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ROBERT ALDRICH.

If ever a single event in the world's history was under Divine direction, it certainly seems to have been our Revolution and the election of George Washington to be our First President, and to be in fact the "First King of Men" ever chosen by a consensus of human beings.

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The READING CIRCLE.

Prof. W. H. INGRA, IN THE COUNTY SCHOOL COUNCIL.

(Regius in February number.)

The January issue of The Reading Circle, for 1868, in speaking of Charles Dickens, uses the following language: "No one thinks first of Dickens as a writer of facile and easy stories, or as the author of books, a friend. He belongs among the innumerable of every pleasant-tempered and large-hearted person. He is the companion of the public, the housemate of our homes. He keeps holidays with us; he helps us to celebrate Christmas in a manner that makes the New Year a part of the old. As he is not the Prophet of the Republic, he yet is the Prophet of the People; for, indeed, it is not in his purely literary character that he has done most for us; it is to the world to which he has given his life, his wealth. He has studied literature as the means by which to bring himself into relation with his fellow men, and to inspire them with something of his own sweetness, charity, and good will."

We might speak of George Eliot, the lover of literature, the dreamer, the character of whose delineation ranges with the best; of our own Franklin, the statesman and philosopher; of Irving, the fierce, broken-hearted exile of the American period; of Bryant, nature's own sweet hard; of Longfellow and his love of home and faith in God; of Longfellow's winter; of the historian, Bancroft and Prescott, and a host of others; her he desires for fear of wearying.

Follow teachers, we have but one life here and that life is real, it is earnest. Let us spend a portion of it drinking at the better springs of literature; study, searching each of the most brilliant writers as we elaborate into us the higher realm of intelligent thinking, especially such of these writings as will contribute most directly to our improvement; Brunt to impart valuable practical information to those in whom as instructors we are immediately concerned.

Professor says, "True glory consists in so living as to make the world happier and better for our living."

Aristotle said, "The end of education is that no one should live in ignorance."

Greek utilized such teaching in the training of her youth to love her laws, to be loyal to the power on the throne, the gods of their country, and so, and so, if need be, for the state.

The Spartan mother sent her son forth to battle for the gods with the admission to return bringing his shield with him or being borne upon it.

That the common school is the nursery for the future citizens of the state carries with it its own argument; that the efficiency of the common schools depends upon the knowledge, skill, and untiring labor of those who teach in them. Hence our greatest need constantly an adequate supply of well qualified teachers, and we have shown how the depositories of the brain and heart of the state.

George Brown says, in his articles of bondage, "The true object of the teaching and the other educational purposes of the school is to produce a high order of men and women. We would amend the saying of Bacon, 'every art or science is useful and mental' the end of education."

The function of morality is obedience to conviction. Loyalty to intelligent conviction is the sure need of the world.

What ought the 20,000 teachers of Illinois to do with the conviction they have? They are doing much and more than the popular voice credits them with doing; more, even, they themselves, know in man, in masses.

Let the people of the state be obeyed, to perpetually set forth until its claim is honored. The consciousness of good done is the sharpest spur to doing better."

It is the keen, firm conviction of right that the teacher is to place in the heart of the pupil.

It is implicit and willing obedience to the mandates of such clear convictions that the devoted teacher is to inspire in his pupils, and that those sealed before him day after day.

Such obedience and loyalty that the child can be of any sort of right will supply the great need among our citizenship, create a beautiful moral atmosphere about the schools of our state, and build up a state cleansed of the withering and blighting seeds of anarchy, and moving who life on to generosity, and a glorious destiny of universal, intellectual empire.

Truly, teaching is an earnest as well as serious business; it is no play; it is earnest labor from which there is but little respite during the lifetime of the student.

Through the reading circle, then, we learn of governments, republics, empires; of the rise and fall of empires; of the changing of the times; of the causes of the important movements among men, and nations, and hence, are acquainted with the proper moral conceptions of the mind and heart of the students, thus contributing more certainly to the weal of the world.

The reading circle has come to stay, and it must reach every teacher in the state, and the teacher who has not the day upon the opportunities it offers, or will not thus inform himself about that which is vital in his sacred calling. There is a mighty indignation of parents, county superintendent, and school officials, when one of our most splendid teachers, the best meatful food for the children who are to grace their homes and become the useful citizens of the state, is not in the reading circle. When the teaching No. 12 and No. 20 reader will be placed behind the school desk to grind out the automatic, therefore, impractical, intellectual, useful, better than an advantage rather than an advantage to the state.

