

SCHOOL ITEMS.

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Mr. Butler and his scholars went down to Miss Wilson's room, last Friday, and enjoyed the program, given by the scholars of that room.

Arthur McLaughlin, who has been sick for several days, has returned to school again.

L. O. Finn has completed his job of papering and painting the interior of the school-house, that he started last fall. Although it took a good observer to see the first coat of paint he put on, the last coat greatly improved the looks of the school-house. We recommend Mr. Finn, as a very lively hand at this.

Coughs and colds were numerous the first part of the week.

Harry Carpenter, who has been absent from school for a few days, has returned.

Minnie Wakeman, who has been absent from school for several weeks, has returned.

The Methodist Sunday School kindly loaned the school their hymnals to use in singing.

Mr. Gray is going to move into town, soon, which will make it much more convenient for Robert and Grace to come to school.

The Spirits must have been very lively, during the night of March 31st., for in the morning, when the children came to school, the books were not, all, where they had left them, part of them were in one desk and part in another. The books, that were on the teacher's desk were in the drawers and everything was out of place.

Although last Saturday was a bad day, the County Superintendent and several of the teachers from different schools met at the Teacher's Association in the school-house. There will be another association, three weeks from the last.

Owing to illness, Ella Nelson, Frank and Walter Masters have been absent from school part of the week.

Breaking Vs. Training.

It would be well if every man who has rare native tact, or has aught to do with the management of boys, could have trained a colt. No man now trains a colt unless he has rare native tact or has made a specialty of the scientific study of colts in general, having formed a habit and established a method by which he studies the animal in hand. Who does as much for his boy? In the case of the colt, a man knows that a failure in the training means a loss of a hundred dollars, more or less, but in the case of the boy, he forgets that it is a loss of manhood, loss of character, loss of a human soul that fruits from neglect.

"Breaking" the will of a child ought to be as much out of place in this age of the world as breaking a colt, and a boy should no more be harnessed into the responsible work of life untrained, than the colt should be harnessed into a carriage containing women and children without first having been trained to work kindly and reliably in harness. The change will be great, very great, and it cannot be accomplished through the homes alone. The schools can do much. They must be held to account for doing much, but they will not, they cannot, do all. The home and the school must combine, and at the same time enlist other forces in society and church to train the boy as skillfully and patiently as the colt is trained. Teachers must do all in their power, but it should be distinctly understood that they are not alone responsible for the training of the boys. The schools are too large, the intellectual work too exhaustive, the miscellaneous requirements too unreasonable, to leave time for the work of any expert, and yet the teacher must do the best he can under the circumstances, remembering the home can do less than he.

"It aught school," says Bill Nye, "partly because it was a good route to the Presidency and partly because I needed the money. It was lucky that I did not need much."

All fools day has come and gone, and has proved an excellent opportunity for character study and Ethical lessons. In the Primary Dep't. twenty-five promised the day before to try and April fool some one pleasantly. The next day twelve said that they had succeeded. A few of the "April Fools" are given: "I put oranges in my little sister's coat sleeve." "I took mamma's old hair-pins and left her some new ones." "I filled my little brother's pocket with candy." "I bought mamma a handkerchief and put in her pocket." "I took a silver dollar and put it in mamma's cup."

A few echoes from the Primary Dep't:

A dunce is anybody who don't go to school and Sunday school.

If you dig down far enough would you hit a Chinaman?

Snakes is awful poison, if you just touch their stomach it'll kill you.

Uneasy means wigglin all the time.

(W. age 6) - When you get married Miss Gimore and have a home of your own you needn't be surprised if I come and live with you most the time.

Yes, but suppose I don't get married, then what?

Oh well, I s'pose I'll get married myself by and by and I'll let you come and live with me.

Does God have a machine for turning out folks?