

that, with the cheque for the grant, we receive a certificate from the department that the amount is equal to at least one-tenth of the amount levied by assessment.

Before I close, permit me one word to the teachers, the elementary teachers present here to-day. Your work, if not a labor of love, is indeed a wearisome task. The dull round of your time-table, day after day, has not much in it that is poetical or beautiful.

“For it seems such an endless round,
Grammar and A, B, C,
The blackboard and the sums,
And the stupid geography.

But if your heart lies in your work, if a love of childhood prompts you to your task, then, as you think of the grand possibilities which lie before you, as you look upon the dull, uninteresting faces, perhaps, of the little ones around you, and think how, under your instruction and guidance, they may develope into the grand men and women of the future, then you will find yours is no irksome task. Strive ever to instil true principles and a high sense of honor into their hearts and minds, and then

“When the lessons and tasks are all ended
And death says the school is dismissed,”
You can lay aside the ruler, book and pen,
Feeling your life-work has not been spent for nought,
Nor your labor been in vain,
“Without haste! Without rest!
Bind this motto to your breast,
Through storm and sunshine guard it well,
Bear it with you like a spell.
Haste not, rest not! calmly wait,
Meekly bear the storms of fate,
Duty be your polar guide,
Do the right, whate’er betide,
Haste not! rest not, conflict past,
God shall crown your work at last.”

Editorial Notes and Comments.

—An old schoolmaster used to compare the school year to a circle with two bits taken out of it, the midsummer holidays and the recess at Christmas, but though he was willing enough to joke over his simile at the recurrence of every gap, he was never known to speak of his year as a “weary round.” In extending our congratulations to our readers at this season of the year, in presence of the teacher’s duties for the half-year already accomplished, we trust we address those who have come to look upon the task of teaching as anything but a weary round. The Christmas recess, as a refreshing halting place, comes as a special