

EDITORIAL NOTES.

Deliver not the tasks of might

To weakness, neither hide the ray

From those, not blind, who wait for day,

Though 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."

IN this issue we have a paper read by Mr. A. Kahn, M.A., of University College School, London, which will give to our readers an idea of the work that is attempted by the Secondary schools of Great Britain and Ireland for Commercial education:

The paper was read at a joint meeting of the College of Preceptors and the Assistant Masters' Association; Dr. William Garnett, secretary to the Technical Education Board of the London County Council, occupied the chair.

Our readers will not fail to notice the emphasis which is laid on all the branches of a general course of reading even for a commercial man of the modern school.

Men for years past have been watching with much interest the contest which has been waged between educators and politicians in the city of New York, U.S.A. Within a couple of years the Mayor of the city treated the chairman of the Board of Education with very scant courtesy indeed when the latter was asking for an appropriation sufficient to carry on the ordinary school affairs of the city.

Teachers' salaries were unpaid for months; teachers had to go into court to get any attention given to their claims. Finally the people who had the well-being of the community at heart went to the State Legislature for redress. After much delay and vexation of spirit, the Legislature has passed a bill regulating the salary of teachers for the city of New York.

We note the following clear points as of special significance:—

1. The financial administration of the New York Schools is transferred from the control of the board of estimate and apportionment, — the body which manages the city's finances in all other departments, except the police,—to that of the board of education.

2. A uniform schedule of salaries for supervisors and teachers is established throughout all boroughs, and provision is made that such salaries shall be advanced by regular annual increments.

3. The lowest salary for a teacher to begin on is put at \$600 and there is full provision made for increases at stated intervals to this initial salary. THE CANADA EDUCATIONAL MONTHLY has frequently urged upon the Government of Ontario to adopt this feature in dealing with the teachers of the province. But so far no move has been made.

We feel sure that the Board of Education, New York City, has taken a most important step to secure and hold an able and efficient staff for its city Public Schools.

We are indebted to the *School Journal* for a copy of this important document and believing it will be of special interest to our readers it is printed in full in this issue.

THE UNEXPECTED.

"Here woman reigns; mother, daughter, wife,
"Strew with fresh flowers the narrow way of life."

While resting and being refreshed on the hills and in the valleys about Clachan, Kyntire, and the native-born