

fail to enter? Certainly 100 to 1. Who would say he was not prepared to enter the freshman class! Now suppose an average boy of seventeen or eighteen who had by dint of hard work on the part of schools, some private tutoring, and a diligent coaching on the examination papers of "preceding years sent upon request," to present himself at the same time for the same examination. The chances are 100 to 1 that he will pass, and very likely without condition. I do not say this boy is not ready to go on, but the examination says yes to a raw youth of eighteen, and no to the learned professor. You

will say that an extreme case has been chosen! Let me take another. Suppose the whole graduating classes of '91 should present themselves at their respective colleges in '92, without having meanwhile freshened their preparatory work, for entrance into the same departments from which they graduated. How many would pass? About one in five. But of the unfledged youth who will really present themselves, about four in five will pass. Is it possible the recent graduates are not so well fitted to go on with the work as those who do go on with it?—*School and College.*

(*To be continued.*)

ON THE BEARING OF OUR BURDEN.

WE all have our burdens. Of course they are not the same in all. Some are more apparent than others. There are people whose burdens we all see. These get our sympathy; we come up to them with love's warmth and help. There are others, however, whose burdens are not visible. They seem to us to have no trouble, no struggle, no loads to carry. We envy their lot. Probably, however, if we knew all about their lot that the angels know, our envy would change to sympathy. The burdens that the world cannot see are oftentimes the heaviest. The sorrows that wear no weeds of mourning, and bar no shutters and hang no crape on the door-bell, are often the bitterest and the hardest to endure.

It is not wise for us to think that our load is greater than our neighbour's; perhaps his is really greater than ours, although he seems to us to have no load at all. We sometimes wish that we might change places with some other person. We imagine that our life would be a great deal easier if we could do this, and that

we could live more sweetly and beautifully than we do, or more usefully and helpfully. If we could change places with any one, the one who, of all we know, seems to us to have the most favoured lot; if we could take this person's place, with all its conditions, its circumstances, its responsibilities, its cares, its duties, its inheritance, there is little doubt that we should quickly cry out to God to give us back our own old place and our own burden. It is because we do not know all, that we think our neighbour's load lighter and more easily borne than our own.

There are three Bible words about the bearing of burdens. One tells us that "Every man shall bear his own burden." There are burdens that no one can carry for us, not even Christ; that no one can even share. This is true in a very real sense of life itself, of duty, of one's relation to God, of one's personal responsibility. No one can live your life for you. Friends may help you by encouragement, by sympathy, by cheer, by friendship's warm inspirations, by counsel, by guidance;