The people are demanding a better education for their children; they have a right; for the people are sovereign in such a country as ours; and the county superintendent, who through political influence can make the choice of his favorites as teachers despite their inadequate qualifications (a thing I have known to be done more than once), must realize that the election of county superintendent that he himself is not gulfedout.

Every state now has a large number of normal schools on wheels, and while many teachers attend these normal schools, many good teachers do not have the means of going to those schools. The reading circle is suited to their needs and organized for them.

I am a strong friend of, and an advocate and supporter of the reading circle, but I am not one of those who think there are no good, any, excellent teachers (lecturers) of youth who have never rubbed against the walls of a normal school building; but I do say that no one can be a successful teacher who does not put himself in contact with the men and women of his day; the better teacher forms his opinions by personal contact or through the presence of school teachers, school meetings, institutes and associations, but another class stay away from his discussions, and, as often is the case, he himself is not guillotined, and the teacher's influence can never bring him home from his own flight mental garden.

The animal can for a long time live upon his own adipose tissue, but he finally falls away and dies.

The county superintendent can do without the reading circle, and it must be given about 100 members of the reading circle among the teachers of his county.

The directors of the Illinois State Reading Circle at a recent meeting held at Chicago, having been determined to abolish the board of managers in each county, and not to the superintendent to take charge of the entire work.

Statistics—I have taken the pain to write each one of the superintendents of the twenty-two counties with no jurisdiction, as a director of the Illinois State Reading Circle for any statistics regarding the reading circle in their respective counties. I also wrote to the state superintendents.

The result of this correspondence I give below.


The statistics heard from reading circles are: Arkansas, twenty-one members known; California, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kentucky, ten thousand, 3,000 and over, 100 members; Illinois, 101 circles, with 1,200 members; Nebraska, organized in twenty-two counties, 700 members; Vermont, Journals, 10,000 members; Kentucky, 800 members.

The secretaries of the twenty-two within our jurisdiction heard from, Edwards, Franklin, Hamilton, Harrison, Jackson, Jefferson, Monroe, Pope, Pulaski, Randolph, Saline, Washington, Wayne counties.

Counties not heard from: Alexander, Gallatin, Johnson, Massie, Perry, Union, Williamson.

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an individual matter. We are largely the architects of our own fortunes, and it is only after we have made our choice, being small in the light of our special calling—that we are doing to answer the ever increasing demands of the age, and those of tomorrow.

A word to the wise should be sufficient. Let each one of the teachers of Southern Illinois answer this question for herself. It is not enough to know that there are still living among her fair borders men and women who study, work, and sacrifice in order to solve the great problem of the day—the proper education of the sons and daughters of our age for future life and work.

POVERTY AND WEALTH.

CHARLES H. SHEPHERD, CAIN OF 97.

Practical life in large American cities has become a painful condition to thousands. Theory has added, the revelation of truth is almost revolting. Life, off hands out of the daily drudgery and tales of sorrowful woe. We are told by the literate orator of what we are to be by the worst of us; by unnatural but actual sagacity, harboring the lakes and gulf, and crossed by a longitudinal stroke of the right eye excavating our way of life; by a habitable, that is bad on the true trust.

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Practical life in large American cities has become a painful condition to thousands. Theory laid aside, the revelation of truth is almost revolting. Leaving off the orange, the plain prose tells truthful tales of woe. We are told by the itinerant creator of what we are to be proud of, a country bounded by a land and sea country that is beautiful and groan, and crossed by a longitudinal stroke of the right arm sweeping toward the setting sun. This good is to the condition of civilization, but is bad on the real truth.

It does well to interest a fifty coast and a society of known that there is a great curse on civilization and socialization, but it never gets broad in the mouths of those actually starving. We have yet to realize that "I shall not see the east, which contains us," using that celebrated phrase in its truth applicable to existence. What another person wears does not affect the one who has nothing to wear. What society thinks of the debateante does not send food for the "poor wreath" crying for death in the loafly Editors. What wealth spends for decoration for festive dinners put no leaves on the dining table. The brilliant illumination in the mansion on the avenue adds no ray to the dim candle in human hole of life on the equator. All in all, it is sad to feel that this great part of the world can not put one on the cactus.

