

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."

ONE of the greatest of Canadians has passed away since last month, Sir William Dawson, scientist and educationist—one ripe in years and full of honors. The obituary eulogiums have been pronounced over his grave, and the life work of the man remains with us. One of the most eloquent and affecting of these eulogiums was that pronounced by Dr. William Peterson, Sir William's successor as Principal of McGill University, and another in the beautiful references made by the Rev. Dr. Shaw, Principal of the Wesleyan College, at the moment of his own retirement from the responsible position of his principalship.

It is pleasant to learn that Dr. Shaw does not retire from active work altogether. He will continue as a professor in the institution, being only relieved from the pressing cares of the principalship. His work in connection with the general educational affairs are not to be interrupted, and the friends of education cannot but be glad to learn the news from Dr. Shaw himself in his explanations to the public.

Sir William Macdonald, the millionaire philanthropist, of Montreal, does not weary in his well-doing. His munificent offer in favor of establishing and supporting technical schools in the various Canadian provinces has been announced all over the country; and just as we are going to press there comes the

tidings that he has founded another chair in McGill, to be known as the Dawson chair, with the proviso that the interest from the endowment shall be paid to Lady Dawson during her life. Such men as Sir William Macdonald cannot but make Canada's heart throb at the princely gifts he continues to dispense in behalf of education and the furthering of philanthropic designs.

The Province of Quebec has got the best of the arbitration proceedings in regard to the common school fund, which have been pending for the last eight years. The arbitrators, Chancellor Boyd, Justice Burbridge and Sir Louis N. Casault, have awarded the Province of Quebec what the latter asked for. Before Confederation the old Province of Canada set aside for a common school fund certain property in the Province of Ontario and the Counties of Bruce and Grey, amounting to a million acres, which were to be sold for the benefit of the fund at two dollars an acre. Under the award of 1870, which was given under the British North America Act, and when the fund amounted, or was supposed to amount to several million dollars, it was decided that this money should be divided according to the population of the Provinces of Ontario and Quebec, as shown by the census. Ontario was charged with the administration of the money and the collection of unpaid balances on the land, after deduction of certain fees for collection and the Ontario improvement fund. When it came to an