

tion of the qualities which render service efficient will follow. I know full well the so-called difficulties which surround the system of selection, but the well-being of the State requires it, and unpleasant duties fall to the lot of most of us in every day life. We act up to this principle in our private business transactions, and if it is right in the one case what makes it wrong in the other? I hope the day will be long ere the rigid adherence to a competitive system of examination will be adopted in Canada for the services under state control.

All this brings me to a conclusion which should, I think, come home to each teacher. Let the teacher so pursue his vocation that he may train the child in wisdom, as well as in knowledge; that he may ripen the judgment as well as instil facts and that, in so doing, he may bring into play the spirit of his calling, as well as attend to the mere letter; so that even the youngest child, even in the most simple lesson, may learn more than the mere repetition of words. As teachers, do your utmost to prosecute your calling with sincere devotion; look rather to the results shown by well-formed character than to brilliancy in the mere letter of the pupils' work, and your reward will come, if not in dollars and cents, yet in a satisfied conscience that to the best of your ability—you have done your duty.

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*Darwin's Resting Place.*—The remains of Mr. Darwin were interred in Westminster Abbey by the side of those of Sir John Herschel, an immense crowd of all kinds, from the members of his own family to men of eminence of all sets and views, Ministers, chiefs of Opposition, statesmen, men of literature, art, science, and law, all crowding to render to Mr. Darwin's great genius and noble character the last tribute of respect. The burial in Westminster Abbey of one who has caused so great a change in European opinion in the direction opposed to that of orthodox Christian theology, is an event which could hardly have taken place ten years ago, certainly not amid demonstrations of such universal respect. Does it mean that the general belief in Christianity has greatly dwindled in the last decade? We should say not. Probably the number of real believers in Christ has increased, rather than diminished, in that period. But it does mean undoubtedly that men are estimated infinitely more by their characters and lives, and infinitely less by their mere religious opinions than they were then.—*The Spectator*.