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"But the weather was wet, as usual."

"Oh, that doesn't matter! I tell you, friend, that teachers who have a deep interest in their work don't mind a little sprinkling."

"But how is it with the ladies? Surely they won't venture out if they live more than two or three miles off?"

"I see now where your trouble is, friend. You don't know much about the lady teachers in this part of the country. They're always on hand. At the last convention there was a load from the south-east corner of Osprey, and as they were driving through a drenching rain, singing 'We'll not go home till morning,' one was heard to say, 'I don't care if it takes us till the middle of next week; I am glad I attended that meeting. I tell you, girls, we are going back to our schools with new ideas; in fact I never before felt that I was to such a degree responsible for the moral and religious training of my pupils, but that essay of Miss Stone's has set me thinking. Wasn't it just fine? We haven't a sufficiently exalted idea of our calling. I believe teaching is a noble work if we go about it in the right way.'

"Why, do the ladies take part in the regular work of the convention?"

"Well really they can't read essays, teach classes and discuss the various subjects very well, without taking part."

"I never saw a lady take any part. That's new to me. When I taught school eight or nine years ago teachers appeared to go to the conventions for the fun there was to be got out of them."

"That used to be the rule, but now every lady teacher who wishes to have the respect of her associates gives the very best attention. Of course there are still a few of both sexes who seem to have no definite object in being there—but they'll soon drop out of the work. In fact there are now very few openings for such teachers."

"Were there any other ladies to take part? The idea is so novel that it is really interesting to me and I wish to hear more about it."

"Well, yes, there was Miss Kerr, of Hanover. She gave a very interesting address on the reasons for teaching Phonic reading, and"—

"Excuse me. Whot kind of reading? Phonic, was it? What kind is that? I never heard of it before.'

"I have scarcely time now to go into all the particulars, but if you only heard how Miss Kerr talked about that subject you would come to the conclusion at once that lady teachers can take part and show earnestness too. I tell you, friend, that girl is a whole convention in herself, and when she gets started everybody is on the qui vive to hear the good things she has to say."

"Things have then changed, since I was in the business. I don't think I'd be able to handle a school now."

"Right you are" Even since I gave up teaching five years ago I notice a big change in things. The conventions, too, are more active, and I always like to attend them; they seem to put new life into a fellow. Then there was that lesson in Reading that Miss McKechnie taught to a fourth class. I never saw anything like it. What an amount of energy that girl can put into her work! Why, its marvellous. In fact I can't find language to express myself.

"Truly," everything seems to move as if by steam or electricity. I wish, indeed, I had gone to that convention. When and where do they intend to hold the next meeting? I'll make it a point to go to that one, sure.

"I am not certain, but if you write to the Secretary,—I think his name is Irwin, and he lives in Flesherton,—he'll send you a program giving all particulars. I heard some of the teachers say that the next meeting would be held in Flesherton in the fall, but I didn't catch the date.

"I am not satisfied yet, but excuse me for trespassing so much on your time,—do the ladies take part in the discussion also?"

"Freely;" but as it is now getting late and I wish to tell you about other teachers who took part you will kindly allow me to hasten on."

"Certainly. I have been so pleased with your remarks that I'll just let you go straight ahead and tell me all about it."

"There was Mr. Mowat, a clever young man from Meaford, the head master in the High School there. He gave us a lesson on Metre, illustrating the different kinds of feet, such as the Iambic, Trochaic, Anæpestic and Amphibrach, and a great many other things that a person who is not actually engaged in the work can't think of, besides, there were a lot of big names. Mr. Burgess, the English master in the High School in Owen Sound, was there, too, and he gave a great many hints on how to teach Grammar. I did like that lesson so much. When he started first he seemed to be at the wrong end of his subject but I tell you, friend, before he got through I concluded that we had always been working from the wrong end and he had the right one. You know yourself, if you try to unwind a ball of twine from the wrong end, you soon get things into a snarl. I see now plainly why our grammar used to have so many snarls in it. We didn't go at it scientifically, as Mr. Burgess did. We started at the wrong end. I'm convinced that to teach Grammar you must start at the other end. But we're not to blame, we did what we saw our teachers do in the old Grammar schools we attended in '61. Things have changed since then, there may not yet be a 'royal road to learning,' but there is certainly a better road that the one we travelled.

Mr. Jenkins, the principal of the Owen Sound Grammar School—I think they call them Collegiate Institutes now—went scientifically to work to show his method of teaching Temperance and Physiology.

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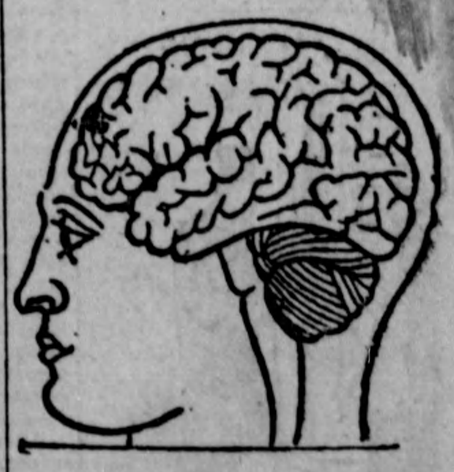

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