

for the good of our posterity. Let us raise the standard; raise the remuneration, and hold out such inducements as will bring to our country the right kind of talent. Better only to have three months of good teaching in the year, than six or nine of poor, or even doubtful. Let our motto be—"HIGHER."

SCHOOL LIBRARIES AND APPARATUS.

Is Kansas destined to be one of the leading States in our confederacy? Does she desire to stand forth as an equal among her sisters of the free North and West? Shall she steer clear of the shoals on which so many other States and nations have shipwrecked? And will she avoid the sand-bars of stagnation, and its consequences—*disorder*—upon which so many have grounded, and are not launched yet? Then let her provide food for the intellect of her rising sons and daughters. Give them something to do at home; something that will make them men and women; something higher than novels; something more desirable than the saloons. Shall our daughters have to seek for literature among the soul-destroying influence of the unholy trash of the *Novelist*. Shall their tastes for reading be formed from the *Ledger* and *Mercury*, and like *satanic* productions? God forbid! Shall our sons, for want of better employment at home, seek the excitement of the saloon, the gaming table, with other dens of iniquity fostered and planted in their bosoms from the floods of impure reading to be met with everywhere? Shall we see them glide away from our embrace and perish in ruined dishonor, *and all because it would cost, perhaps, a cent on the hundred dollars of the property of the Territory, to provide suitable reading, and healthy and moral literature for our children at home.*

Look at the States of our Union, and choose the course that you will take. Which stands the highest in everything that makes a State great and glorious, honored and respected, wealthy in men and intellect, and, therefore, wealthy in everything? Is it New York with her millions of library books, or Virginia with with none? Is it New England with her public school libraries, free to all, or Georgia and the Gulf States? Let these facts be guides to you. The former beacon lights to guide you safe into the harbor of progress and success; the latter to warn you against the breakers amidst which so many States are floundering. Begin right, and the end will be glorious.