The elegance of a presidential tongue is of little amusement for the inhabitants of mobile homes. To all the ease, luxury and a favored few do not furnish employment, so pay to the forty thousand idle hands of affluence, but there never true wealth; wealth multiplies wealth; poverty depresses and becomes more desperate. The brighter world below is filled with people that feel the one breeds crime to the other. Thoughts burning with want and steeped in misery kindle into flames of desperation. In a large number of cases, affluence is carried on the back of the poor. People are not made by the church, but people are made for the church. Life is terrible; living is pain; existence only an opportunity for seeking re-venge.

What is the effect? What is the cause? From various tendencies may come a result. It cannot be the boundless fields that do not furnish products sufficient either to feed, for there are millions of surplus, and yet, thousands of breadlessness. The warehouse burning with grain is no use to the empty flour-barrel of the peniless. What does it mean? Simply an indication of specialization out of which comes the greatest material and moral loss one. The tendency of to-day is concentration. Industries represented at our table, while the 23 million and 36 million dollars lost one case, would find mitigation in the opinions of those who condemn. Starvation is crime; want is enormous, and after looking at all the proofs one will not feel any sympathy. With one man expiring in sight of the trembling hands of another, no less; and the thought is what does not belong to him is suicide—a crime. The utilitarian effort is a failure. But there is a solution of the crime that involves a crime and omission is a crime.

One feature: Looking, coming from the depot among the arrivals, an old man grown gray in the toils of his calling. He comes with a life of wisdom, while five tattered Teutons follow behind. The English language to them is enigma, western life a torture, activity and hurry of the city are curious and terrors. They have come for fortune, hence did not bring any. They were sold of atmosphere of life that finds it an uncomfortable diet. The honest purpose of expecting work realizes the condition of ten already been tried. The art of the stranger is tickle latent patriotism, but is the result is too fast. The mother had remonstrated, but in vain. The teacher had an opportunity to better a child. The question arose, should the boy learn only what he could in school and his ideas be in common with the other one. It was bringing books home, study an hour daily, and be helped as he needed. His mother, though barely able to spare the time and money, decided to have his books brought home. One evening the boy had a letter to write to his mother. He brought the composition to his master for criticism. Of course it was an elegant plan under proper circumstances, but he had very little experience in either letters composition. He knew not what to do and took the composition to his mother, who, with the baby in her arms, read it through, sighed, and yet feeling is factorially at borne. I know a woman, whose it through, sighed, and yet feeling is factorially at borne. I know a woman, whose

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Miss Mali Smith sang a very beautiful solo. Mr. R. E. Steele and Miss Hattie Jenkins rendered a duet which was much appreciated. "The Home Song," which she had sung the evening before, was encored.

Leaving these pleasant rooms we found ourselves at the door of the First Intermediate grade where we were pleasantly welcomed by Miss Crowther who had charge of about fifty pupils. We saw here some very excellent specimens of school district work. They are a model of neatness and order and outlined map drawing. There are twenty-seven of this grade recommended for promotion.

Next to be visited was the second primary school, in charge of Prof. Alan Lane, who was in the same position for six years past. His enrollment has been sixty-three for the past year. He is succeeded by Miss Jennie Brook who has charge of the Primary department with an enrollment of sixty-three. This may be, and thus "make trees," as Holness says, "undoubtedly the most important of all the departments of the Normal School." During the visit of the editor to Shaw's famous botanical garden at St. Louis, nothing excited our admiration more than the beautiful flower beds, annuals and perennials, containing specimens of every known variety in the world. Among these we found those attracted by the flowers which were noted by such notable characters as Geo. W. G. Grant, Gen. W. T. Sherman and others of prominence, to be known as the Grant and Sherman groups. Such a collection of flowers would be a source of endless delight to every lover of flowers.

A BOROUGH.

A very pleasant exercise would consist of reading, by the pupils; composition; debating, by the students, on the following topics, to wit:

1. What is meant by resources? How can they be utilized or improved?
2. How can the work of the pupils be made more interesting?
3. How can the study of forestry and the reforestation of this country be encouraged?

These topics would be given to the students for consideration, and a report would be made on them in the next number of the Gazette.

