

good voice, and a strong, sweet character, are the first qualifications of a teacher. All else, all that does not belong to true womanhood, is the professional side of the ideal. Without the professional characteristics she may be an ideal woman; she cannot be an ideal teacher. She must have scholarship,—not necessarily the broad and deep knowledge of the savant, but that knowledge which comes from education in a good secondary school followed by careful study of every subject to be taught, in its connection with other subjects; a knowledge of what are the best books and a loving interest in them; a wide-awake interest in current events; a knowledge of psychology, derived from the study of boys and girls and supplemented by the observations of wiser thinkers than herself, found in standard works on the subject; a knowledge of what the best men and women of her profession in the past have thought and done, and what the leaders of present times are thinking and doing in the cause of education. If she has a truly professional spirit, she will wish to meet with fellow-workers in local, county, district and state associations, both to receive and give.

She must have a well-disciplined mind gaining all the time in power to acquire fresh knowledge, to assimilate it and wisely use it, thinking more keenly and feeling more warmly as the years go by. From wise observation of the effects of her work which she has based on her knowledge of the principles governing the development of soul, she must constantly increase in skill in teaching, becoming, indeed, an artist instead of remaining an artisan. She ought to have an eminent degree what Pestalozzi calls a "thinking love" for children.

To the stimulation which ever comes from an earnest soul, should be joined the stimulation of the "word fitly spoken."

" With halting, without rest,
Lifting Better up to Best;
Planting seeds of knowledge pure
Through earth to ripen, through heaven endure."

THE ISLE OF CUBA.

England and Australia are the only islands that exceed Cuba in natural resources, and the former would not be an exception if it were not for the riches of her prodigious de-