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The teachers of the lower grades in St. John schools have petitioned the school trustees for an increase in their salaries, and everyone who knows the conditions will admit that the request is just and reasonable. Teachers have waited patiently for recognition of their need of increased incomes to meet the increasing demands upon them. Public opinion is coming to their aid, and we may hope that they will not have to wait much longer. Meanwhile it rests with them, more than ever, to

prove themselves worthy. Dean Briggs' advice to Wellesley College girls is always timely: "If you have to earn a living and begin at the bottom, make the bottom stronger because you are there. Then trust to time. So few workers in proportion to the whole number give themselves intelligently, loyally and unreservedly to their immediate duty, that if you thus give yourself, you cannot but succeed."

Sometimes I think that our happiness depends chiefly on our cheerful acceptance of routine, on our refusal to assume, as many do, that daily work and daily duty are a kind of slavery. How long it takes us to learn that "the word of God is not bound," that what enslaves us is not the routine of life, but the chafing at the routine! How long it takes us to see that every life without a light in it is dull, that no life with a light in it can be dull, and that whether the light is there or not is a matter of our own will!—*Dean Briggs.*

We understand that the meeting-place of the Summer School of Science for its twenty-eighth session in 1914 has not yet been fixed upon. The last two sessions, both largely attended and very successful, have been held in Nova Scotia. It is now the turn of some community in New Brunswick to enjoy the benefit of a meeting, and to offer the advantages of the school to its teachers at close hand.

We are glad to note that the teachers of Kings and Queens Counties, New Brunswick, have put on record a resolution to the effect that no teachers should engage to teach in their home district for a lower salary than they would accept if living away from home.

The "Highroad" books of the Royal-School Series, suggested by Chief Superintendent Carter as useful for supplementary reading are advertised in this issue by E. G. Nelson & Co.