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THE BLESSED TASK.

I said; "Sweet Master, hear me pray; For love of thee the boon I ask; Give me to do for thee each day Some simple, lowly, blessed task."
And listening long, with hope elate,
I only heard him whisper, "Wait."

The days went by, but nothing brought Beyond the wonted round of care, And I was vexed with anxious thought And found the waiting hard to bear; But when I said, "In vain I pray!" I heard him answer gently,

So praying still and waiting on, And pondering what the waiting meant, This knowledge sweet at last I won— And O, the depth of my content! My blessed task for every day Is humbly, gladly to obey.

And though I daily, hourly fail
To bring my task to him complete,
And must with constant tears bewail My failures at my Master's feet, No other service would I ask Than this my blessed, blessed task.

For the Visitor.

ONTARIO CORRESPONDENCE.

DEAR BROTHER:-Whether the pen chronicles or not, the world moves on and in its movement produces many changes. Thus news is regularly manufactured whether we notice it or not. To pretend wo points I will venture to touch.

THE INSTITUTE.

You have, yourself, noticed that Prof. Wells has entered upon his new workduties of a wider if not a nobler sphere. May his usefulness increase as its sphere has widened. Prof. Torrance (who by the way passed through an almost fatal illness at the close of the year) has been appoint-With one teacher less, the burden falls necessarily more heavily on the rest of the outcome of the affiliation scheme. The discontinuance of the fourth year renders it necessary for such students to pursue their studies at Toronto. This may School has not been self supporting. Decounterfeit has such a true ring. If real folits were found over year. The debt was increasing. The reason was simply that the schooling might be as cheap as possible—that the large class of self supporting students having the ministry in view might get their literary training as cheaply as possible. Under these circumstances it is seemed that either preparatory or advanced work would have to be abandoned, and as fewer students would be affected by the latter step it was decided upon. This is not intended to be permanent but, is into intended to be permanent but, is into intended to be permanent but, is simply designed to tide the School over the order of the places visited, the influence of the meetings was felt long after-case and premature death, the Dr. stating that at least in one of the places visited, the influence of the meetings was felt long after-case and premature death, the Dr. streety would not desire to apply any stimulant to simply designed to tide the School over the College should be only a supporting. The total what orthodox baptises of this plan is conditionate the Academy student to should the Academy student to should the Academy student to should be examined by the same method is so obvious, that I appeal to the Faculty on to to perpetuate it. "A few years" but to do away with it and abolish forever the individual deaven the only to summation against all High average students must be design of this plan is deading of their trepasse of this new method is so obvious, that I appeal to the Faculty and the Academy structure. Know on the very limb Academy is not to perpetuate it. "A few years" but to daway with it and abolish forever the individual deaven the Academy is not to perpetuate it. "A few years" but to daway with it and abolish forever the individual deaven the design of this plan is so obvious, that I appeal to the Faculty and the Academy is not to perpetuate it. "A few years" but to daway with it and abolish forever the individual deaven the design of this plan is so senior year in

vacation and classes are larger than for the new pupils are good material, those who evidently wish to advance, who are likely to do the School credit and whose choice is itself an intelligent appreciation of the educational advantages offered.

Rev. S. A. Dyke is fast rolling up the Endowment Fund. The amount now collected is \$75,000 and Mr. Dyke is sanguine necessity of being born again, on this as anent reaching the \$100,000 soon. That is the work of the Spirit of God, in short the goal for the present. That will ensure presses with all the force of heart elothe existence of the Institute and enable the quence and of experience-won illustration trustees to resume the work at present all the grand doctrines of the gospel. That dropped and to add to it gradually. The he may be long spared to prosecute so aim, of course, is to place it on a par with good, so divinely attested a work we most University College so that the whole B. A. course may be taken under the healthful influence of a Christian Faculty. denomination and the province—especially the Western peninsula—that will be an inestimable boon—a boon, which none can value more than those who have taken their course in the midst of the sceptical influences of University College.

What is needed at once is a first class Principal. Prof. Torrance will probably be in demand elsewhere. The coming er, is pastor. Principal should be a man of distinguished, or at least extensive, scholarship, of high Ottawa Church. That no lives were lost culture, and withal of fine presence. He seems providential and the thanksgiving must be one fit to be the head of a first service was most meet. To express our class College, a man eminently fitted for the Presidency of such Colleges as Victoria, Queens, or University might be quite unfit for Woodstock College, simply from the fact that a large number of the students are ladies. The qualities required are not often found combined in an individual, and we can but trust that the great Guide may lead to the proper choice.

