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English people will not be driven,
but they may be won. It is worth
that will win them. They have their
eyes open, and they know what is good,
whether in things or people, and,
given a sufficient time for
discrimination of what is good and
what is not, they will secure it.

REV. J. R. BYRNE,
General Report to the Committee of
Council on Education for the year
1882 on schools in the counties of
Surrey and Middlesex (commenting on
the effectiveness of compulsory
schooling laws)

