

LABOUR CONQUERS.

It was a favorite maxim of the youthful, clever, but unfortunate poet Chatterton, that by perseverance and abstinence man is equal to almost anything. Poor youth! his own conduct afforded no demonstration of the truth of the adage, for he found himself unable to battle successfully with the world, and after struggling a while—sometimes fairly, sometimes deceitfully—he at an early age gave up the contest, and with suicidal hand severed his connection with earth. How then can the proverb be true, labor omnia vincit. Here was genius believing in, and perishing while he adhered to the faith. But he made one mistake; while he had faith in the power of labor to triumph over all obstacles he did not consider that it was often necessary for it to make reiterated efforts before it could become completely victorious. In the poet's case the spirit was willing, but the flesh was weak, and the draught of poison which took his life proved that his moral and physical courage had both been routed in the warfare which his circumstances rendered it necessary he should wage in order to supply himself with food and raiment.

There are numberless Chattertons in the world. We see them every day starting on the race of life with eager enthusiasm, and apparently believing firmly, that by labor they will be able to overcome all the obstructions that may lie in their path, and yet we often witness their total break-down before we can believe that they have got more than fairly started. Imagination had shortened the way, and diminished the impediments before they set out, and there is often a bitter awakening as they pass along. Fortune and distinction are seldom to be attained per saltum; it is not very frequently that there is such a train of fortuitous circumstances in any person's favor as will carry him to fame with express rapidity. He who would be great must be content to work his way to greatness by degrees. Societies or countries can afford to exalt only a small number of individuals high above the rest, and in consequence they are generally very particular about those whom they select for elevated positions. But he who is determined to win his way must not consider the world's fastidiousness in its choice of favorites; neither should he be wholly disheartened if his first effort be not crowned with success. All great enterprises have been achieved by perseverance; empires, such as Rome, have risen to wealth and power by the determination and unwavering courage of her people, and most men who have achieved fame have done so after many and grievous defeats. Great men have always been assiduous and unremitting laborers. It is recorded of Justinian that one hour's sleep in the twenty-four, was all he ever indulged in. This is not likely true, still it has a tendency to show the impression that his own generation and his historian gained of his industry. Julian, who though an apostate was undoubtedly clever, used to steal an hour from the time which should have been devoted to the refection of the body in order to read Plato; King Alfred labored sixteen hours a day; and in Sir Isaac Newton's study it is said that the light was scarcely ever extinguished. Had these men, and many, many others like them, been terrified at the thoughts of labor; had they succumbed beneath their first disappointments their names would never have been known to fame, and science might have stood behind the same veil which covered it a thousand years ago.

Those were days, however, somewhat unlike the present. Now people want to rise to prominence and wealth by a sudden bound, then they were willing to achieve fame by slow degrees. Those who imagine that they will be able to carry out these new ideas may as well deceive themselves at once. They are impracticable; and if they are true men they will not shrink from the realization of the truth, but gird up their loins and prepare resolutely for the contest. Let them not despair, and do nothing at all, because can't do great things, and do them instantly. Behold the triumph of perseverance in the case of Disraeli, now prime minister of England, formerly a nonentity in the House of Commons. He stands at the present moment a victor over prejudices in a land where prejudices are strong—a conqueror by persistent labor. He suffered many defeats, but he never faltered; he paused to renew his energy and made fresh essays, and at last most brilliant success has rewarded his perseverance. His history has a lesson for all, and for none more particularly than those of weak courage who are likely to be utterly cast down by the first frown of Fortune.

The Legislature of Quebec was prorogued on Saturday the 22nd inst.

ONTARIO LEGISLATURE.

Monday Feb. 28. The Bill to incorporate the Guelph Board of Trade was read a third time and passed.

Hon. Mr. Wood rose to move the House into committee of Ways and Means. In doing so, he explained that the committee of supply had voted the sum of \$1,940,113 1/2 to meet the expenses of the civil Government of the Province and other expenses.

On motion of Hon. J. S. Macdonald the House again resolved itself into committee on Bill No. 65, respecting registrars Registry Offices and the Registrations of Instruments relating to Lands in Ontario. After a good deal of discussion relating to fees charged by Registrars, and amendments proposed by Mr. Beattie, the committee rose and reported progress.

At six o'clock, His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor came down to give the Royal assent to the following Bills.

An Act respecting the Statutes. An Act respecting the office of Speaker of the Legislative Assembly. An Act to establish a Consolidated Revenue Fund for the Province of Ontario. An Act to repeal chap. 20 of the Consolidated Statutes of the late Province of Canada, entitled, "An Act respecting the Provincial duty on tavern-keepers, and to make further provisions respecting the same."

An Act to repeal chap. 13 of the Consolidated Statutes of Canada, so far as the same relates to Ontario;—to authorize the publication of an Ontario Gazette, and to make provision for inquiries concerning public matters and official notices. An Act to repeal chap. 110 of the Consolidated Statutes of the late Province of Canada entitled "An Act respecting Inspectors of Public Asylums, Hospitals, the Provincial Penitentiary of Canada and of all Common Gaols, Reformatories and other Prisons, except the Provincial Penitentiary, in this Province; and to inspection of such Public Asylums, Hospitals, Common Gaols, Reformatories and other Prisons." An Act to secure Free Grants and Homesteads to Actual Settlers on the Public Lands. An Act respecting Voluntary Conveyances. An Act to amend the Act 20 Vic, chap. 24, entitled an Act respecting Registrars, Registry Offices, and the Registration of Instruments relating to Land in Upper Canada. An Act to remove doubts as to the authority of certain Commissioners to take Affidavits on bail. An Act for the better Protection of Game in the Province of Ontario. An Act to vest certain Real Estate in the Rector and Church Wardens of the Church of St. John, Port Hope. An Act to incorporate the Ontario College, Picton. An Act to amend the Act incorporating the Wellington, Grey and Bruce Railway. An Act to incorporate the Erie and Niagara Extension Railway Company.

The House after His Excellency had retired again went into Committee of the Whole on the Registry Bill. The Committee, having gone through the Bill, reported it with amendments. The amendments were concurred in, and the Bill was ordered to be read a third time on Monday; the Attorney General stating that he would have it reprinted as amended before the third reading.

Impeachment.

The Globe says:—It is surprising how much the excitement in the United States is subsiding. There is little further news of importance from Washington, though a great abundance of rumours and speculations. At last accounts the Committee of the House of Representatives appointed to prepare the articles of impeachment, had not reported. We can well understand that their task is one of some difficulty. The courts have not decided anything in the matter of the relative claims of Stanton and Thomas, and do not seem likely to do so very soon. Indeed, the lawyers on either side seem hardly clear as to the best mode of bringing their cases, before the judicial authorities. Though there is a lull in the excitement, and though gold has gone down, the politicians and newspapers discuss nothing else. The organs of each party teem with fine-drawn legal arguments and frantic partizan appeals; but the prospect of another civil war is, fortunately for our neighbours, infinitesimally small. The "revolution" is evidently to be a bloodless one.

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