CALENDAR FOR 1888-9.

Full Term begins Monday, September 30, and continues until December 25.

Half Term begins Wednesday, January 2, 1889, and continues until March 11, 1889.

Spring Term begins March 5, 1889, and ends May 30, 1889.

Examinations for the year begin June 11, 1889. Annual Commencement, June 18, 1889.

ARBOR DAY.

Gov. Fisher has issued his proclamation naming the 23rd of April as Arbor Day, and requesting "the people of the state to observe the day as Arbor Day, and to plant trees, shrubs and vines about the home, along the public highways, in the parks and other public places; and to suggest that the children in our schools, the young men and women in our colleges, and the graduates of our universities, with their instructors, cooperate in the proper observance of the day, especially the planting of trees that will benefit the home, adorn the public ground, add wealth to the State and indirectly increase the happiness of the people of the state.""
Read North's ad on this page. The enrollment up to the 13th numbered 471.

The issue of the Gazette's birth day is one year old.

Miss Carrie Lane, of Nashville, is the guest of Miss May Zetchee.

Rev. A. T. Templeton, of Timsnville, conducted devotional exercises on the 8th.

Quite a number of students attended the county examination at Marshall, Mo., on the 8th.

Frankie C. Tius orders her Gazette sent to Villa Ridge as she is not to be with us this term.

Three wise owls now grace the revolving book case of the history room. The last is a little fellow.

County Superintendent, Thomas H. Sheeridan, of Pope county, was among the visitors of last month.

We are sorry to report that Miss Salter has been too unwell to attend to her school duties, one or two days lately. Miss S. who has been teaching near her home in Marion county is with us again for the spring term.

The societies are making arrangements for a grand excursion in the near future. It will likely be to Grand Tower.

John W. Wodd, class of '82, was a caller on the first of the month. He has bad charge of the Cobden school this year.

W. F. Cochran stopped in to shave Bassett around on the 10th. He is at present making his headquarters at Makanda.

Thomas H. Wilson, after closing his school, went to Valparaiso, Indiana, where he will spend the summer in school.

Since the last report from the library there have been added one hundred and sixty-five books besides a large number of pamphlets.

Charley Davenport, formerly of Salem, and well known to the students of the Normal, is now a thriving drug-gist of Ravenna, Nebraska.

Dr. J. T. McAnally left for Mt. Vernon on Friday for a visit with friends and relatives before setting down to study practice again.

Prof. French has at last procured a living curiosity, a snake, and a rattler. He is to be allowed his life on condition of good behavior.

Married—April 7th, at Grand Tower, Mr. S. E. De Haven, of Pilot Knoll, Mo., and Miss Nellie Evans. The Gazette extends congratulations.

North's dollar must be good.

Miss E. R. Baxter was greeting her old friends of the Normal the first of the term, and is now teaching in Williamson county the past month.

The Normal Art Gallery has turned out some very excellent work in the last few weeks. We can heartily recommend the work as equal to any city school.

The faculty were all present at the opening exercises on April 1st. According to the course of events such a thing will not happen again for seventeen years.

Mr. James R. Goodall has been dangerously ill during the past two weeks with pneumonia. We are glad to report that he is slowly regaining his health.

Prof. G. V. Buchanan has received an invitation to attend the Abnurn meeting of the Salem high school on the 14th of May. He will no doubt accept.

Dr. Lyman T. Phillips, of Nashville, was in the city the 9th and 10th attending the dental association, and found many old friends. He is of the class of '79.

The many friends of Delia Caldwell, class of '78, will be glad to know that she is a student of the Illinois University at Champaign, in being chosen as a delegate to the convention and to deliver an oratorial contest in that University.

Dr. J. T. McAnally returned from Brandonston, where he has been pursuing his studies, and will probably permanently locate in Carbondale. He was greeting his friends at the University on the 8th.

Dr. D. A. King, of Rose Bud,' was in the city the 11th. He was accompanied by his wife, formerly Miss Eva Lightfoot, and their relations.

One of our board of trustees, Dr. H. C. Fairbrother, of East St. Louis, was with us on the last day of last term. He favored the students with one of his characteristic speeches, in which he expressed himself well pleased with the rapid growth of the Normal.

