

monies. Better to be noisy *with* the weak, than humble *to* the strong, is only another form of Cæsar's famous aphorism when the Cæsar who utters it is only a would-be Cæsar. And there was quite a number of would-be Cæsars opposed to the pension fund idea. Indeed, strange as it may sound, the opposition against the teachers' interests, in this instance at least, whatever it may be in these later times in connection with other matters, came in great part from those who were to be benefitted by the success of the movement. Nor, let me confess, was I a bit better than the other friends of Cæsar in opposition. Indeed, like many of the others, I continued for more than a year or two in a *passive* state of opposition, that is, I followed the crowd in opposition, because the Cæsars in opposition said that the whole thing was wrong from beginning to end, and because I was too indifferent, in my easy going feeling of contentment at the time, to look into the matter for myself.

But as the years went by, and as things began to perspective in the dim religious light of a maturer kind of wisdom which came to me when my increasing gray hairs brought to me warning of older years to come—as I began to feel the responsibilities of life converging, as it were, in a possible future point of decrepitude, however remote, I felt a new interest in this movement in favour of the poor teacher. And the further I looked into the measure which had been drawn up in favour of a pension fund for teachers, and which had actually been approved of by the legislature, the more convinced I became that the supporters of the measure were the true friends of those of my kind. The opposition to the measure, I may say, did not cease after the measure had become law. Of course it didn't. If anything, Cæsar became more active than ever. The measure was only in favour of the few at the expense of the many. It was altogether inadequate. The principles on which it was drawn up were a delusion and a snare. The Act was unworkable. The fund would be bankrupt in a very few years. The teacher would never receive a proper return for his deposits. The legislature had been deceived.

But deceived or not deceived, the more I thought of it, the more unwilling became my following in Cæsar's wake, the more inclined I became to break away from Cæsar. And you may