

would have a rising generation that would place the brand of shame upon the gross meanness and vileness of their ancestors.

Second, by example. The far-reaching responsibility that attaches to those who mould future mankind must have an additional requirement. One of the most important qualifications of a teacher should be a conscientious gentleness and sympathetic nature. Who can wonder that manhood should so oft be contemptibly mean, when childhood so oft receives its moulding impress at the hands of a sour, disagreeable, unsympathetic and revengeful teacher.

"The pitiful wreck of the present
Bears the past's bitter-sweet on its breath."

Such a simple system of ethics in the public schools would not only remove the objection as to antagonising various religious beliefs, but what is vastly more important, would build a foundation for a moral character for each of the thousands of children who now receive intellectual education at the expense of the state, but are not included in the Sabbath-schools and churches.

Shall the state place in the hands of its future guardians mind-knowledge, and, in thousands, leave the heart, the citadel of right and wrong, to grow up with pestiferous and rank weeds? Shall we be unmindful of the causes of the fall of other republics? Shall liberty be a term with a real practical meaning rather than a topic of spread-eagle laudation on anniversaries? Shall the legacy to the coming millions be a blessing fraught with happiness and peace, or the same continued vendetta handed down from time immemorial? Shall life be worth the living? Then hasten ye men of purpose, ye leaders in the van of true progress, the day when the doctrine of peace, good-will and truth will have for its rising champions the thousands of the onmarching generation.

DR. HARRIS' REPLY TO THE TEACHERS OF TORONTO.

We have great pleasure in presenting to our readers the address delivered to the teachers at Toronto, by Dr. W. T. Harris, United States Commissioner of Education, in his response to the welcome of Canada to the National Education Association at Toronto.

"In behalf of the people of the United States I thank you for this cordial welcome to your hospitable city. We have long heard of your thrift and of the sobriety of your manners, and we have listened with great interest to the story of your happy