A student of the sociology class, who left the Normal last spring for financial reasons, has just returned and is as yet does not express himself in the best of English, made the remark, while the gyppas was under discussion, that he suspected the Normal was making-a mistake. Being questioned it was found that he meant a bicycle.

S. E. Melvin entered this University some few weeks after its inauguration at Carbondale. He was teaching school in the county last term, afterw ards spending a year in the Harvard College. He began teaching school this year, and has been employed in the school, in the county, Mo., continually, winter and summer. His steady employment proves his merit.

Saline county presents a delegation of twenty-one at the Southern Normal this term. Before last year there had been only two or three students from this county. The increase is due to the publication of the Normal Gazette throughout the county and the personal efforts of Prof. J. J. Jboto, James E. Uxie, and Mr. S. T. Robinson.

On the 2nd Instant, Col. and Mrs. D. H. Bruch sent a wagon-load of shrubbery and bedding-plants to the Normal garden, as a tender thanks for the magnificent and liberal donation.

An ordinance has been passed by the city council to extend the streets on the north and south of the University campus across the Illinois Central tracks. It is to be used to lead the east of the grounds to be on the east side of the railroad instead of between the Normal yard and the railroad as it is now. This is decided upon by the Illinois Central to be done, as the railroad already to be improved and set with trees.

During the last month the sad intelligence reached the University that Spencer Amsden, of Centralla, who was with us last term as a student, has been adjudged insane and sent to the Kansas asylum. The following from Central, Sacred are pleasantly pricked by his many friends here: "The doctors of Kansaske county think he has been doing, as well as could possibly be expected. He is enjoying a good appetite and they expect to have him out and cured in time for strawberries."

It will be a matter of interest to our old students who formerly attended the M. E. Sabbath school to know that a Mr. Igereswell, for more than thirteen years so ably performed the duties of superintendent of the Sabbath school, feeling the need of a rest, has been succeeded by Mr. J. A. Lightfoot, the resident trustee of the University, who has been elected to fill the position. A few Sabbaths ago at the close of the lesson, the following was said by Mr. Igereswell, in a very appropriate speech, presented to him, in behalf of the school, a beautiful Rochester extinguisher, and a wagon-load of shrubbery, costing thirty dollars, and also a large album containing the pictures of both students and teachers, an oak and the card autographs of the entire school, officers, teachers and pupils about 250.

The University will observe one hundred and ninety years of Washington's inauguration in an appropriate manner. The students will attend services in the morning. During the day three sermons will be delivered by the battery, the continental, provincial and national, making in all seventy-six guns.

The literary exercises will consist of the same program which was printed in the last Gazette. In the evening arrangements are being made for a grand display of fireworks from the roof of the Normal. This is decided upon by the interest of the students, and we can safely say that it will be the grandest display of that kind that Carbondale ever saw. A reception will be given by the faculty in the evening building to which all are invited. We would suggest that Father Kemp, General and Lady Washington, and the old and new friends of the Normal, especially invited to be present in costume.

J. F. Rutherford, who spent a part of the winter in Prof. Melton's short-hand class, has appointed official Court Reporter at Marshall, Mo., at a salary of $10 per day. Mr. Rutherford first learned the Stenographian system complete in a month, and then came to the Institute to obtain a practical training. At the time he left here, he could write with ease 150 words a minute, and was also a veracious stenographic shorthand. He is a veritable about seven weeks but made many friends, all of whom will be glad to hear of his success.

Feeling a deep interest in the important subject of short-hand, and being a graduate of Prof. Melton, I take the liberty of writing to you to suggest to the favorable consideration of all who are interested in this much neglected branch of education. As a short-hand teacher of the Stenographian system and method of teaching is strictly scientific and practical, and he labor to fit young men and women for business life to be of service in a great number of systems and I find the Stenographian system, as improved and increased, to be the best, to be far more practical, legal, and office, than any other. In the progressive age no one can consider this education and that of short-hand, the lawyer, the physician, the minister, and in fact every one holds short-hand of inestimable value; and it is with this end in view that I am writing with the old style of communicating our thoughts on paper, besides this, I am more than aware of the necessity of dispatching our work in a more rapid style, therefore creating a daily greater demand for stenographers. I have also found a regular post office, that can never be paid for, the good he has afforded the short-hand profession. His graduates are all been successful in their short-hand career; and we unhesitatingly say the no man in the United States is better prepared to instruct one in this art, than Prof. Melton.

