

These, in brief, are the statements made by a man who was born in Toronto, and lived in the city continuously for over 54 years; several times went to the U. S. A. as far south as Washington. I do not vouch for their correctness, but there is no doubt that he believes them to be correct, and blames our educational system for the desire of our people for professional life, and he gave me particulars which I must suppress."

Ontario is not alone in this respect. We find practically the same conditions existing in the U. S. A.

To give an opinion on what I constantly hear and see on every side, I would say that our great lack is lack of reverence, manifested in the lack of respect to age, lack of consideration for the work our forefathers were engaged in, and in which they lived healthily and happily.

The Mayor of Montreal the other evening at the Convention of the Protestant Teachers of Quebec, said that farming—the mainstay of Canada's prosperity—was now carried on as a drudgery. His Worship's hope for a better state of things was in the teachers of his province. Akin to his Worship's statement is that made by a writer in one of the leading magazines of the U. S. A. viz:—that quite recently he travelled westward in his country for 3,500 miles without seeing a kitchen garden on a farm. The farmers seem to feel that unless they can have the sofas, chairs, carpets, etc., etc., which are found in houses in our cities and towns, whether paid for or not, they are ill-treated. They seem to have lost the sense of appreciation of things suitable for the farm; the strength and beauty of chairs, clocks, tables, chests of drawers, etc., which have upon them the comeliness of having served more than one generation. The character-

istic which is working so much damage to our country is lack of respect for the work in which the individual may be for the time engaged. We are all workers, and in the right spirit we should rejoice in our work.

The Higher Education can only be found in the direction indicated in the following three statements:

1. Do justly, love mercy and walk humbly with thy God.

(Written 2600 years ago.)

2. Not slothful in business, fervent in spirit, serving the Lord.

(Written 1837 years ago.)

3. Self-reverence, self-knowledge, self-control.

(Written during the present generation.)

" In the softly fading twilight
Of a weary, weary day,
With a quiet step I entered
Where the children were at play;
I was brooding o'er some trouble
Which had met me unawares,
When a little voice came singing,
' Me is creeping up the stairs.' "

" Ah it touched the tenderest heart
strings,
With a breath and force divine,
And such melodies awakened
As no wording can define.
And I turned to see our darling,
All forgetful of my cares,
When I saw the little creature
Slowly creeping up the stairs. "

" Step by step she bravely clambered,
On her little hands and knees,
Keeping up a constant chatter,
Like a Magpie in the trees.
Till at last she reached the topmost,
When o'er all her world's affairs,
She delighted stood a victor
After creeping up the stairs. "

" Fainting heart, behold an image
Of man's brief and struggling life,