

gain which a second time the quantity has to be doubled. So it is with those books, they go step by step from one book to a brighter one until the effect is mentally disastrous to the boy or girl. Give the boy a scientific work, one that will keep the mind actively engaged and rouse it to healthful exertion. What a man is, using the word man in its generic sense, and not what he knows, is the measure of his effective power in whatever sphere of life he is called on to act. Numerous illustrations could be had of the force of this. The speaker exhorted his hearers to let their pupils bear the impress of their own lives, and so train their boys and girls to be educated, not in the sense of the amount of geography they carry round, but as true men and women, morally and mentally strong, industrious and polite.

The Rev. Mr. Rexford, after the Quartette Club had given one of their finest selections, was called upon by the chairman to address the meeting; whereupon the Secretary of the Department came forward as usual with a genial smile on his face, and gave one of those pleasant sensible addresses for which he is so well known at teachers' gatherings. He said that it was not so much a pleasure as a great encouragement in his work for him to be present before such a representative body of teachers of the Province of Quebec. During the past three or four years the association had grown from being comparatively a nobody to a great power for education in the Province. It had been given one privilege after another until now it is an incorporated body with an annual government grant. He asked for increased earnestness in the work of supporting the elementary schools, which after all were the foundation of the universities, and spoke of the progress which had been made in our Superior Schools within the past few years.

After Mr. Warner had enchained the minds of his audience for a few minutes with a reading from Shakespeare, Dr. Putney was introduced as delegate from the Vermont Teachers' Association, and conveyed in the briefest terms to the members of the Quebec Association, the cordial sentiment and warmest good feeling which their brethren across the line entertained towards them. Dr. Putney was heartily welcomed, amid great applause, to take part in all the proceedings of the convention.

As the evening was well advanced, Dr. Harper, on being