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### BIBLE READING IN SCHOTL ROOM.

(The following is a paper read before a Teachers' Institute of Mills county Tex., by Prof. P. A. Grove, who is Principal of our Kenna School at this time.)

I will preface my remarks by the statement. That we live in a Christain land of liberty, secured to us by the blessings, which the bible has bestowed. It is very fitting that we should revere this sacred book, by frequently reading appropriate passages, which have reference to history and moral living.

The physiology of the bible tells us that, "We are fearfully and wonderfully made." Psalm 139. "He that hath planted the ear, shall he not hear? And he that hath formed the eye, shall he not see? I would not read every passage of the Scripture before the school, but only such parts as teach, honesty, industry, uprightness, sobriety, truthfulness, faith in a Supreme Being, and all that would tend to strengthen character and cultivate within the children, higher and nobler ideals.

I would avoid offending any patron by teaching cult, isms or sectarian theories; but I would endeavor to make the clear spiritual truths of the bible. "A lamp to their feet and a light to their pathway," that they may be enable "to walk in the straight and narrow way of Eternal Life."

Religion is the system of moral and spiritual truths, taught in the bible, and is practiced in the Christian worship of our churches. By religion we do not mean Sectarianism.

The foundation upon which the Spiritual Religion of Jesus Christ is built, is Moral Truth. No miracle was wrought, no sermon preached or parable

uttered, but that had for its theme, the highest form of moral teaching, and pure christian living in the lives of men and women. We are all but grown up children, hence the Golden Opportunity of the teacher, and the serious responsibility if neglected. "As the twig is bent so the tree is inclined," illustrates the relation of the present generation to the future.

Figuratively speaking. "The boys and girls of today are the Church and State of tomorrow." Therefore it is the duty and exceedingly great privilege of parents and teachers to mold the future destiny of our nation, for good or for evil; which shall it be? The prime object of the state in providing an educational system, is to make good citizens and better citizens. All that distinguishes our present civilization from the dark ages, is, The Moral Spiritual laws of the nation, which we have founded upon Holy Writ: Wherein we have embodied the 10 commandments, the golden rule, and the righteous and masterly sermon of sermons on the mount.

No nation has ever been eminently great or useful, who has rejected the bible or the Christian Religion. Spiritual Truth is the great moral force that rules the world, and the only force that can keep the nation rightly adjusted, and man in proper relation to his fellow man. France in her pride and arrogance, renounced the Christian Religion and tried to forget God and Heaven, substituting for them the Goddess of reason; even going so far as to keep the tenth day as a holiday instead of the Christian Sabbath.

You are all familiar with the great train of evils that follow-

ed: Riot, Revolution Bloodshed and Consternation, all in rapid succession seized upon the vitals of the nation, accomplishing its complete overthrow.

The school children are to the future of our Nation, what the forest is to the architect and builders, the source of needful supplies, out of which we are to build the superstructure of a greater Republic, shedding its benign rays of liberty, of peace, and of christian love, to all the nations of the earth.

We as teachers can help to inspire these sublime sentiments in the minds of the young, by pointing out to them the footprints of a Supreme Being, in creation, in history, and showing to them in Physical Geography the hand-waiting of providence upon the walls of time. In Gen. 8-22. "While the earth remaineth, and seed time and harvest and summer and winter, and cold and heat, and day and night, shall not cease."

We should also, point out the Divine Plan—How in infinite wisdom, the Creator has arranged the useful offices of the sea, of the clouds, of the rivers, and of the mountains. Three fourths the surface of the earth is covered by the ocean, as an evaporating surface, that the other one fourth may be a garden of plenty for the home of man. That even the barren desert, which seems to us as useless, is utilized by the laws of nature to cause the periodic winds, which bringeth moisture from the ocean, distributing it over the land; thereby making it fertile and fruitful.

The Scriptures reveal and hint at Descriptive Geography, in Isai., 40-22. "It is He that sitteth upon the circle of the earth, and the inhabitants thereof are as grasshopper's," thereby telling us that the world is round.

Acts 17-29, again it is declared. "He hath made of one blood, all nations of men for to dwell upon the face of the earth and hath determined the times before appointed, and the bounds of their habitation." Here God claims to be the creator of man, and hath given him the privilege of a dwelling place as his heritage on the earth. He hath also fixed the bounds of the continents and said to the sea, thus far shalt thou come and no farther. In the wisdom of his own counsel He hath arranged the grand divisions of the earth, and designed man to dwell within his prescribed bounds, fulfilling the purposes, and plans of his Creator.

Religious Truth can be, and is forcibly impressed upon the minds and hearts of our stud-

ents in by pointing out to them, General History, the chapter on the antiquity of man. How in some remote age he appeared upon the earth. Man cannot account for himself, he can only advance theories. But revelation comes to his relief and tells him the only true story. That God created man in his own image, and after his own likeness. Therefore we are like God in our intellectual, moral natures. Then there is the chapter on the Hebrews. The history of the bible is faithfully corroborated,—that their mission was to keep the worship of Jehovah pure; and as inspired writers to give the holy scriptures to all succeeding generations. Then there is the mention of Nebuchanezzar, and Balshazzar, and Cyrus just as has been accurately recorded in the bible. All this shows the truthfulness and reliability of Sacred History. The last thought is, that character is what we really are. Therefore we should strive to attain the virtues of a noble christain character, for character is destiny, and destiny is eternal.

It was said of Alexander the Great. "That he was greater in genius than character." We should teach our pupils to shun the defect of the conqueror. He conquered the world but could not conquer his own passion and appetites. "He that conquereth his own spirit, is greater than he that taketh a city."

### TOOK A SECOND THOUGHT.

Aggrieved Visitor Agrees With Man Who Spoke About the Better Part of Valor.

Bishop William H. McVickar of the Episcopal diocese of Rhode Island, has hundreds of Boston friends who will be interested in a

story they are telling down in Providence about him. The bishop is as big physically as he is mentally. On a certain occasion some years ago, he preached a sermon on the need for missionary work in the back towns of his state, and especially mentioned the town of Foster, which certainly deserved as much as he said about it.

There are a good many fighters in Foster, and the worst of the lot announced to all who cared to hear that when he went to Providence he would make it his business to chastise the bishop. He didn't happen to visit the city until a month or so ago. On his return he joined the crowd about the stove in the village postoffice.

"Well, Hi," said one of the graybeards. "Did ye lick this here Parson McVickar when he was down to Providence?"

Hi spat deliberately before his replied. "Lick him!" he said. "Say he's eight foot tall and four feet broad. Lick him? I saw him."—Boston Traveler.

Character is found in the ferments of life. He who listless y drifts with the tide, yielding to every appetite or passion, will very soon dash a broken wreck on the sullen jagged rocks that lurk unseen in the river of life. Happy is he, who is so constituted that with a steady eye on the compass, a strong hand on the tiller, reinforced by a determined will, he guides his craft past the hidden dangers, and finally anchors safely in some quiet harbor in a position to enjoy with his loved ones the fruit of the struggle; and at last, when the supreme moment arrives, calmly goes to his eternal rest, content in the thought that he leaves to posterity an unsullied name, and that the world is a gainer because of his having lived.—Col. Wm. C. Hunter.

The story is told of an editor who recently wrote a "jinx" for the belle of the ball, say "her dainty feet were incased in shoes that might have been taken for fairy boots," but the compositor made it read, "Her dirty feet were incased in shoes that might have been taken for ferry boats."