

art in this country. They advise the selection of those studies which will promote the highest ethical development. They seek to co-ordinate and correlate all subjects in such fashion that they may rest upon a sound basis of morality, and assist to produce perfect character. Under the leadership of reformers with such aims the future of our schools is safe.

The true reformer is an apostle of the new, and withal a careful student of the old. He seeks with strong hand to banish what is evil in the old, and, retaining what is good, to add new elements of strength and beauty. He is at once a conservator and a regenerator; a critic and a constructionist. He destroys while he fulfils. The new education has still a great work before it, though its positive results are not meagre. Through its advocacy of a compulsory school-law it seeks the salvation of the masses, and the promotion of universal intelligence. By its eternal antagonism to the drill method, and its effort to develop the free play of the powers along natural lines, it fosters the spirit of self-activity. By insisting upon the study of the child-mind it lays the basis for judicious training. By pleading for the development of the entire being it discloses a wise breadth of view. In subordinating intellect to character it preserves some of the most sacred ideals of the past. It is worthy of every good wish, as it takes its way onward, to face new problems and to win new triumphs.

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## 1998. A Prophecy.

“A woman impudent and mannish grown.”

I Thomas Tomson, have experienced a different life from other men. When still a comparatively young man I had fallen into a trance from which nothing could arouse me. My parents had at last given up hope and had me placed in a private house and a sum laid by for my maintenance 'till perhaps I should awake.

Years rolled away and still I slept, but on the anniversary of that day in which I had gone into this death-like sleep, just one hundred years afterwards, I awoke.

How strange my feelings were, when told that I had slept so long, can be better imagined than described. For a time they overcame me, but at last I plucked up heart and looked around me.

The gentleman waiting on me informed me that I need have no care about money as that left by my parents was now a large sum. This cheered me somewhat and wishing to go out and see this new, strange world I had awakened in I asked the gentleman for my clothes. “Oh! said he, the kind of trousers you were wearing one hundred years ago are only worn by women now, but I will get you a pair of mine, we men, you know, have to wear long trousers altogether-