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## THE TIMES

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### THE EDUCATION PROBLEM. SYSTEM IN ENGLAND AND THE NEEDS OF THE EMPIRE.

(By H. J. SPENSEL)

Within the lifetime of an individual in this country education has ceased to be regarded as a matter of private or secretarian concern solely, and has come to be recognised as a national business of the first magnitude and importance. After confining its responsibility to the restricted field of instruction in the bare rudiments, the State has extended its functions to include all grades of education, primary, technical, secondary, and tertiary. But whilst the interest and attention of the nation has been concentrated on side issues, the great central problem of evolving a national system has been skirted. Nowhere have public indifference and lag control exacted a heavier penalty than in the department of education. The price has been national inefficiency which has been manifest in every crisis. Drifting indolently along on the flowing tide of a fortuitous prosperity, we have overlooked the value of education as a national asset, simply because the necessity for realising all available assets has not been cogent. With the tide has turned, and with the ebb have come disillusion and re-orientation. Our commercial supremacy is challenged, our self-respect has suffered and our MORALE HAS

#### BEEN IMPAIRED.

But we have no right to complain ourselves as to blame; we have had such education as we desired and deserved. It is nearly half a century since Matthew Arnold bade us organise our secondary education. Five years ago, when our present King exhorted us to wake up, we selfishly put our own interests before the interests of Government. We have never set ourselves resolutely to the collar work that lies before us in the re-organisation of the great departments of national activity. The very essentials of efficiency have not been grasped. Such experiments and excursions as have been made in education have been effected mainly by the driving power of the democratic party machine and by the enterprise of local education authorities. That systematisation of education is urgently needed, we are all agreed. But we have had no clear conception presented to us of the form which such systematisation should take, or of the means by which it may be accomplished. The oracles of wisdom which have been dumb or discreetly silent. Only by the receipt of prefatory memoranda and requests for statistics are we periodically assured as to the Board of Education's continued existence.

There is nothing from which education in this country has suffered more than from the want of expert guidance and knowledge. On the paramount importance of this element we shall do well to accept the testimony of the author of the "Advancement of Learning"

"Let this ground, therefore, be laid, that all works are overcome by ample rule of reason, by soundness of direction, and by the conjunction of labours; the first multiplieth endeavour, the second preventeth error, and the third supplieth the frailty of man. But the principal of these is direction." The present chaos would almost

#### TEMPT US TO QUESTION

the existence of a science of education, and might certainly be held to warrant the doubts as to whether expert opinion had been available for the service of the State. The truths that science has been discarded for opinion; the man who knows has everywhere been ousted by the amateur expert, who has marked out education as his particular province, and the profession has been inarticulate. Nowhere has our weakness been made more manifest than in the absence of collective professional opinion. Yet, if we think clearly, the success of any attempt to evolve a system must depend wholly on the existence of an organized and united profession, whose collective opinion, deliberately considered and clearly expressed, shall carry due weight on legislative and administrative councils. It is a regrettable fact that the short-sighted jealousy and selfishness of the various "water-tight compartments" of the scholastic profession have hitherto prevented us from recognizing the absolute identity of our interests. Towards that recognition, paradoxical as the statement may appear, no one has contributed more than the Permanent Secretary of State for Education. His persistent refusal of the general demand for a register has quickened in all sections of the profession, the perception of a common cause, as no expedient devised for this purpose could possibly have done. For nine years Sir Robert Morant has successfully flouted the various associations of secondary teachers. But the ways of Fate—a theme dear to the Greek dramatists—are inscrutable. An inadvertence in itself trifling the too cursory perusal of an official document, ultimately issued over his signature, had exposed Sir Robert Morant to a storm of indignation, not wholly unwarranted in view of the propositions which the document contained. Henceforth, we are assured, the domination of the bureaucracy is at an end. Within the near future it seems probable that the Register will be an accomplished fact. With the Register, we shall get a council, representative of the whole profession, composed of men and women whose first qualification will be practical experience of the problems with which they will be called on to deal. One of the functions of such a council will be to advise the Board of Education and to supply those elements of sympathy and knowledge which have been wanting in the Board's methods and procedure.

On the Board of Education as at present constituted, it is unnecessary to dwell. Its failures and defects have been precisely those with a knowledge of its composition and personnel would have led us to anticipate. Where we hoped for a plan of campaign we have received a series of dull books, precise, prescriptive and arrogant.

From the nation what we need is the recognition that

in this problem of education lies future; that on it depends our position as the leading commercial nation of the world, and as the Empire.

### Has Limon Peculiarities!

The following amusing paragraph appeared in the "Telegraph and Guardian" of 19th ult. under the headline "Disorderly Conduct."

Amos McLean, who greatly resembles one of the latest arrivals from Port Limon, betook himself up Smith lane on Wednesday night in quest of a friend. In accordance with the custom that prevails in Latin-American climes, McLean sought shelter under his umbrella.

Loretto Gooden, an inquisitive character, was standing at her gate and on spying McLean she ejaculated, "Eh! What sort of mount in man this carry umbrella a night and no rain no fall; him seems to be a real m—p—man."

The state of the weather, in addition to the insults thrown at him by the girl, was in McLean's opinion, sufficient to warrant corporal punishment, and acting on the spur of the moment he advanced to her gate and boxed her. A fight ensued until a policeman arrived on the scene. He succeeded in separating them, and in the Police Court yesterday they were charged with disorderly conduct.

The facts of the case were related to His Honour, who said that although McLean was provoked he should not have acted in that manner "Mountain men never use umbrellas," concluded Mr. Burke, "they use camel skins or plantain leaves" (laughter). After commenting on their folly, His Honour admonished and discharged them.

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It has been the longest May not seen in Baltimore in forty years.

### Home and Foreign News.

A terrible collision occurred between the "Merida," one of the finest steamships of the Ward Line, and the "Admiral Farragut," one of the United Fruit Company's vessels, on the 12th ult., which resulted in the sinking of the former. The "Merida" carried passengers and crew numbering 322, all of whom were rescued. The vessel sank five hours after the collision and lies fifty-five miles off the Chesapeake Capes in thirty-four fathoms of water. The "Admiral Farragut" had her bows badly crushed and returned to the States in a crippled condition.

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### Violence at Montevideo.

Montevideo, Uruguay.—Declaration of a general strike in sympathy with the strike of railway employees led to rioting. Several soldiers and a number of strikers were killed.

### Strike of Seamen.

South America.—The long threatened International strike of sailors and firemen, it is reported, has been fixed for May 25th, with the object of disrupting traffic during the Coronation of the King. Well informed persons do not believe the strike, if even attempted, will be a formidable one.

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