

vince there are many noble men and women who feel the responsibility of their office, and that their whole trust is not discharged by drilling their pupils a few hours per day in purely secular studies. They long to lead them up to higher planes of thought and motive. But you meet with scant encouragement; few seem to sympathize with your efforts, and sometimes the thought comes, I may as well confine myself strictly to secular studies and leave all religious precept to the home and the Church. Be not so despondent. Remember you are working for the future, and although the fruit of your labour does not immediately appear, you shall reap hereafter with abundant increase.

Take heart ! the waster builds again ;  
A charmed life old Goodness hath ;  
The tares may perish, but the grain  
Is not for death.

God works in all things ; all obey  
His first propulsion from the night ;  
Wake thou and watch ! the world is gray  
With morning light.

One last thought let me leave with you. The influence you exert in moulding the moral character of your pupils will depend upon the extent to which you are yourselves imbued with the principles you teach, for in this matter more depends on what you *are* than on how much you *know*.

Thou must thyself be true  
If thou the truth wouldst teach ;  
Thy soul must overflow if thou  
Another's soul wouldst reach ;  
It needs the overflow of heart  
To give the lips full speech.

Think truly, and thy thought  
Shall the world's famine feed ;  
Speak truly, and each word of thine  
Shall be a fruitful seed ;  
Live truly, and thy life shall prove  
A grand and noble creed.

## REVERENCE FOR OLD INSTITUTIONS.

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REVERENCE is the mother of religion, and religion, whatever the term may be worth to the sceptic or agnostic, has certainly been a bond in the past, potent as all pervading, linking peoples into communities even more surely than the ties of kindred or country. Judaism, Buddhism, Brahminism, Mohammedanism and Christianity, this last as exemplified most fully under the Roman Catholic domination, have been powerful factors in the product of universal history. They have moulded thought, determined civilizations, furthered or arrested progress, material, intellectual and spiritual, and have even influenced the duration of national being.

Without reverence, religion, according to the true acceptance of

the term, would be impossible. It is because reverence is perishing, that much of the old fashioned religion is moribund, and much of its new fashioned *locum tenens*, a snare and delusion, an odd admixture of furbelows, feathers and fashionable sensationalism, of Sabbath day cant and week day sacrifices at the shrines of frivolity, unfair business transactions and financial failure. Were not religion decaying and reverence dead, Nihilism, Communism, Socialism, and Intransigentes would be meaningless terms, uncoined as uncared for, their places in the dictionaries would be blank, and their devotees, the iconoclasts of custom and the enemies of humanity, unknown.

To revere is to worship. Even though the object of reverence be no