

NOTES FOR TEACHERS.

THE SECRET.—The secret of Thomas Arnold's success in moulding the character of his pupils is found in his deep love for them. He entered heartily into their amusements, as well as into their mental occupations. He brought his own cultivated mind near to their minds, and awakened in them a love for the truth and good conduct; and the boys who graduated from his school went away into life bearing with them something of the spirit of their great teacher. Dr. Arnold owed his success as a teacher to the insight he had into the inner life of his pupils and to his knowledge of the springs of human action.—*John W. Dickinson.*

FOR CITY TEACHERS.—Unless you are doing much outside of the school-room to neutralize the narrowing tendencies of your work, your last state shall be worse than your first. If, for instance, in your grade—first, second, third, or fourth, as the case may be—you, year after year, repeat the same rules, make same explanations and suggestions, in the same tone of voice, and reach the same pages in every text-book at the same hour in each day every year, it needs no profound philosopher to predict that you will inevitably become an automaton, unless you find antidotes and modifying influences; and these are all around you, in the form of good books, periodicals, and newspapers. You and I think of several teachers—it is always our neighbors who are going wrong, not we—who are simply cogs in a vast machine. Miss So and So, you know full well, did not during the last school year read a single book which had the power to make her a wiser woman or a more efficient teacher. If she would but read the parable of the virgins!

The temptation to vex the principal's soul with every trifling difficulty you encounter in your room is constantly present. Think of your sister out there among the solitudes, 15 or 20 miles distant from the superintendent! *She* has no principal within convenient reach to quell refractory boys or perverse girls. When disorder or mutiny rears its head, she must decide instantly, and act vigorously. From the depths of her own resources she must bring forth wisdom, strength and courage. It must be plain to you that in self-reliance she is growing day by day, and that in the long run it is a blessed thing for her to be separated by creeks, woods and expansive prairies from reinforcements.—*Western Sch. Four.*

A SPEAKING WATCH.—An ingenious watchmaker of Geneva, Switzerland, has invented a watch in which he uses the phonograph to tell the hours. In the cavity of the case is a phonographic plate on which the hours and quarters have been marked by grooves. If the dial points to 12.15 for instance, a steel point drops into the corresponding groove on the simultaneously rotating plate, upon which "12.15" is then spoken, just as by the phonograph.—*Our Times.*

AN ASPIRING GIRL OF TO-DAY.—She is bright and ambitious; she looks out at the window in the world, and thinks that if she were among men she would make a great success, and that reward of fame—money—would come to her in plenty. Now, I do not want to say one word to discourage the one who thinks she is doing right in walking this path. It is a hard one to travel, and for the traveller there is not the gentle pro-