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THE DEATH OF INGERSOLL.

The death of Col. Robert Ingersoll has attracted very wide notice and varied comment. He was beyond question a man richly endowed with intellectual gifts and social qualities. He attained distinction in politics, in his chosen profession of the law, and was pre-eminently an orator. It was however as an agnostic, as an unbeliever in revealed religion, that he attained the widest and most unfavorable notoriety, and it is chiefly on this account that his sudden removal from life's activity has evoked such universal interest.

Ingersoll was the son of a Congregational minister, who was not quite orthodox in his views, and it might be that notwithstanding the religious influences which surrounded his earlier years, an inherited disposition to doubt may have done much to shape his opinions and direct his course through life. In his youth he read with eager interest the works of Voltaire and Thomas Paine, the latter being an especial favorite then and in after years. Ingersoll's unbelief and his attacks upon the Bible and the Christian faith in later life occasionally stood as a bar to his preferment. Once after an unsuccessful election it is related that a friend, seeing a handsomely bound volume of Paine's works in his office, inquired how much the book had cost? "The Government of Illinois," was the prompt answer.

No one will deny the great talents of Ingersoll or the many brilliant gifts of the great unbeliever of a previous century from whom he drew his inspiration. All believers must regret that great and brilliant gifts should have been prostituted to the work of undermining and destroying the religious faith of men. But they have not prevailed, or succeeded, except in that limited sense which must be characterized as failure. Paine boasted that he had gone through the Bible as an axeman through the forest cutting down its tallest and strongest trees, and scornfully inquired who should set them up again? But the Bible is today read and revered by hundreds where it was read by tens in the days of Paine. In like manner the foundations of the Christian faith remain unshaken after the great Agnostic of the present century has passed to his account.

Ingersoll died suddenly, as has fallen to the lot of many men both good and bad. In this however, he was disappointed, having repeatedly expressed the wish that he might retain consciousness and have "something to say" in his dying hour. He would have liked to have taken his "leap into the dark" in more dramatic fashion. What are the lessons of such a life and of such a death? As to his life, we have already said that failure was written upon it in so far as his efforts to destroy the influence of the Bible and the Christian faith in the world are concerned.

What have infidelity and agnosticism done for the world? What new hope or trust have they offered to mankind to take the place of the Christian hope of happy immortality? What have they done for the moral uplifting of the world? What to relieve the suffering, lift up the fallen, restore the erring to the paths of virtue and peace? What have they done to rescue the heathen from idolatry, superstition and intolerable cruelties? It is obviously not with the scope of infidelity or of agnosticism to uplift and regenerate the world.

Robert Ingersoll lived without God and he died without hope for the future. He spent the energies of his great mind and a robust frame in an effort to weaken and destroy the religious faith of his fellows. Would it not be better to be able to say with Sir Walter Scott, "I have weakened the faith of no man?" Or to be able to say with Paul, in dying, "I have fought a good fight; I have finished my course; I have kept the faith?" Few thoughtful persons will find either the life or the death of Robert Ingersoll attractive, or such as they would care to commend or follow.

It is gratifying to learn that the alarmist reports that the Queen is going blind are quite without founda-

tion. A New York Herald's correspondent has investigated the matter, and after conversation with "a personage admirably to speak with authority on the matter" asserts that she is not going blind, that there is no necessity for any operation whatever upon her eyes and that none will take place. The correspondent further declares the recently current report as to Her Majesty's approaching blindness to be pure invention of yellow journalism.

The Toronto Star finds satisfaction in the fact that the Senate of Canada will not always be Conservative. There are now three vacancies and it hints that half a dozen of the Senators who voted against the redistribution bill are not possessed of the required property qualification and may be unseated. A Senator is required to be and remain possessed of freehold property of the value of four thousand dollars over and above all encumbrances and debts. It is notorious that a number of these sticklers for the Constitution are not and have not been for years past possessed of the property which the Constitution requires.

The Patriot prints a special despatch from Ottawa telling that Rev. Prof. Ross does not believe the Government is called upon to pass a prohibitory law, and says such a law could not be enforced in Quebec. He adds: "Public sentiment is against any measure that would tend to limit the sale of liquor." How Prof. Ross can reconcile this statement with the fact that more than two thirds of the nine hundred municipalities in Quebec refuse to issue licenses to sell intoxicants, we fail to see. It is true that the majority vote of Quebec, influenced by the politicians, was thrown in opposition to prohibition in Sept. last. That affords but insufficient evidence in favor of Prof. Ross's statement.



Death's Saddle-Horse.
When a man has once neglected his health, until he finally realises that he is a sick man, he too frequently goes to some old-time physician who has had very little experience or practice; the result is a wrong diagnosis and the wrong treatment. A man in this condition, if he continues to work and takes the wrong medicine, is really making himself a saddle-horse for death.

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