

to the rest of his school. Trustees should step in and object to parents thrusting back on the small schools those children who have passed the Entrance in every case where such a course will endanger the Entrance and lower classes. The interested teachers should themselves present the matter in a reasonable light and should not jeopardize the interests of so many because the school can get a special grant for every P.S.L. candidate passed.

In our own district we have noticed still another feature in which we are not likely to be unique. Such straining of efforts has brought the pupils only to a very moderate position at best. Few pass their examinations well. The result in most cases is a bare pass. This is very bad and is a misfortune usually underrated. A pupil who makes a poor pass sees only a low plane of excellence. His ideals are not high. His aims do not soar. He is far below a pupil who passes well, and thus learns the pleasure of doing well. The latter is much more apt to do well in all his other efforts than the one who has only the low a.m.

My argument, therefore, is that we should not be satisfied with merely passing our pupils, but we should pass them well. The certificate is not the goal. Excellent standing is. We should place high ideals before our classes. This is education. We should, accordingly, cry down all attempt to lower the standard of work done in our Public Schools. These schools should only attempt as much as they can do well. It is of vital importance that this point be observed. The welfare and very existence of our race depends on this principle. Much depends on the teacher. In conclusion, we should be glad to know that in every district the local paper is made a medium through which the High School might keep in touch with the Public School. A unity of interest could thus be preserved, and much might be done for general education. By this means rural trustees and parents could easily be shown that, in schools with not more than two teachers, both Entrance and P.S.L. work cannot, with wisdom, be attempted.

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ACCORDING to Scripture, in the beginning God created the heaven and the earth, and every living creature that moveth. But we know no more of life than he of old who said, "It is a vapour that appeareth for a little time and then vanisheth away." Wise men, armed with microscope and telescope, travel, peering back, looking up and down, and try to find, in their own way, what it is and how it began. But the wisest are stopped at last. They are left to face an unseen Almighty Power, the Author of every living thing, great

and small. The name of such a countless creation is Infinite, and we stand ignorant before this mighty herd. Nevertheless above it rises man, having a peculiar relationship to the Maker who gave him dominion over all the earth and its manifold inhabitants. We Christians have learnt Him to be, in a sense shared by no other, "Our Father which art in heaven," in the knowledge or knowing of whom standeth our eternal life.

But along with this greatest mystery of all there are some things common to the highest and lowest of His