

two extracts from an address prepared by himself, added simply with the view further to enlist the sympathies of the pupils in the prosperity and success of our national school system.

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