J. F. RUTHERFORD,
Law Stenographer.

Students are coming from all parts of the United States to Prof. Melton's short-hand school, and many more are every day expressing a desire to learn his system and we will do well to correspond with Prof. Melton in regard to his system which is the best. Address, W. O. Melton, Carbondale, Ill.

MONEY IS INTELLIGENT.

One dollar will be given to the student of the S. I. N. U. on the publication day of the Gazette in May, who will produce the greatest number of legible and correct reports before said day, from the following: S. E. North and Son sell the best clothing and furnishing goods. Their styles are the best. Prominent names exist.

S. E. NORTH & SON,
Mr. J. K. Morton having closed most successful school at Bingham, Fayette county, this state, is with us again.

Mr. Emerson has been away several months, but returned in due time to read a most excellent essay in the contest. Yourscribe, being a boy, regrets to say he cannot be there.

Our ex-civil president, Mr. Tref Fela, is not with us this term. As a declamer he has few superiors, and is considered a rare gem among declamers. We are sorry to lose him this term.

We are happy to welcome back to the stage of the Socratic Society Mr. J. M. Parkinson (Mr. J. M. Goodnow), a member of our society. We expect to hear their voices in one hall as they are both earnest workers.

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Interesting Slippings.

Rev. Dr. E. G. Robinson has re­
signed the Presidency of Brown Uni­
versity.

Miss Sanger, President Harrison's
type-writer, is said to be the first wom­
an ever employed at the White House
in a clerical capacity.

Prof. P. G. Wilson is fitting up an in­
teresting museum at Chattanooga Uni­
ersity, having brought several tons of
"various" from China and Japan.

Thirty-six young women have just
graduated from the Woman's Medical
College of Pennsylvania. They came
from all parts of the Union and from
India, Russia and Japan.

Thomas Irving Sherman, son of Gen­
eral Sherman, has become a member
of the Society of Jesus, and is to be
ordained priest at Philadelphia some
time this coming summer.

Miss Mary L. Booth, is said to have
read the Bible and Pittarch at five years
of age, to have begun the study of Latin
at seven, and to have become familiar
with Home and Gibbon before she was
ten.

Dr. Dollinger, the famous old Catho­
lic leader and before his defection the
most honored of Roman Catholic
Church historians, has reached his
ninetieth birthday. He has been a
professor at the University of Munich
since 1826.

Jefferson Davis is now past 81 years
of age, yet he stands erect and
moves about as easily as a much
younger man. Although his hair is
white and his voice is not as strong as
it once was, intellectually he is as
bright and clear as ever.

Dr. Oliver Wendell Holmes advises
young men not to smoke. "It is liable
to injure the sight," he says, "to ren­
der the nerves restless, to disable the
will and to enslave the nature to
an impious habit likely to stand in the
way of a duty to be performed."

Captain Wissman, the German ex­
plorer, who is going to Africa to look
after Stanley and Emin Bey, possesses,
says Sir Charles Wilson, all of Living­
stone's indomitable courage, his con­
sistency of purpose and his kindly feel­
ings toward the native; and he has
twice crossed Africa in its widest ex­
tent without once firing a shot in an­
ger.

Seven ex-mistresses of the White
House are living. They are Mrs. Ty­
er, who resigned in 1844, and is yet liv­
ing in Georgetown; Mrs. Polk, who
succeeded her in 1846, and still lives in
the Polk mansion in Nashville; Mrs.
Johnson, who as Harriet Lane is re­
membered as one of the most accom­
plished of women, and is living in Bal­
smore; Mrs. Grant, who is living in
New York; Mrs. Rutherfield B. Hayes,
of Fremont, O.; Mrs. Garfield, who is
living at Mentor, O., and Mrs. Cleve­
land.

The debate on our common school
system and the possible moral influ­
ence and training which it may exer­
cise, is calling out a wide expression
of opinion from the best men in the
country. The conclusion reached by Rev.
Dr. A. D. Mayo, a very competent au­
thority in many respects, is, "Whatso­
ever temporary success may attend any
little system of instruction and discip­
line, will abide, and more and more be
held to the nation's heart as the sure
defense against the illiteracy which is
not mere ignorance of letters, but the
sum of all weak and hulking tendencies
working together for mischief in the
Republic."

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