

your pupils. Many a child has been led to take an interest in all the work of the school by this means. Every boy and every girl has an intense interest in something. Do you know what that something is? Acquire the necessary tact to find it out. When a boy allows you to see the contents of his pockets you have a golden opportunity.

The character of the teacher is all important. He must himself be what he would have his pupils be. He must study high and noble lives that he himself may have lofty ideals towards which he can press onward.

If the teacher shows no interest in anything outside the text-book, the pupils will believe that the text-book is an end in itself. The best teachers are those whose interests are broadest. All history teaches us this.

—A MAN is known by what he laughs at.—*Thomas Carlyle.*

—THE question of compulsory education is settled so far as Nature is concerned. Her bill on that question was framed and passed long ago. But like all compulsory legislation, that of Nature is harsh and wasteful in its operation. Ignorance is visited as sharply as wilful disobedience; incapacity meets the same punishment as crime. Nature's discipline is not even a word and a blow, and the blow first; but the blow without the word. It is left to you to find out why your ears are boxed.—Prof. Huxley, "A Liberal Education".

—AT the close of a lesson in dictation, the teacher, having a few minutes to spare, asked the children for synonyms of the more difficult words. These were written on the board and all but the most appropriate crossed through. Then the children were asked to read over the story, putting in the best words that had been suggested. It was observed that the writer of the story had in almost every case better words for the circumstances than any supplied by the children. The exercise was very much enjoyed by the class and was an excellent lesson in the use of words.

—WHAT the Empire does for the boys and girls of Canada, and what the children of Canada should be in order that they may become worthy citizens of this great State, might serve as a subject of conversation in regard to civics.

—SEAT EXERCISES THAT MAY PROFITABLY FOLLOW A READING LESSON.—Until the children know how to study, they must be given some tangible work to do during the