Mr. Dyke has been most indefatigable in his work and many can testify that he tion. Though I highly honor him and wastes no time. To his energy and tact think his one aim-a noble one is to se the denomination owes a wealth of grati- cure the prosperity and advancement of

MR. HAMMOND,

the Evangelist, is laboring at present in To ronto. Though the sensation which smaller places experienced is not created, yet much good is being done. The Helper Publishing Company are aiding and increasing the interest by issuing daily editions bearing specially on the meetings. Whatever may be said about Mr. Hammond by cold moralists and loose sceptics, it is undeniable that he has accomplished good. Brantford, London, St. Catherines, Winnipeg and Peter. the "existing system the course of studies borough have been visited, and that much in the Academy is under direction of the good was done, sober minded, cautious and conservative ministers of our own, as well as other denominations, testify. There are see why this supervision could not have handreds in those places who will always existed as well under the former system, look upon Mr. H's. visit as the occasion on or that it, in anyway, effects any change which God called them by his grace. What in regard to admission. I have no reason God recognizes so manifestly, surely Christo question Dr. Sawyer's statement "that tians ought to recognize. The remarkable the Professors of Mathematics, Classics, answers to prayer in connection with the and English are expected to advise with meetings stamp the work as God's. Take the Academy Teachers in regard to the an example: A woman was converted, studies in these departments, be present at to record all that goes on here, even in our | She continued attending the meetings regown denomination, I do not. Only one or ularly. Her husband, a godless, profane of the quality of the work done in these man, forbade her following up his prohi- classes." But do they do it? Expectabition with the most frightful threats. Next morning at the meeting she explained her case and Mr. H. asked all to join in prayer for that husband's conversion. A week later that man stood up in the meeting and in broken accents told the story of his conversion and confessed Christ. That and many others came under my own notice. When I asked myself the reason for the reed Principal, pro tem, and from all we hear the School has lost none of its efficiency. the reason in one of the morning readings, willing they should tell. If any illustra-when Mr. H. dwelt on such passages as tions are wanted I am ready to furnish With one teacher less, the burden falls necessarily more heavily on the rest of them, but that has been lightened to a great extent by cutting off the fourth year of the collegiate department. The fourth year corresponded to the second year with honors in the University of Toronto, with which the Institute is in affiliation. For matriculation, first and second year work, examinations have been held at the Institute by an Examiner appointed by the University Senate — the outcome of the affiliation scheme.

When Mr. H. dwelt on such passages as "If ye abide in me and my word abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will and it shall be done unto you," and "Whatsover ye shall receive." He honors Christ by taking him at his word, and Christ honors him in turn. I confess that some things shocked my orthodox spirit, but I must also confess that some things shocked my orthodox spirit, but I must also confess that my orthodox yis not perfection. It is so easy for us to read, "My thoughts are not your ways my orthodox is neither are your ways my ways," for as the heavens are higher than the earth &c., and to apply it at once to the matearth &c., and to apply it at once to the mat- mer dispensation and pay heed? To sum ter of conversion or to the far reaching de- up, the Professors de as much of this work signs of the Eternal, that we forget that the same is true of ordinary every day work. wherein this system in this respect differs mecessary by the state of the finances. The And so it happens that what God sanctions materially from the former, or wherein it tention to this :- where ranking and prizes we stand aloof from, and wonder that the is more "favorable to thoroughness." counterfeit has such a true ring. If real

CHRISTIAN VISITOR threaten danger to the Literary, but now parison and human nature with a lively gest that all students in Horton Academy, that the endowment is well under way hope imagination. His eye, which is rather full, who do not reach 4.5, shall be excluded brightens and the prospects grow more indicates great friendliness. Accordingly from the regular matriculation examinacheering. The result is that a large influx his addresses betray no great power of rea-tion. Require all others to pass the reguof new pupils was received after Christmas son-he does not use logic to develop a lar examinations. In this connection I will statement, he makes it and then illustrates put a query. Does the juvenile complexsome time past. A pleasing feature is that it with some apt anecdote or incident. He ion of the College at the present time have shows a sympathetic interest in his hearers anything to do with this plan? and thus gains their sympathy in turn. He speaks as one who knows whereof he speaks and speaks in deep carnestness. He holds up Christ as a Saviour, he tells of God's love very touchingly, speaks of man's depravity very faithfully, insists on the earnestly desire.

