

A Preparation for Life's Responsibilities

In the study of figures the work should be made practical. Let every youth and every child be taught, not merely to solve imaginary problems, but to keep an accurate account of his own income and outgoes. Let him learn the right use of money by using it. Whether supplied by their parents or by their own earnings, let boys and girls learn to select and purchase their own clothing, their books, and other necessities; and by keeping an account of their expenses they will learn, as they could learn in no other way, the value and the use of money. This training [if rightly directed . . . will encourage habits of benevolence. . . .

“In this way . . . study may become an aid in the solution of that greatest of all problems, the training of men and women for the best discharge of life's responsibilities.”

—*Education*, pp. 238, 239.