

society, the public school is continually being loaded down with duties and demands which weigh upon conscientious teachers, especially the large-minded and large-hearted women, who are the soul and strength of our public schools, and it is increasingly difficult to educate young people up to the proper standard in the knowledge of what they ought to know, and up to a proper appreciation of the relation of conduct to life. This is where our public school teachers cannot be too earnestly or too warmly supported by those who put children in their hands. It may be too much to ask busy men and women who believe in the public schools to take an hour now and then to visit the schoolrooms and show by their presence that they stand by this or that teacher; but wherever this is done,—and in many places it is done—the results far more than compensate for all the trouble which they compel. If there is any one class of unappreciated people in the community—unappreciated and yet deserving of the highest honor—it is the men and women who are our faithful servants in the public schools.

Current Events.

The teacher who is passing rich on forty pounds a year may spare a moment to read the discussion that has lately been going on on the college salary question. The writer of course argues that the professor should have more salary as a matter of justice, as a necessity, and as a matter of policy. This increase should be about fifty per cent. This argument is not unexpected, but the facts upon which he bases it are interesting. He has the detailed salary-facts from 123 colleges and universities. Two pay presidents a salary of \$10,000, and one pays its chief but \$650. Two colleges pay \$8,000, one each \$7,500, \$7,000, \$6,600, and \$6,000. One pays \$800, one \$950, three \$1,000, two \$1,100, two \$1,200. More than half pay between \$2,000 and \$4,000. Professors receive considerably less. (I speak only of the "most highly paid professors.") Six do not pay more than \$800, four \$800, four \$1,000, one \$1,100, eight \$1,200, three \$1,300, three \$1,400. One University pays its professors \$7,000, two others pay \$5,000, four \$4,000, one \$4,500, one \$3,600, one \$3,500, one \$3,200. In more than half the highest salary is between \$1,600 and \$3,000. The average salary is less than \$1,500.