in courage; perhaps too in school and college they did not

do their best, and now are not doing their best. With education becoming more easily attainable every day, more men are leaving college with degrees. Many criticize our method of education, but it seems to be more of a destructive criticism than constructive. I am sure there are very few who would dare criticize the U. S. A. in lack of education. Their schools and universities are very numerous, and yet it required two years for the Supreme Court to declare that the N.R.A. is ultra vires. Who among worldly men would criticize Germany in her educational system, and yet one man by some hypnotic force holds the majority of the people spellbound.

Our own province needs men of courage and honesty. Needs men, who leaving Self by the wayside, are willing to do their best that the Country may endure. And yet sometimes we say with Canon Sheehan "Cui bono,"—what is the use? Well, there is need. Our province is vast in area, small in population, scarcely more than 400,000 and yet before a young man begins to think seriously of what he intends to do, he should recall the words: "Physica Cura Teipsum," "Physician Heal Thyself." A man fearing and loving God and God's people can do much. He will win the trust of the people and he will safeguard that trust. There are many today good and educated but forget that the Church needs such men to continue the Priesthood. "Orate Fratres!" Yes indeed, how beautiful! But a few cannot do all the work. What is the reason? Perhaps the same as that of the rich young man "who would not sell all and follow Him." The call goes forth until the end of time: "Come after me, take up my cross and follow Me," but too often the 'pleasures' of the world which are so deceptive lure good men on; they lose and the Church loses. The Church is not a tyrant. Before the Church was, God was. Yet to the Church was given His power, and it is among men that God chooses his priests. He might have called angels to the high office of the Priesthood. But no! Man with all his faults is called upon to offer sacrifice to God Himself. There can be no religion without sacrifice, and since an education is incomplete without religion it follows no education as such can endure without sacrifice. The great High Priest is Christ Himself, who in His own day chose twelve others to offer sacrifice to Him. Centuries have passed, and today young men are called as was Aaron to this high office. Thus sacrifice properly speaking, humanly speaking, we must make many sacrifices, self-denials, if

we are to be in any way worthy, and in a self-seeking world this is becoming more difficult. Everyone is not called to offer sacrifice to God yet enough are called if they respond, that all might partake of the fruits of the Great Sacrifice.

If I have assumed the didactic tone or the attitude of a pedagogue, I humbly ask your pardon. God knows I spoke as I felt, and the world today is in such a chaotic condition that one cannot help but see the poor souls wandering without shepherds. Your bright young faces cause me to be a little sad as I remember my going forth years ago. I am sure your parents and teachers are proud of you, and I trust they shall ever be. Yours is a golden opportunity. The world needs you, and I am sure that if you are true to yourselves, you will be true to all with whom you come in contact. May your work be such that God's blessing will be always with you, and when the vesper hour of your lives is drawing near you may look back and see the little mistakes you will have made, more than outbalanced by the good works done, that where'er you go the lessons you have learned at your alma mater will always be before you.

## RED MEN ATE SPINACH, INDIAN GARDEN REVEALS

SALAMANCA, N. Y., June 29—An Indian garden planted with 150 herbs, trees and plants used by the New York Indians for food, medicine, cordage and ceremonial rites is under cultivation in the Allegany State Park near here.

The garden shows that the Indians did not lack variety in their diets; there are almost a score of plants which furnished roots or bulbs, there is a wide selection of nuts, another of fruits and half a dozen or so plants whose leaves or stems were cooked much as we prepare greens. The corn, beans, squash and melons cultivated by the Six Nations are not included.

Some of the better known root plants include the Jerusalem artichoke, wild onion, Solomon's seal, Indian turnip, wild ginger, arrowhead, milkweed, wild leek and groundnut.

Indian women cooked the leaves and stems of the pokeweed, burdock, milkweed, yellow dock, sorrel, mustard and pigweed. They gathered wild crabapples, grapes, plums, black cherries, and berries; also hickory nuts, chestnuts, walnuts, butternuts, beechnuts and hazelnuts.

Among medicinal plants are calamus, ginseng, boneset, witchhazel, sassafras, spokenard and wild honey. Some of these have a recognized value among the whites.

The crabapple gave a golden yellow paint, the cranberry a purple, the wild indigo a blue, bloodroot, a red, and the black walnut a brown. They obtained fibers for cordage from the swamp milkweed, the inner bark of the linden from Indian hemp and from sunflowers.

A ceremonial tobacco was made from the cardinal flower. Besides tobacco the Indians actually smoked other things, often spoken of as "Kinnikinnick." Examples in the garden are the lobelia, silky dogwood and the willow, whose bark is used.

Professor William F. Alexander, of the Buffalo Museum of Science, planned the garden, which was planted largely by students of the Allegany School of Natural History, a "school in the forest" held every summer to give nature students field work in botany, zoology, geology, bird study and nature study.

## CHIANG KAI-SHEK URGES ATHLETICS FOR CHINESE

NANKING, China, June 29—Physical training as a means of race strengthening is advocated strongly by Gen. Chiang Kai-Shek, China's active but un-athletic strong man, in a blanket order which would require all students, teachers and public functionaries to select some form of athletics and train in it regularly.

In his circular order to all provincial, political and military administrations, Gen. Chiang bluntly says that modern Chinese public servants, especially those occupying high places in party and military organizations, are too fond of a life of ease.

To remedy this situation the head of the National Military Affairs Commission has ordered that group physical training, under qualified instructors, must be enforced in all organizations under control of the national government.

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