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THE AIM OF A TRUE TEACHER. *

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Permit me to say at the very outset, that in writing this paper I feel as though I were outside of my latitude, or, to use a common expression, "like a fish out of water." I realize that this is a deep and important subject: one that demands careful thought, and should be dealt with by one who has had a broader experience in the teaching profession than I have had. But here, let me make the confession that I have taken the liberty to borrow much of the thought expressed in this paper, from the experience of an older teacher, Inspector Hughes, of Toronto, so that the "aims" which I have set before me as a teacher, are not wholly the product of my own thought. I have read, with much pleasure and profit, Mr. Hughes' little book entitled "Mistakes in Teaching," and it is from this work that most of my "aims" are derived. Let me say, just here, that I would urge every teacher who has not read the book yet, to procure a copy for himself or herself; to read and re-read it if necessary; to digest and practise it.

My object in writing this paper is to place before us as briefly as possible, a few of the "targets" at which a true teacher should aim, for if we aim at nothing, we ought not

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