

mouth be opened very widely and the breath emitted with force, the voice becomes imperious; such is the tone in which a military officer gives the word of command. Words simple enough in themselves become offensive when uttered in a harsh tone. When the sounds are uttered softly and rather tremulously, the words succeeding one another with deliberate slowness and imperceptibly lowering of pitch, the sympathy of the hearer is awakened. The orator who possesses a good voice, and who can at will assume the tones that best agree with the sentiments, emotions, and passions which he would arouse, will win the hearts of his auditors, whereas the grandest oration, delivered by an unpractised speaker, would fail to move them.

WE are pleased to notice the manly and decided stand taken by the newly-appointed Minister of Education, Hon. G. W. Ross, in reference to the much-mooted "Reader" question. It is certainly an anomalous thing that there should be three or four different series of "Readers" authorized at one and the same time for the public schools of a province like Ontario, and in declaring that there shall be but one, Mr. Ross is certainly conferring a boon on both parents and children, though possibly taking a step which will prove disastrous to more than one enterprising publisher. "The greatest good to the greatest number" is and ought to be the maxim guiding all true legislation. The question of university support, which has of late been so exhaustively discussed in the daily press, is also a very serious matter for the management of the Educational Department, and will tax to the utmost the energies of a talented and careful Minister to bring it to a satisfactory conclusion. We will anxiously await developments in this as in other questions now pending, and most earnestly hope party feeling will not be allowed to prevail, and members of parliament become mere blind partisans, acting in opposition to their principles of honor, and contrary to their ideas of truth and justice, when matters of such vital interest are under consideration.