

child of to-day go back morally, but we must strive to place him a notch higher than we found him, so that this generation may be a step in advance of the one that preceded it. I am proud of the noble army of teachers of this city and of this Province. Let me close with the words of Titcomb, "Dr. Arnold was a great school-master, simply because he was a great man. His fitness for hearing recitations was the smallest part of his fitness for teaching. Indeed, it was nothing but what he shared in common with the most indifferent of his assistants at Rugby. His fitness for teaching consisted in his knowledge of human nature and the world, his pure and lofty aims, his self-denying devotion to the work which employed his time and powers, his lofty example, his strong, generous, magnetic manhood. That which fitted him peculiarly for teaching would have fitted him peculiarly for other high offices in the service of men. He was a rare historian with a minute knowledge and a philosophical appreciation of modern times, and that mastery of antiquity, which enabled him to write a history of Rome, characterized by competent critics as the best history in the language. His excellence as a teacher did not reside in his eminence as a scholar and a man of science, but in that power to lead and inspire—to reinforce and fructify—the young minds that were placed in his care. He filled those minds with noble thoughts. He trained them to labour with right motives, for grand ends. He baptized them with his own sweet and strong spirit. He glorified the dull routine of toil by keeping before the toilers the end of their toil—a grand character—that power of manhood of which so noble an example was found in himself."

Editorial Notes and Comments.

READERS of the EDUCATIONAL RECORD will doubtless read with a good deal of interest what one of the educational papers of England has to say of things educational in Canada. In a recent number of the *Educational Journal* appeared this paragraph—

Canada from East to West was greatly roused, educationally, a year ago by the visit of the British Association for the Advancement of Science, which held its sessions in Toronto. It was another bond between the mother country and our colony, and was auspicious in every respect. After this great educational revival it was but natural that the