CHANGES.

Rev. Dr. Davidson goes to Tiverton Rev. D. A. McGregor to Stratford, and Rev. P. A. McEwen to Clarence.

The Baptists of York Street, London are going to put up a \$12,000 church, after which they will be known as Talbot Street Church. Rev. A. Grant, a young man of more than ordinary ability and pulpit pow-

You know already the misfortune of the sympathy is needless, but they have it nev ertheless.

For the Visitor.

MATRICULATION INTO ACADIA COLLEGE.

Mr. Editor.—Dr Sawyer has seen fit t reply to my former article on Matricula tude. But more about the Institute again. the Institution on the Hill, yet I must dissent from him. I have, by no means, been Why? convinced by his reply. Public opinion does not consider the Dr. the originator of this unfair scheme. I have positive testimony to the fact that several Professors of Academy are of the same mind.

But knowing that your space is limited, and that man's time is too short to be wasted in reading trifles, I will hastily review the Dr.'s reply. He says that under oral examinations, and satisfy themselves tions are not always realized. I had the honor of matriculating into College from the Academy; but, to the best of my knowledge, I do not remember of even one Professor ever darkening the class room doors of Horton Academy to do any of the things mentioned, except at the terminal examinations in December and June. How much the Professors learn at that time and what opportunities they have, I am

The Dr. claims the design of this plan is

have happened in Acadia College and still claration of faith. the Professor has been returned in the face of much opposition. It is to be hoped idleness," says the colonel. that Dr. S. is not going to make inviduous Well, that's all right. That's orthodox. then goes for nothing.

The work in the College and in the Academy differs materially. And furthermore opinions, as to fitness and acquaintance with any subject differ. The teachers of the Academy ought to be judged by the work done there and not by the work done in College as any one can see who will devote a few minutes consideration to the subject. If they are to be judged by the work done in College, I call it a most unjust way. Even if this principle to face; now I know in part; but then I were carried out, it would only reach the individual (who ought to have some test inthians 13: 12. applied to his work) on account of official position. In regard to the question of probation, it is just where I left it so far as the Dr's. reply goes. There is one undoubted fact to be taken into consideration that if a student is taken into College on probation, he either becomes a full student soll. or a partial one. He never finds his way back to the Academy, however much he may need to go there. But more is required of the probationer than of the crdinary student. The full student is required to make at least 4.5; but the probationer may have made 6 in the Academy but on entering College he must improve on that.

Let Dr. S. publish a list of his colleges which have adopted this plan. I will publish a list, at least a partial one, of those howbeit in malice be ye children, but in unthe College have expressed their disappro- which still retain the entrance examination. bation of it, and most of the teachers of the It will then be seen who has the most weight on his side. To be sure it is better to accept "the recommendations of responsible teachers than the results of an entrance examination as it is usually conducted." Here is just where the trouble lies-" as usually conducted." It is not the entrance examination, but its abuse that is the cause of dissatisfaction. Why fly from this method, on account of its abuse, to one which is unjust to those en tering College, to the teachers of Horton Academy and to other High School teach ers, and detrimental to the best interests of the Institutions? Make the entrance examination thorough—such as to fairly test the candidate's knowledge. Let all precautions be adopted to avoid cheating, and if any one is detected, let him bear an adequate penalty promptly administered. Too great laxness has hitherto existed in this respect There are always some students who will try to cheat. It is useless to try to disguise the fact. This is the reason why many have passed that examination whom their teachers would not have recommended for admission. Then if this is not thought sufficient, an oral examination may be held. The recommendation the candidate's former teacher may also have its due

In conclusion I will briefly say that the charges made against this new method remain unanswered :- that it violates the fundamental guarantee of fitness by not separating the functions of instructor and examiner, that it presents an open field for the working of self interest, that it does not secure the proper or most competent examiners, and that it is manifestly unfair to candidates for matriculation. Now l add two more—that this new method is unfair to the teachers of Horton Academy in that it subjects them to a test not applied to their own work, and it is unfair to other High School teachers, as it allows that the teachers of Horton Academy alone are competent to decide as to fitness to enter

And more especially do I wish to call atdepend upon the marks received, all the candidates should be examined by the same

For the Visitor. "INGERSOLL'S CREED."

