

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."

It is a good thing for a school to preserve its traditions; we are glad, therefore, of what The Old Boys' Association of the Collegiate Institute, Woodstock, has done.

Is this the first of the kind in Ontario? We will be glad to hear of any similar acts of remembrance by scholars of their former masters. Principal Levan, we are sure, was highly pleased in aiding pupils and ex-pupils in their kindly efforts to keep alive the memory of the up-builders of the school.

THE article in last month's issue, *Our Young People and the Bible*, has provoked a good deal of comment. We knew that our knowledge of the Bible and its contents was limited and very inaccurate, but we had no idea that it was such as your article proves it to be. Every one now looks about endeavouring to lay the blame on some one else. This is an old device, begun in the garden, when there were only two of us, we are told. The parent says, the church is at fault. The church gathers up its skirts with great dignity and affirms that the school is to blame. The school takes a document, marked "programme of studies," Education Department, Ontario, and states that public schools in Ontario must be conducted according to this programme, otherwise the school authorities will be punished. Meanwhile the children perish for lack of knowledge. It is true now, as in years by gone: like priest, like people. The responsibility of the Church is immense.

But the ultimate authority is the parent, the family. If families are in earnest in regard to the matter, schools, church and governments will do what the people demand. Tricksters in church and state may thwart and so delay, but the voice of the people in English speaking countries finally prevails. There is urgent need in this matter. We believe that our young people are not as familiar with the Bible as young people were twenty years ago. This should not be.

THE prevarications of history are not unknown to the reader of history who has anything of a turn for looking at things from under the surface. Indeed when one strikes the sources whence history has its first beginnings it becomes a wonder that it is not more of a liar than it is. For to put it direct, history really comes honestly by its prevarications, since the everyday development of events, wherein it has its originations, seem to be no other than a birth-bed of inconsistencies and one-sidedness. "What is truth?" asked Pilate. But "Where is truth?" is a query which is not so difficult to investigate if we only watch carefully where it is not. In public life and in private lies spring up everywhere like weeds in a garden and are furthered in their grievous growth by the populace as of more importance to the balancing of life than the fruits and flowers of the truth that is beautiful in its nakedness, and an illustration of this is not far to seek in these present times. When one