

take charge of the common schools and hundreds of lawyers, physicians and ministers as capable as our academy teachers and college professors to fill the professorial chairs, teachers cannot claim particular distinction or reward. The successful lawyer requires an amount of general technical knowledge, business ability, logical and forensic power, simply enormous. He has to a remarkable degree that which his fellows have not and hence he enjoys rightful advantages.

But, not only should teaching be a profession but in its higher departments the most distinctly marked of the professions, as it requires not only a range of powers and learning equal to the greatest demands of other professions, but a skill, training and insight exceptionally rare. A gentleman of an acute mind who had spent some time at three of our foremost Canadian colleges said he had found but two real teachers among their professors. Be this as it may, it would be hard to thoughtfully say the same of other trades and professions and it perhaps gives some hint why some of our professors and teachers get less pay than commercial travellers. The truth is, able and efficient teachers cannot be got for pay and hence the worth of a school cannot be measured by its wealth. We suspect the school of Socrates was not very highly endowed with money but we cannot doubt its efficiency. The true teacher has not yet disappeared and a college with eight professors, men of learning and great teachers has an endowment that the most wealthy college may lack. A great school cannot be built by money for in this sense also there is no royal road to learning. So to a man of mediocre ability and ambition the teaching profession offers no great inducement and if any other profession does he had better enter it. But to men of the highest genius with special powers of analysis and questioning the teaching profession offers pecuniary advantages not insignificant, while it holds out rewards transcending in real worth those of any other profession for if they exalt the profession the profession will exalt them.

IN every community it is accepted that no better proverb can be followed than that most familiar one, "honesty is the best of policy." No nobler trait in man can be found than the tendency to do honestly and well whatever falls to one's lot, at the same time respecting the right of property of others.

Of course every person has a right to himself, but not at the expense of his neighbour's comfort. If you tamper with the goods of another without his knowledge you are taking liberties to which you are not entitled, it matters not where or what the wares may be. We had occasion to make reference to the condition of things existing in our reading room once this year, and feel that we should again repeat a word of caution. The table papers are shuffled about rather promiscuously and as a consequence the Magazines get badly torn and become next to worthless before they reach the purchaser's hands. The papers on the stand will scarcely bear handling, through the thoughtlessness of some persons, before they are in the reading room half the required time. We fear also that some persons carry off papers which do not belong to them, as their whereabouts cannot be accounted for. Do not clip the choice selections out of any paper as the purchaser may himself be compiling a scrap book. If a little more care and thoughtfulness was exercised on the part of those who make use of the papers, they would not be delivered in such a damaged condition. This is not intended to attach any blame to the person who has the care of the room in charge, but to sound a note of advice to those who enjoy these periodicals. We are strongly of the opinion that the whole trouble arises on account of the blurred conscience of some students in whose minds the idea of others rights has but a hazy existence.

MOVEMENT has lately been undertaken in Ontario for the purpose of having our Canadian flag displayed upon public school buildings on certain days during the year. It is urged that by displaying the national flag upon the anniversaries of such events as the Battle of Lundy's Lane, &c., the grandest pages of our history are kept constantly before the minds of the young, and thus valor-loving youth will be led to reflect upon the past and learn to honor and love the land of their birth.

We feel that this is a movement of no small importance. At first thought it might appear that there can be no special or permanent influence exerted by the repeated display of a bit of bunting; but when we consider the function and significance of the flag in the intercourse of nations we see that the subject is worthy of consideration.