

The Castle of Indolence, while lacking the immortal touch of a Tennyson, expresses truly the spirit of the age in which it was written.

It was not by vile loitering in ease,
That Greece obtained the brighter palm of art ;
That soft, yet ardent, Athens learned to please,
To keen the wit, and to sublime the heart,
In all supreme ! complete in every part !
It was not thence majestic Rome arose
And o'er the nations shook her conquering dart ;
For sluggard's brow the laurel never grows ;
Renown is not the child of indolent Repose.

" Had unambitious mortals minded naught,
But in loose joy their time to wear away ;
Had they alone the lap of dalliance sought,
Pleased on her pillow their dull heads to lay,
Rude Nature's state had been our state to-day ;
No cities e'er their towery fronts had raised,
No arts had made us op'lent and gay ;
With brother brutes the human race had grazed ;
None e'er had soared to fame, none honored been, none praised.

" O mortal man, who livest here by toil,
Do not complain of this thy hard estate ;
That like an emmet thou must ever moil
Is a sad sentence of an ancient date.
And, certes, there is for it reason great ;
For, though sometimes it makes thee weep and wail
And curse thy star, and early drudge and late—
Withouten that would come a heavier bale,
Loose life, unruly passions, and diseases pale."

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Obituary.

It is our sad duty to refer to the death of one of the best known and most honoured graduates of Acadia University, as well as one of the strong men of the Baptist Denomination in the Maritime Provinces, Rev. John E. Hopper D. D. of St. John, N. B. who passed away Saturday afternoon the 12th inst.

Dr. Hopper was born at Salisbury N. B. December 18th, 1841. He graduated from Acadia in 1862, having taken part of his course at Madison University, New York. He studied Theology at Acadia College under the late Dr. Cramp, and at Regent Park, London, under Dr. Angus and the eminent Dr. Ben Davis. He began to preach in 1860. After a pastorate at Sussex Vale, where he established and built up a strong church, he was appointed Vice-Principal of the Baptist Seminary at Fredericton, N. B. of which the late Dr. Spurden was Principal.

In 1869 after spending a few years at Fredericton, he organized and became pastor of the Baptist Church at St. Stephen N. B. In 1872 he went to Burlington, Iowa, and became pastor of the first Baptist Church of that city. Coming back to his native province in 1876