

## Psychology

Congratulation to Dr. Malha Khatun for the wonderful write up, "The Problem of Backwardness" published on December 29, 1992, the Bangladesh Times. Perhaps this is the first write up on the subject published in the Bangladesh Times or any of the other news papers of Dhaka, if as the reader I have not missed them. However, the following observations could be added

and considered (for the future planning of our Education Department):

1) (a) Some years back a Madrasha student was sent to the mental hospital. Thereafter he came to Dhaka and used to take certain types of medicines prescribed by the physician. One day I had requested the father of the boy to visit my place along with the boy after the Jumma prayer. The father of the boy did agree to come with some unknown difficulties. The boy had disclosed many small but unpleasant stories of his life for nearly one and half hours and then he had fallen asleep the first time within two three years, not even in the hospital did he sleep without the medicine. The simple desire of the boy was "ripe papaya" and a little loving care of the family, specially the father-the father was very impatient since he was not allowed to hear what the boy would say. A couple of months back, at about 6:30 hours in the morning, the growing young man greeted me and I was wondering "who could he be?" However, the boy himself gave the identity, and he seemed to be a wonderful boy at the cost of papaya and a little loving care. (Certainly case history speaks on the psychology of children?)

b) Only a few months back, a physician-child specialist, had

prescribed a few injections for a child of two years. The injections were pushed by the compounder who has black framed glasses (my glasses have also the black frame). Now this child even hates that compounder, and any body with the black-framed glasses, a very new allergic reaction and the matter has been discovered only two weeks back when I met the child on the road.

2) "Psychology is a science and a study of the mind and its processes, behaviours etc that includes even the animal kingdom....dog is the clear example for the ready reference.

3) The psychological growth of the human children have many aspects, very small aspects which are over-looked by 95% of the teachers of any school, political and social leaders and others. Only a few days back, the class-room tragedy that had made the head-line of the newspapers proves the point.

a) I was a part-time teacher, some thirty years ago, when it had been observed that all the boys were intelligent in my classes, from the first bench to the last bench, and all the boys were happy to prepare themselves for my classes because of the simple reason that I had the care for all the boys of the class and all the boys had the interest.

1) Interest is the most important point to increase the I.Q. of the children which is almost absent now-a-days in most all the schools.

b) Rational and experimental psychology could not yet clearly prove the cause of dullness of the children. Teachers are the causes of dullness of children always and every where in the world and it had been proved by two of my classmates who always used to get "O" while outside the classroom they knew the subject perfectly. So fear is the cause of dullness of children and it has been evident on parents day when a teacher was shown what he had done to a student.

c) A teacher has to know the children psychology.

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