With this title some one sends us a little tract, containing epigrammatic expressions from Col. Robert G. Ingersoll's latest lecture, "What must we do to be saved?" We have read the tract and we have read the entire lecture. If this is truly Inger-To the statement :-- "It ought also to be soll's creed, the colonel isn't so far out of noted that teachers who have any regard to the way. He is coming around, maybe. their reputation," I will reply by saying He manages to get considerable scripture that professors who have any regard for into his creed, as he sets it forth. There their reputation or to continuance in their is lots of hope, in fact there is a great deal positions will not be careless in recom- of certainty for the colonel. We subjoin mending students for promotion (from a few articles of this great man's creed, one class to another.) And yet such things just to show from what book he got his de-

"Honest industry is as good as pious

distinction in a case in which a teacher of The Bible says the same thing and said it the Academy is concerned. This threat long before the colonel thought of it. "Faith without works is dead."

"Christ believed the temple of God to be the heart of man."—Ingersoll.

Yes, that's orthodox, too. We "must worship him in the spirit." "Know ve not that ye are the temple of the Holy Ghost?"

"If I go to heaven I want to take my reason with me."—Ingersoll.

Of course, and so you will, "for now we see through a glass, darkly; but there face shall know even as I am known."—1 Cor-

"Fear is a dagger with which hypocrisy assassinates the soul."—Ingersoll.

That is good gospel, and "perfect love casteth out fear.' If I owe Smith ten dollars, and God for-

gives me, that doesn't pay Smith."-Inger-Correct you are; the prayer of Christian-

ity is "forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors." "Owe no man anything." "Reason is the light of the soul, and if you haven't the right to follow it, what

have you the right to follow?"—Ingersoll. "Yet in the church I had rather speak five words with my understanding, that by my voice I might teach others also, than ten thousand words in an unknown tongue. Brethren, be not children in understanding; derstanding, be men,"-1 Cor. 14: 19, 20. "If you go to hell, it will be for not practicing the virtues which the Sermon on the

Mount proclaims."—Ingersoll. That's all orthodox. "If ye know these things, happy are ye if ye do them."

"The men who saw the miracles all died long ago. I wasn't acquainted with any of em."—Ingersoll.

Same way with the men who saw Servetus burned. But the colonel most firmly believes that Servetus was burned.

"A little miracle now, right here-just a little one,-would do more toward the advancement of Christianity than all the preaching of the last thirty years."-Inger-

"If they hear not Moses and the prophets, neither will they be persuaded though one rose from the dead.—Luke17:31. "If there is a God in the universe he will not damn an honest man."-Ingersoll.

"A false balance is an abomination unto the Lord; but a just weight is his delight." -Proverbs 11: 1.

"There is only one true worship, and that is the practice of justice."—Ingersoll. "Render therefore unto Cæsar the things which be Cæsar's, and unto God the things which be God's."—Luke 20: 25.

"God will not damn a good citizen, a good father, or a good friend."—Ingersoll. Certainly not; nor any good man. "A good man showeth favour, and

lendeth; he will guide his affairs with discretion. Surely, he shall not be moved forever: the righteous shall be held in everlasting remembrance."-Psalms22:5,6. "Study the religion of the body in preference to the religion of the soul. A healthy body will give a healthy mind, and a healthy mind will destroy superstition."

Ingersoll. That explains why the Indians have no

"People who have the smallest souls, make the most fuss about saving them."-Ingersoll.

Of course, Colonel; they are the hardest kind to save.

"I will never ask God to treat me any fairer than I treat my fellow men."-Inger-

Well, that's perfectly orthodox. "For if ye forgive men their trepasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you; but is so obvious, that I appeal to the Faculty if ye forgive not men their trespasses, not to perpetuate it "a few years" but to neither will your Father forgive your trespasses." "For with what judgment ye judge, ye shall be judged; and with what measure ye mete, it shall be measured to

> "Upon the shadowy shore of death, the sea of trouble casts no wave."—Ingersoll. The colonel must have been singing that good old hymn " When I can read my title

"And not a wave of trouble roll

at a bun giffingment and J. R. BURDETT.