

Yet least in Christ's Kingdom is greater—because sees fulfilment of Christ's life, death, and resurrection. Therefore must strive earnestly to enter that kingdom.

LESSONS. 1. *Patience* under trial—from St. John. 2. *Thankfulness* for our greater privileges. 3. *Sympathy* with all seeking to serve God.

PUBLIC OPINION.

THE growing discontent with the present system of school inspection, and with the mode in which Inspectors are chosen or promoted, is not likely (says the *North British Daily Mail*) to be allayed unless a resolute effort at reform be put forth on other lines than those hitherto pursued.

A VERY excellent movement has lately been set on foot by the Lundy's Lane Historical Society, in offering prizes for the best essays on Canadian history, to be written by pupils of the High Schools in the county of Welland, and dealing with the War of 1812 as the first epoch they may take up.—*The Week*.

MR. SMITH has not seen his way (says the *St. James's Gazette*) to make any open recognition of Matthew Arnold's public services. But his even greater services to literature must not be allowed to pass unrewarded by a nation which learned in no small degree from his teaching to love what is beautiful in literature and to despise what is contemptible. The value of his writings is not to be measured by the circulation of his books. It would be unbecoming to a great nation that the funds should not be forthcoming which are required to make a generous memorial of his noble and inspiring work.

THE school board is in an uncomfortable position at the present time. At its last meeting two petitions were received, asking for a hear-

ing upon the removal of *Swinton's Outlines of the World's History*. One petition was referred to the textbook committee with full powers, the other to the High School committee with full powers. The textbook committee gave a private hearing, at which Dr. Blake, Judge Fallon, and Dr. Duryea were present, Messrs. G. R. Swasey and E. C. Carrigan being absent. Several members of the general committee were present. The petitioners presented the following formal statement of the case:

To the Honourable Members of the School Committee of Boston:

On behalf of the Evangelical Alliance of the city of Boston, we, its committee, would respectfully submit the following petition, with the reasons for the same. We respectfully petition the school committee to restore to its place in the English High School *Swinton's Outlines of the World's History*, which, it is publicly reported, this committee has stricken from the list of its textbooks. Reasons for the petition: 1. The book ejected from the curriculum of study has in its favour ten years of public endorsement and use. It has a long and honourable tenure in our public schools. 2. The paragraph and first note, on account of which the book has been ejected, contain a true statement of history. This assertion is supported by standard authorities of all schools. We wish neither the suppression of history nor the perversion of history. 3. The book