

addition that none found any fault, and I might venture to say that in such an existence, though some might dream their hours away with no result, yet there would be some works emanating from such a retirement bearing upon them the impress of original thought and reflection of the calm within, and which would be destined for immortality—of the pleasures of idleness a volume might be written. I have always considered that the originator of the saying "that the hardest thing to do was nothing," had either a crime on his mind or had no mental cultivation at all. He was evidently unacquainted with the pleasures either of meditation or imagination. Enough and more than enough has been written against idleness, from Solomon downwards. Let someone take up the pen in its defence. For idleness, commonly understood, is with educated people, an impossibility. The hands may be still but the brain will work, and where the brain works voluntarily and not under compulsion,—its outpourings are as different as the note of the sky lark in its heavenward flight differs from the chatter of the carefully educated parrot. If the principle of writing only when the mind impels us were more carried out we should be less overwhelmed with the flood of evidently manufactured literature; it may be heresay to say so, but Trollop's remark that writing was like any other work to be done at stated and regular times, with no consideration for inclination, and that such is his practice, is a sufficient explanation for the intolerable dullness of part of his works.

Let someone come forward then and prove, as it can be done, that idleness is not the mother of all the vices any more than industry of all the virtues; for industry is often perverted and reflective, idleness has produced works of enduring fame.

T. B. Angell.

IN MEMORIAM.

REV. GEORGE WHITAKER, M. A.

"Exegi monumentum aere perennius."

Thou art gone! alas with weeping,
Mourn we now in bitter grief,
Though to us a cause of sorrow,
From thy sorrows, sweet relief.
Years have passed, since first thou camest
To the people of this land,
And to our loved Alma Mater,
Lent an earnest helping hand.
Now we hold in recollection,
All thy kindly words and deeds,
All thy labors undertaken,
To supply our pressing needs.
Though we mourn, we yet are thankful,
To our Father high above,
Who has called into His presence,
One enfolded by His love.
Whom He greets with holy angels
In one grandly swelling chord,
"Well done! good and faithful servant,
Rest thee ever with thy Lord."

A. J. W. MacMichael.

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It is with regret that we chronicle the resignation of Messrs. Lampman and Townley from the editorial staff. It will be long before we can hope to obtain two such energetic workers, or ones so keenly alive to the interest of the paper. We trust that their interest in us will not flag now they have departed from our midst, but that their contributions will be no less numerous than of yore.

CONVOCATION will take place this year on November 16th. One of the features of the occasion will be the conferring of the degree of D.C.L. upon the Bishop of Toronto and the Bishop of Algoma, and that of D.D. upon the Very Rev. Maurice Baldwin, Dean of Montreal, and the Rev. Mr. Mockridge, of Hamilton. The degree of B.L. will also be conferred upon the Rev. Mr. Starr, of Kincardine. It is to be hoped that all graduates who can possibly do so, will endeavor to be present.

By the way, could not the council in fixing the date of Convocation make some allowance for the inconvenience caused to a large number of our graduates by the lateness of the date. The Law Society will not recognize any degree until a graduate has been convoked, so those men who graduate in name are either compelled to pay for a special convocation or wait until the regular date and lose at least three, or perhaps six months, in being admitted to the Law Society.

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