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INTRODUCTION.

THE great object of life is the formation of right character, and the time to do the shaping and moulding is in childhood and youth. Next to the parent, the teacher has the greatest opportunity and influence for character building. We need, therefore, in every schoolroom men and women of the highest moral purposes; and it is one of the hopeful signs of the hour that school boards are laying emphasis more and more at this point. But teachers are hindered in their work most seriously unless they have the text-books which speak of those things which are noblest and best.

It is for this reason that we so heartily commend "Ethics of Success," which, like all of Mr. Thayer's books, holds up to the youthful mind the highest ideals.

Any new book which comes to the public has a right, like any individual, to be fairly introduced to the public by its friends. This new reader, for the grammar or middle grades in our schools, is prepared on the same general line with the author's reader for the high schools, which met with such a hearty reception from our best educators a few months ago. It has new incidents and facts, and is enriched by the introduction of standard poems from the most celebrated authors. Nor has the value of pictorial

illustrations, for the class for whom it is especially prepared, been forgotten. One of its peculiar charms is its anecdotes from real life. The child mind unaided too often forgets the most important truths when put in the abstract; they not only have a new meaning, but are remembered, when given to him clad in flesh and blood.

Into the life of many a poor boy and girl, this book will come as an inspiration; while to those whose early years have been spent in comfort and possibly in luxury, it will show what true success is. Not money, or fame, or power, but *character* is the final test of life. "It is not what a man *has* but what he *is* that makes the man."

Touching thus these highest truths which should be the warp and woof of every life, and doing it in an attractive manner, this last book of Mr. Thayer's should receive a generous reception. It is worthy of the man and his theme.

SAMUEL B. CAPEN.

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