

—A FEEBLE body weakens the mind.—*Rousseau.*

—THE IDEAL TEACHER.—Mr. Sidgwick in his "Practice of Education" gives us a glimpse of an ideal teacher in the person of Mr. Frederick Temple, of Rugby. "What it was," he says, "to come for months or years, into daily contact, at the most impressionable time of life, with a man whose every look and tone and word spoke to us of high aims and resolute endeavour, whose life in the sight of the duller and weaker of us was plainly based on duty and self-devotion, whom all could absolutely trust, to whom the most timid would naturally turn in trouble and perplexity, whom all could love and venerate without reserve,—such an experience it is not likely that one who had ever known it could forget or ignore." Shall such an aroma as this linger after we have departed from the active work of teaching?

Mr. Sidgwick also shows us another of Rugby's great teachers—Dr. Arnold. "When he was composing sermons, histories, notes on Thucydides, and teaching Rugby better than any school was ever taught before, he was writing letters, as his life shows, on every mortal subject of interest—the Newmannites, Niebuhr, Rome, the Jews, the Chartist, London University, the French Revolution. This width of interest took hold of the boys, as it always does and must. And he himself knew it and felt it. 'The more active my own mind is,' he said, 'the more it works upon great moral and political points, the better for the school.'"

—CICERO has said, "What greater or better gift can we offer the republic than to teach and instruct our youth." The noble men and women of all ages have had a lofty ideal with regard to the work of the teacher, and he who speaks slightingly of his work is not worthy of being called a teacher.

—STUDY to acquire such a philosophy as is not barren and babbling, but solid and true, not such an one as floats upon the surface of endless verbal controversies, but one that enters into the nature of things.—*Archbishop Leighton.*

—THE TEACHING OF AGRICULTURE IN ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS.—The text-book on Agriculture assigned for elementary schools is that of Mr. Charles C. James, M.A., Deputy Minister of Agriculture, for Ontario. Many of the elementary teachers of this province are taking up the sub-