

As one gives some thought and attention to the history of education in our state he is struck with the rapid progress we have made during the past hundred years. But at the same time he is impressed with the crying need for more and better training for our children.

One generation ago four young men - three now living and one dead - started a campaign in our state for universal education. These men awakened our people to the need for universal education and to day we find everywhere an evergrowing demand for better educational opportunities for our children.

Then and in many places now the idea prevailed that any person with a liberal education could take charge of a school and teach our children. This idea is to day being abandoned. Our people are beginning to realize by the

trial and error method that a scholar may not be a teacher. That scholarship and teaching ability are not necessarily synonymous terms.

To be of real service in a room full of children the teacher must have ~~that~~ that training necessary to fit her for this peculiar work.

I know most of the facts necessary to amputate a foot, but did you ~~if~~ you would not come to me for this service were you in need of such an operation.

But my scholarship is better than that of most physicians.

Acquiring the facts about surgery as those facts are recorded in books does not make a surgeon. I know most of the facts necessary to fill a tooth but I am not a dentist and you would not engage me to do work of that nature.

Let us apply the rule of common sense and see what is being done here and all over

North Carolina (and every other
 state). The children of our state
 are our States greatest asset.
 The future of the Old North State
 rests with the children of each
 to-day within her borders.
 The safety of our homes, the
 stability of our government,
 the happiness and prosperity of
 our people, the moral uplift, yes
 the entire structure of our
 civilization rests upon a
 proper development, a proper
 training — the education
 of our children. You may cut
 off a foot or pull out a tooth and
 still save the person to
 useful society, yet these are
 guarded by law. The people who are
 allowed to attend to these, rightfully,
 are guarded by law. Yet the child
 whose future usefulness
 is to be enhanced or retarded
 yes whether he is to become
 a useful member to society
 or a menace often depends
 upon his teacher. That

profession however is open
to any man or woman
with a given amount of
book facts regardless of his
training or fitness for the
delicate task he is to undertake.

The treatment of the physical in
one case is prohibited except to
the especially trained. The treatment
of the physical, mental and
spiritual on the other hand
is handed over to Mr. A. or Miss
B. because peradventure
she is related to Mr. C. who is
a member of the Board, or
to Miss X. because she is a
member of this or that church,