

promising and remunerative, field of labour. On receiving confirmation of the report, and learning that our friend had been led to take the step "owing to the strain upon his health, occasioned by the confining and arduous duties of his position," our regret was keen and sincere. On personal grounds we felt that our congratulations were due to Mr. Robinson, in his having the good fortune to draw a prize in the lottery of commerce, which, besides adding considerably, as we believed, to his income, secured him the advantage, which all men of culture desire, of a residence at the Provincial capital. Professionally, however, there was the other view to be taken, and it was one that occasioned us regret, viz., that education would be greatly the loser by the course Principal Robinson had decided upon. In this latter view of the case, we feel sure that many will join with us; though, no doubt, not a few who are in the harness, and who feel its daily chafings, will applaud Mr. Robinson's choice, and wish themselves happily in his place. That the vocation of the teacher should be so irksome and wearying, cannot but be detrimental to education and a most serious drawback to the profession. To be constantly under the spur, to have every energy put to the straining-point, to suffer nervous collapse, and be haunted by fears of ultimate break-down and perhaps a premature death, with little chance to save a penny and no grateful country to remember, with generous hand, the labour performed in the days of strength and usefulness—is the situation of a slave and the outlook of a bondman. When, in the name of common sense, will our educational authorities recognize that the position in this rich Province of the toiling brain-workers of the schools is a blot upon the Provincial escutcheon and a libel on the discernment of the age? When, also, will school trustees and the people see that right and justice demand that the profession shall receive honourable and generous treatment—the encouragement and sympathy, rather than the indifference and contumely, of their fellow-men? To paraphrase Emerson's saying, the first requisite the public seems to

look for in the schoolmaster is, that he shall be a good animal. And an animal, a good draught-horse, is all that nine-tenths of the community appear to want in him. Is this, we ask, either humane or politic? While the teacher's status remains what it is, while he continues to be over-worked, underpaid, harassed, dispirited, and confounded, need we wonder if good men leave the profession, and seek occupations in which their lot will be more tolerable, and where there will be a better adjustment of labour and enjoyment?

In Mr. Robinson's resignation of his Head-mastership, Whitty suffers a loss that will not readily be repaired. His management has done much for the Institute, and that in the face of sharp competition in his district, and at a period when the professional race has been keen and exhausting. In the profession he has earned distinction: in commerce may he be *assured* the bays! As editor of the Classical department of this magazine, we owe much alike to his assiduity and to his scholarship. We trust that in his leaving the profession we shall not lose his co-operation, but that his services may still be secured to the magazine and to its readers. Once more, we regret to see a good man renounce the profession.

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