

TO preach education and yet leave a removable obstacle in the way of the best men devoting themselves to the training of youth is an hypocritical farce. In our great care for education we make the schoolmaster's life such that the forceful man, the man of energy, large heart, and large ideas, in short the man who is best suited to be a master, generally gives up school-mastering the moment he can find an opening elsewhere.

Indeed he will think it an advance to give up the making of men for the making of paragraphs. The shame is not his.

*Mr. Benson, an Elton Master.*

THERE, on the sixth standard benches sit girls and boys, some destined inevitably to the plow or domestic service, others certain to drift further afield and rise or fall. Now the sixth standard is an admirable banner in itself to carry into the battle of life, and in itself it ought greatly to enhance the happiness of any life—even one to be spent in purely manual labour. But what if those nine years from five till fourteen which apparently have to be absolutely spent in reaching it could have been more profitably employed? It is a serious question; for those nine years are coincident with the period during which habit, especially physical habit, is most easily formed.

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