

brand of excellencies, it should strengthen our confidence in its fitness as a school subject. Hand work does as much as the other

school subjects for general mental development and needs no eccentric hypotheses or extravagant claims.—Teachers College Record.

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#### NEW YEAR'S MOTTOES.

I asked the New Year for some motto  
sweet,  
Some rule of life with which to guide my  
feet;

I asked and paused. It answered soft  
and low:

"God's will to know,"

"Will knowledge then suffice, New Year?"  
I cried,

But 'ere the question into silence died  
The answer came: "Nay, this remember  
too—  
"God's will to do."

Once more I asked: "Is there still more to  
tell?"

And once again the answer softly fell  
"Yes, this one thing, all things above—  
"God's will to love."

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#### 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.

Education report 1901, with the Statistics of 1900. The Minister of Education gives to the House of Assembly and to the public the usual items of information regarding the education of the Province for the year 1901, and in the same report includes the statistics of the year 1900.

The most noteworthy fact is the continued decrease in the school population of this province. The decrease for the year 1900 is given as 6,245; while in the registered attendance the figure given is 9,130. In reading these numbers we have to remember that we are dealing with the part of the population between the ages of five and twenty-one years, viz.: 580,105.

It seems to us that it would be a decided improvement in the Minister's yearly report if it contained the number of pupils in the province between the ages of seven and fourteen years, both years inclusive.

Beyond the age of fourteen and under twenty-one years a very large number of our people must go to work and ought to go to work in every country, and therefore, this part of our people is very variable in so far as school attendance is concerned. We hope, therefore, that the Minister will be able, in his next report, to give the country this desirable item of information.

The population of Ontario, according to the latest report of the Census Commissioner, has not increased much during the last ten years, but notwithstanding all the blundering of ignorance, the population of the province has increased during the last ten years. Why, then, this constant decrease in the school population? Can it be that our young people over fourteen and less than twenty-one years, urged by the spirit of British enterprise, which burns so fiercely in the inexperi-