

chiefly the rudest, mere daily toil, but toil in those days neither hurried nor brutish nor uninteresting."

Naturally they look with scorn upon the Utopia of popular leaders—short hours and easy work. They know that those are happiest who are most constantly at work, and that only those who look upon their tasks as an end in themselves, such as Educators, men of Science and Literature, Painters, Sculptors, &c., produce the highest class of work. It is the gospel of Labour for Labour's sake, rather than of Art for Art's sake (since the latter term has been abused and carries with it a meaning, to which they would be the last to subscribe) that the true art prophets wish to instil into modern work. They wish to turn all work into Art, and so to make it a blessing to the producer and delight to the consumer. Our author would almost wish the word *Art* stamped out altogether. "By it people will never mean aught else but a shadowy religion—Art for Art's sake—which is mere imposture or foolishness, or more honestly a harmless amusement for wealthy idlers, which is a villany. Let us, if we will, talk of *the arts*, meaning by them all forms of productive work wherein a man may even now delight to do his best, and wherein he may thus receive and impart the pleasure of fitness and beauty however homely; and this until the time when all work except some residue of mechanical toil—for we confess that in spite of science and machines some such must ever remain—when all work according to its varying capability and destined use will bear the self-same impress of the hand of the cunning workman."

RECENT EVENTS.

Protestant Secretaryship of Public Education.—All persons interested in Protestant Education will be glad to see again this important post competently filled. It has been vacant ever since the resignation of Dr. Miles, and it would seem to be high time to make a re-appointment. The interest that is felt in it, was shown by the subject's being brought before the Teachers' Convention, last November, at St. Johns. Several names have been mentioned in connection with the post, but as yet no candidate, unless it be the Hon. W. W. Lynch, has attained to the distinction of a "favourite." In making this appointment, the Government should consider the qualities required in the Secretary. It is unnecessary to say that he should be acquainted with all the details of the Protestant system of the Province, and should take an interest in educational matters outside of it. Certainly he should be a man