EDUCATIONAL COLUMN.

CONDUCTED BY PROF. W. C. HEWITT.

The following pupils were perfect with regard to whispering for the week ending April 29: Myra Covert, Annie Todd, Mary Parks.

A writing teacher was in town not long since to start a class in penmanship, but failed to secure the necessary accommodations. The tendency of all special instructions in writing is to destroy the ividuality of one's handwriting, and to tritn a plain, legible hand into one of artistic design. It may be an accomplishment to be able to write a flourishing hand, but the majority of business men use a plain, unadorned style. Few persons become good writers by simply copying the excellently made copies. A good honest handwriting is the product of many years' practice. Writing only becomes good when we have formed a style that is somewhat an idea of character.

That the multitude of school book publishing concerns have any real educational interest beyond the introduction of their special books, is absurd. That they exist to make money is evident. We do not deny that it is a man's privilege to make all the money he can in any business, but when the most vital interest of the people is made to suffer by this gain, we enter a decided protest. It so happens that in many occupations the money part of the business depends directly on the fidelity and success of the worker; and so in publishing school books, if men, by superior educational ability, make books that fill an educational need, they should be generously rewarded. There is to our personal knowledge about 50 different astronomies, 200 different algebras, 500 different arithmetics and reading books a legion. Each one has "the only way of teaching the subject scientifically," and school boards and principals are burdened with the perpetual line of "grammar, arithmetic and geography simplified." The insane thirst for something new and novel takes possession of everyone; children complain that their books are not so easy and simple as somebody else's, and parents say their children are studying too hard. Among the lower grades the lessons can never be made too simple, but when the baby methods of the primaries are carefully preserved in the higher grades, the result is to make most superficial scholars. The truth is there are too many patent selling methods in our school music. Invention succeeds invention until now the scholar neither thinks or works for himself, but becomes a sort of a personal machine, for upon which teachers play with their patent fire engines of methods. The school books issued by our patriotic publishers teach young people to shun everything that is hard, and to seek in a methodical or ab-initio-le-loaned book for the "real simple and logical" explanation. The truth of the matter is our children are being stuffed with the husks of the publishing houses, and in the name of education are being made the recipients of the destruction that uneducates and weakens. Under the false idea that a book or teacher has got to make things so plain that they can comprehend them with their brains sluggish and dead, they drop all true study and investigation and trust to somebody to think and remember for them. There is no way under God's heaven to master astronomy, grammar, arithmetic, algebra and geography but to study and work weary hours. (Knowledge has no royal path to her portals, and the sooner young men and women drop their expectations of getting knowledge easily, and settle right down to business at the table, the sooner will they realize that in becoming educated they must suffer as their fathers have suffered and toil as they have toiled.

Pontiac

Miss Bell Smith of Birmingham was in town the first of last week.

Band benefit hop on Wednesday evening May 2nd. Ice should be cream if Elmer Brown works there.

Mayor Colvin now lifts his hat to (almost) everybody. 'Tis something to be a mayor.

The Misses Carroll, Slocum and Croofoot of Detroit were in town last week.

Miss Ada Wilson is quite sick.

Charles H. Murray is breathing Dakota air. Will he stay there this time?

Several Birmingham were present at the Kelney farewell concert at Clinton Hall last Friday evening.

We noticed Russell Perkins of Clawson in town a few days ago. He looks blooming.

A brand new piano was purchased last week by the M. E. church society. It will be placed in the basement of the church.

Alvin Knight has got a new clerk in the person of Milton Sharp. Mitt as he is called, has clerked at S. A. Pratt's for the past three years and we congratulate Alvin in employing him, as he is business.

JULIA CROW.

The Negro's Future.

George W. Williams, late member of the Ohio legislature, delivered a lecture in New York a short time ago, on "The Future of the Negro Race," in which he said it had taken the Americans 200 years to learn that every man must live by the sweat of his brow, and then they had not learned it till the negroes took it to the dread arbitrament of war. He said that the Almighty had chosen this country, where every race on earth was represented, as the place where all vexed problems were to be solved. Hitherto the continent has not been able to solve them without the help of the negro, and such problems as had been submitted specially to the negro had been well handled by him. As for its future, Professor Robinson, president of Brown University, Rhode Island, has stated that the colored race cannot become Americanized, must be subservient, and must ultimately return to Africa. "Well, we came here against our will," said the speaker, "but now we're here we'll stay. I guess on this continent the lion and the lamb will lie down together." The lecturer proclaimed that in the future the three things the race wants are education by which he meant co-education, industry and a free religion; then the future of the negro would be in his own hands.

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