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TO many teachers, who are already overworked in the preparation of candidates for the various literary examinations, it may seem an injustice to expect them to do anything towards the inculcation of a patriotic sentiment; yet since education should fit a person for true citizenship, and true citizenship must be co-existent with love of country, it follows that the teacher who fails to instil into the hearts and minds of his pupils a feeling of loyalty to their fatherland fails to perform one of the highest functions of the true teacher.

Patriotism is defined to be "Love and devotion to one's country; the spirit that prompts to obedience to its laws, to the support and defence of its existence, rights and institutions, and to the promotion of its welfare." This is a comprehensive definition, but to die for one's country is perhaps a more popular and a more ancient definition of patriotism. We don't always want to die, and, while it is our privilege to live, we may live for our country in such manner as to act the part of the truest patriots by using the talents God has given us in striving to elevate humanity to a higher plane of true Christian brotherhood, and as teachers, with an influence as lasting as

eternity itself, we should do our very best for the universal good.

We want a broader patriotism than that which is limited by national boundaries, and to grasp these higher ideals of true greatness, and to appropriate to ourselves, and to incorporate into our constitution what has proved a blessing in the constitution of any truly great and prosperous nation should be the ambition of every subject, and until we are willing to do this we fail to fill properly the highest duty of the best type of citizen. This leads us to realize the absolute importance of knowing not only the history and civil government of our own country, but also the history and government of every nation that leads the van in social, political and religious reform. We all admire, no doubt, this truly catholic spirit of a universal patriotism, yet the ties of nature force us into a deeper love for that land which we are pleased to call by the endearing name of home.

Patriotism is an essential factor in national greatness, and the greater degree to which this love-of-country spirit is developed the greater will be the height to which such country will ultimately and inevitably rise among the nations of the world. In order to