

blems, seems to be the logical step to supplement and to give permanence and vitality to the splendid work of the recently established schools of agriculture, and to enable the fullest results to spring from the summer schools, which made such a good beginning last year.

My own conviction is that the present course of study is too bookish and academic for rural schools and not sufficiently practical to help the teacher who has an active interest in rural problems and wants to apply it in the class-room, or to create such an interest where it does not already exist.

One other suggestion, and that is, that we devote some time and thought to the consideration of the practical ideals of education and of success in life which are shaping the lives of boys and girls in the schools of Alberta. To what end and with what object are they being trained? What are their motives and ambitions as they leave school and set out to make their way in the world? Is there a danger that the commercial and mercenary spirit may lead them and ourselves as well to look forward to financial success, "gettin' on", the securing of luxury, comfort, etc., as the chief object of life, forgetting that the life of useful work for the common good, the life of pleasurable service for others and with others is the one great thing worth living for. The words of the Great Teacher are as true to-day as when spoken 1900 years ago: "He that is greatest among you shall be your servant".

And if we ourselves are so permeated with this same spirit of service as exemplified by the Great Master that we instil it into the lives of the boys and girls who come under our influence, shall we not thereby be doing a great work in helping to produce a noble race of men and women for the upbuilding of Alberta and the world?

"For what are heroes, prophets, men, but pipes through which the breath of God doth blow a momentary music?"

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A professor, noted for his severe way of examining students, tackled a raw-looking freshman: "I understand you attend the philosophy class?" "Yes." "Well, no doubt you heard lectures on various subjects. Did you ever hear one on cause and effect?" "Yes." "Does an effect ever go before a cause?" "Yes." "Give an instance!" "A barrow wheeled by a man!" The doctor put no more questions.

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Visitor—Your wedding trip to Italy must have been magnificent, Mrs. Professor, especially thru Switzerland?

Professor's Wife—We saw very little of the Alps, as my husband insisted upon examining me on my Italian vocabulary.—*Fliegende Blaetter*.