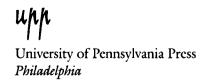
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English people will not be driven, but they may be won. It is worth that will win them. They have their eyes open, and they know what is good, whether in things or people, and, given a sufficient time for discrimination of what is good and what is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