

EDITORIAL NOTES.

Deliver not the tasks of might
 To weakness, neither hide the ray
 From those, not blind, who wait for
 day,
 Tho' sitting girt with doubtful light.

"That from Discussion's lips may fall
 With Life, that, working strongly
 binds—
 Set in all lights by many minds,
 So close the interests of all."

THE reference which was made in a late number of the CANADA EDUCATIONAL MONTHLY to farming and the unaccountable trend of young people to leave the farm for centres of population has had the effect of directing very special attention to the subject. No class of men has better opportunities of seeing what is going on in the country than the Inspectors of our Public Schools. In this number of the magazine Inspector J. H. Knight, Lindsay, gives advice to our farmers. We are pleased that he has taken the matter in hand.

The meeting of the Ontario Educational Association last month was a good one. The attendance of members was large; great activity in all the departments of the Association was shown, and many valuable papers read in the different sub-departments. The fact now is that a visitor is at a loss where to attend, and wherever he may be, is sure to miss some good paper read in some other sub-department. Iron sharpeneth iron, saith the wise man, and this is true in a special degree of the teacher; he feels animated and stimulated by contact with others engaged in the same work. The paper read by Professor Hale, of Chicago, on the importance and value of humanistic studies, is worthy of note, as showing that the classics are having their claims set forth for continued recognition in any scheme of liberal education, and that by capable men who are themselves students of the sciences. The paper

by Principal McCabe, Ottawa Normal School, was most timely. Prof. Clark, Trinity, carried on the same subject in the evening in a capital address, dwelling on points not referred to by Dr. McCabe. The Professor's advice to teachers was to be, and continue to be, learners. The importance of forming habits in the child, even before it was possible to communicate the principles on which they were based, was insisted upon by various speakers. Our readers have an opportunity this month of appreciating the paper presented by Professor Hume.

• Mr. Jordan, who was called on to preside at the public meetings of the convention, on account of the death of the much-missed the late Mr. Munro, Ottawa, received well merited praise for the efficient manner in which he performed the duties of the chair. The public reception was a new feature this year. The speakers were the Lieutenant-Governor, Sir Oliver Mowat, His Worship Mayor Shaw, and the Minister of Education, Hon. G. W. Ross. His Worship Mayor Shaw cordially invited the members of the Association to view the beauties of Toronto, for which purpose the city corporation made ample provision on Thursday afternoon, and many availed themselves of the city's kind offer.

The subject which engaged the attention of the Association this year most seriously was the over-supply of